



Derrick Riley



Arnold Baker with his DH82a Tiger Moth
and Mark 1 Land Rover

The programme is intended to give the audience a real sense of the importance of the aerial photographic collections now being catalogued in Sheffield and also housed in a number of archives. We focus on those of pioneer Derrick Riley who lived and worked in Sheffield, and flew over large parts of the UK and overseas, and William Arnold Baker who concentrated on the west Midlands. The SLAP project is the first stage of making their archive of aerial photographs accessible to the public as a special collection in the Library of the University of Sheffield.

Other speakers, some trained on Riley's MA course, some being trained today, outline their work, refining skills and techniques that build on Riley and Baker's foundations. From current research by Historic England and commercial providers in reconnaissance, air photo interpretation and mapping, to the SLAP project cataloguing and archiving the photographs, to some case studies around Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire - the whole range of this legacy is covered in the talks.

Posters, displays and demonstrations will accompany the talks, the tables staffed by experts and local societies. The Young Archaeologists Club will also be holding an event learning how the landscape can be studied from the air.

The conference is organised by the Hunter Archaeological Society and the Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society, supported by a grant from their Aerial Archaeology Fund, with involvement of the University of Sheffield.

<https://sites.google.com/site/hunterarchaeologicalsociety/news>



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Saturday 29 MARCH 2025

**The Creative Lounge, The Workstation, Paternoster
Row, Sheffield S1 2BX**

(in the city centre close to the railway station)

PROGRAMME AND BOOKING FORM

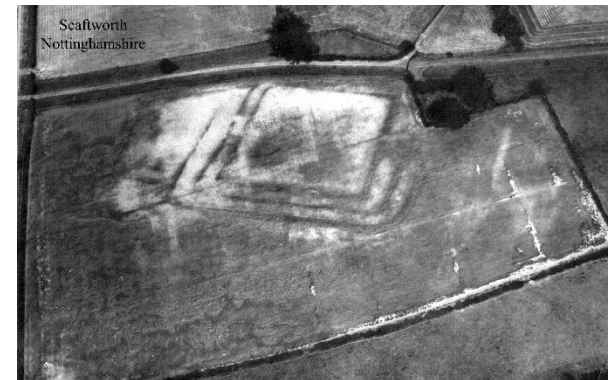


Photo from Riley Collection at the University of Sheffield, SLAP1045

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MORNING SESSION

9.30 Registration starts

10-10.05am Welcome - Chair: **Ken Smith**, President of the Hunter Archaeological Society

10.05-10.30am **Colin Merrony** and **Tom Millington** - *Aerial Archaeology at the University of Sheffield: Bringing the Past into the Present*

10.30 -11.10am **Bob Bewley** - *Aerial Archaeology in the Middle East – the contribution of an unsung hero: Derrick Riley*

11.10-11.40am **REFRESHMENTS, stalls and posters**

11.40am -12.20pm **Roger White** – *Arnold Baker: building on his work and legacy*

12.20-12.50pm **Chris Cox** – *Made in Sheffield, 40 years on: Flying, photography and mapping with Derrick Riley*

12.50-1pm Discussion and Q & A

1 – 2pm LUNCH, stalls and posters. Lunch buffet on mezzanine floor

AFTERNOON SESSION

2-2.05pm Welcome - Chair: **Yvonne Boutwood**, Chair Prehistory Research Section, Yorkshire Archaeological & Historical Society

2.05-2.35pm **Robyn Andrews** – *Flying the flag for Apprenticeships at Historic England: Entering the realm of aerial archaeology from a new route*

2.35 –3.05pm **Alison Deegan** – *Around Scunthorpe in Five Derrick Riley Air Photos*

3.05-3.35pm **Steve Malone** – *Ancient Woodland, Ancient Landscapes: LIDAR survey in the forests of North Nottinghamshire*

3.35 – 4pm **REFRESHMENTS, stalls and posters**

4-4.30pm **Kimberley Teal** - *The Western Westmorland Dales Aerial Investigation and Mapping Project - recent discoveries*

4.30 – 4.45pm Discussion and summing up with Bob Bewley and Colin Merrony

4.45pm Conference closes

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Title:	Name:
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Please book me in for the day with refreshments and lunch £25

Any dietary requirements?

Please book me in for the day with refreshments only
(please note your own lunch cannot be eaten in the venue) £12

Please indicate how you will be paying:	Tick:
print, complete and post this form, with a cheque made out to the Hunter Archaeological Society to Ruth Morgan, 7 East Court, Carriage Spring Drive, Sheffield S10 3HH	<input type="checkbox"/>
complete and return the form by email to ruthmorgan755@hotmail.com and do a bank transfer quoting your surname to Unity Trust Bank 60-83-01 account 20497486	<input type="checkbox"/>
print and complete the form and hand it to the Treasurer at a Hunter Archaeological Society talk, with either cash or a cheque	<input type="checkbox"/>

Queries can be addressed to ruthmorgan755@hotmail.com

Booking closes for lunch orders on 14 MARCH 2025 so please return your form by then; bookings without lunch close on 24 MARCH 2025