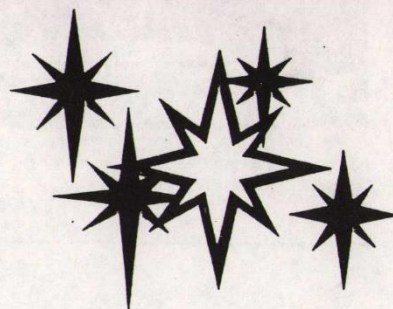


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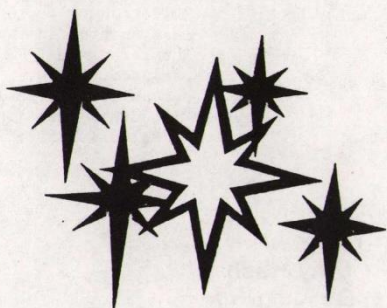
A Christmas Message

This is my first Christmas as Director of RAL and it gives me very great pleasure to write the traditional Christmas message. I have certainly enjoyed 1987; it has been an exciting year with notable achievements in many areas and I congratulate you on your successes.

Some of my most pleasurable experiences during the year have come when I have been showing visitors round the Laboratory. We are all proud of our scientific and technical achievements; everybody is keen to show off their own particular piece of hardware or their latest results and it is good to see the effect that these have on visitors. The science and technology are always impressive but time and time again it has been the people who have stolen the show. As visitors prepare to leave the Laboratory the two words that most usually feature in their thanks are "enthusiasm" and "professionalism". It is clear that the lasting memory that many people take away with them from RAL is of a highly professional laboratory with people working enthusiastically and with great commitment at the forefront of their subjects. It is to these people, to you, that I send this Christmas message. As long as these personal qualities continue to feature strongly in the life of RAL our future is certain to be exciting and secure.

Thank you for your strong support in 1987; I hope that, like me, you are all looking forward to another highly successful year in 1988. I wish joy and happiness to you and your families this Christmas time and trust that together we will have a very happy New Year.

Paul R. Vickers



Visitors

Canadian



David Gray compares ISIS with the proposed Kaon factory using the ISIS model.

On Friday 27 November, a team from Canada visited the Laboratory to discuss the KAON factory, proposed to be built at the TRIUMF Laboratory in British Columbia in Canada. This would be a high intensity 30 GeV synchrotron, dedicated to producing powerful beams of K-mesons, antiprotons and neutrinos. There is interest around the world in such facilities, and we were impressed with the way they see investment in high energy physics as a stimulus to their economy, and as a means of bringing new skills and technological industries into their area. British groups already have worked happily at TRIUMF, and the new facility offers exciting possibilities. The delegation visited the ISIS control room and saw the CRISP spectrometer. They expressed particular enthusiasm for the expertise at RAL in the design and construction of high-intensity synchrotrons.

Russian

Three eminent Russian Scientists, Academician K S Demirchian, Professor Yu Ryzhov and Dr A A Dynkin visited the Laboratory on Friday 13 November, primarily to discuss the wind energy programme with Professor Norman Lipman.

Swedish

Two Scientific Committees of the Swedish Natural Science Research Council (Naturvetenskapliga Forskningsrådet), the Chemistry Committee and the Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy Committee, visited the Laboratory on Tuesday 17 November. After introductory talks by the Director and Professor Leadbetter the visitors toured the Laboratory.

Apprentice Awards



At the Annual Harwell Apprentice Prizegiving on 1 December two of our apprentices received Merit Awards. Our congratulations to Stephen Angood (1st year mechanical) and Robert Lansley (4th year electrical) on their success.

Stephen (left) and Robert (right) receiving their prizes from Mr R E J Roberts, Group Managing Director, GKN Plc. (Photos. Harwell).



Christian Fellowship

The Fellowship usually meets in the R2 Conference Room on Thursdays at 12.30pm. All are welcome.

24 December No meeting.
31 December Open Fellowship.

Film Badge Notice

It is now Period 13. Colour strip ORANGE.

Next film issue commences Monday 4 January (Period 1, colour strip GREEN). Please change your films promptly when you return after the holiday.

Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Editor.



The next lecture in this series will take place on Thursday 14 January in the R22 Lecture Theatre at 3.15pm.

THE MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE
by
ALISTAIR GRAHAM
Director Industrial Society

DELPHI Solenoid

Arrived safe and sound at CERN at 3.30pm on Thursday 3 December.

Missing

Would the person who borrowed the Kodak carousel from Conference Room 3, Building R61, during Friday 20 November please contact J Wells (Ext: 5424) or S Richens (Ext: 6743). Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

RAL collected £219.62 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.

The Legion thanks all the collectors for their hard work and the many contributors for their generosity.

Astrophysics events

These seminars are held at 2pm on Wednesdays in R61 Conference Room.

13 January "Electron Acceleration in the Aurora: a new perspective", Dr Duncan Bryant (RAL).
3 February "The Great Attractor", Dr Malcolm Currie (RAL).

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