



# Society for the History of Astronomy

**SHA Spring Conference 2012**  
**Saturday 28 April**  
 National Maritime Museum  
 Park Row, Greenwich, London SE10 9NF

Time	Speaker	Subject	Note
09.30 to 10.00		REGISTRATION	Refreshments will be provided
10.00	Madeline Cox, FRAS Chairman, S.H.A.	Welcome to NMM	
10.15 to 11.15	<b>Gilbert Satterthwaite</b> MSc FRAS, recent Chairman S.H.A.	<i>Being an Astronomer at the Royal Observatory in the 1950s</i>	(former ROG staff member, and the last astronomer to use the Airy Transit)
11.15 to 11.45		COFFEE Break	Refreshments will be provided
11.45 to 13.00	<b>Roger Davies</b> Philip Wetton Professor of Astrophysics, Oxford, President of the RAS	<i>The Gemini telescopes - Britain's quest for large telescopes</i>	Cosmologist, co-discoverer of the 'Great Attractor'. Led the development team for Gemini.
13.00 to 14.30		LUNCH BREAK	Delegates are asked to make their own arrangements.
14.30 to 15.30	<b>Dr Mike Dworetzky</b> University of London Observatory	<i>The Mill Hill Observatory of the University of London- and maximising historic instruments</i>	(long-serving Senior Astronomer, and Director of Mill Hill 1996-2008).
15.30 to 16.00		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS	Refreshments will be provided
16.00 to 17.00	<b>Roger Jones</b>	<i>The SHA Survey of Astronomical History</i>	
17.00	Madeline Cox	CONCLUSION & DISPERSAL	

The programme offers real insights into the last years of the ROG at Greenwich, the history and context of the sustained and successful effort to build large telescopes on overseas sites for British astronomers, and the extraordinary achievements at Mill Hill Observatory with its historic telescopes.

There is an excellent café/restaurant nearby in the Museum, and pubs within walking distance.

**Guests or non-members wishing to try a meeting and see what we are about are most welcome.**

**Booking, or registering, in advance please, at £10 per person, helps enormously to facilitate arrangements.**

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 assisting Peter Hingley, Meetings Secretary, for this event.