

Institute of Physics – L & S E Branch – Retired Members Section

Visit to the Clarendon Laboratory Oxford and Tour of Oxford's Gargoyles and Grotesques

on Thursday 16th April 2015

This visit has been arranged by David Pick

The original Clarendon laboratory was completed in 1872 as a result of an offer of £10,000 from the trustees of the estate of the first Earl of Clarendon. The building on the left below was built in 1910 as an electrical laboratory for Thompson, who occupied the new physics chair. This was the building I went to in 1960 as a new undergraduate reading physics. Plans are now afoot to build a new physics building in front of this one. The artist's impression is shown below on the right. Building work should start in 2015.



Each year about 195 undergraduates join the department and about 100 postgraduates join the various research groups.

Our visit will start at 11.00 with an overview of the current research topics followed by visits to some of the research groups. Lunch will be in the Clarendon cafeteria. At 14.30 we meet with an Oxford blue guide in front of the Clarendon Laboratory for a guided tour to view some of the gargoyles and grotesques which decorate the university and college buildings. (Binoculars and telephoto lens cameras are recommended!)



TIMING

Please arrive 10:30 at the Clarendon Laboratory in Parks Road next to the University Parks for coffee. The afternoon guided tour will finish around 16.30 in the centre of Oxford.

TRAVEL

Parking in central Oxford is chaotic and expensive. Use the Park and Ride facilities (the buses accept bus passes) or come to Oxford by train.

Maximum 18

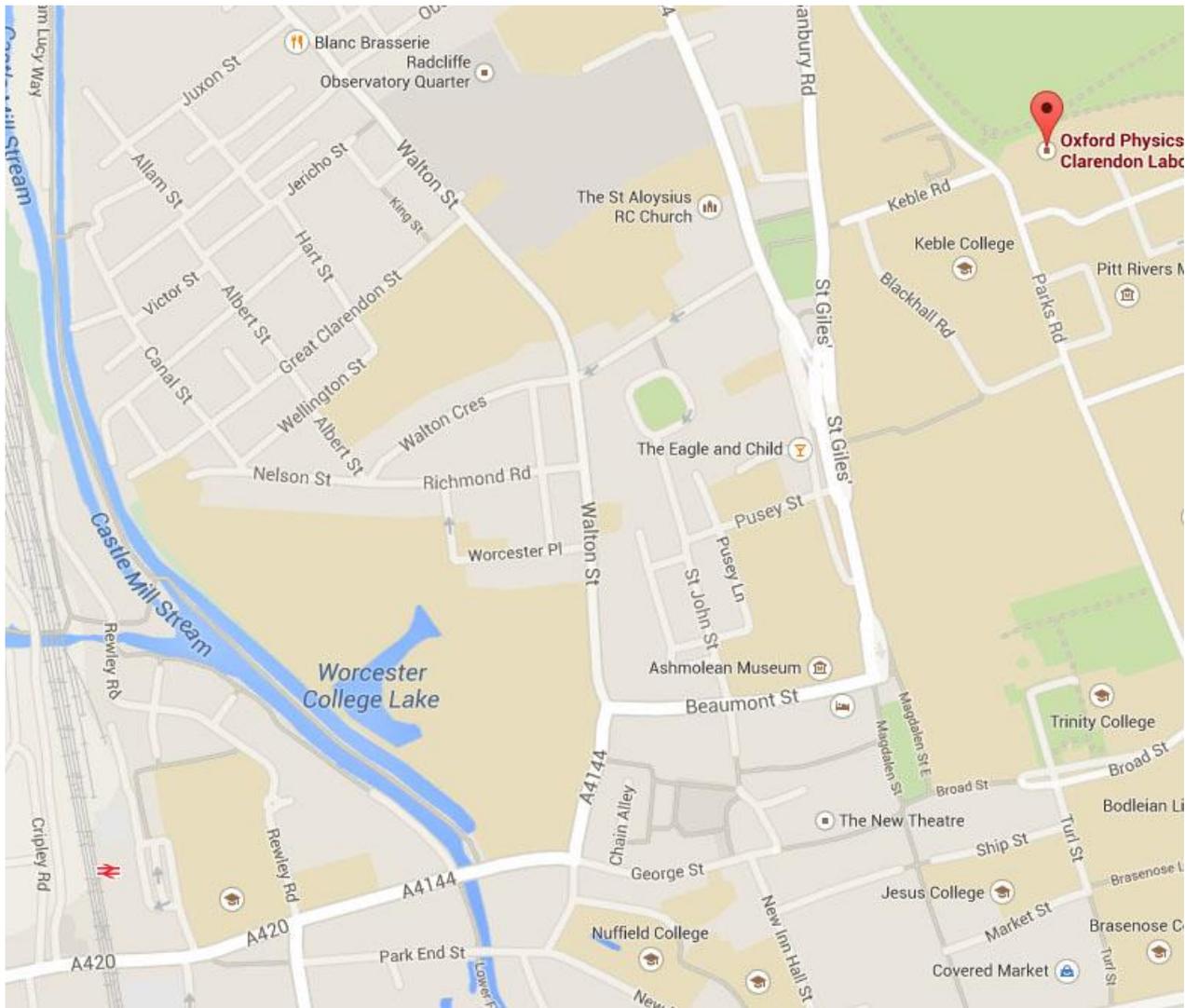
LATE COMERS Please contact David Pick or Tony Colclough.

CONTACTS

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COSTS

£8. Lunch on a pay your own basis..



From Oxford station cross to the “Bull statue” turn right then left. This puts you on the A420, go past the Said Business School, New Theatre and into Broad Street. Turn left at the traffic lights just past the emperors’ beards (!) into Parks road. About a 20 minute walk.

The bus 300 which runs from Redbridge P&R (South) and Pear Tree (North) goes along the Woodstock road and stops by the St Aloysius RC Church (stop labelled Radcliffe).