

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

Mullard Space Science Laboratory and Polesden Lacey (NT), Dorking

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This visit has been organised by Stewart Coulter.

Description

The Mullard Space Science Laboratory (<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/mssl>) is UCL's Department of Space and Climate Physics. Set in the Surrey Hills it is a world-leading research organisation and is the UK's largest university-based space research group. Since its establishment in 1966, it has participated in more than 35 satellite missions and over 200 rocket experiments. Home to well over 100 academic staff, PhD students and engineers, it includes a clean room for satellite instrument preparation.



Lunch

Lunch is at The Parrot (RH5 5RZ), a fine country inn a few miles away overlooking the Surrey Downs. Pre-ordering is required.

Polesden Lacey



This NT property is the lavish country retreat of Mrs Greville, a vivacious Edwardian socialite. We will be taken on a 1h tour (free) after which we can roam on our own. It closes at 5pm.

Postcode: RH5 6BB.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/polesden-lacey>

Transport

Parking is *so* limited at MSSL that REMS will subsidise the cost of a minibus at notional cost. Pickup will be at Dorking station at 10:45, drop off around 17:30. The all-day parking charge at the station is £6.40, not assured. If you wish to drive we have permission to park early at The Parrot (RH5 5RZ) which is on the route from the station to MSSL. After lunch you can then drive to Polesden Lacey where parking is copious or you have the choice to depart early.

Where and when to meet

Dorking station (Main) 10:45 (or at The Parrot 11:00 by arrangement).

Getting there by train (about £20 return):

Waterloo 09:24-10:12 09:54-10:42

Victoria 09:16-10:12 09:25-10:21 09:46-10:42

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Timetable

10:15 Meet Dorking station café

10:45 Minibus to MSSL

11:00 Visit

13:15 Lunch at The Parrot

15:00 Guided tour of Polesden Lacey

17:00 Depart for Dorking station

Size of party There is effectively no limit at MSSL (45!) but 20 is the maximum size of a group tour at Polesden Lacey. However if the 21st and subsequent participants were happy to visit freely that limit would not apply. The coach will be according to the size of the party.

Cost £5 transport + £8 entry (free for NT members). Lunch at cost.

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Late arrivals Difficult. Call Stewart on 07747 800837, if travelling by train a taxi would be required to get you to MSSL (cost from taxi rank at station, about £ . UBER cheaper if you are into it!).