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Time to start Christmas Stocking

Online shop - www.rafmuseumshop.com

The Royal Air Force Museum has recently launched its 2012 Christmas Catalogue. Inside you will find a range of over 100 affordable and intriguing gifts for the aviation buff in your life.

Any budding Amy Johnson will immediately fall in love with the Museum's limited edition Pilot Teddy Bear. At approximately 8" (seated), this adorable Museum Mascot celebrates the men and women of today's Royal Air Force for a very affordable £10.00.

No aviation buff's yuletide celebrations will be complete without a Roundel Bauble, carefully hand painted with a roundel on both sides. This beautifully handcrafted Christmas decoration will take pride of place on any traditional tree for only £5.99.

RAF Fans will love our range of officially licensed Royal Air Force products ranging from a stainless steel Ace Pilot water bottle emblazoned in RAF red, suitable to for the keen cyclist at only £8.99 to our RAF Sector clock ideal for that chaotic den or hectic kitchen where keeping to tight production deadlines are de-rigeur (£95.00)!

Film fans can now own a unique piece of aviation history by being gifted with piece of fabric from the Museum's Wellington aircraft MF268 which first flew on May 9 1944 before appearing in the iconic film 'the Dambusters'. As part of a major refurbishment program, our Wellington is being recovered with new fabric and repainted, with some of the original fabric sold to aid the Wellington's refurbishment. Each piece of fabric measures approximately 70mm by 100mm and comes with an individually numbered certificate of authenticity (£15.00).

Other gifts that can be found in the Museum's online shop, **www.rafmuseumshop.com**, include our 2013 calendar dedicated to the 70th anniversary of 617 Squadron (\pounds 7.99) and a selection of DVDs showcasing the best of 2012 airshows, from \pounds 16.99. To make delivery of your gifts to friends and family even simpler the Museum now offers a gift wrapping service with personalised gift card, in RAF colours, for an additional \pounds 2 per item and is able to deliver directly to your recipient's address across the globe (delivery charges apply).

By purchasing any of the items in the Royal Air Force Museum's gift range you will be helping the Museum maintain its unique collection of aircraft, medals, films and documents – preserving a vital part of our nation's heritage for future generations. So this Christmas why not give your personal high-flyer a gift that will make their Festive spirits soar whilst at the same time making a donation, through your purchase, to our nation's aviation heritage?

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Notes to Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at: <u>http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/media-vault.aspx</u>
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