

Newbury Astronomical Society Minutes 9th May 2018

Apologies: Chris Dole

Present: Richard Fleet, Chris Hooker, Peter Bendell, Mark Gray, Steve Knight, Ann Davies, David Boyd, Steve Harris, Chris Douglas, Jonathan Saunders, Tony Hersh, George Sallit, Kath Nurse, Alan Wyles

Minutes: Accepted after alteration re Jenny ' Shipley'should have read ' Shipway'

Matters arising: Brightwalton Summer Fete had a good attendance with a possibility of new members

Last meeting: Agreed by all that it was a successful evening, enjoyed by members

Next Meeting: AGM, there have been 14 nominated names so far for the next committee. Closing date for entries is one week before the meeting so 25th May. Peter is underway with the financial report and Nicky has agreed to cover social media as Steve K will be away. Tony Hersh will write the minutes as Kath is away.

Beginners: Talk on southern skies which Richard will cover. Steve Knight will talk on Quasars

Forthcoming events: Nicky has produced a write up and data sheet in preparation for GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) coming in to law on 25th May. Long discussion on how best to implement this. Nicky will finalise. An announcement on our policy will be made at our AGM.

Leicester visit: This visit has been cancelled as there were not enough takers.

Thatcham Fun day: Steve H has no details yet, he will keep us informed. The Festival on 13th October is going ahead and Steve H hopes to advertise it so that we get better audience numbers.

Tony had not received any word on outreach in April although there was a visit to an Old Peoples home by some members. Steve Harris did a talk at Hamstead Marshall on 3rd May organised by Val Russell and NAS attended the Brightwalton festival on 6th May. Tony questioned how we can attract more children to our events, he will ask that we record an idea of numbers who attend and the proportion of children.

Membership Review: There are 93 paid up members

Finance: Tony has received £350 from Waitrose which he has passed over to Peter. Peter will have accounts ready for the AGM

AOB: George asked for more detail on an idea from Jenny Shipway regarding an Infra Red Camera to be used at events. Nicky will discuss how to set one up and components with Mark Byrne.

Mark is still looking out for Projector deals

Nicky proposed that Peter buy a lockable box for our data, to be paid for by the society

Ann will invite Alan Chapman to our xmas meal. She also mentioned the New Scientist event in September and whether we wished to be involved again which was agreed by the committee. Chris Hooker wished to attend this year. BAA Winchester weekend confirmed as 5th - 7th April 2019 . Also on Saturday 22nd June 2019 BAA will have a days meet at RAL

Steve H has a very old lap top, he asked if he could now get rid of it - agreed by the committee

Jonathan told us of Amazon Smile Programme where 0.5% of purchases are donated to your chosen charity. Mark will explore further.

Kath mentioned that John Napper is having his summer party on 18th August for members. He will send details to George to be added to his letter to members in the summer.

Tony Hersh has sent apologies for the next committee meeting

Next committee meeting scheduled for 15th August