

November meeting

As part of our commemoration of 80 years since the start of World War 2, Steve gave an excellent talk on the Lancaster Bombers the bulk of which were produced locally at Chadderton, Oldham. We saw wartime photos of the production lines and the Lanc's being assembled at Woodford aerodrome before testing and delivery to the RAF.

Next, we saw the only airworthy Lanc in the country, together with Spitfires and Hurricanes at the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby before moving on to the East Kirby Aviation park. Here we were taken on a photographic tour of the interior of Lancaster "Just Jane", complete with an explanation of the aircraft's controls, equipment and the roles of the crew.

We saw the impressive memorial to 617 (Dam buster) Squadron at Woodhall Spa that is designed to look like a damaged section of one of the dams and contains the names of all the crews that were lost in action during the war.