



Programme for the Royal Meteorological Society's National Meeting and AGM 2025

Hartwell House
Oxford Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP17 8NR
Wednesday 4th June 2025

The Royal Meteorological Society is celebrating its 175th anniversary during 2025.

The Society was founded as the British Meteorological Society on 3 April 1850 when a small group of gentlemen met in the library of astronomer Dr John Lee's home, at Hartwell House in Aylesbury, England. They gathered "to form a society the objects of which should be the advancement and extension of meteorological science by determining the laws of climate and of meteorological phenomena in general."

The Society became the Meteorological Society in 1866, when it was incorporated by Royal Charter. In 1883 it became the Royal Meteorological Society, when Her Majesty Queen Victoria granted the privilege of adding 'Royal' to the title. Amalgamation with the Scottish Meteorological Society took place in 1921.

Join us at Hartwell House, where it all began 175 years ago, as we commemorate our 175th anniversary. This landmark event in 2025 will bring together scientists, industry, policymakers, and enthusiasts to honour the Society's remarkable journey since its founding in 1850. The day will offer an opportunity to reflect on the Society's role over the last 175 years, engage with the present, and envision a sustainable and resilient future shaped by meteorological insights.

Participants will also enjoy an opportunity to visit Hartwell House and its grounds, providing a unique connection to the Society's origins. We invite you to be part of this milestone event, celebrating a legacy of discovery, collaboration, and impact.

This event has a limited capacity and therefore registration will be opened to our members first.

Members must register via the website at www.rmets.org/event/celebrating-175-years-royal-meteorological-society-and-agm-2025 before 23rd April 2025 after which registration will be opened up to non-members.

Alternatively, please email meetings@rmets.org, or call the Society on 0118 9568500.

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| 1300 hrs | Registration |
| 1330 hrs | Welcome by Prof Liz Bentley FRMetS, Chief Executive of the Royal Meteorological Society |
| 1335 hrs | Annual General Meeting All attendees are welcome to stay for the AGM, but only members will be able to vote. |
| 1405 hrs | 175th Anniversary – An Overview of the History of the Royal Meteorological Society Prof Liz Bentley FRMetS, RMets Chief Executive |
| 1420 hrs | Presidential Lecture - Early Warnings for All: why the time is now, and why getting it right is so important Prof Brian Golding OBE, FRMetS, RMets President |
| 1515 hrs | Refreshment Break |
| 1545 hrs | Panel Discussion – What does the Future Hold? Experts from across the sector discuss what the future might look like for RMets and meteorology. |
| 1645 hrs | Presentation of the Society's Awards |
| 1730 hrs | Drinks Reception |
| 1830 hrs | Close |

AGM AGENDA

1. 2024 MINUTES AND ACTIONS

The Minutes of the RMetS Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2024 can be viewed on www.rmets.org/event/celebrating-175-years-royal-meteorological-society-and-agm-2025 or obtained from the Society on request. They will also be available at the reception desk before the meeting if Members should wish to consult them. The President will propose their adoption.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR 2025/26

Council has circulated the nominations for Officers and Members of Council, showing biographies for new appointments. Under By-Law 49, if no further nominations are received by the qualifying date then the President will declare that the circulated list of nominations for Officers and Members of Council are elected unopposed.

3. REPORT OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2024

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2024 can be found on the Society's website from the end of April at www.rmets.org/event/celebrating-175-years-royal-meteorological-society-and-agm-2025, under the 'Resources' section on the 'About Us' webpage www.rmets.org/about-the-society, or can be obtained on request from the Society. They will also be a limited number of copies available at the Meeting.

3.1. A report on the work of the Society in 2024.

3.2. Report by the Treasurer on the 2024 Accounts, the adoption of the Accounts and the proposed election of new Auditors, UHY Ross Brooke.

3.3. Questions to the Chief Executive and Council Members.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive of the Society by close of business on 3 May 2025.