Training Tips
For student Microlight Pilots

1. **Choose the right school.**
   Don't just go for the nearest school or the cheapest hourly rate, look for a school with a good reputation. Go and have a look round before you commit. (Call first – not all schools operate 7 days) Do you feel welcome?

2. **Take an Air Experience Flight with the Instructor you intend to train with.**
   Make sure you actually like flying and that you get on with the instructor. You will be spending a lot of time 1:1 in a cockpit with this person, so you need to feel comfortable together.

3. **Get a medical.**
   Obtain your medical before you start throwing money at a flying school. You don't want to find out you are not medically fit after spending large amounts on lessons. Provided you have normal good health, this is a simple process of making an on-line declaration. There is a link on the BMAA website.

4. **Join the BMAA.**
   Join the BMAA through your chosen school. You get a reduced rate as a student and your instructor will get a thank you too. Your licence application fee will also be reduced as a BMAA member.

5. **Buy stuff you need from your flying school if you can, not the internet.**
   Instructors don't make a fortune, so don't begrudge them 40p profit on a map. The minimum you need to start with is a Logbook, Syllabus booklet and a textbook for the ground subjects, such as the Cosgrove. Most schools will sell these essentials.