

Wednesday, 17th February

This visit has been organised by Roger Voles.

As members may know, the National Physical Laboratory is now a “GOCO” – a government-owned, company-operated organisation. It is operated on behalf of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) by a subsidiary of the Serco Group.

In addition to its traditional and acclaimed role in measurement standards, it is now also a centre of excellence for providing measurement services in many other areas including materials science, acoustics, microwaves and the environment.

After coffee from 10:30, the meeting will commence at 11:00 with an introduction to the NPL as it is today by Dr Kamal Hossain, the Director, Research & International. This will be followed by further presentations on the caesium fountain clock and the knowledge generated and transferred from the NPL and its value to the customers. After a sandwich lunch at about 13:00, we shall divide into small groups for tours of a number of laboratories, probably including the anechoic chamber and those researching nanotechnology, surface analysis and adaptive radiotherapy. The visit will conclude with a concluding discussion over coffee at about 15:00. The visit is expected to finish no later than 15:30.

The NPL are kindly providing their services *gratis* and they have waived the normal room charge so that the only cost will be for refreshments and lunch and the £2 REMS admin charge.

A map showing the location of the NPL is attached. Members travelling by car will be able to park on the site. Members travelling by rail should go to Teddington station which is a 20-minute walk from the NPL. Members should enter via the Hampton Road entrance and will need to have means of identification.

The maximum number of people will be 20.

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Public Transport



By Rail,
Teddington Station
15 minutes walk to NPL.



By Air
Heathrow Airport
Take a taxi, approximately
20 minutes. There is a bus service
(285) to Teddington.



Buses.
Teddington is well served
by buses (281, 285 and R68) but as
routes are subject to change,
visitors are advised to check before
travelling.

