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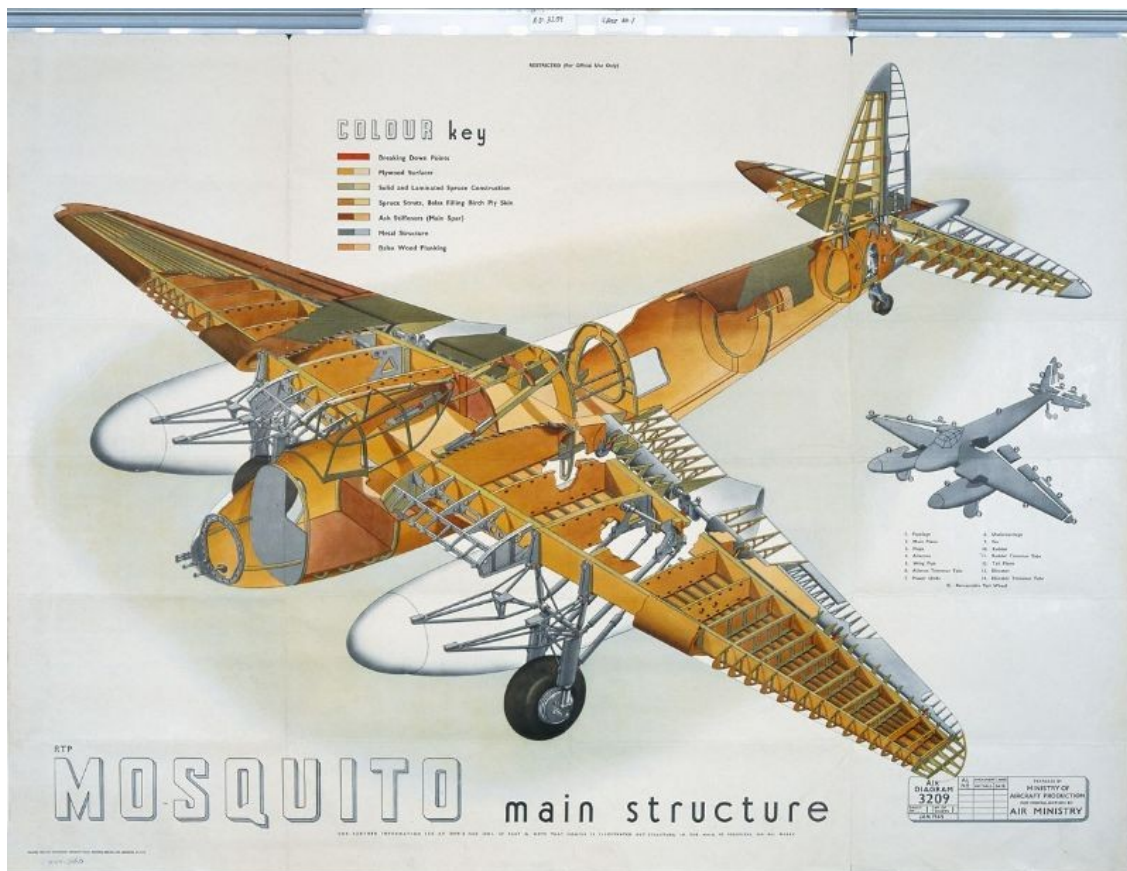
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Explaining and demonstrating how the Mosquito was designed and built will be the cornerstone of our Education programme.

The People's Mosquito has been awarded a grant of £102,080 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

This is a significant moment for the project, and we wanted you, our regular readers to hear about it.



This funding will support a dedicated heritage programme running alongside the restoration. Working in parallel with the build, we will document the rare craft skills being practised as the aircraft takes shape, capture the personal stories of veterans, craftspeople and families connected to the Mosquito, and create a publicly accessible digital archive that ensures this living history endures long into the future.

**The programme's title captures it well:
Saving Skills, Stories and Living Heritage.**

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which students will work directly alongside the restoration - gaining hands-on experience of heritage engineering and digital documentation.



Many of these students face significant barriers to participation in heritage and engineering: some come from the most deprived communities, others are young carers or students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. For them, the Mosquito provides a route into skills, confidence and future careers they might not otherwise have accessed. It is one of the things we are most proud of about this programme.

As part of this work, we will be collecting oral histories from people with a personal connection to the Mosquito - those who built it, flew it, or whose families carry memories of it. If you, or anyone you know, has a story to share, we would love to hear from you.

Simply write to editor@peoplesmosquito.org.uk and we will be in touch.

