



The Rumford Club

Patron Baroness Diana Maddock



What is it?

A dining/discussion group which meets on the third Thursday of each month from October to March at the Army & Navy Club on Pall Mall in London. It is sociable in nature, with a desire to inform.

Originally formed in 1947 to address mainly technical topics around air movement such as air conditioning, it has developed a broader view of potential subjects within the building engineering services sector.

Who can join?

It is a club for members involved in all aspects of building services engineering including consultancy, contracting, manufacturing, education and research. It aims to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Dinner guests are welcome.

There are no age restrictions although members are expected to have sufficient experience in the industry to contribute to the activities, reputation and well-being of the club.

What is the commitment?

There is a small annual membership fee (£25). Dinner costs are kept low (circa £40) to encourage frequent attendance at the dinners, which begin and finish early (18.30 – 22.00 h).

Who was Rumford?

Count Rumford was born as Benjamin Thompson in America in 1753. His engineering expertise on ballistics in England allowed him to become a Fellow of the Royal Society.

He became a Count of the Imperial German Court as a result of his work on military logistics and cannon-boring. Returning to UK he helped form the Royal Institution and then achieved popular acclaim for his inventive design for domestic fireplaces.

His achievements go far beyond this brief summary and we are fortunate to be associated with such a significant figure in the history of engineering.

Where can I learn more?

Visit the club website www.rumfordclub.org.uk

How do I join?

Please contact the Honorary Secretary, David Wood, on davidwood2001@hotmail.com, and ask for an application form or more information.

