

CAYLEY SYMPOSIUM

Speakers

Dr Mary E Jones FRCPCH

Mary is a retired Consultant Community Paediatrician who came to live in Brompton-by-Sawdon, home of the Cayley Family, 40 years ago. Mary and her husband Don were both members of The Cayley 150 Committee which, in 2003, organised the 150th re-enactment of the first flight. At this event, as a Governor of our local Primary School, Mary arranged for Sir Richard Branson to come and see the local children flying the planes they had constructed. The then Head Teacher had commented that there was nothing written for children about Sir George so on retirement Mary wrote 'George Cayley's Curious Summer'. Originally planned as an adventure story for 9-12 year olds the addition of the true facts on which the book is based also means that it has been enjoyed by adults who want to find out more about 'A Curious Man.'

Stephen J Blee BSc (Hons) CEng MRAeS

Stephen joined the nascent British Aerospace in 1978 as a structural engineer after graduating from Salford University. He has worked on a number of aircraft types in Structures, Future Projects, Structural Test and Airworthiness support before being appointed Chief Airworthiness Engineer, a position he held until his retirement in 2020.

He is a keen aviation historian, a long serving committee member of the Brough Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and since his retirement, a volunteer in the Heritage section of BAe Systems at Brough.

Dr. Kathryn Rix FRHistS

Dr Kathryn Rix is Assistant Editor of the House of Commons, 1832-1945 project at the History of Parliament, which she joined in 2009 after several years at Cambridge as a Fellow of Christ's College and Murray Edwards College. The project is currently working on biographies of MPs and studies of constituencies between 1832 and 1868, and Kathryn's contributions include the articles on Sir George Cayley and his Scarborough constituency. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and has published widely on 19th century British parliamentary and electoral history.

Prof Emeritus Andy Marvin FEng Life Fellow IEEE

Andy is Professor Emeritus in Electronic Engineering in the School of Physics, Engineering and Technology at the University of York. He was formerly Chief Flying Instructor at the York Gliding Centre and continues to fly and instruct.