

SUFFOLK CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY

THE CAVENDISH LABORATORY, RAY DOLBY CENTRE, on TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2026

We hope you will be able to join us on Tuesday 21st April at the Ray Dolby Centre, home of the [New Cavendish Laboratory](#), in Cambridge for an exclusive group visit which includes a talk by [Dr Harry Cliff](#) on the history of the Cavendish followed by a tour of the facility hosted by Dr David Ward (Head of Characterisation at the [National Facility CORDE](#)). This visit may also be of interest to any of your relatives or friends who may wish to study at the Cavendish at either undergraduate or post-graduate level. They would be very welcome to join us.

For over 150 years, the Cavendish Laboratory has been at the forefront of scientific discovery. The electron, the neutron, the structure of DNA, pulsars to name but a few! The Cavendish has been the home of 36 Nobel prize winners. In 2025, the Ray Dolby Centre was opened. This is a very impressive building which cost £303m providing teaching and research facilities which are unequalled in Europe.

The programme for the visit;

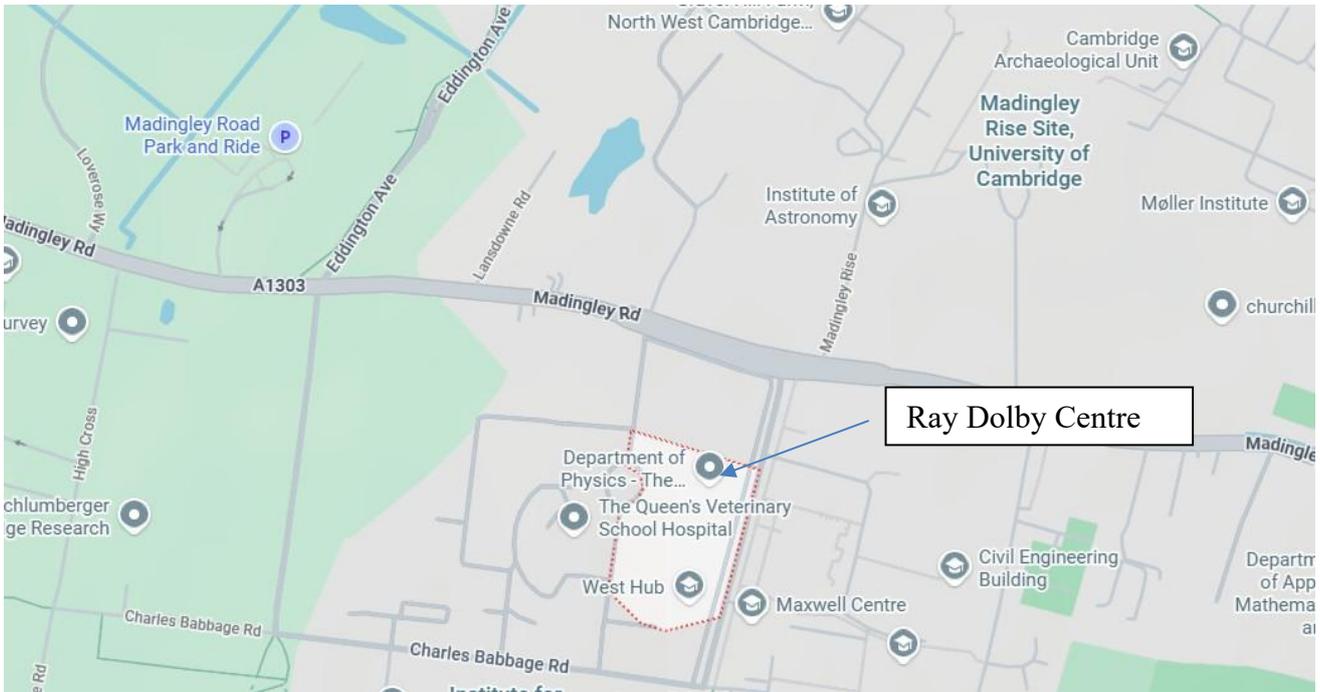
1.00pm: Meet for lunch in the [Cavendish Café](#) which is on the 3rd Floor of the Ray Dolby Centre, JJ Thomson Ave, Cambridge West Innovation District CB3 0US. Tables will be reserved for us. The Café serves hot main meals, sandwiches, toasties, cakes and drinks which can be purchased from the counter. There are extensive panoramic views of the city from the Café.

2.00pm: Talk by Dr Harry Cliff on the history of the Cavendish in the [Cluster Room](#) which is on the Ground Floor.

3.00pm: Tour of the Ray Dolby Centre in 3 or 4 groups hosted by Dr David Ward and team.

Following the tour, you are very welcome to visit the [Cavendish Museum](#) which is in the Ray Dolby Centre. The museum displays the most significant collection of scientific apparatus relating to physics anywhere in the world.

The cost is £14 per person which includes a donation to the Cavendish Outreach programme. Please use the simple and secure [ONLINE FORM](#) to pay by Credit or Debit card. If you wish to pay by cheque, please complete the enclosed Invitation Form and post with your cheque to David Smith, SCS Treasurer/Secretary at the address on the Form. If you are not on email, please enclose a s.a.e with your completed Invitation Form and cheque.



The Cavendish Laboratory, Ray Dolby Centre is on J J Thomson Avenue off Maddingley Road. The postcode is CB3 0US.

There is no car parking on site. The [Maddingley Road Park & Ride](#) (postcode CB3 0EX) is ~15 minute walk from the Ray Dolby Centre though this involves walking alongside Maddingley Road (which is very busy!). To avoid the walk, take the P&R bus into town from the Maddingley Road P&R– this has a stop just before J J Thomson Avenue on Maddingley Road – the walk to the Ray Dolby Centre is then ~4 minutes.

Buses from the centre of town are frequent. The Universal (U Bus) leaves from the railway station and stops opposite West Hub. The return journey bus stop is right outside our building. It takes 25 minutes in light traffic to make that journey from the station. The Park & Ride buses also come from the town centre.



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