

Retirement of Whitchurch organist, Colin Windsor FRS



Colin has attained the age of 80 this month and is retiring from a dozen years as principal organist of St. Mary's and St. John's. Presentations were made to him in front of a big audience at The Old Stables on Sunday 1st July. His world-beating scientific Tokamak work continues into creating energy by fusion, and he did his best to explain it to the bewildered congregation after the service on Sunday.

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For those who were intrigued by Colin's talk and would like to know more about his remarkable career, here is his profile on the Tokamak Energy website:

"Colin is an expert in neutronics whose outstanding experimental and modelling skills have led the way to powerful industrial applications of neutrons and of neutral nets. For this work he was awarded the Duddell Medal by the Institute of Physics in 1986 and Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1995.

A fellow in Physics at Magdalen College in Oxford, Colin spent a postdoc year at Yale before arriving at Harwell Campus during what he describes as the "golden years" of research at the science, innovation and technology hub.

He worked on large Toshiba and CEGB research projects that investigated the microstructure and residual stress of irradiated

pressure vessel steels, as well as the Esprit II project – ANNIE (Applications of Neutral Nets to Industry in Europe) on which he undertook the role of chairman for the Image Analysis group.

A short time later, Colin joined Culham Laboratory and to work on JET, the most powerful tokamak ever built and the device that generated 16MW of fusion power in 1997. As Programme Area Manager for neutron diagnostic studies and Special Studies research, Colin's work lead to a successful modelling of the JET plasma directly from the measured neutrons."

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