The funding (to be drawn down in stages) will also enable us to recruit our first dedicated member of staff to coordinate the programme: a significant step for the organisation. The role will be advertised shortly through heritage networks.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is one of the most respected funders of heritage work in the country, and their decision to invest in The People's Mosquito is a powerful endorsement of what we are doing and why it matters.

It also strengthens our position as we continue to build the wider support the restoration needs.

Can you help our RIAT loss campaign?

- FINAL DAY -
OUR TARGET WINDOW CLOSES AT MIDNIGHT!

Thank you to those that have recently donated
- over £10,000 extra seen to usual, so two-thirds towards our target of £15,000!

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The cancellation of RIAT 2026 had a large impact on our fundraising, so for the month of July, we are running our

AIRSHOW LOSS CAMPAIGN

We are asking supporters (and all those that would usually attend) to perhaps donate just a small proportion of what they would have spent.

GIFT ANYTHING FROM £5 to £50 [HERE](#)

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**We estimate the loss to be in the region of
£15,000! (Ouch!)**

Thank you for anything you can gift.

It is very much appreciated.

Meet us at East Kirkby

FINAL CALL - DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS FOR SATURDAY?

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East Kirkby Airshow at the Lincolnshire Aviation Centre, home of Mosquito NF.II
"Spirit of Val" and Lancaster "Just Jane".



We have a stand at the show, so do look out for the feather flags flying!

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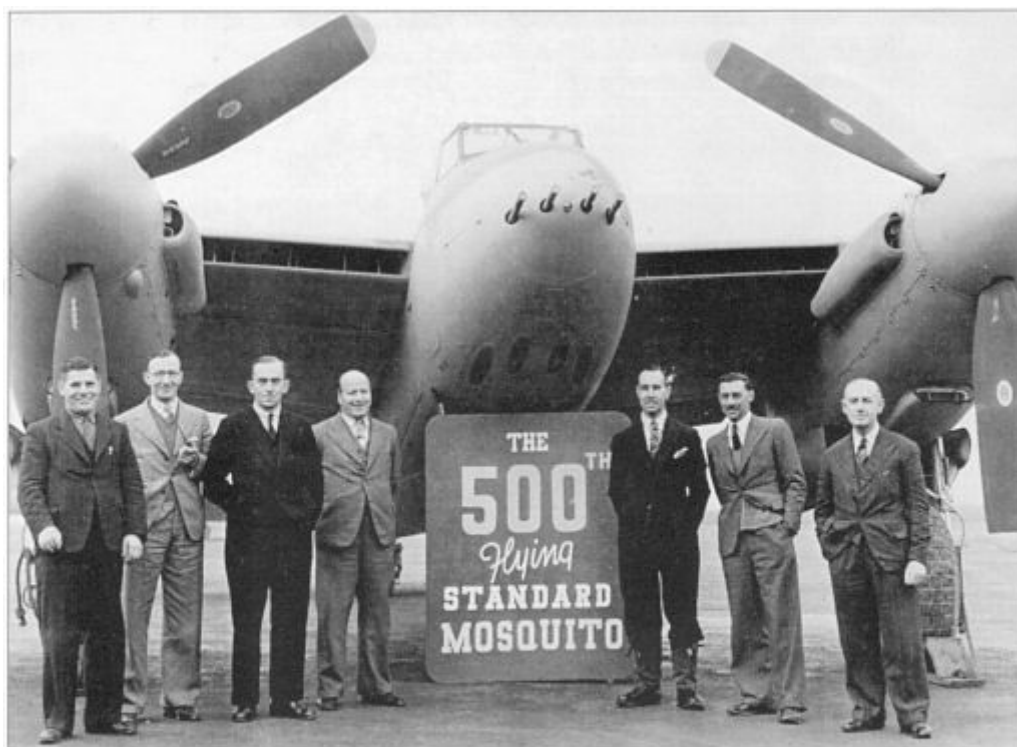
Mosquito Video Theatre

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Standard built Mosquito Aircraft in Coventry



Part Two of our feature, where Phil Homer looks at Standard Cars contribution to the war effort in 1939-1945, building Mosquito fighter-bombers at

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The 500th De Havilland Merlin-engined Mosquito FB VI stands outside the Standards factory at Canley. This fast fighter-bomber, a stalwart of the RAF, was first produced by Standard in June 1943. Production ceased in December 1945 with the completion of the 1,066th Standard Mosquito. In front of the plane from the left stand Jim Thompson, Cecil Olorenshaw, Reg Addison, Charlie Newin, Bill Wanley, Bill Guessey and Frank Perkins.

