

Astronomy in Space

BAA Autumn Meeting at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot OX11 0QX 4–6th September 2015

Venue address

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
Harwell Oxford Campus
Didcot
OX11 0QX

Accommodation at the RAL site

We have reserved 30 rooms at Ridgeway House, which is adjacent to the RAL site, for Friday and Saturday nights 4th and 5th September 2015. The group booking reference is 61148. The cost is **£60** per person per night including breakfast and VAT. The Ridgeway House website is www.stfc.ac.uk/1442.aspx.

If you wish to book one of these rooms, please contact the BAA Office who will tell you if there are still rooms available and will add your name to a list which will be sent to Ridgeway House before the event. Thereafter your booking is contractually with Ridgeway House, not the BAA. Please settle up with them on departure.

Our rooms at Ridgeway House must be booked before **Friday 14th August** as cancellation fees will apply to rooms not taken up by that date. After 14th August any unallocated rooms will be cancelled.

Alternative accommodation nearby

There are several other possibilities for accommodation in the RAL area at various price levels. All are several miles from the RAL site. Please contact them directly if you wish to book.

- Oxford South (Didcot) Premier Inn beside the A34 at the Milton Interchange: www.premierinn.com/pti/hotelInformation.do?hotelId=23872
- Milton House Hotel near Steventon: www.devere.co.uk/our-locations/milton-hill-house.html
- Steventon House Hotel in Steventon: www.steventonhousehotel.co.uk/
- The Bear Hotel in Wantage: www.arkells.com/pubs_more2.php?id=583

Eating

There are several pubs in the area but none are very close to the Harwell Oxford Campus. Some can be reached by bus from the Harwell Oxford Campus but others will require use of a car or taxi.

- Hart of Harwell, **Harwell** (4 miles) <http://www.hartofharwell.com/>
 - The Rose & Crown, **Chilton**, (2 miles), Phone No 01235 862992 (no website)
- In **East Hendred** 4 miles away there are 3 pubs:
- Eyston Arms, East Hendred, OX12 8JW - <http://www.eystonarms.co.uk/dinner-menu.htm>
 - Plough Inn, Orchard Lane, East Hendred OX12 8JW - <http://www.hendredplough.co.uk/index.htm>
 - Wheatsheaf, East Hendred, OX12 8JN - <http://www.wheatsheafeasthendred.co.uk/>

Directions to RAL

RAL is on the Harwell Oxford Campus which is to the west of the A34 between Oxford and the M4. Didcot is the nearest railway station on the line from Paddington. Information about the frequency of buses between Didcot station and the Harwell Oxford Campus can be downloaded from the Thames Travel website at <http://www.thames-travel.co.uk/timetables-fares/oxfordshire-and-reading/x32/>. Alternatively there are usually taxis available at the station.

Directions to RAL can be found on the RAL website at www.stfc.ac.uk/2489.aspx from which the following is reproduced.

From the A34 (Southbound) - Exit the A34 at the Milton Interchange Junction, 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 roundabout onto Fermi Avenue (signposted Harwell Business Centre, RAL, NRPB). Go straight across two mini roundabouts and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory can be found on the left hand side after the Diamond Light Source building.

From the A34 (Northbound) - Exit the A34 at Chilton Junction, branch left (signposted, Wantage), then merge onto the A4185. At the next roundabout take the 1st exit (signposted Harwell Business Centre, RAL, NRPB). Go straight across two mini roundabouts and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory can be found on the left hand side after the Diamond Light Source building.

