

Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

Hydrological Research at HR Wallingford

On Thursday 11th May 2017

This visit has been organised by Julian Marks.

Description: We visit HR Wallingford, an independent civil engineering and environmental hydraulics organisation first established at Wallingford by the government in 1951 as the Hydraulics Research Station. We shall tour the facilities and explore the beautiful Howbery Park in which it is situated on the banks of the Thames. We meet in its historical grade II listed manor house.



Where and when to meet: Members can take lunch or refreshments in the Manor House from 12:00. We assemble in the Du Cros room in the Manor House at 13.45 for the formal visit.

Getting there: By car; OX10 8BA; the site is on Benson Lane about a quarter mile from Crowmarsh Gifford which is over the old bridge from Wallingford, towards the A4074 Reading – Oxford Road. Enter the site by the North Gate and proceed to the gravelled parking area adjoining the Manor House.

By Public Transport; The Reading to Oxford bus, X39/X40 stops outside the North Gate towards Oxford and at Benson Lane stop towards Reading. Journey time about 40 minutes.

Lunch; Excellent and inexpensive restaurant on site in the Manor House; if the weather is good there is a very pleasant terrace next to parkland where you can eat.

Timetable:

12:00	Lunch from 12:00 in the Manor House
13:45	Assemble in the Du Cros room of the Manor House before the tour
14:00	Tour starts
14:00 - 14:30	Introduction to HR Wallingford, presentation and Q&A
14:30 - 15:30	Tour physical modelling laboratory and Ship Simulation Centre (subject to availability)
15:30	End of formal tour. Howbery Park is still open to visitors.

Health & Safety; As the group will be visiting the modelling hall there will be a health and safety briefing before the tour starts to cover the key areas to be aware of. It is not required for visitors to wear safety equipment e.g. hard hats or boots, but it is advised that visitors wear closed toe flat shoes and not high heels/sandals.

Size of party: Maximum 20.

Cost : £10.00 Members pay for their own comestibles and travel.

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