



Rotherham Probud Club – Speaker Programme 2026

Date	Guest Speaker	Subject Title
13/01/2026	Tony Dodsworth	General Strike of 1926 in South Yorkshire Trade Union influence and its effect on the people and the economy of the region.
20/01/2026	Paul Adey	Politics of War Part 1 – Treaty of Versailles <i>(Part 2 to be presented on 8th September 2026)</i> What started it? Those for and those against, Divisions within the political parties. The spoils of war, who gets what?
27/01/2026	AGM	AGM 2026 Nominations for committee
03/02/2026	Pat McCloughlin	Wentworth the Village and Mansion Rise and fall of the Fitzwilliam Dynasty
10/02/2026	Ben Keywood	Naturally Inclined A look back in time of our fascination with nature and the formation of the Wildlife trust. An analysis of historical characters and their obsessions with nature.
17/02/2026	David Templeman	Ancient Suburbs of Sheffield Part 1 Some go back to the Domesday book (1086). An insight into some of the household names of Sheffield, Attercliffe, Darnall Heeley and Crookes.
03/03/2026	Alan Kershaw	The Oberammergau Passion Play – performed every 10 years by the residents since the 1600's
10/03/2026	Robert Mee	The Derwent Valley Heritage Way. 55 miles of history and not just the Industry of the World Heritage Site
17/03/2026	Annual Lunch	Rotherham Golf Club
07/04/2026	Philip Ashe	Anglo-Saxon Society / Alfred the Great
14/04/2026	Stuart Chapman	“Who Dunnit?” – You decide when you’ve heard the evidence?
28/04/2026	Dr. Ann Featherstone	Murder of the Blackpool Widow In 1953 for 5 months over the summer, the newspapers were full of the mysterious death of a widow in the seaside town of Blackpool.
05/05/2026	Eric Jackson	Votes for Women The debate and controversy
12/05/2026	Jean Hine	The life of Mary Ann Rawson. Abolitionist and Campaigner with the Tract Society and the British Bible Society.
19/05/2026	Susan Kahler	VISIT Catcliffe Glass Cone – Grade I Listed Building Presentation followed by Tea & Cake
02/06/2026	Chris Freeman	“Water Aid”. Charity No. 288701 The story of bringing clean water to Nations that have no state water supply.
09/06/2026	Keith Lumley	Wisecracks and Cops Some light hearted and embarrassing moments in law enforcement.
23/06/2026	Alice Rodgers	Water and Windmills
30/06/2026	Jennifer Rudd	Lady Mary Wortley Montague English Aristocrat, Medical Pioneer, Writer and Poet.
07/07/2026	Tony Dodsworth	VISIT Thrybergh Church - Grade II Listed Building dating back from 1400's
14/07/2026	Steve York	A bit of a bombshell in the shed!
		Summer Break
08/09/2026	Paul Adey	Politics of War Pt. 2 <i>(Part 1 presented on 20th January 2026)</i> Winners write the History and take the Spoils
15/09/2026	Anna Lou Pickering	Travels with a Wildlife Artist Organising trips around the World, feeding baby Panda Bears, photographing wild Jaguars.
29/09/2026	Phil Cooper	Syria & Jordan Palmyra ISIS destroyed many buildings and executed the Curator.
06/10/2026	Philip Ashe	Henry V and Agincourt Agincourt and the art of Leadership when your backs up against it!
20/10/2026	Stephen Gaye	Woodhead - The lost railway
27/10/2026	Andy Wilson	Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks African-American Woman whose cancer cells are the source of the HeLa cell line, one of the most important cell lines in Medical research.
10/11/2026	David Wadkin MBE	A History of Printing Regarded as one of the most important inventions of the past 1000 years
17/11/2026	Members	CLUB MORNING, COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT
		Winter Break. Resume meetings January 2027