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The Sywell Aviation Museum is proud to announce an exciting series of talks to be held at the **Cirrus Room**, The Aviator Hotel Sywell, prior to the new season

**Grand Opening on Easter Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 14.30hrs:**

## **"WW2 Lancaster Pilot Story"**

*by Flt. Lt. Rusty Waughman DFC, AFC, Legion d'honneur*

Born in 1923, the son of a Durham handyman, at 17 Russell "Rusty" Waughman volunteered for RAF aircrew. He trained in Canada then returned to England & by November 1943 was posted to 101 [Special Duties] Squadron. Carrying secret radio counter measures to jam German night fighter transmissions they were especially vulnerable to attack.

101 Squadron had the highest casualty rate in RAF bomber command. On the Nuremberg raid of 30th March 1944 over 96 RAF aircraft were shot down. 101 Sdn sent out 26 aircraft and lost a quarter of its squadron.

Rusty flew 30 missions and after his final operation on the eve of D-Day, he was told by his CO that they were the first crew to finish a tour (*of 30 ops*) in almost six months.

From the '*pilot's seat*', Rusty relates his experiences of flying the legendary Avro Lancaster - including, possibly the only pilot to barrel roll a Lancaster in combat. If you attended his previous "*Berlin Airlift*" talk, you know this story is **not to be missed.**



**Admission to talk: £5.00 per person**

Groups may book tickets in advance

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**Proceeds of this talk go to the RAF Benevolent Fund**