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Flying and Preserving Historic Aircraft

The Memoirs of David Ogilvy OBE, Vice-President of the Historic Aircraft Association

Author: David Frederick Ogilvy

Highlights

- **This is the memoirs of one of the most important individuals in the aircraft preservation scene**
- **Describes what it was like to fly such a remarkable number of aircraft**
- **Details the characteristics and foibles of some of the historic aircraft the author flew**
- **In 1966 David was appointed general manager of the famous Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden**
- **Describes the rescue of a 1935 Hawker Hind from Afghanistan**
- **Examines some of the aircraft that are in the care of the Shuttleworth Collection**
- **The author was the President of the Vintage Aircraft Club**
- **The author was awarded the OBE 'for services to aviation' in 1996**

David Ogilvy spent more than a full working life in aviation. As a schoolboy he was sent out with a bugle and binoculars to blow a warning if a V1 flying bomb appeared. Soon after this, he joined the Royal Air Force and served for six years as a pilot, flying types ranging from the Tiger Moth to the Mosquito and Meteor. As a civilian he spent fourteen years involved in pilot training and became Chief Instructor of the Air Schools group, with responsibility for three establishments. He was a keen display and racing pilot and competed in many events, flying several historic types.

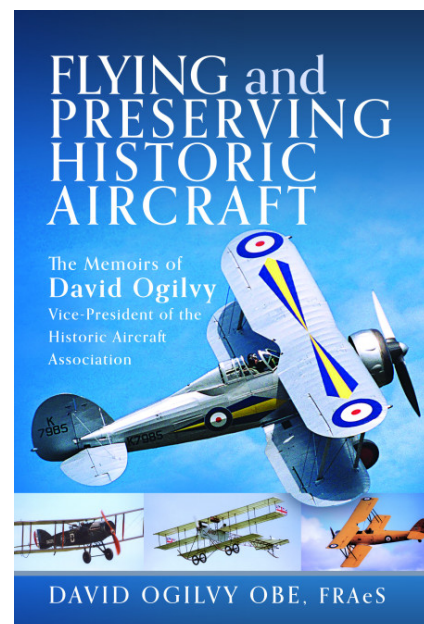
At an early age David realised the need for owners and operators of flyable pre-war machines to have a representative organisation to look after their concerns and interests, so, in 1951, when 22 and still serving in the RAF, he was a co-founder of the Vintage Aeroplane Club. He was also a founding member, and until his death in July 2023 a Vice President, of the Historic Aircraft Association, as well as President of the Vintage Aircraft Club and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

In 1966 David was appointed general manager of the famous Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden. During this time, he brought in several historic aircraft, including initiating the retrieval of a 1935 Hawker Hind from Afghanistan. He flew many of the Collection's remarkable aeroplanes, organising and participating in the displays.

As well as outlining his remarkable career, the main focus of this book is on David Ogilvy's descriptions of many of the historic aircraft he helped rescue and preserve and what it was like to be at their controls. It therefore provides a unique compendium of the flying characteristics of a range of historic aircraft, for one or two of which, he unashamedly admitted, he was possibly the last man alive to have flown.

Away from the cockpit, David has been associated with many organisations, including serving for more than twenty-five years on both the National Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee and the General Aviation Safety Council. He was also a founder member of the UK Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, serving for 45 years in the roles of editor, Executive Chairman and President. David was awarded the OBE 'for services to aviation' in 1996.

About the Author



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Having joined the Royal Air Force shortly after the Second World War, DAVID OGILVY served as a pilot for six years, flying types ranging from the Tiger Moth to the Mosquito and Meteor, while also co-founding the Vintage Aeroplane Club. There then followed a remarkable career in civil aviation, particularly in terms of historic aircraft. Away from the cockpit, David has been associated with many organisations, serving for more than twenty-five years on both the National Air Traffic Management Advisory Committee and the General Aviation Safety Council. Until his death in July 2023 David was also President of today's Vintage Aircraft Club and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. David was awarded the OBE 'for services to aviation' in 1996.

