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Visit to the Royal Institute Tuesday 3 May 2005

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For over 200 years, the Royal Institute (<http://www.rigb.org/rimain/index.jsp>) has been 'diffusing science for the common purposes of life'. Throughout its history, the RI has been at the forefront of scientific innovation and discovery. Major scientific landmarks, including the isolation of 10 chemical elements, the discovery of electromagnetic induction and the unravelling of the molecular structure of an enzyme have been made there. Today the Davy Faraday Research Laboratory is at the forefront of solid-state science. A range of activities takes place under one roof, from schools' lectures to providing a forum for the general public, through to a heritage programme, an arts-science initiative, a media centre and state-of-the-art chemistry labs. The RI is a home for everyone interested in science, irrespective of whether they have a scientific background or not. Their vision is that a visit to the RI should be as stimulating and interesting as a visit to a concert or the cinema, yet even more relevant and controversial.

Our tour will start at 11.00 and last about 2 hours. Meet at 10:50 in the entrance hall. There is no charge for the tour and numbers are limited to 25.

The RI is at 21 Albemarle Street and the nearest tube station is Green Park.



For lunch there are two pubs close to the RI. Shelley's in Albemarle Street and the Duke of Albemarle in Dover Street.