Date: Tuesday 20 March 2012  Time: 7.35pm for 8.00pm

Venue: Air Force Museum, Wigram
Speaker: Michael Watson
Synopsis: Jet Engine Development at Rolls Royce

Mike is a member of the Branch and informs us that he gave a similar talk about 20 years ago but most of us probably were not members then and, if so, may not recall too much of that presentation.

Mike grew up in Yorkshire just north of Leeds and was aged just eight years old when the Second World War began. He went to the local grammar school and from there studied mechanical engineering for three years at Leeds University. In 1952 Mike started a two apprenticeship at Rolls Royce, leading to his joining the Avon Development team in 1956 which at that time was involved in the development of the first thrust reverser for the De Havilland Comet 4. Four years on, in 1960, Mike was appointed “hot end” section leader for the new Spey engine. After leaving Rolls Royce in 1965, Mike sought completely new pastures in New Zealand.

We look forward to hearing an account first hand on the early days of jet engine development from a person closely involved in some of the innovations of that time.

Newsletters by Email
There are only a few members now receiving the Newsletter by post these days and we thank those of you who have notified the Secretary of your email address after purchase of a computer. If you have recently bought a computer please advise us of your email address.

New Member
A warm welcome is extended to Murray Blackwood who has recently joined the Branch. Murray lives in Harvard Avenue and hasn’t too far to walk to attend the meetings.

Next Meeting
The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 at the Air Force Museum Wigram where the speaker will be Don McKenzie.

Derek Woodward
Chairman
Canterbury Branch