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A film about the Westland World Helicopter Speed Record made by learners at Yeovil College has gone on sale to the public

Yeovil College learners worked in partnership with Radio Ninesprings – Yeovil’s new community radio station – Yeovil film company, Grace Productions, and Leonardo (formerly AgustaWestland) to make the film.

Former Chief Flight Test Engineer at Westland, Dave Gibbings MBE, who wrote a book on the Westland World Helicopter Speed Record said, “The students have done a fantastic job making the film. It will ensure the story of this great British achievement is preserved for future generations. I hope it will help the students to build successful careers in the media”.

Westland ONE is available to buy on DVD at £3 from The Spot, at Yeovil College (term times) and from South Somerset Tourist Information Centre, Petters Way, Yeovil.

It was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) as part of the Westland100 Oral History project which is creating a spoken archive of 100 years of aircraft manufacturing in Yeovil.

Called Westland ONE, the film tells the story of how Chief Test Pilot, Trevor Egginton, flew G-LYNX at 249.1 miles per hour over a two mile course on the Somerset Levels, 11th August 1986.

It includes footage of G-LYNX from 30 years ago, together with interviews with Jane Egginton, daughter of pilot Trevor Egginton and Derek Clews, Flight Test Engineer and Co-Pilot of G-LYNX.

Project Director of Radio Ninesprings, Steve Haigh, said, “The students have done a first class job making this film. They had to dig deep to tell the story and they have told it well. The film reflects perfectly the spirit of all those who were involved in creating the speed record”.



Photograph shows

Left to Right, Steve Haigh (Radio Ninesprings), Luke Cawley, Ben Gay, Dave Gibbings MBE, Kerry Pike, Will Roney, James Guest (Study Programme Manager)