

PROGRAMME

1st National Amateur Observers Symposium: Observing the Weather – a meeting to celebrate 40 years of COL

4th to 5th September 2010
Palmer Building, University of Reading

DAY 1 - Saturday, 4 September 2010

All talks are being held on the 1st Floor of the Palmer Building in Lecture Theatre 1.09

1030	REGISTRATION with Tea and Coffee and Welcome at 1050	Welcome by President of RMetS
1100	The UK's national observing programme – land, sea, air and space	Dr Gill Ryall Head of Observations, Met Office
1130	Communicating weather in the media	Paul Simons The Times Newspaper
1200	Reception of Weather Satellites at home	Francis Bell Director of GEO
1230	SANDWICH LUNCH (posters and exhibition)	Rooms G.01 – G.05
1400	The Chiltern Observatory – a national observatory for amateur meteorologists	Philip Eden Founder of the Chiltern Observatory
1430	Europe's Operational Meteorological Satellite programmes	Thomas Heinemann EUMETSAT
1445	Surface observing equipment for the amateur community – a user's perspective	Stephen Burt Chair of RMetS SE Local Centre
1530	TEA AND COFFEE (posters and exhibition)	Rooms G.01 – G.05
1600	Software for receiving meteorological Satellite data at home	David Taylor GEO and SatSignal
1615	The Dutch Weerspiegel amateur observers organisation	Donald Hatch COL member, Bilthoven
1630	Some observations on Weather Lore	Mike Brettle RMetS Obs Special Interest Group
1645	Hands on demonstration session – Excel and Climatology	Stephen Burt
1715	Close of Day Programme – and COL AGM (lasting about 30 minutes)	
1900	Symposium Dinner	The Cedars Restaurant University of Reading
2130	CLOSE OF DAY 1	

DAY 2 – Sunday, 5 September 2010

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0930	Visit to the University of Reading Observing Site	Roger Brugge and 'weather observer of the day'
1030	TEA AND COFFEE (posters and exhibition)	Rooms G.01 – G.05
1100	And now for something completely different	David King COL member, Edenbridge
1115	Meteorology and the Ancient Greeks	David Bowker COL Member Kings Langley
1130	Photographing the Weather (how to, processing the images and publishing the results)	George Anderson
1200	Exploring contemporary amateur meteorology through an historical lens	Dr Georgina Endfield & Dr Carol Morris University of Nottingham
1230	SANDWICH LUNCH (posters and exhibition)	Rooms G.01 – G.05
1400	TORRO – its history and development	Dr Terence Meaden Founder of TORRO
1430	Why I became a storm chaser	Paul Knightley MeteoGroup and TORRO Member
1500	Chipstead Valley frost hollow	Ian Currie
1520	Discussion section: Presentation of a concept for a new national voluntary observing portal – the role of amateur observers in supporting the UK's Public Weather Services	Led by Paul Hardaker RMetS Chief Executive
1600	CLOSE OF SYMPOSIUM	

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