

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

Visit to SCIENTIFIC GUILDFORD Thursday 15 September 2005

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

As well as being an ancient town Guildford has some important scientific institutions. We will visit the space centre of the university in the morning and hear about some archaeological work in the afternoon.

We start by visiting the Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd. (SSTL). Sophie Haigh (Marketing and Business Administrator) will meet us and guide us to their building where we will hear about the work of SSTL. It has been involved in 23 small satellite missions (6 to 500kg) since 1981 developing platforms and its own electronics. There will be a tour of the research and assembly facilities.
www.sstl.co.uk

Lunch will be in the Roots bar/café at cost.

A minicoach will take us to Guildford House for the afternoon session.

Geophysics has become an integral part of archaeological exploration. The Surrey Archaeological Society is over 150 years old and has done some very important work in Surrey. David Graham, a vice president, will take us through the process from the initial geophysics, the interpretation, dig and preservation of artefacts. He will describe the work on the Romano-British temples at Wanborough which led to an act of Parliament. www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk

After tea we walk through Tunsgate to the Castle where Dr Mary Alexander will talk about restoration work on the Castle. www.guildford.gov.uk

10.00 – 10.45	Assemble in the Chancellor's Bar (1). (Opens 10.00) Toilets, coffee, etc. Meet our guide and follow her to SSTL
11.00 - 13.00	Talk and tour.
13.00 – 13.45	Lunch. This will be taken in the Roots café/bar on campus.
14.00	Minibus to Guildford House (2)
14.15 – 15.15	Assemble in the Brew House of Guildford House Gallery for talk on Surrey Archaeological Society's work.
15.15 – 15.45	Tea, toilets, etc in the Guildford House Gallery
16.00 – 17.00	Guildford Castle (3) to hear about the restoration work.

Transport. Parking in central Guildford is very limited and expensive. If travelling by car, please use one of the park & rides. Rail travel is good with four fast trains per hour (Portsmouth train from Waterloo) taking 35 minutes or two slow ones taking an hour.

Comfortable shoes are recommended as there will be a lot of walking and Guildford is hilly.

Assemble in the Chancellor's bar. From the train take the footbridge across the tracks to the West entrance. Turn right into Guildford Park Road. After 200 yards (just past the Evangelical Church) turn right and walk through the Borough Car Park. Continue along the road through the students' residential area and ignore the Satellite Technology Building (not our visit) on the right. Turn left in front of a modern, metal clad building (Duke of Kent Building). In less than 100 yards you come to the Chancellor's bar, slightly to the right with a big notice on it. 15 minutes brisk walk.

Those arriving by other transport, make your way to the west side of the station. Cross the river and join the Farnham Road. Turn right into Guildford Park Road and pass the station's west exit and follow the above instructions. 25 minutes from the bus station.

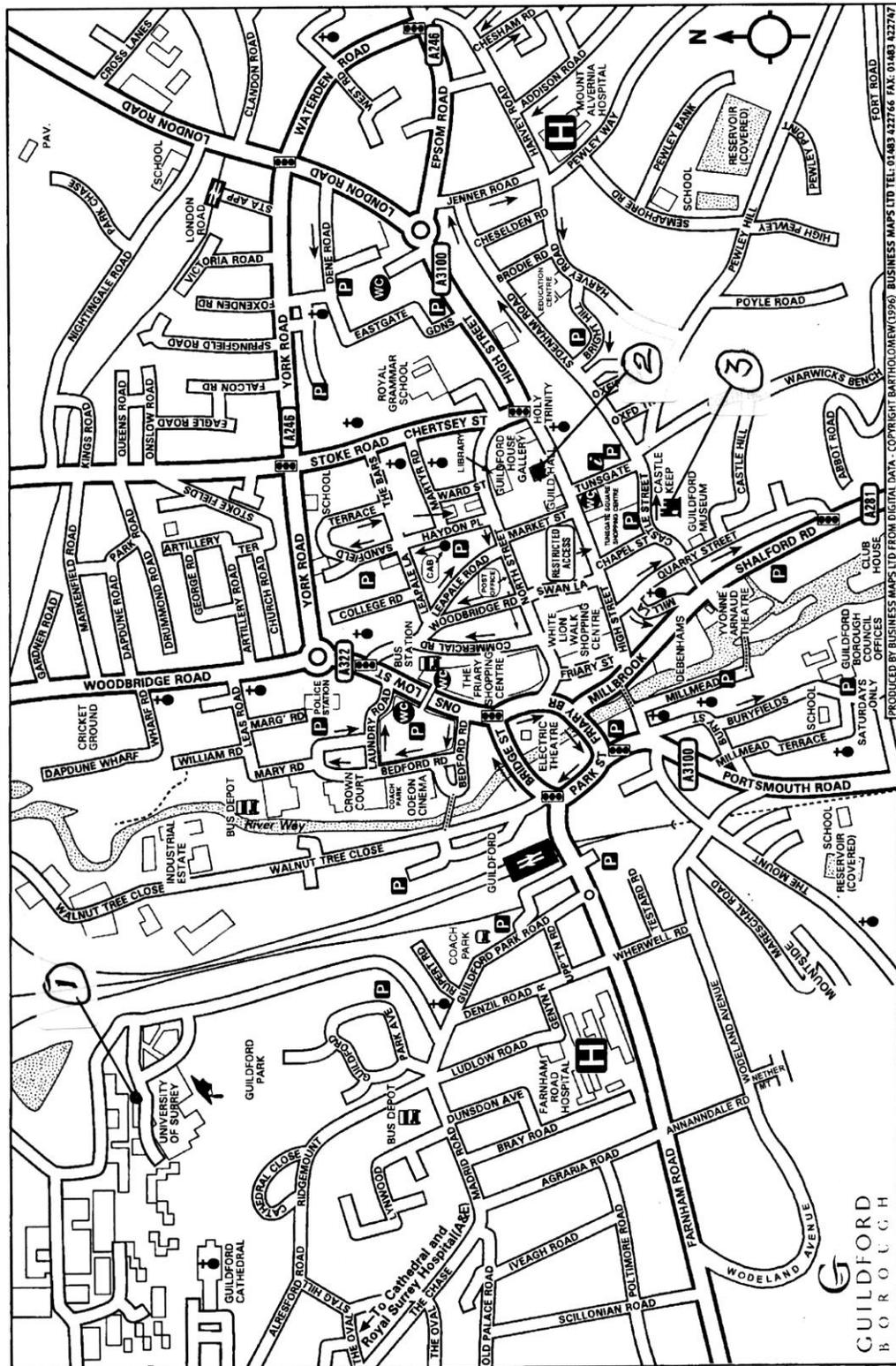
Late arrivals should go straight to building BA and ask at the SSTL reception for us.

From the Friary bus station bus numbers 17, 27 and 37 go to the campus. The bus stops on the campus are marked on the map. Some pass the railway station. 0870 6082608

Number limit 20 because of the tour.

Cost. £10 each

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