



The British Astronomical Association
Out of London Meeting
with our hosts
Newbury Astronomical Society



Saturday 25th April 2009
Planetary Systems, Near and Far

The British Astronomical Association (BAA) 2009 Out of London meeting is being held in conjunction with the Newbury Astronomical Society at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot, Oxfordshire.

This Weekend offers a unique chance to visit the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) and a chance to meet some of the staff working on the most up-to-date scientific projects. As the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory is a research establishment, prior bookings will be necessary to ensure access. Please book early to ensure your place.

During the lunch break we hope to arrange tours around some of the space science facilities at RAL.

The cost for the day will be **£5.00** for BAA members (and Newbury AS members) and **£7.00** for non-BAA members. This cost includes tea/coffee during registration and in the afternoon. Arrangements will be made for lunch to be purchased on site.

Location maps may be found on the BAA web site www.britastro.org as well as <http://www.scitech.ac.uk/About/Find/RAL/Introduction.aspx>.

The nearest rail station is Didcot which has services from London (Paddington), Oxford and Bristol. It is a 10 minute taxi journey from Didcot station to RAL.

Programme of Events

Saturday 25th April 2009

10.00 – 10.40	Registration and tea/coffee
10.40 – 10.45	Official Welcome – BAA President
10.45 – 11.45	Prof. Fred Taylor (Oxford University) – Planetary atmospheres
11.45 – 12.45	Dr. Barry Kellett (RAL) What the Moon is made of – and how to find out
12.45 – 14.30	Lunch and Site Tours
14.30 – 15.30	Chris Hooker (Newbury AS) – Solar System imaging using a webcam
15.30 – 16.00	Tea/Coffee
16.00 – 17.00	Dr. Carole Haswell (Open University) – Exoplanets: New worlds orbiting around distant stars
17.00 – 17.05	Close

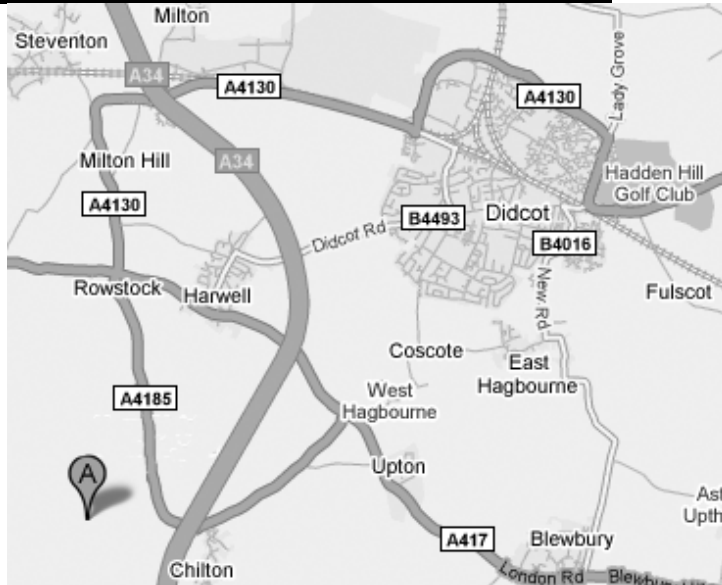
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Event Organisers: Hazel Collett (07944 751277), David Boyd & Ann Davies (NAS)

Our Host Society

The Newbury Astronomical Society was formed in 1981 and has around 70 members. Each month through autumn, winter and spring we have two meetings, one with a professional or amateur speaker and another with a practical emphasis specifically aimed at beginners to astronomy. Members of the society give many talks to schools and other local groups and we hold several star parties each year. Our guiding principle is to have fun doing astronomy! If you would like to come along to one of our meetings you would be most welcome. Consult our website for details of time and place <http://www.newburyas.org.uk/>.

Map showing location of RAL (marker A on map below)



Map courtesy of Google Maps

Please complete the form below and send it with your cheque or credit card details to:
 The British Astronomical Association, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J ODU,
 Telephone: 020 7734 4145 by **10th April 2009**.

Booking Form

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