These assemblies were built to extremely tight tolerances. The Mosquito's performance depended on aerodynamic smoothness and structural integrity, and Standard's craftsmen – many retrained from car body work – became experts in laminated birch and balsa construction.

SUB-ASSEMBLY LINES

Canley also produced:

- Undercarriage components
- Engine mounting structures
- Fuel system assemblies
- Electrical looms
- Armament housings for the FB.VI's four 20mm cannon

Completed fuselage shells and wing assemblies were then loaded onto Queen Mary low loader transporters for the journey to Ansty.

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A Queen Mary flat bed transporter, the type used to move Mosquitoes to Ansty for final assembly.

FINAL ASSEMBLY & FLIGHT TESTING

The Ansty site, previously an Air Service Training facility, had an airfield and hangars ideal for aircraft completion. Standard took over part of the site for wartime production. At Ansty, workers:

- Joined the fuselage halves (probably?)
- Installed the Merlin engines
- Fitted the four 20mm cannon and machine guns
- Installed avionics, hydraulics, and fuel systems
- Completed cockpit outfitting
- Mounted wings and tailplane
- Performed systems integration and ground tests

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Left: - Sir John Black the MD of Standard Motor Company with Ted Grinham, who directly oversaw Mosquito production at Coventry.

TEST FLYING

Standard employed RAF-trained test pilots, including Bill Wanley who had never flown before the war but became a Mosquito test pilot. Anecdotes describe him flying low over the railway line at Canley to demonstrate the aircraft to factory workers – an unforgettable morale boost.

PRODUCTION SCALE AND ACHIEVEMENT

Standard's output of 1,066 Mosquitos in roughly 18 months is remarkable. This required:

- 24-hour shift patterns
- Thousands of workers
- Continuous supply of timber, adhesives, and Merlin engines
- Coordination between dispersed factories under wartime pressure.

Standard's ability to meet production targets demonstrated organisational excellence and technical adaptability.

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Standard were always proud to show their involvement, here with cars in their post-war range displayed in front of the last Mosquito made in Coventry.

PART 3 - of this feature will continue next week.

Published in tribute to Phil Homer (1952 - 2026),
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this month.

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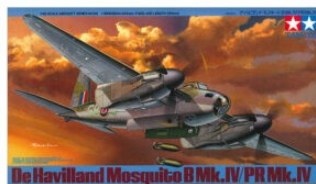
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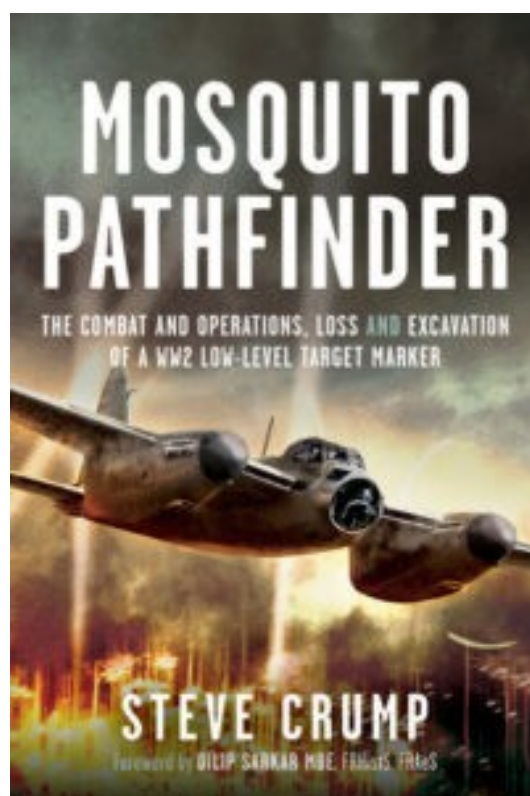
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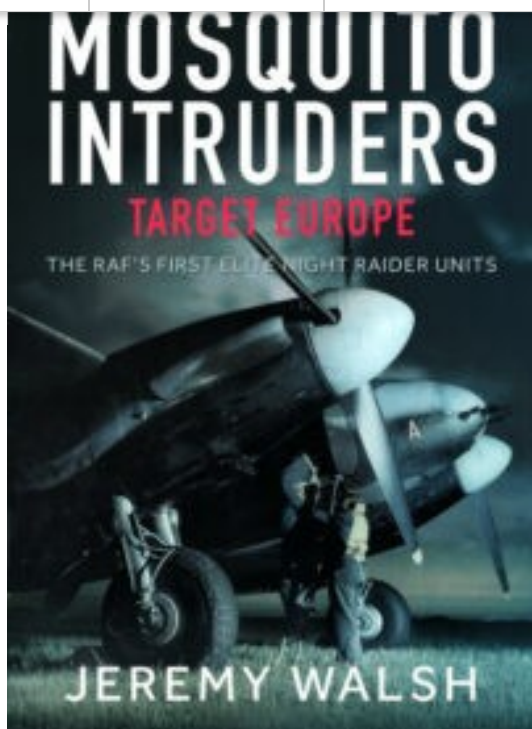


