

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION

Visit to Aylesford Newsprint Thursday 16 March 2006

This visit has been organised by George Freeman

Albert E Reed began papermaking at Aylesford in 1922 and at one time 13 paper machines were in operation on the site. Reed grew to become Reed International. In 1990 SCA purchased the manufacturing operations included the single machine newsprint operation using 100 per cent recycled newsprint. It was in 1993 that SCA Forest Products and Mondi Minorco (later Mondi) paper formed Aylesford Newsprint Limited.

Aylesford Newsprint Limited (ANL) aims to be the natural choice for buyers of premium quality newsprint in Europe. It is a company of 380 people on one site, ANL has achieved exceptional recognition for its single-minded dedication to producing the highest quality newsprint for newspapers. Newsprint is manufactured by recycling recovered paper, using skilled, highly trained people and the most advanced technology available. The company provides unrivalled service to customers and seeks to work in partnership with local authorities and communities in the collection of newspapers and magazines for recycling.

The two newsprint machines at Aylesford have a combined capacity of approximately 400,000 tonnes per annum. The modern, PM14, has set five world records for newsprint production and in the three minutes it takes to boil an egg, it makes three miles of newsprint. About a third of the production goes to export and ANL has the facilities to transport 'Renaissance' direct to their Continental European customers by road or rail - customers have the choice. Aylesford Newsprint has made a major contribution to the national recycling targets by recycling about 500,000 tonnes of recovered material per annum.



Programme

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 12.15 | Arrival. Introduction/presentation by Anders Astrom
Visitors Centre, Newsprint House. |
| 13.00 | Buffet Lunch (1st Floor Conf Room, Newsprint House) |
| 14.00 | Mill Tour with Mill Guide - Lin Hassall |
| 15.00 Approx | Finish |

Numbers are limited to 20 and the cost including coffee and a buffet lunch is £6.00

Travel details

By Road

Leave the M20 at junction 4 taking the A228 north towards Rochester.

At the first roundabout, turn right into Leybourne Way.

Passing Tesco on the right, continue across the next roundabout into Bellingham Way and left at the following roundabout.

Follow Bellingham Way to Aylesford Newsprint Gatehouse directly ahead.

By Rail

From London Victoria or Charing Cross direct to West Malling Station.

Larkfield Taxis are based at West Malling Station; for pre-booking a taxi telephone *Rickshaw* on 01732 871190.

Car Parking

Drive to the car park and press the intercom, the barrier will rise.

Park in the *Visitors* section of the car park.

After parking your car, please sign in with Security and you will be directed to the appropriate reception point.

Please note it is at least a five minute walk from the car park to most key areas within the site.

The local area

