

# West Didsbury Astronomical Society – Annual General Meeting



## Agenda for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014

- 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) Any Other Business.
- 6) Member's Evening - Telescopes and Other Equipment.

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

- 08/09/14 - Practical Astronomy, Demonstration and talk by the Committee
- 13/10/14 - Katherine Joy, Manchester University, Exploration and Science of the Moon
- 10/11/14 - Megan Argo, Manchester University, When Galaxies Collide.
- 08/12/14 - Michael Edmunds, Emeritus Professor of Astrophysics, Cardiff University  
The Antikythera Mechanism and the Mechanical Universe."
- 12/01/15 - Quiz
- 09/02/15 - Aravind Vijayaraghavan, University of Manchester, Graphene.
- 09/03/15 - David Sellers, William Gascoigne, A Local Astronomer and Instrument Maker
- 13/04/15 - Donald W Kurtz, Planets and Pulsations: The New Keplerian Revolution.
- 11/05/15 - TBA
- 08/06/15 - TBA
- 13/07/15 - AGM

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## Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013

1. Notes from the previous year's AGM were accepted as an accurate record.  
Proposed by Kevin Weatherilt and seconded by Louise Orlandini.
2. Introduction by WDAS Chairman Phil Brocklebank.
3. Annual report on activities by Phil Brocklebank – we all remembered something from each meeting. Thanks to Caroline for all her work on finding speakers.
4. Previous Year's accounts – Report from Marie O'Sullivan:  
We made a loss this year of £21.23p

It was agreed not to increase the subscription fee this year. A couple of members donated some money to cover losses.

5. Phil Brocklebank talked about the coming year's activities – Great Hucklow, Bar-b-q, Christmas meal out and next year's speakers.
6. Appointment of the Committee Members.
  - a) Chair – Phil Brocklebank
  - b) Treasurer – Louise Orlandini/Marie O'Sullivan
  - c) Minutes Secretary – Susie Busby
  - d) Speaker Secretary – Carolyn Jones
  - e) Website – Kevin Weatherilt
  - f) Publicity – Marie O'Sullivan
  - g) Observing – Jason Woolley
  - h) Master baker – Louise Orlandini
  - i) Other – Costel Harnaz, Zeneith Ali
7. Talk from John Thompson – Charting the Milk Way.
8. Refreshments provided by committee.

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## Annual Report on the Society's Activities 2013/14

Report by Phil Brocklebank



### Monthly Meetings/ Speakers

9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Eamonn Kerins – Manchester University:</b> The Hunt for Earth 2
14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Maurizio Salaris – Liverpool John Moore University:</b> Dead Stars and the Origin of the Universe
11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>John Thomson - WDAS President:</b> Charting the Milky Way
9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Chris Simpson - Liverpool John Moore University:</b> Search for the most Distant Quasars
13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Kevin Weatherilt:</b> WDAS Astro Quiz
10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Sheila Kanani:</b> Moons in the Solar System
11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Michael Bode – Liverpool John Moore University:</b> The Liverpool Telescope, a Giant Robotic Eye on the Sky
7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Lorelly Wilson:</b> Chemistry with Cabbages for Astronomers
12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Barry Henshall Manchester Astronomical Society:</b> The Birth of Astrophotography
10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Andrew Greenwood – Macclesfield AS:</b> Mars
8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>AGM and Members Evening:</b> Telescopes and Other Equipment

### Observing

The annual field trip took place in January, to **Great Hucklow**. As usual a good mix of observing including seeing supernova SN 2014J, fine food and drink, games, walking and great company.

### Other Events

A very enjoyable **Christmas meal** was held at the Greens restaurant in West Didsbury in December.