

28th October 2009

Museum Displays James May's Spitfire

Viewers of last night's James May's Toy Stories shown on BBC2 can now see the life size model Spitfire constructed during the show, at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford.

James May and his team of engineers, assisted by a group of local school children from Thomas Telford School, visited the Museum earlier this year and built a life-size Airfix model of a Spitfire over the course of three days. The construction work, which took place in the Museum's Hangar 1, involved the positioning of wings, the propeller and of course painting the correct colour scheme.

General Manager Alex Medhurst said:

"We were pleased to host James May's Toy Stories programme on Airfix models and it was significant that it be at Cosford where we have the world's oldest Spitfire, on display in our Warplanes hangar and these aircraft were also assembled at Cosford during WWII."

The programme is a series of six episodes which uses some of Britain's best loved toys to capture the imagination of children today and show them alternatives to modern electronic toys. Other episodes will feature favourites such as Meccano and Lego and look at the history of the toys.

The model now on display at the Museum can be viewed by the public for a limited time only. For More information, please call the Museum on 01902 376200 or visit: www.rafmuseum.org. The Museum is open daily from 10am – 6pm (last admission 5pm), entry is FREE.

...Ends

Notes To Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8U
- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 5pm)
- FREE admission
- Photos available on request
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact
- Karen Crick on 01902 376208 or karen.crick@rafmuseum.org
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at:
<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford/media-enquiries/downloads.cfm>