

# **Newbury Astronomical Society - Zoom Committee meeting minutes**

**10th December 2020**

**Present:** George Sallit, Kath Nurse, Steve Harris, David Boyd, Steve Knight, Alan Wyles, Tony Hersh, Richard Fleet, Nicky Fleet, Chris Hooker, Ann Davies, Julie Armstrong, Chris Douglas, Mark Gray.

**Apologies:** Jonathan Saunders, Peter Bendall

**Minutes of last meeting:** Approved

**Matters Arising:** Kath has spoken with Golf course, Christmas dinner is cancelled but agreed for them to hang on to deposit in the hope that we can have a summer post Covid meal there.

**Review of last meeting:** Colin Stuart talked on The Sun's Greatest Mysteries. Generally felt to be disappointing in that it was a little basic for the audience. The previous month - Tony Bell talk was well received.

**Zoom meetings:** General agreement that meeting this way was working well.

**Beginners Meeting:** Good meeting with 64 visitors, some from other local clubs.

**Next Main meeting:** Tomorrow's meeting - How artists and illustrators have coloured the Universe. - Dr Alexandra Loske (University of Sussex) 2nd half - Chris H will cover the Starship launch, George will show Arecibo video .  
Members meeting in January

**Next Beginners:** George, Chris H , Steve H offered talks

**Publicity:** Tony has been doing write ups for the Round and About magazine and Newbury Weekly News. There has been some response to him with a possible couple of new members. Steve Harris sends information each month to Penny Post.

**Finance:** Peter Bendall sent latest information - Incoming - £334.67 from Gift Aid and £20.10 from Amazon Smile. Outgoing - £50.50p paid to BAA membership.  
Nicky asked for our website costs to be paid. She will send Invoice to Peter

Note: David will check with BAA how the electronic magazine can be sent to our membership as affiliated members, meanwhile George will send an initial magazine out via Alan.

**Forthcoming events:** Chris H has a request from RAL for our help with Stargazing event in January , to be a virtual event. Webinar talks can be done. Chris H has offered a live streaming of the moon with a talk. Chris suggested 15 minute talks from volunteers. Richard offered a talk on the Sun, George offered 'fun facts about the Universe' Steve K can offer a talk about the ISS if clear. Chris H will explore the possibility of a talk about an observatory owned by one of our members. RAL are keen for live streams so encouraging ideas to include audience participation.

**AOB:** Ann has BAA diaries for anybody that wants one. Members evening discussed for January. George suggested Reading speakers talk to Newbury and Newbury members talk to Reading. In February Alan Lorraine will talk to NAS

Steve H - explained that the battery pack on the Society Telescope needs replacing. Agreed to purchase a new one.

George - Discussion on conditions needed for members wishing to apply to use society telescopes.

**Next Meeting:** February March time, date to be decided.