

Sidney William Herbert Elliott 1904-1989

Many older members will remember S.W. H. Elliott, who was an active observer for many years, and served on Council for several sessions before the war.

He was born on 7 August 1904, and trained as an engineer, though most of his professional career was spent in his father's insurance company; he ended as its Divisional Manager. He joined the BAA in 1925 and was a regular attender

at meetings until well into the 1960s; he was in fact the regular volunteer operator of the epidiascope and lantern. He took part in several BAA expeditions, including the eclipse trip to Sweden in 1954, and used two reflectors, one of 84 inches aperture and the other 12 inches, for his observations, mainly of the Moon and planets.

I had the pleasure of knowing him for some years; he was popular everywhere

and an inspiring companion. Failing eyesight limited his observations in latter years but he always retained his interest in astronomy.

His marriage was ideally happy, and the loss of his wife in 1960 was a devastating blow. He is survived by his son, John.

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