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RAF Museum hosts James May's Toy Stories

Over the bank holiday weekend, the RAF Museum Cosford was pleased to host BBC2's James May's Toy Stories. A team of 40 people were on site to film an episode of the programme, due to be screened later on in the year.

Ably assisted by local school children, James May and his team of engineers built a life-size Airfix model of a Spitfire over the course of three days. Based down in the Museum's hangar 1, work involved the positioning of wings, the propellor 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 giant Airfix model created last weekend was very realistic and we look forward to seeing the final programme when it is aired later on this year. "

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.

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Notes To Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8U
- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 5pm)
- FREE admission and parking
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