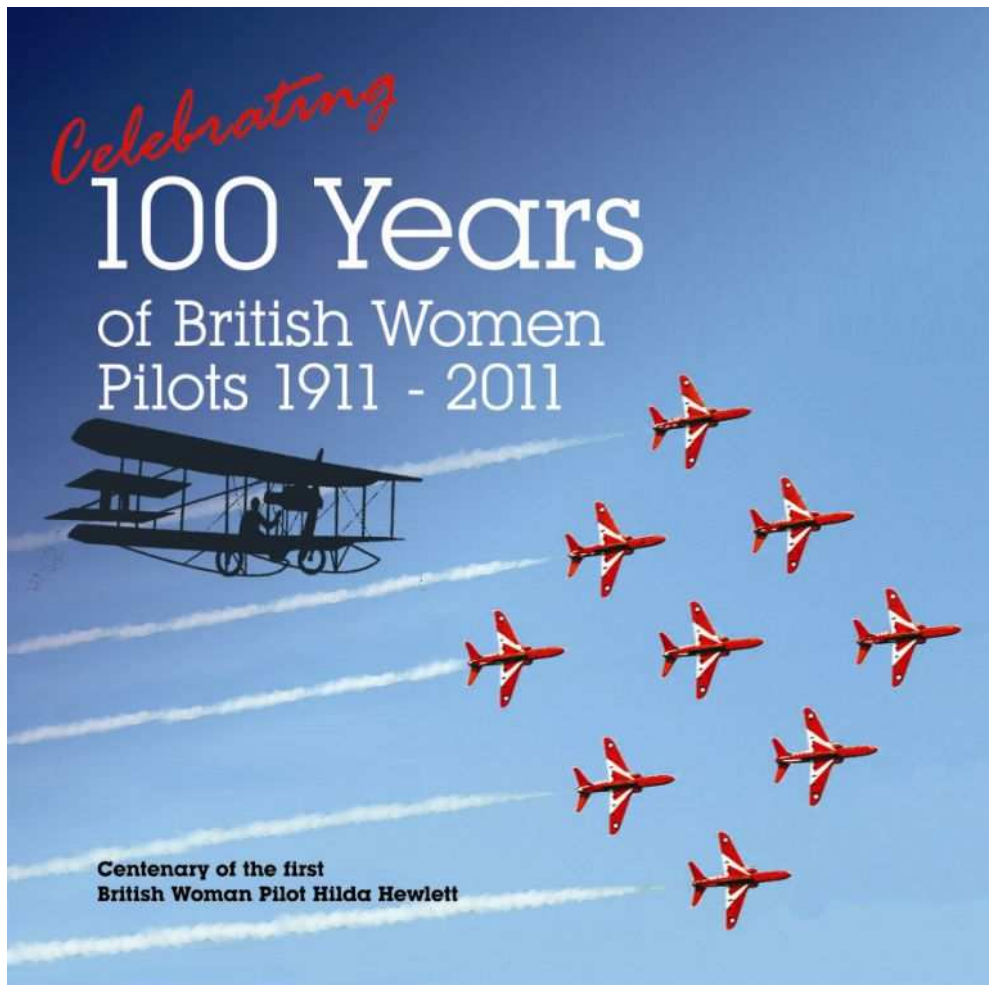




'Women in the Air' Day August 29th 2011



Hilda Hewlett owned and ran a flying school at Brooklands motor racing circuit in Surrey. She learned to fly there and on August 29th 1911, at the age of 47, became the first British woman to be issued with a pilot's licence. Hilda taught her Naval officer son to fly later the same year.

On August 29th 2011, Bank Holiday Monday, the BWPA is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Hilda's landmark achievement by promoting a nationwide **'Women in the Air'** day.

Over 260 flying schools and clubs nationwide have been invited to join us by encouraging more women to get involved in aviation in whatever capacity and also to get as many women airborne on the day itself as possible.

Come and join in! There are lots of ways for everyone to take part – men, women, children, fliers and non-fliers alike:

- If you have a licence, go flying and take a female friend or two
- If you are a student pilot or a non-flyer, take a lesson or hitch a ride
- Try a different form of flying – there are lots to choose from!
- If you can't fly that day, have a cup of tea in the airfield café or clubhouse
- Encourage your school or club to offer special taster flights to women on the day
- Publicise the day at your local airfield. Ask them how they plan to celebrate
- Invite the local press along – they're always after a good story

What are you going to do? Let us know at info@bwpa.co.uk and we can publicise it on our website, www.bwpa.co.uk