

West Didsbury Astronomical Society – Annual General Meeting



Agenda for Monday 8th July 2013

- 1) Acceptance of Notes from previous year's AGM.
- 2) Previous Year's Activities.
- 3) Previous Year's Accounts.
- 4) Appointment of Committee for Next Year.
- 5) Reminder, WDAS Summer BBQ. 31st August at either Phil or Carolyn's house, TBA.
- 6) Winter Observing weekend. 24th to 26th January, 2013. Great Hucklow.
- 7) Any Other Business.
- 8) John Thomson, WDAS President. Charting the Milky Way.

Next Year's Meeting Dates and Speakers (thanks to Carolyn)

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| 09/09/13 – | Eamonn Kerins – Manchester University – The Hunt for Earth 2 |
| 14/10/13 – | Maurizio Salaris – Liverpool John Moore University - TBA |
| 11/11/13 – | Chris Lintott – BBC / Oxford University –Galaxy Soup plus question time |
| 09/12/13 – | Chris Simpson - Liverpool John Moore – Search for the most Distant Quasars. |
| 13/01/14 - | Quiz |
| 10/02/14 – | Sheila Kanani, planetary scientist, TAB |
| 10/03/14 – | Michael Bode – Liverpool John Moore – The Liverpool Telescope, a Giant Robotic Eye on the Sky |
| 07/04/14 – | Lorelly Wilson – Chemistry for Astronomers |
| 12/05/14 – | TBA |
| 09/06/14 – | TBA |
| 14/07/14 – | AGM |

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Annual Report on the Society's Activities 2012/13

Report by Phil Brocklebank



Monthly Meetings/ Speakers

10 th September	Chris Bowdery – Lancaster University: Higgs Boson – an Update
8 th October	Prof. Lionel Wilson – Lancaster University: Ancient Volcanism on the Moon and Mercury
12 th November	Prof. Chris Parkes – University of Manchester: What is the Matter with Anti-matter
10 th December	Anthony Bristow – Astra Zeneca: Touching from a Distance, Chemical Analysis in Space
14 th January	Kevin Weatherill: WDAS Astro Quiz
11 th February	Mark Purver – University of Manchester: Detecting Gravitational Waves Using Pulsars
11 th March	Althea Wilkinson – University of Manchester: Planck Mission
15 th April	Jeff Forshaw – University of Manchester: The Quantum Universe
13 th May	Paola Caselli – Leeds University: From Interstellar Clouds to Planets, the Universal Factory.
10 th June	Andrew Bate – Chester AS: The Waverton Long Pendulum. Foucault's Pendulum revisited
8 th July	AGM and John Thomson, WDAS President: Charting the Milky Way

Observing

The annual field trip took place in January, this time to **Great Hucklow**. As usual a good mix of observing (very limited, between the clouds), fine food and drink, games, walking and great company. A good new venue, nearer and slightly more comfortable.

Other Events

A very enjoyable **Christmas meal** was held at the Yara restaurant in Altrincham in December.