



ASTT Annual Conference 7th - 8th Oct 2023

to be held at the

Leonardo Hotel, Swindon

Call for Papers and for Registrations of Interest in Attending

Introduction: The Advanced Steam Traction Trust is planning to hold its seventh annual conference over the weekend of 7th-8th Oct at [the Leonardo Hotel](#) in Swindon. We plan to include a visit to the nearby [Swindon and Cricklade Railway](#) where we will get to see [35011 General Steam Navigation](#) that is undergoing restoration there, and which Steve Rapley spoke about at our 2022 conference.

Call for Papers: We have reserved nine speaking slots over the two days, of which seven have so far been filled (see conference programme below). Presentation offers should be sent to info@advanced-steam.org. Presentations are welcomed on any subject relating to steam traction, preferably, but not necessarily, associated with modern steam developments. If you have a presentation in the pipeline or would like to offer a presentation, we would love to hear from you. We offer free attendance to speakers on the day of their talk.

Accommodation and Conference Dinner: The Leonardo Hotel is located just a 7-minute walk from Swindon railway station (see map overleaf). In addition to a meeting room, it also offers plentiful parking, and accommodation at £89 per person per night. It is also planned to hold a conference dinner on the Saturday evening at a cost of £30 per head for 3 courses, (2 courses for £25).

Conference attendees are asked to make their own bookings with the hotel or at alternative locations of their own choice. They should notify the hotel that they will be attending the conference in order to obtain this discounted price.

Call for Expressions of Interest in Attending: The hotel's meeting room has a capacity for **40 attendees only**. We believe that this will be enough, based on recent conference attendances, however we urge members (and non-members) to book early in order to secure a seat.

Our expectation is that we'll need to charge between £100 and £125 (depending on the number of attendees) if we are to cover costs, including meeting room hire, morning and afternoon teas and coffees, lunch both days, the conference dinner, and speakers' attendance fees on the day of their talks. An additional charge may be required if we have to hire a coach to visit the Swindon & Cricklade Rly, but we hope that there will be sufficient seats available in the cars of attendees.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you'd like to attend so that we can get our plans and our budget in order. And please let us know asap if you'd be interested in presenting a paper at the conference.

Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Chris Newman, Mike Stockbridge and John Hind
(Conference Planning Committee)

Conference Programme (current draft, subject to change)

2023 Conference Programme as at 15th June 2023					
	Start	Duration	End	Topic	Speaker
Saturday 7th Oct '23	09:30	00:30	10:00	Registration & Coffee	
	10:00	00:15	10:15	Welcome	John Hind
	10:15	01:00	11:15	1	
	11:15	01:00	12:15	2 Why Did BR Give Up On Steam Part 3 - Shunting Locomotives	Andrew Hartland
	12:15	00:45	13:00	Buffet Lunch	
	13:00	01:00	14:00	3 Countering centrifugal and reciprocating forces in steam locomotives	Hendrik Kaptein
	14:00	00:30	14:30	Travel to Swindon & Cricklade Rly	
	14:30	01:30	16:00	Visit to Swindon & Cricklade Rly	
	16:00	00:30	16:30	Travel to back to hotel	
	16:30	00:15	16:45	Tea/coffee	
	16:45	00:15	17:00	4 Briefing:- on what can still be seen in the GWR Railway Village	Mike Stockbridge
17:00	02:00	19:00	Optional self guided visit GWR Railway Village or Free time		
19:00	03:00	22:00	Conference Dinner		
Sunday 8th Oct '23	09:00	00:15	09:15	Assembly in meeting room; registration of Sunday-only attendees	
	09:15	00:15	09:30	Welcome	John Hind
	09:30	01:00	10:30	5 100 Years of Caprotti	Graham Shirley
	10:30	01:00	11:30	6	
	11:30	00:30	12:00	Tea/coffee	
	12:00	01:00	13:00	7 Alternatives to Coal	Roger Waller
	13:00	01:00	14:00	Buffet Lunch	
	14:00	01:00	15:00	8 Report on trials and researches on coal substitutes	John Hind & Ian Gaylor
	15:00	00:30	15:30	Tea/coffee	
	15:30	01:00	16:30	9 Progress report on the design and construction of "Revolution "	Jamie Keyte
	16:30	00:15	16:45	Wrap Up	John Hind

Map of Swindon showing Leonardo Hotel location

