

THE OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009

This visit has been organised by Lionel Baker.

The Centre is located within the Estate of Herstmonceux Castle and is the former home of The Royal Greenwich Observatory. Its principal objective now is to promote science learning by “putting the fun back into science”. There is a wide range of interactive exhibits both indoors and out, restored and working historic telescopes and an exhibition entitled “Domes of discovery”. They tell the story of The Royal Greenwich Observatory bringing to life the 300year history of one of the most famous scientific institutions in the world. We are offered a private tour of the various working domes – including those not open to the public and a fun workshop that involves making a rocket.

The address for our meeting is: The Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux, East Sussex, BN27 1RN, Telephone: 01323 832731, web site: www.the-observatory.org

There is ample free parking but public transport is near impossible. Contact Reinalt for help with a lift if needed. I am told that if your satnav does accept the postcode you will be taken to the wrong entrance! A Google map is attached.

10:30 Arrival and refreshments

11:00 Telescope tour

12:00 Hands-on exhibits

12:30 Lunch

13:30 More exhibits.

14:30 Build a water rocket

15:30 Optional visit to the Castle gardens and grounds nearby. The cost for seniors is £4.95, which you pay on entry, and last admissions are at 17:00.

16:30 Departure

The café, which is open from 10:00 and reserved for us, seats 36 and serves refreshments, sandwiches and light snacks. Orders for lunch can be taken in the café on arrival.

The entry cost is £8.50 per senior including the private group tour, rocket making and REMS fee.

In case of late arrivals Reinalt’s mobile number is 07758085741 and mine is 07788184775.

