



**YORKSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY  
INDUSTRIAL HISTORY SECTION**



**Programme October 2023 - April 2024**

Meetings are held at Swarthmore Education Centre, 2-7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD, on Saturdays at 11:00 am unless otherwise indicated and visitors are always welcome. All are welcome also to join us for lunch afterwards at the nearby pub, The Fox & Newt.

Wherever possible talks will be hybrid **In-Person/Online** and full details will be circulated nearer the time.

**Autumn 2023**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 11:00am - Ken Cothliff – A History of the Avro Aircraft Factory in Yeadon, 1941 to 1947.**

In 1941 the largest single span "shadow" factory of its time was opened to the north of Yeadon Aerodrome, its purpose to build aircraft for the Royal Air Force. Approximately 4000 Avro Ansons were built there along with 700 Lancaster Bombers and Yorkshire Transports, plus spares.

Our speaker is an aviation historian, archivist for the Leeds-Bradford Airport and a key figure in organising a memorial to the Avro and Lancaster aircraft which were built there. He is also the author of "Yeadon Above the Rest", which tells the story of the airport from its beginnings.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 11:00am - John Clay – The Story of Mohair.**

A brief outline of the origins of mohair and its processes, through to the production of a woven fabric.

Our speaker joined Black Dyke Mills Band aged 14 in 1958, and began his apprenticeship there a year later. He became manager in charge of all operations: scouring, carding, combing, drawing, spinning, twisting and winding of mohair into yarn.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 11:00am – Dave Hogg – A Day in the Life of a Yorkshire Miner.**

A talk which will go through the typical working day of a coal miner in the modern era, explaining the workings of a modern coal mine and the techniques used.

Our speaker, a former underground worker at Sharlston Colliery, will also offer his account of the far-reaching 1984-85 strike.

**Winter / Spring 2024**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 11:00am – Derek Rayner – The Builders of Road Steam Engines in Leeds.**

A look at the many types of products from the five major constructors, and others, along with the present-day commemorative items relating to them in the fine engineering city of Leeds and elsewhere.

Our speaker is the author of several books on steam traction, and has a road engine of his own.

**Saturday 24th February 2024 11:00am – Stephen Walker – An Industrial History of Goole in Old Picture Postcards.**

Learn about the history of Goole docks from their founding in 1826 to their current operations. If you want to know what a Tom Pudding is, what a Tannet Hoist does or what the tri-colour of buff, black and red signifies, then this talk will be of interest!

Our speaker is Principal Conservation Officer for Hull City Council, an active member of Goole Civic Society and the Goole First World War Research Group.

**Saturday 23rd March 2024 11:00am – Karen Adams – The History of Rowntrees.**

This talk shows how Joseph Rowntree's family progressed from a grocery business to establishing one of the best-known sweet manufacturing dynasties, and takes a look at the places around York connected with them.

Our speaker is a professional archaeologist, originally from York, who has excavated sites of many different periods from Iron Age to modern.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 11:00am – Section AGM and Members' Presentations.**

Following a concise AGM, members are encouraged to give short accounts of their industrial history interests or researches, whether illustrated or not. Please let us know in advance if you have something to offer, so that we can arrange the programme accordingly.

**Travel to Swarthmore**

For directions to Swarthmore please visit:- <https://www.swarthmore.org.uk/>

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