

Spotlight On ... Aerodrome Manager Chris Brown



44 year-old Chris is Bicester born & bred (but says it feels like he lives at the aerodrome) and is married to Debbie with 2 children: Chloe aged 12 and Gabby aged 16 months.

Chris has been the Aerodrome Manager at Turweston since 12th March 1995.

His day to day tasks involve keeping the Aerodrome up to CAA licensing standards, fuelling, quality control, and manning the A/G radio. He is also Fire Officer for the Aerodrome's fire service, and is responsible for packing all the toys in the hangars "without scratching them"!!! Grass cutting, painting and anything else that needs doing - he's the man.

Prior to this appointment Chris worked at Oxford airport for 13 years, finishing there as the youngest supervisor on the airfield running the apron services department.

"My whole life has been spent around Aviation, with my Father being the chief engineer at Oxford and also a pilot - that's where I got the bug myself. I had many hours of flying his Piper cub before I could even see out the front! I gained my own PPL in 1990 and have enjoyed flying all sorts of aircraft since that time.

Working 6 days a week, on my day off I try to stay away from aeroplanes and enjoy walking, cycling and just spending time with my family."

The images below were taken from slides that Chris found at home. The first depicts our Aerodrome Manager as a young aviator in 1971 standing on the wing of G-ATOY, the PA24 Comanche that belonged to aviatrix Sheila Scott and in which she broke several records.

The second is an aerial shot of Bicester, taken at around the same time.

