

Meetings diary

Friday Aug 31–Sunday Sept 2

The **BAA Out of London weekend** based in Strathclyde University, Glasgow, titled 'Deep Sky and all that Matters'. See notice on opposite page.

2007 September 10–20

Equinox Star Party at Kelling Heath, Norfolk. (Main day Saturday Sept 15). Organised by Loughton Astronomical Society, supported by the SPA. For more details see www.starparty.org.uk

Friday–Saturday 2007 October 5–6 Seventh European Dark-Sky Symposium, Bled, Slovenia: 'Light Pollution and Global Warming'. Full details on www.darksky2007.si

Saturday 2007 October 13

Annual Convention and AGM of the Federation of Astronomical Societies, Birmingham & Midland Institute, Birmingham.

Items for this diary should be sent to the *Journal* Editor [hazelmgee@btinternet.com] as soon as dates and locations are known. Details of all astronomical meetings of regional or national interest are welcome. The Editor's decision on inclusion or otherwise of any meeting in this listing is final.

Advance notice

BAA WINCHESTER WEEKEND 2008

The next 'Winchester Weekend' will be held on Friday April 4–Sunday April 6 2008 at the Wessex Conference Centre, Sparsholt College, Winchester. This new venue, five miles from the city of Winchester, will provide ensuite residential accommodation and full conference facilities with bar and rural low-light-polluted skies. A full speaker programme, plus invited trade stands is being prepared. Full details, costs and booking arrangements will appear in a future *Journal*.

Alan Dowdell, meeting organiser

Doors open 09:30, first lecture 10:00. Tickets £12 on the door or £10 if pre-booked. (See notice on page 205.)

Saturday 2007 October 20

The Astronomer Annual General Meeting, at St Mary's Church Hall, Basingstoke. Main speaker Dr Robin Catchpole, 'Are we alone?' See www.theastronomer.org for more information and booking details.

Saturday 2007 October 27

BAA Back to Basics Workshop at the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, Macclesfield, SK10 1AH. 09:45–17:30. The morning will be a selection of talks on the equipment you need to get started, how to observe the Sun, Moon, planets and variable stars and report on your findings. The afternoon will be devoted to half hour workshops with each of the speakers so that you can learn more from Q&A and hands-on practical sessions. Sandwich and fresh fruit lunch provided plus tea/coffee in the morning and afternoon. Cost £7.50 for BAA members and £15.00 non-members – see booking details enclosed with this *Journal*.

Wednesday 2007 October 31

BAA Annual General Meeting, 17:30 hrs at the **Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1** (note revised location). Includes the Presidential Address by Dr R. Miles: 'Asteroids and the amateur: past, present and future'.

Saturday 2007 November 10

Leeds Astromeeet 2007, 10:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m. (doors open 9 a.m.) at the Clothworkers Hall and Foyer, School of Music, Leeds University. Cost: £10 on the door (tbc). Speakers: Dr Dave Gavine (Edinburgh, BAA), 'Aurorae and Noctilucent Clouds'; Prof Phil Diamond (Jodrell Bank), 'Radio Astronomy in the UK, past, present & future'; Prof Peter Coles (Cardiff), 'The Cosmic Web'; Prof Lionel Wilson (Lancaster), 'Volcanism on the Moon'; & Dr Allan Chapman (Oxford), 'Neville Maskelyne, the Astronomer Royal who opposed John Harrison'. Ample free car parking on the campus. For further info see www.leedsastronomy.org.uk ▶

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Wanted

Hanwell Community Observatory seeks new recruits as 'sky guides' to host public stargazing events, Oxon/ S.Midlands area; suit enthusiastic beginners or 'old hands', all welcome. Tel. 01295 730762; details www.hanwellobservatory.org.uk

Wanted, for private/educational observatory and library: AS Williams *Zenographical Fragments 1* (or I and II bound); Ross/ Calvert *Atlas Of The Northern Milky Way*; *Astronomical Registers* any loose/bound;

Schroter *Selenotopographische Fragmente I/II*, plus his other planetary works. Complete libraries, books, periodicals, notebooks, charts, atlases and medals related to observational work. Also wanted old brass telescopes, accessories etc. by Cooke, Dollond, Tulley, Wray etc.; Large binoculars by Zeiss. In doubt, please give me a ring; thanks to all who have contacted me. Please contact: Andy Stephens, 01242 675719; e-mail nighthawk@glasseyes.fsnet.co.uk

Wanted, 16" or larger full thickness (3" thick) mirror in Pyrex or Zerodur. Also wanted

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are Clavé Paris Plossl eyepieces 4mm & 30mm, but will consider all Clavé accessories. Simon Briggs, briggs111@btinternet.com or 01502 531760 (Lowestoft).

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Vixen GP-DX mount with polar scope plus half pillar extension and field tripod with the Skysensor 2000pc GOTO system together with extras. As new condition. I am looking for £1150 complete. Email gordon.collings7@tiscali.co.uk

Meade ETX-125EC telescope with manual, electronic controller & focuser, T-adaptor, eyepieces, filters, Barlow lens etc. Also collection of astronomy books, Philips Planisphere etc. £600 o.n.o., buyer collects. Please e-mail for list, cath.bradshaw@ntlworld.com (Cathleen Bradshaw, Farnborough, Hants.)

2007 August 31 – September 2

Out-of-London Weekend

**at the University of Strathclyde,
50 Richmond St., Glasgow**

Prof John Brown (*Astronomer Royal for Scotland*)
& **Dr David Clarke** – *Astronomy in Glasgow*

Dr Nick Hewitt – *Deep sky observing*

Dr Philip Best – *Radio astronomy*

Dr Pete Edwards – *‘Mined over Dark Matter’*

Martin Morgan-Taylor – *Imaging deep sky
objects, and a lighting law update*

Dr Martin Hendry – *The runaway Universe*

Tom Boles – *Discovering supernovae:
motivation and rewards*

~~ **Session on the Faulkes Telescope** ~~
(*Weather etc. permitting*)

*For details of accommodation, transport etc. see the
BAA Web pages, www.britastro.org/meetings*

2007 October 31, 17:30–20:00 hrs

**at the Geological Society, Burlington House,
Piccadilly, London W1** (*note revised location*)

Annual General Meeting

Dr Richard Miles – The Presidential Address

**Asteroids and the amateur:
past, present and future**

**Confirmation of the Report and Accounts
for 2006–2007**

Followed by the

Ordinary Meeting

Sky Diary for October and November

► **Saturday 2007 November 24**

BAA Ordinary Meeting, 14:30–17:30
at the **Mermaid Conference and Events
Centre, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, Lon-
don EC4V 3D8** (adjacent to Blackfriars Tube
station – see map enclosed with this *Journal*).
Speakers include Dr David Bergman
(Solar Index Data Centre) & Dr Richard
Harrison, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory.

Saturday 2007 December 15

BAA Christmas Meeting, 14:30–17:30 at
the Mermaid Conference Centre, Puddle
Dock, as above. The Christmas Lecture will
be given by Dr Allan Chapman: ‘Thomas
Harriott, the first telescopic astronomer’.

Notice

Voting papers

Members will find the Balloting List for Council enclosed with this issue of the *Journal*. Please take a few minutes to vote and return the balloting list to the office no later than 2007 October 24 in the envelope provided. When returning the Balloting List please make sure that NOTHING ELSE is enclosed in the envelope. These envelopes will not be opened until October 24, so any subscriptions enclosed would not be processed until after the end of October, resulting in your October *Journal* and *Handbook* being received very late.

Ron Johnson, *Business Secretary*

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