

West Didsbury Astronomical Society – Annual General Meeting



Agenda for Monday 13th July 2020

- 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) Plans for Autumn 2020, Likely to continue with Zoom Meetings.
- 6) Any Other Business.
- 7) Steve Hurley – SETI and the Rare Earth Hypothesis



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

- 14/09/2020 Chris Waring (University of Leeds) "Filaments, Feedback and forming the Rosette".
- 12/10/2020 Chris Arridge (Lancaster University) The JUICE Mission to Jupiter and Ganymede
- 09/11/2020 Ivan Baldry – Galaxy Populations and the Colour of the Universe
- 14/12/2020 Steve Barrett (U. of Liverpool) The Star of Bethlehem
- 11/01/2021 Martin Kessel "Astrophotography Part 2"
- 08/02/2021 Ian Robson The Changing scene in Astronomy
- 08/03/2021 William Stewart "The Size of Space - Just how do astronomers estimate distances?"
- 12/04/2021 Andrew Greenwood "Sky Fire"
- 10/05/2021 Jeff Forshaw (U. of Manchester) Black Holes
- 14/06/2021 Clive Saunders (U of Manchester) Atmospheric Optical Phenomena: Rainbows, halos and glories
- 12/07/2021 Pauline Norris "Egyptians and the Astronomical Constellations" (Temporary title)

Summer BBQ

To be confirmed. May not happen this year.



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting Monday 8th July 2019

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 of 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.
5. Phil Brocklebank talked about the coming year's activities – trip away, Bar-b-q, Christmas meal out and next year's speakers.
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 and Andrew Huggett
 - f) Publicity – Zenith Woolley and Susie Busby
 - g) Observing – Trevor Cotterell and Jason Woolley
 - h) Master Baker – Louise Orlandini

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Annual Report on the Society's Activities 2019/20

Report by Phil Brocklebank



Monthly Meetings/ Speakers

| Date | Event |
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| 08/06/20 | Licia Ray (Lancaster University) – Auroral Emissions Through the Solar System |
| 11/05/20 | Boyd Bowdish and Andrew Bradshaw (Vera Rubin Observatory) – Sudden Starlink Syndrome |
| 09/03/20 | Pauline Norris – The Ancient Egyptians and Their Astronomy |
| 10/02/20 | Rene Breton (University of Manchester) – A Hitchhiker's Guide to Black Holes |
| 13/01/20 | Martin Kessel – Introduction to Astrophotography |
| 09/12/19 | Paul Connolly (University of Manchester) – Saturn's Hexagon |
| 11/11/19 | Mathew Cobb (University of Manchester) – Alien Life in the Universe |
| 17/10/19 | Steve Hurley (WDAS) – Dark Matter and Dark Energy |
| 09/09/19 | Steve Barrett (University of Liverpool) – The Great Moon Hoax |
| 08/07/19 | Annual General Meeting & Mark Hughes (University of Manchester) – Massive Black Holes |

Observing

We had a field trip to **Lligwy** in Anglesey in September.

Other Events

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