

## ***Stroud's Other Industries – More than just Cloth!***

The Stroud area is justly famous for the manufacture of fine woollen cloth and so the host of other industries that went on in the area are often overlooked.

Many of these industries such as engineering, timber working, plastics and chemicals developed out of a declining cloth industry. They made use of the redundant cloth mills which provided valuable steam and water power and of course the new industries gave employment to skilled former cloth workers.

Dr. Ray Wilson's fully illustrated talk looks at the rich variety of industries that were carried on in the district but are now all but forgotten. It includes a look at the engineering industry, piano manufacture, quarrying, bricks, beer, pop, motor cars, foundries, pin-making, and transport systems are also featured.

*Dr. Ray Wilson is a retired physicist who spent much of his working life in the Electricity Supply Industry at Berkeley.*

*He was the Secretary of the Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology for many years and is currently its President.*

*He is interested in all aspects of the County's industrial past, especially turnpike roads, our local mills and Sharpness Docks.*