



# Notice board

## Meetings diary

### Saturday 2007 April 21

**Joint meeting with the Society for the History of Astronomy**, The Birmingham & Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS. 'Historical astronomers and tomorrow's astronomy'. See opposite page for full details.

### Saturday 2007 May 5

**Variable Star Section meeting** at the Royal Observatory, Blackford Hill, Edinburgh. See adjacent notice.

### Saturday 2007 May 12

**Instruments & Imaging Section meeting** at Towcester Road Methodist Church, Northampton. Doors open 09:30 for 11:00 start. Local facilities include free parking and numerous shops and victuallers. Speakers include Ron Arbour, Maurice Gavin, Karen Holland, Nick James and Gary Poyner. Activities will include mirror-making, and space will be available for exhibits. Contact the Section Director if you would like to present a short talk. Organiser: Bob Marriott, [ram@hamal.demon.co.uk](mailto:ram@hamal.demon.co.uk); 01604 765190.

**Items for this diary** should be sent to the *Journal* Editor [[hazelmcegee@compuserve.com](mailto:hazelmcegee@compuserve.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.

### Wednesday 2007 May 30

**Ordinary Meeting**, 17.30 hrs at New Hunts House, Guy's Hospital, London Bridge, London SE1 9RT. See opposite page.

### Saturday 2007 June 2

**Asteroids & Remote Planets Section meeting**, hosted by Newbury AS. Speakers include Dr Alan Harris & Dr Mark Kidger. Full details from Roger Dymock, [[roger.dymock@ntlworld.com](mailto:roger.dymock@ntlworld.com)]

### Saturday 2007 June 30

**BAA Exhibition Meeting**, to be held this year at the National Space Centre, Leicester. Society and individual exhibits welcome: please contact Nick Hewitt [[nickdhewitt@btinternet.com](mailto:nickdhewitt@btinternet.com)] if you wish to exhibit.

### Wednesday 2007 October 31

**BAA Annual General Meeting**, 17:30 hrs at New Hunts House, Guy's Hospital, London SE1 9RT, including the Presidential Address by Dr R. Miles: 'Asteroids and the amateur: past, present and future'.

### Friday Aug 31–Sunday Sept 2

A date for your diary not to be missed. The **BAA Out of London weekend** this year will be based in Strathclyde University, Glasgow and is titled '**Deep Sky and all that Matters**'. The weekend starts with a Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Provost followed by talks from Prof John Brown, Astronomer Royal for Scotland, and Dr David Clark. Saturday has a full programme of lectures on Deep Sky, radio astronomy and cosmology. In the evening there is a visit to the Observatory which is celebrating its 250th year of operation. The weekend ends with a visit to the Science Centre on Sunday morning where you will be able to enjoy looking round and have a planetarium show. Full details of talks, costs and accommodation will be in the June *Journal*.

## Variable Star Section Meeting

**Saturday May 5 2007 at the Royal Observatory, Blackford Hill, Edinburgh. Doors open 10:00 for 10:30, meeting finishes 5:30 pm.**

Speakers include Dr Martin Hendry, 'Gravitational microlensing – nature's telescope', Dr Mike Hawkins, 'Dark matter' and Andrew Collier Cameron, 'Sizing-up extrasolar planets with small telescopes'. An optional tour of the ROE follows the lunch break. Cost: £10 per head (at the door) to include all refreshments and a buffet style lunch. For more information see [http://www.britastro.org/vss/meet\\_050507.htm](http://www.britastro.org/vss/meet_050507.htm)

Note: The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh hold their monthly meeting on Friday May 4 at 8 pm at Calton Hill Observatory in the middle of Edinburgh. Members who arrive in Edinburgh on Friday evening are very welcome to attend this meeting.

## Small advertisements

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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](http://www.hanwellobservatory.org.uk)

**Wanted, for private/educational observatory and library:** AS Williams *Zenographical Fragments I* (or I and II bound); Ross/Calvert *Atlas Of The Northern Milky Way*; *Astronomical Registers* any loose/bound; Schroter *Selektopographische 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 (Cheltenham); e-mail [nighthawk@glasseyes.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:nighthawk@glasseyes.fsnet.co.uk)

**Wanted: 16" full thickness mirror** F6 preferably, or blank in Pyrex or Zerodur. Also wanted are Clave Paris Plossl eyepieces 4mm & 30mm but will consider all Clave accessories. Simon Briggs, [briggs111@btinternet.com](mailto:briggs111@btinternet.com) or tel. 01502 531760 (Lowestoft).

### Members' private sales and wants

One advertisement of up to 35 words per member per issue is accepted FREE OF CHARGE, at the discretion of the Editor. This offer is not available for business advertisements or to non-members.



## The next BAA meetings

**Saturday 2007 April 21, 09:30–17:30**

at the Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS

*A joint meeting of the BAA and the Society for the History of Astronomy*

## Historical astronomers and tomorrow's astronomy

- Peter Grego** – *Lunar and planetary observing: learning from our legacy*  
**Anthony Kinder** – *Why history?*  
**Roger Jones** – *Sir Robert Stawell Ball*  
**Dr Dave Clements** – *The Herschel Observatory*  
**Dr Stephen Serjeant/ Dr Chris Pearson** – *AKARI/ASTRO-F*  
**Dr Allan Chapman** – *The astronomical work of Robert Hooke*

*All welcome, admission free. A small charge will be made for refreshments.*

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at New Hunts House, Guys Hospital, London Bridge, London, SE1 9RT

## Ordinary Meeting

- Dr Alan Harris** (*Space Science Institute, Colorado*)  
 – **Impact hazards**  
**Dr John Mason** (*BAA*)  
 – **Meteor showers – a new perspective**

## Notice

### Nominations for the Council ballot

Each year in May, your Council prepares the balloting list from the names of those members nominated. The Balloting List is sent to members in August and the members elected serve from the AGM in October. The elected Council comprises:

1 President, 1 Treasurer, 3 Secretaries and 10 other members.

It obviously shows a robust situation if the number of proposed members exceeds the number of vacancies so that a true election occurs. Council meetings normally take place during the afternoon of a Wednesday Ordinary Meeting or during the morning of a Saturday meeting. If you would like to be nominated you must be a paid-up member. Please ask two other paid-up members to propose and second you and then sign the nomination form (available from the Business Secretary), to show you are willing to stand. Alternatively you may wish to nominate someone else, in which case the same conditions apply. All nominations must be in writing and sent to the BAA office to arrive by 2007 May 4.

**Ron Johnson**, Business Secretary

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