

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

Visit to Royal Holloway College 25 November 2004

This visit has been organised by Desmond Howlett

Thomas Holloway was a Victorian businessman who made his fortune from the sale of patent medicines and was one of the first men to appreciate the power of advertising. With his fortune he built two foundations, which bear his name, a sanatorium at Virginia Water and a college at Englefield Green.

Royal Holloway College was opened by Queen Victoria in 1886 for the further education of women. It became part of the University of London and did not admit male undergraduates until 1965. It is a striking building architecturally and is said to be modelled on the Chateau de Chambord in the Loire valley. One of its well-known features is the picture gallery with a large collection, also donated by Holloway, of paintings by Landseer, Millais, Frith et al.

Programme

- 11.00 Meet under the clock tower.
- 11.00-12.30 Talk on the College history and tour of Founder's Building.
- 12.30 Buffet lunch in the Picture Gallery and talk on the collection.
- 14.00 Visit the Physics Department.
Talk on the work of the department and tour of selected laboratories.
- 16.00 Depart

From 1947 to 1973 the Physics Department was headed by Professor Samuel Tolansky; research programmes initiated by him are still continuing.

Numbers for the afternoon are limited to 30 but up to 40/45 in the morning (including lunch). The charge for the morning and lunch is £13. Guests will be welcome.

Travel

The College entrance is on the A30 at Englefield Green, a little under two miles from J13 of the M25. If coming from the Old Windsor direction through Englefield Green follow the A328 to its intersection with A30, turn left at the traffic lights; the College entrance is about 200 yards along on the right.

The College is just over a mile from Egham Station, about 20 minutes' walk. Turn right out of the station along Station road and walk about 100 yards to the T-Junction and the traffic lights. Turn left at the junction and follow the road up to the large roundabout; go left up Egham Hill. The main College entrance is on the left about a mile from the roundabout, after the second footbridge. Pick-up from the station may be possible; contact David Pick or Desmond Howlett for assistance.

