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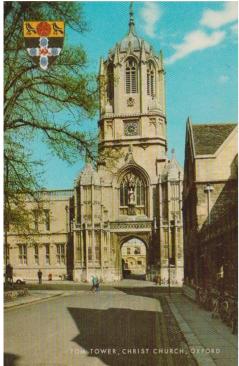
## **London and South East Branch**

## Oxford Visit – CHRIST CHURCH

## & ENGINEERING Department

Tuesday 26 March 2013

This meeting has been organised by John Temple and George Freeman



**Christ Church** is a unique institution, one of the largest in the University of Oxford and the cathedral church for Oxford. It has a world famous Cathedral Choir and a good collection of books and art. John Lock and Robert Hooke (founder members of the Royal Society) studied there.

**Retired Members Section** 

It was started in 1525 when Cardinal Wolsey took over St Frideswide Priory but did not develop much until it was refounded by Henry VIII in 1546 as Christ Church. The church became a Cathedral in 1546. Wolsey had intended to have a library but nothing happened until Elizabeth's reign when Arundel sent letters in 1652 asking for money and books. It was set up in the St Frideswide's refectory and was originally chained.

We will see the Cathedral, library, Hall, several quads and gardens and walk along the meadows. Unfortunately, we will not be able to see the Picture Gallery but we hope to see Rita Greer's Hooke portrait. Our host is John Temple. We have a "Behind the Scenes" tour and the guide is Haley Greenhough.

The **Engineering Department** of the University is very large and its research covers thermo-fluids & turbo-machinery, materials, civil & offshore, electrical & electro-optics, chemistry & processes and biomedical

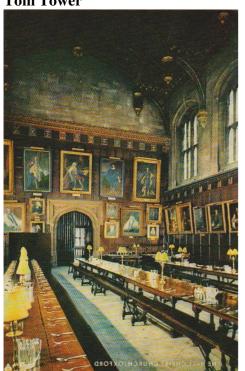
topics. We can only see one of these and I have chosen the turbo-

machinery at Osney Meads. This was set up in 2010 to study all aspects of turbines and is a major supplier of research for Rolls-Royce, Alstrom, Siemens, QintQ and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. The turbine testing facility measures many aspects of the operation of engines and individual components can be tested separately. Temperature, seals and cooling are very important. The instrumentation is remarkable as the experiments cover shock tunnels, high and low temperature flight and vacuum

conditions. Our host is Dr Matthew MCGilvray. Unfortunately we will not have time to see the department's copy of the Hooke portrait which is

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in Parks Road.

**Meet** in Christ Church. Enter by the main gate, (Tom Tower), register and proceed to the Great Hall for refreshments. Tom Tower is in St Aldates (Street). The Great Hall is up a beautiful vaulted staircase at the far RH corner of the quad.

10.30 - 11.00	Meet in Christ Church for refreshments.
11.00 - 12.30	Tour
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch in Christ Church Hall
14.00 - 14.30	Coach to Osney Mead
14.30 - 16.30	Talk and tour of Thermo-fluids

### **TRAVEL**

**Car** drivers are recommended to park in the Seacourt P&R as it is very close to our afternoon visit. The P&R on the London side fills up very quickly. Most P&R buses and the X32 pass Tom Tower. If your bus does not pass through St Aldates, get off at the stop *before*, not after **Carfax** (junction of Queen Street with St Aldates) See the attached map.

The **Station** is Oxford (from Paddington/Reading) and Tom Tower is a fair walking distance. (The map is not to scale.) Turn right out of the station and take a P&R 400 from St Frideswide Square.

**LATE ARRIVALS**. Phone George or John Belling or John Temple to find out where we are. GF: 07941 916 944; JB: 07986 37 99 35; JT: 0777 944 5251

#### **CONTACTS**

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### **COSTS**

£42 each including refreshments, two course lunch and coach. Wine at cost.

