

West Didsbury Astronomical Society – Annual General Meeting



Agenda for Monday 9th July 2018

- 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) Nigel Henbest – Cosmic Quest

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

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| 10/09/18 | Mark Derbyshire, "Asteroid Craters in Northern Europe." |
| 08/10/18 | Chris Reed, (Altrincham and District Astro. Soc), "Moons of the Solar System." |
| 12/11/18 | Tom Scragg, (University of Manchester), "Pulsars." |
| 10/12/18 | Rickbir Bahia, (University of Manchester), "The Evolution of Surface Topography on Mars from Channel Networks." |
| 8/01/18 | Quiz, organised by Trevor and Kevin |
| 11/02/19 | Timo Laitinen, (UCLAN), "Sun-Earth Connection." |
| 11/03/19 | David Sobral, (Lancaster University), "The Quest for our Cosmic Origins: the Sky is Only the Beginning." |
| 08/04/19 | Paul Connolly, (University of Manchester), "Saturn's Hexagon." |
| 13/05/19 | Paul Money, "Triumphs of Voyager Pt1: Journey to Jupiter / Splendours of Saturn." |
| 10/06/19 | Chris Suddick, (Altrincham and District Astronomical Society), "Mythology of the Stars." |
| 08/07/19 | Mark Hughes (University of Manchester), "Massive Black Holes." |

Summer BBQ

1st September 2018 at Trevor's house, near Huddersfield. All Welcome.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday 11th July 2017



1. Notes from the previous year's AGM were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by Jason Woolley and seconded by Louise Orlandini.
2. Introduction by WDAS Chairman Phil Brocklebank. Phil gave a run down on the year's speakers and a brief outline of the society's history.
3. Annual report on activities by Phil Brocklebank. Thanks to Carolyn for all her work on finding speakers.
4. Previous Year's accounts. It was agreed not to increase the subscription fee this year. Still have £409 in bank account. Agreed that society did not to consider any tax positions.
5. Phil Brocklebank talked about the coming year's activities – trip away, Bar-b-q, Christmas meal out and next year's speakers. Plans to change society arrangements were considered, including possibly changing the meeting venue.
6. Appointment of the Committee Members.
 - a) Chair – Phil Brocklebank
 - b) Treasurer –Phil Brocklebank
 - c) Minutes Secretary – Susie Busby
 - d) Speaker Secretary – Carolyn Jones
 - e) Website – Kevin Weatherilt
 - f) Publicity – Zenith Woolley And Susie Busby
 - g) Observing – Trevor Cotterell
 - h) Master baker – Louise Orlandini
 - i) Other – Costel Harnaz,

The AGM lasted 11 minutes!

7. Talk from Dimitris Stamatellos on Exoplanets.
8. Refreshments provided by committee.

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Annual Report on the Society's Activities 2017/18

Report by Phil Brocklebank



Monthly Meetings/ Speakers

11 th September	Dean Harris – “The UK Beagle 2 Lander For Mars”
9 th October	Michael Oates – “What’s in an Image.”
13 th November	Rene Breton – “Cosmic Fireworks.”
11 th December	Jeff Forshaw – “Universal – A Journey Through The Cosmos.”
8 th January	Quiz by Trevor
12 th February	Stacey Habergham “Exploring the Universe with Exploding Stars.”
12 th March	Gemma Reed – “The James Webb Telescope.”
9 th April	Andrew Green – “Apollo – One Small Step.”
14 th May	Michael Garret – “SETI.”
11 th June	Jacco Van Loon – “Spaceship Earth.”
9 th July	AGM – Nigel Henbest – “Cosmic Quest.”

Observing

We had two field trips to **Lligwy** in Anglesey: in September and March. As usual, these had a good mix of observing, fine food and drink, games, walking and great company. We will return there.

Other Events

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