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From Oct 2012 Mark Telling becomes  
Chair, Len Lewell London Centre  
Representative & Bob Boutland treasurer

### Isenberg Receives Fellowship



At its annual meeting at the University of Aberdeen, from 3 -9 September 2012, the British Science Association (BSA) awarded a number of Honorary Fellowships. These are awarded for 'Engaging and inspiring adults and young people with Science and Technology...' and 'Promoting openness about Science and Society'.

Dr Cyril Isenberg, (above left), from the University of Kent's School of Engineering and Digital Arts, received an Honorary Fellowship (FBSA) from the President, Lord Krebs. The citation he received reads:

Dr Isenberg is one of the pioneers of the popularization of physics. He has been a member of the Association for many years and has been particularly active within the Physics Section, working on the Committee as the Treasurer and as Section President. He has given hundreds of talks, enhanced with experimental demonstrations to audiences from primary school pupils to pensioners.

Since 1984 he has organized the British Physics Olympiad competition for A-level students and has also organized the International Physics Olympiad Physics in the UK.

Among the other recipients were Professor Brian Cox and Professor Lisa Jardine, Queen Mary, University of London.

The BSA, under its original name of The British Association, was established in York in 1831 and first met in Aberdeen in 1859. The current Chair of the Association is Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow.

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## REMS visit the Government Art Collection 19 June 2012



**Anne of Denmark (1574–1619)**  
Queen of King James I and VI c.1600  
Painter unknown, British

(The picture of Ann of Denmark is with permission of the Government Art Collection)

The Government Art Collection supplies works of art, usually in the form of paintings and prints, to decorate Government offices around the world and in the UK to help promote Britishness. The artists have to be British or depict British scenes here or abroad, eg Charles II and his wife in Holland before the restoration. The choice of painting for embassies must be carefully selected so as not to offend local feelings or religion.

The collection was set up in the reign of George V and it initially bought paintings from country house sales. Today, it sponsors artists as money becomes available. The collection is about 14000 works of art, most of which are on loan. About a third is in store here and selections are sent on tour, eg to the Whitechapel Gallery. Currently there are 4 groups in London and these will be combined for an exhibition in Birmingham and then in Chester. When a new minister is installed he/she often does not like the predecessor's choice and so chooses new ones.

Andrew Parratt gave us a potted history of the collection and showed some of the restoration work being carried out on works that have been returned. The painting and frame must be robust enough for the conditions abroad. We saw a piece of one frame that had had wood eating beetles through it – woodworm and death-watch beetles are small compared with some; one hole was one inch across. One recently returned frame had been taken to pieces and sealed ready for shipping to insect exterminators such as Rentokil.

There is a Jubilee display of royal portraits on the office floor of the building.

Of the modern paintings in the loan store, we saw a 1946 Lowry, the "Daisy Nook", and Grayson Perry's "Print for a Politician" .

This visit was very popular and a repeat visit has been planned for 2013 for those who could not get on this one. Most of us had dinner together before departing.

### **The WOOFYT comes to Science Oxford. Friday 2 November 2012.**

Jeremy Sampson is bringing his WOOFYT (Wooden One Octave Organ for Young Technologists) to Science Oxford on 2 November for four half-hour sessions starting at 11:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 15:00, suitable for 20 youngsters each session. Come and learn how a pipe organ works, including hands on, together with some background science.

**Entrance charge** (unless you have bought your entry to the Science Oxford Discovery Zone).

**Booking with Science Oxford required** either online at

[www.scienceoxfordlive.com](http://www.scienceoxfordlive.com)

or

01865 810 000.

Science Oxford, 1-5 London Place  
St Clements, Oxford.  
OX4 1BD

The branch supports this event.

The branch newsfeed and calendar are at <http://london.iop.org>

## London & South East Branch Dinner

Dear L&SE Branch Member,

The 2012 Branch dinner will be held in the ornate Herschel Room at the Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1B 1NT at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 after the evening lecture given by Professor Stephen Swithenby. The menu will be: -

### **Starter:**

Slow cooked monkfish cheeks & crab cakes with cauliflower puree  
Baked goats cheese on shaved beetroot, horseradish salad & sugared walnuts

### **Main**

Truffled chicken ballontine & dauphinoise potato with thyme gravy  
Artichoke, red pepper & oyster mushroom crepe lasagne with buffalo mozzarella  
Salmon fillet on minted pea & crayfish salad with white wine sauce

### **Desert**

Glazed lemon tart & clotted cream ice cream

Coffee and Petit Fours

Red and White house wine

Jugs of iced water included. Vegetables in season will accompany the main course. The cost of the dinner (including wine) will be £36.00 per head. Guests are most welcome. Tickets will not be issued so please include your e-mail address or a self-addressed prepaid envelope so that your booking can be confirmed. Dinner attendees will be automatically added to the list of potential attendees for the evening lecture. Bookings (and cancellations) can be made up to midday on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Since numbers are limited, late bookers should enquire about availability.

If you would like to attend please complete the form below and e-mail or post it to:

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We look forward to seeing you,

The L&SE Branch Committee

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I wish to attend the Branch dinner on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012. I will be accompanied by \_\_\_\_ guests.

Please state each diner's requirements:

<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Starter: Monkfish</i>	<i>Starter: Goats Cheese</i>	<i>Main: Chicken</i>	<i>Main: Fish</i>	<i>Main: Artichoke</i>

Special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, I/we would like to sit near: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my cheque, made payable to "The Institute of Physics", for \_\_\_\_ persons @ £36.00 per head. Total = £ \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a self-addressed, prepaid envelope for acknowledgement of this booking (please tick), otherwise acknowledgement will be by e-mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone no. (in case of queries) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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