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SUCCESS IN FULL MEASURE FOR NPL

Our guest speaker at the Club's February Meeting was delighted to greet a number of Probians as former work colleagues. **Fiona Auty, Head of Government Relations at Teddington's National Physical Laboratory** proceeded to give a lively talk on the **NPL Past, Present and Future**. Introduced by Chairman Keith McArthur, Fiona led off with the NPL mission statement "*To provide the measurement capability that underpins the UK's prosperity and quality of life.*" This entails the delivery of the UK Measurement Strategy on behalf of Government as well as commercially won research work. Fiona plays a key role in the securing and handling of major contracts with Government. She went on to point out that as early as the mid-10th century the Saxon King, Edgar kept a 'yardstick' at Winchester as a national standard of measurement. And since its foundation in 1900 at Bushy House, the NPL has established itself as a world class centre of excellence in measurement science, graced by such scientific luminaries as Alan Turing, Louis Essen and Donald Davies. For over 100 years the NPL has been the silent partner in UK industry in diverse disciplines such as advanced manufacturing, digital innovation, energy and the environment and life sciences and health. Fiona concluded by inviting members to a **special NPL Open Day on Thursday, May 17th** a not-to-be-missed opportunity to view the infrastructure improvements and the cutting-edge, hi-tech laboratories.



After a series of perceptive questions, **Archie McMillan** moved a graceful and well received vote of thanks. (There is no truth in the rumour that shortly afterwards, Archie was spotted measuring the distance to the bus stop).

(Jim Woodford)

MARCH PUB LUNCH AT 'THE MINT' BANSTEAD

Due to Keith and Margaret MacArthur's tragic loss, the Pub Lunch walk was cancelled but the Lunch still went ahead. Eleven members made it to the pub including Mike and Ann Fraser who did their own little walk. When the diners arrived at the pub at midday the pub was almost empty, but by the time everybody left there was hardly a spare table to be seen! The eleven diners were seated together round a large oval table and enjoyed a companionable meal. Well done Keith for seeking out such interesting pubs with such wonderful menus.



OBITUARY

It is with sincere regret that we have to report the death of Fred Martin, one of our Founders, who died on Sunday aged 102 and will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to Howard and all the members of the family. The funeral service will be at Hanworth Crematorium on Thursday the 29th of March at 11.20 am.





The Dinner at
Imber Court -
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Reminder that next month is the A.G.M. Please do your utmost to attend this important date in the Club's calendar.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Tue 3 Apr: Pub Lunch/Walk – To be advised

Tue 17 Apr: Club Luncheon – A.G.M

Sun22/26 Apr: H.L.P.C. Holiday to Harrogate.