

# **Newbury Astronomical Society AGM Report 4th June 2021**

Because of the pandemic all communication is via Zoom meetings.

George Sallit, our President presented the AGM with brief information about our year, more detail of this is in his Chairmans' report sent separately.

He explained that the Zoom meetings have allowed for other local clubs to join us and for us to join their meetings allowing many more members to be involved in talks. Unfortunately this has also meant that some of our existing members aren't joining the zoom meetings, it would be useful to know why this is. Speakers have come from as far as the Netherlands and the USA . Only 2 or 3 speakers were given small amounts of money and these people were ones whose jobs were in astronomy.

George gave thanks to Ann to which we all agreed, for her work in getting us some very interesting speakers over the year despite the obvious difficulties.

Thanks were given to Nicky for organising the beginners meetings which has also allowed other clubs to be involved. Overall the zoom meetings have gone well.

Face to face meetings will start in September, presuming the government guidelines allow. The speakers will still be on Zoom initially, this will allow for those who may be worried about meeting in person to still be involved in the meetings.

The Accounts for the year have been sent to members. The proposal is not to charge membership again this year but a request will be made to people who wish to donate to the zoom meetings as there are still costs attached. Donations will be gratefully accepted too at Mencap to help cover the costs both of the hire of the hall and the drinks. Any payments can be made via BACs or directly to Peter, our treasurer.

Another year of Zoom has been paid for taking us until May 22nd '22

The committee have all agreed to continue for the coming year. Voted on and accepted (via Zoom.)

As an opportunity for us to meet face to face before we start our new year we have organised a summer gathering, a Soiree at Deanwood Golf Club, Stockcross on Saturday 31st July from 5.30pm to midnight for a buffet with bar and gardens. Cost depends on numbers attending, at most it will be £20 per head. Bring your telescope if you would like to stay until late and solar scopes for the sunny day that we have on order. Kath would like to know who would be coming along and then can confirm once we know for sure that we can go ahead and at that point will send out emails to collect money preferably via BACs.

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