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# Honour paid to maths teacher 'Frisby' with memorial plaque

## Way We Were



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SOME months ago we included an article on the remarkable career of Bertrand M Peek, maths master at Simon Langton Boys' school 1946 to 1955.

Assisted by responses to this piece, the school arranged for a plaque to be placed in the Langton Star Centre, adjacent to the school buildings off Nackington Road, Canterbury. The plaque was designed and created by former teacher at the school, Chris Boucher.

Recently, Dr John Rogers, director of the Jupiter section of the British Astronomical Society, visited the school to unveil the plaque and to meet pupils, staff, and some ex-pupils who had been taught by Mr Peek. Old boys were able to share fond recollections of their maths master of over 60 years ago – even his nickname Frisby, a character in the ITMA radio show.

Dr Rogers brought with him the original observation



**UNVEILED:** Dr John Rogers does the honours

notebooks written by Mr Peek, now kept by the British Astronomical Association. With these, he was able to show how Bertrand's meticulous records and drawings had made a major contribution to our understanding of Jupiter. He also explained how this success led later to the naming of Peek crater on the moon.

Finally, Dr Becky Parker (director of the Langton Star Centre and first recipient of the Patrick Moore Medal), ably assisted by two pupils Tom Durrant and Wilf Dibiase, explained the remarkable



**REMARKABLE MAN:** Bertrand Peek the schoolmaster

success of the school's science project LUCID (Langton Ultimate Cosmic ray Intensity Detector).

The earlier Canterbury Times article on Mr Peek can be found on the CHAS (Canterbury Historical and Archaeological Society) website and at [canterburytimes.co.uk/nostalgia](http://canterburytimes.co.uk/nostalgia)



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