

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION Visit to RAL Space Department 15 May 2008

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The Space Science and Technology Department (SSTD) at the STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) carries out a range of world-class space research and technology development. With significant involvement in over 150 space missions in recent years, SSTD is at the forefront of UK Space Research. This visit will include presentations on how such programmes are organised and managed from initial concept through to data reception and analysis. After lunch we will be split into smaller groups to visit some of the test and development facilities used by the various programmes.

The programme is

Arrive 10.00 - 10.30 at the reception and sign in.

10.30 Presentations

12.30 - 13.30 lunch

13.30 - 16.00 Split in to groups and visits to facilities

Driving to RAL

From the A34 (northbound) Take the A4185 (A417) exit, signposted for Rutherford Laboratory and Wantage. Turn left onto the A4185 and turn left at the roundabout approximately half a mile from the exit. Go straight across the mini roundabouts and RAL can be found on the left hand side after another half a mile.

From the A34 (southbound) Take the A4130 (A417) exit signposted Milton, Chilton, Didcot and Wantage. At the roundabout take the fourth exit signposted A4130 Wantage, Steventon, Drayton, Harwell. Follow this road for one and a half miles and continue straight on at the Rowstock roundabout onto the A4185. After about two miles turn right at the next roundabout. Go straight across the mini roundabouts and RAL can be found on the left hand side after another half a mile.

By train go to Didcot Parkway and then take the No 32 bus to Harwell Campus bus stop. A Bus departs from Didcot station stop R2 at 9.41 and arrives at 9.57. The service is approximately hourly.

Numbers are limited to 30.

