

# NEWBURY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING.

**23RD SEPTEMBER 2020**

Apologies: Tony Hersh, Ann Davies

**Present:** George Salit, David Boyd, Peter Bendell, Jonathan Saunders, Steve Harris, Steve Knight, Nicky Fleet, Richard Fleet, Julie Armstrong, Alan Wyles, Chris Hooker, Mark Gray, Chris Douglas

**Minutes:** Agreed.

**Matters arising:** Agreed that Zoom is working well but concerns that quite a few members are not joining. It was decided that an email will be sent to membership each month to remind them of the meetings. In the process the initial email allows the membership to be updated; to check that members are able to use Zoom and also to check their GDPR permissions.

Alternative hosts for meetings were discussed and agreed that Nicky would take on the Beginners meeting and Richard the main meeting.

**Review of last meetings:** Very successful meeting with Martin Radcliffe, known to many of the 'older' members as he was a member at NAS in the early days. Now lives in US.

Beginners meeting had varied talks by members in September but fewer members were present on Zoom. ( see above )

**Next Meeting:** Astrophysics - Professor Tony Bell. Chris H to contact to confirm arrangements. Generally agreed that it is a bonus using Zoom, we have members from other clubs joining us and the offer for us to join them too for their meetings. Cross pollination can only be a good thing.

NEW: We will endeavour to record all the main meetings and upload them to the Newbury Astronomical Society YouTube Channel, provided the speaker does not object. This will not be on offer for our Beginners meetings.

**Beginners:** The Beginners meeting will be moved back to Wednesdays. BAA meetings which were watched on Wednesdays are less often now and can be seen later on YouTube.

Subject: Men are from Mars, Microbes on Venus

**Forthcoming events:** Christmas dinner . Kath has been in contact with Donnington Golf Course, they are still hoping to go ahead dependant on situation at the time. We agreed that it was unlikely .

Outreach: The idea of having Zoom meetings with scouts / cubs etc. was discussed, Steve H will look into it.

The Thatcham on the Green event in the autumn is unlikely to go ahead

Tony and Steve H are still engaged in PR

**AOB:** Peter has had 2 donations from Amazon Smile through the summer £27 and £13

Chris Hooker announced that the BAA website are to live stream Mars for National Astronomy Week on 14 - 22 November . Seasoned Astronomers are asked to take part, Chris to do so.

**Next Meeting:** Date TBC... late Nov/early Dec