

# Institute of Physics

## Merseyside Branch Committee Meeting

Tuesday 3 June 2003

Oliver Lodge Laboratory, Department of Physics, University of Liverpool

Present: A Marks (Chair), D S Martin (Secretary and Treasurer), N Marks, S D Barrett, N R Clitherow, D M Farley, S Bennett, A Newsam, Prof. P Allport.

1. **Apologies** R McGrath, M Bode, N Heritage, M Chartier.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 7 May 2003 were accepted.

### 3. Report on recent meetings

Visit to Pilkington's Development Centre was attended by approx. 25. The visit consisted of a one hour guided tour followed by a 45 min presentation. Members of the committee present found the visit enjoyable and very interesting, with positive feedback from those attending. The staff at Pilkingtons suggested a future visit to a production line.

4. **Liverpool Teachers' Conference** The programme is essentially finished. 17 registered so far. It may be possible to make the solar telescope portable to bring along. **Action AN+SDB**

### 5. Blue plaques

No progress had been made. RNM would like help from a committee member to progress this. SDB had expressed an interest in helping.

### 6. Webpage

RNM has updated the details on the webpage.

### 7. Branch Programme 2003-4

#### Programme (current list)

25/26 Sep 03	A Boston / Medical App. Confirmed, abstract needed	<b>Action SDB</b>
Thu 16 Oct 03	Chris Collins/Cosmology Confirmed, abstract needed	<b>Action SDB</b>
Thu 30 Oct 03	Colin Gough/Physics-violins(+Philharmonic Society) Need to write to the Phil. Soc. to invite/advertise the talk	<b>Action NM</b>
Wed 19 Nov 03	(2.30pm) 'Careers in Physics' Chadwick Lecture Theatre to be booked Speakers to be asked to present: M Garvey ( <b>Action SDB</b> ), Elaine Seddon ( <b>Action NM</b> ), Neil Roberts ( <b>Action NC</b> ), Pilkington staff ( <b>Action SDB</b> ) Plus others	<b>Action DSM</b>
Thu 11 Dec 03	P. Hubert/ Physics+wine To be Confirmed + abstract	<b>Action MC</b>
Mon 15 Dec 03	Mike Bode / Star of Bethlehem. Confirmed, abstract needed DF suggested an email advertisement sent to schools two weeks into term and a paper reminder before half-term.	<b>Action AM</b>
Thu 15 Jan 04	Michael Merrifield/Dark Matter. Confirmed+abstract.	
Thu 5 Feb 04	John Inglesfield / Rainbows... Confirmed, abstract needed	<b>Action SDB</b>

Joint meeting with Manchester Branch

- Thu 26 Feb 03 Physicists and Primary Schools Meeting at Daresbury **Action AM**  
Thu 18 Mar 04 Prof. Diffey/ The sunshine of your life. Confirmed+abstract.  
NC suggested holding this talk at the Medical Institution as a joint meeting.  
Fri 30 Apr 04 Alan Chapman. Joint meeting with the Liverpool Astronomical Soc  
(**Action AM**) Chester Astro. Soc. may be interested (**Action AN**).  
Thu 20 May 04 Visit. BAE possible (**Action DF**), or Pilkingtons.

Other possibilities:

- Richard Palmer/ Nanoscience --to be held in reserve **SDB**  
1 Apr 03 Misconceptions in Physics – Possible speaker sought **Action ALL**

Those actioned to obtain abstracts were requested to send them to DSM by 1<sup>st</sup> July so as to prepare the Newsletter in time for the August deadline.

- 8. Education Programme 2003-4** report at the next meeting. **Action NH**

**9. Support officer**

AM reported that a support officer would have 35 days split between Lancs., Manchester and Merseyside Branches. The committee felt that this time was inadequate.

- 10. Industry** to be discussed at September meeting

**11. CERN update**

Prof. Allport distributed two handouts to the Committee and discussed the possibility of visits to CERN. There are three themed tours involving detectors and antimatter. It was noted that advanced booking of easyJet flights and hostel accommodation was necessary to benefit from reduced costs. Further planning for visits would start in the Autumn, Prof. Allport would report on the visit by Neston High School at the next committee meeting. AM will visit CERN on 16<sup>th</sup> June to find out more information

**12. Any Other Business**

Chairs of Branches meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. at Daresbury. The Committee is invited to meet the Chairs at a meal on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**13. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the committee was set provisionally for 2 July 2003 at 17:30. This meeting depends upon progress with the programme and may not be needed, or may only require Officers. The next meeting will be held on 9 Oct. 2003.

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