

## 2023 - 2024 Lectures

2023

**17 October: Development of the F86 Sabre** by Rod Dean, Aviation Consultant



Covering the Development of the F-86 focusing on the technical aspects of the aircraft, its initial configuration, the change to encompass the German swept wing research

and the subsequent changes throughout the various marks of the aircraft.

**7 November: Silver City Airways - Innovators in Air Transport** by Stephen Hogarth, FRAeS, Loughborough Branch Treasurer

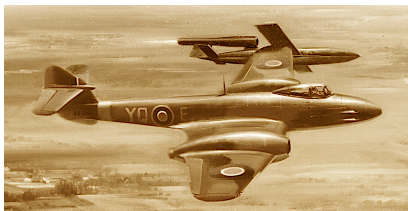


Over 10 years in the middle of the last century the airline rose from being a small private charter company to being a large scheduled airline, and its role in

the development of British air transport has become almost legendary. An airline best known for its innovative car ferry service which, in its heyday, crossed the English Channel up to 220 times each day.

**21 November: Elyn Richards Prestige Lecture Genesis of the Jet** by Ian Whittle, FRAeS

The presentation will describe the earliest proposal for turbojet propulsion



and the subsequent development in Germany and the USA - with some flying adventures thrown in.

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**12 December: The Buccaneer**

by Air Cdre (Rtd) Graham Pitchfork, MBE.

The talk covers the development of the Buccaneer and its service in the Fleet Air Arm and the RAF. This includes carrier-borne, maritime and overland operations including the aircraft's involvement during the First Gulf War.



2024

**16 January: Airworthiness in the Context of Unmanned Aircraft Systems** by Dewar Donnithorne-Tait, FRAeS, Unmanned Aviation Specialist

The current and evolving airworthiness regime for manned aviation has existed for many decades Its principal focus is the safety of human life on board aircraft. Unmanned aircraft with no human life on board pose a range of issues for airworthiness and air traffic management. This lecture will identify and discuss such issues, leaving several questions which will need to be addressed.



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**13 February: Selling Airlander**

by George Land - Executive Director - Sales, Hybrid Air Vehicles



The presentation will cover a general aircraft overview, speak about markets and give a programme update for both Airlander 10 and 50.

**27 February: Lockheed Martin Space in the UK** by Grant Lewis, Project Manager

This talk will provide an overview of the Lockheed Martin Space business area before moving on to discuss the critical importance of space to the United Kingdom. The talk will conclude by presenting the role of Lockheed Martin in supporting the creation of a UK launch capability.

**19 March: A Lighter View of the Light Blue** by Kenneth Moore, ex-RAF Navigator

You'll Fly Laughing - a humorous account of 34+ years as a navigator. All the silly bits from his life as a navigator to prove that you do need a sense of humour in the RAF. Buri-als at Sea, Desert patrols, Colonial misunderstandings and finally an appearance by a well know TV star! 'Captain! clear for take off!

**A Lighter View of the Light Blue (Pt 1)**

By Kenneth Moore  
ex-RAF Navigator

A humorous account of 5 years flying in a Shackleton AEW2

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**16 April: Sustainability in Aerospace - a Combustion Perspective** by Dr Kenneth Young, Rolls-Royce Engineering Fellow.

The drive to sustainability in all sectors is clear and urgent and civil aerospace is no exception. Rolls Royce is playing a leading role in introducing and validating both sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and Hydrogen. In this lecture, the overall strategy and ambition of Rolls Royce with regard to sustainability will be covered followed by an explanation of what that means for the combustion section. The talk will cover the strategy and validation programmes for both SAF and Hydrogen and include a deeper dive into Hydrogen. The results of a recent Hydrogen engine test campaign will be presented and discussed.



**11 June (6:30 pm): Room EHB002 (Edward Herbert Building) - Loughborough University Meng Final Year Aircraft Design Projects : Joint Event with Department of Aeronautical and Automotive Engineering.**

An annual event, this series of mini-lectures will be given by groups of final year Meng students and will describe the results obtained from their projects.

## Branch Committee

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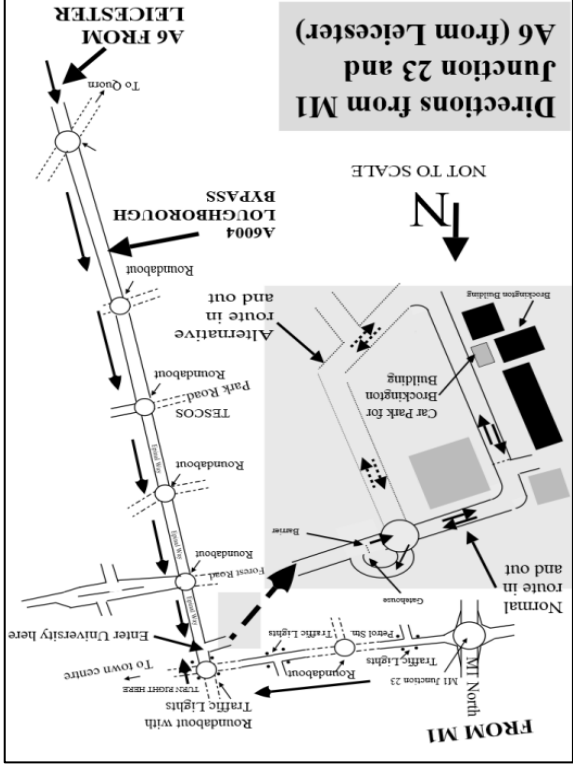
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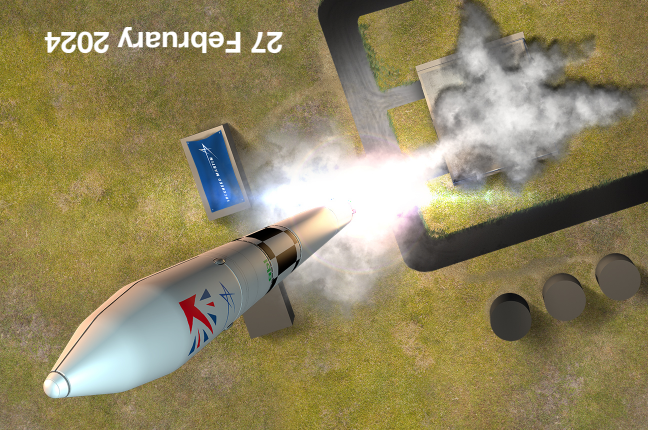
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## 2023 - 2024 Programme



Unless otherwise stated, all meetings commence at 7:30pm and will be held in Room U020, Brockington Building, Loughborough University (see map on page 6). Lectures will also be available online via MS TEAMS.

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All our lectures are free to attend or watch via TEAMS but, to help us cover our costs, those, who are not RAES Members or students are asked to make a donation of at least £3 per lecture. Alternatively, we urge these persons, especially those who watch via TEAMS, to become Branch Members for a single payment of £15, which covers a full season of lectures. To find out how, go to the Participation page of our website.

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