

## Avro -One & The V-Force

Avro Chief Test Pilot and Vickers Valiant pilot, Wg Cdr J.A. 'Robby' Robinson will be giving a talk at the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum, entitled Avro - One & the V-Force

*The latest in the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum's continuing series of aviation and modelling lectures is sure to appeal to all aviation enthusiasts, particularly those with an interest in the big jets of the Royal Air Force.*

*Wg Cdr 'Robby' Robinson started his flying career on **Meteors** before joining 10 Sqn, flying **Canberras**, at RAF Scampton, in 1953. He subsequently joined the then -new 'V-Force' when he transferred to 90 Sqn, equipped with the **Vickers Valiant**.*

*Robby joined the Empire Test Pilots School at Boscombe Down in 1962 and was involved in the service testing of a large number of aircraft for the RAF between then and when he left the RAF in 1978, at which time he was the Chief Instructor and Head of ETPS.*

*He was recruited by Hawker Siddeley, at Woodford, as a test pilot and, within three years, became Chief Test Pilot, succeeding Sir Charles Masefield and gaining the famous radio call-sign '**Avro-One**'. Amongst various civil aircraft test programmes, Robby was also responsible for overseeing the testing of the **Nimrod MR2**, and **Vulcan K.2** at the time of the Falklands Conflict and, later, **Nimrod AEW**...*

*After leaving Woodford and doing a spell flying the **Vickers Merchantman** for a commercial airline, Robby finally retired in 2001 to write and lecture after nearly fifty years of flying. He has flown over 80 powered aircraft types from supersonic fighters to helicopters as well as several types of gliders but has no plans to fly any more as he has sworn never to pay to fly!*

*Robby is the author of the following books:*

*Avro One: Autobiography of a Chief Test Pilot publ 2005*

*Jet Bomber Pilot: Autobiography of a V-Bomber Pilot publ 2006*

*Tester Zero One: The Making of a Test Pilot publ 2007*

*His latest book is due out very soon and may be available on the night...!*

*Join Robby for the evening and learn about the life of a military aircraft Test Pilot and also what it was like to be involved with the V-Force in its early days.*

*The date is Saturday 2nd August, 2008, with a start time of 7.00 p.m. The venue is the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum, in Doncaster. Tickets are available priced at £7.50 and it is **advisable to pre-book as there is a limit of 55 seats** for this event.*

*For further information and to book tickets telephone the Museum on 01302 761616.*