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JUST VISITING: Stephen Fry with NPL scientists in Teddington

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A twitter bit of Fry and Barnes Wallis

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FANS of TV star Stephen Fry's twitterings read about his fun day out in Teddington last week.

The presenter, comedian and director visited the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) on August 12,

where experts explained the history of measurement science and its importance in modern life.

He also watched a recreation of the Barnes Wallis bouncing bomb experiment, which took place at the Hampton Road labs in 1942 and led to the successful attacks on the Ruhr dams in Germany in World War II.

The story was immortalised in the

1955 film *The Dam Busters*, part of which was filmed at NPL.

A remake of the film, written by Fry, is currently in production.

Following his visit he posted a message for his 700,000 followers on online blog site Twitter, saying: "Such a good day at the NPL. So crammed with goodies. Great people, magical place."