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Former BBMF Pilot Joins The People's Mosquito Team

The People's Mosquito is pleased to announce that former Battle of Britain Memorial Flight pilot Bill Ramsey has joined the project team.

Bill will officially be taking on a Technical Project Research and Development role, but as a former Royal Air Force and BBMF pilot his remit will no doubt broaden as the project progresses.

During his RAF career Bill has flown around 6500 hours in some 35 or so aircraft types – mainly Vulcan, Jet Provost, Tornado GR1 and Hawk but was also lucky enough to fly the Lancaster and Dakota with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight in 1999. Apart from the UK he served overseas in Germany and Saudi Arabia as well as visiting more countries than he can count in various appointments.

His last flying tour was as the senior supervisor to the Red Arrows, accompanying the Team on many memorable occasions – particularly tours to Canada, the Middle and Far East. Currently a Full Time Reservist Qualified Flying Instructor on the Grob Tutor at Cranwell, Bill was the RAF Solo Aerobatic Pilot for the Tutor in 2009-10. Since the start of the 2011 season he has returned to Vulcan flying with the crew of XH558.

Bill's outstanding experience and operational knowledge will be a huge asset to The People's Mosquito project and we look forward to having the opportunity of working with him as plans move forward.

Formed in December 2011, The People's Mosquito has a simple vision: to restore a de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito to flying condition and return it to the skies. The project began life on Twitter when warbird restorer and aviation fanatic John Lilley tweeted about his longstanding idea of getting a Mosquito flying in the UK again.

The individuals behind the People's Mosquito project all have one thing in common – a passion for aircraft. They are united by a love of aviation history and a desire to see one of the Second World War's most distinguished aircraft fly again.

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Notes to Editors

Artist's visualization of restored RL249 available for publication.

Project Lead John Lilley is available for interview/comment. He is, however, currently working in China and therefore an interview would be best done via Skype or Google+. Please contact Nick Horrox who will arrange this with John if required.

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