Meetings diary

Friday Aug 31–Sunday Sept 2
The BAA Out of London weekend, based at 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.loughtonsky2007.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 [hazelmcgee@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

Wednesday 2007 October 31

Saturday 2007 November 10
Leeds Astronomy Meet 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 (ibs). 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 Zonographische 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 & 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

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.

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

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- Planispheres and charts
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Contact Ann on 01635 30598 or anndavies@dsl.pipex.com to discuss your event and your requirements

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Ron Johnson, Business Secretary

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**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

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

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**Saturday 2007 November 24**

BAA Ordinary Meeting, 14:30–17:30 at the Mermaid Conference and Events Centre, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London 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 Harriot, the first telescopic astronomer’.

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