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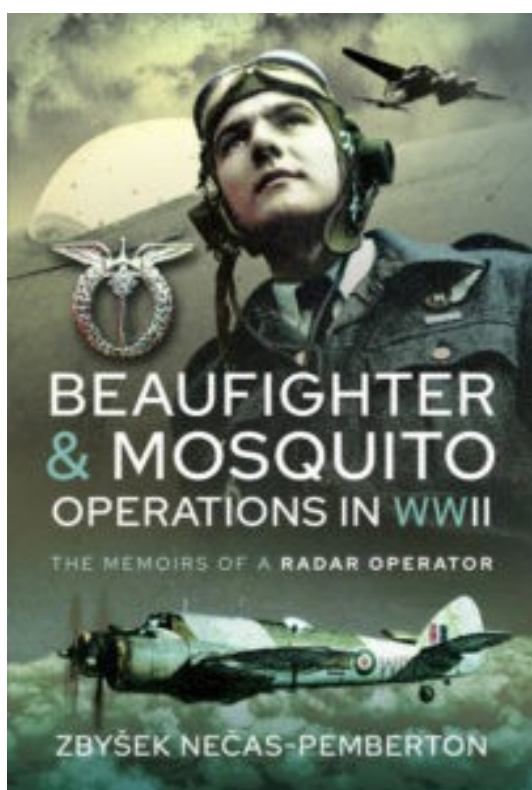
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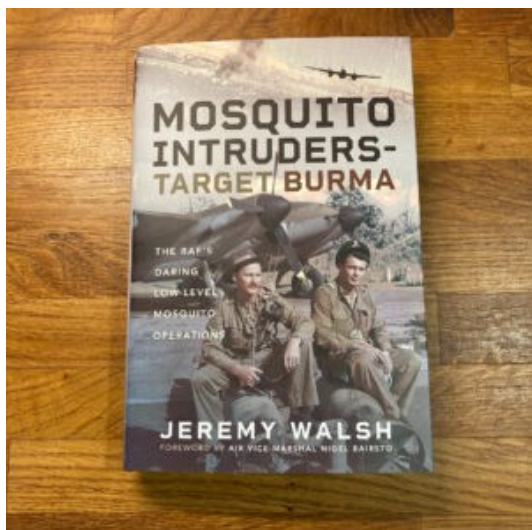
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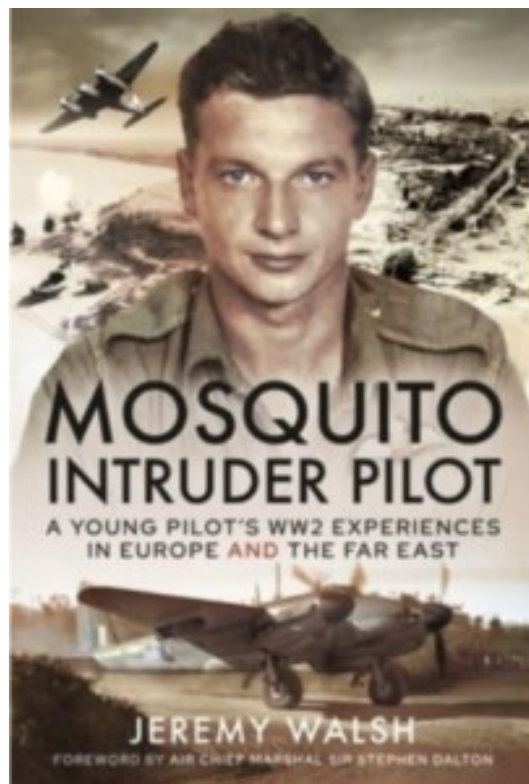
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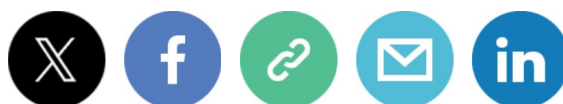


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