

# Newbury Astronomical Society Committee meeting 9th August 2019

**Present:** all committee members

**Minutes:** Accepted

**Matters arising:** Now that we have a new committee we will look into organising new name badges for all.

**Programme:** Awaiting confirmation of a speaker for our September meeting. David Boyd has agreed to change his contribution from January 2020 to this September if necessary.

Chris H has said that Prof Tony Bell has offered to give a talk to the club during 2020.

**Beginners Meeting:** Programme completed, first meeting is about beginners' projects.

Programmes are ready for 1st meeting, now on website.

**Future events:** 29th August - fun on the green, Thatcham Broadway. Julie suggested video or slide show of Astronomical pictures.

John Nappers Star party is 10th August

Steve H said that a lady who asked him about having a stand at Francis Bailey school next spring. He also suggested a stargazing event on Lower Way in September / October at a venue offered by the local council from last year. Steve will discuss with the council.

Marlborough has an Astronomical event in October 2nd-4th October 2020 asked if NAS would be involved. Agreed that we would help.

**AOB:** Chris Douglas awaiting calendar so that he can put it on the website

Kath said the Xmas dinner is now sorted out, there will be a need to put car reg info to reception.

Chris H said that the RAL event was successful, a few of us went along and showed the sun through our telescopes as well as having a stand focusing on the Moon landing.

Chris H does not wish to be the only person writing up the meeting summaries for the website, he requested that others come forward to take their turn as it is seen by a lot of people on the website so is worthwhile continuing.

Due to the number of members Ann feels it is too cramped at her home, she is happy for it to be used in an emergency though. She has contacted St Marys church their charge is £8 an hour and their free day is Wednesday.

Tony said there were 40 - 50 people attending the Stockcross Moon landing event during the day. The evening Disco was also successful.

Tony now has 3 years data of NAS activities. It was agreed that the year should run from September to August for collection of data. Tony has agreed to give a talk to members on the data.

Steve K had contact from Dr Peter Allen who would like to join NAS, he is an Astrophysicist.

David said that Ann has a telescope in her shed that she would like to give away, it needs servicing. Steve K offered to tweet it

Peter has not heard from SAGAS about our subscription. He has a £272.88 refund from Gift Aid and £16.90 from Amazon smile,

Alan: Needs timings, will await George's Chairman's letter.