

The British Astronomical Association

Winchester Weekend 2023

Sparsholt College, Westley Lane, Sparsholt, Hampshire
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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Reception

This will take place on Friday 14th April from 15.00 in the Hampshire Rural Business Centre foyer. This is building 54 on the campus map (previously known as Westley Court).

All participants must book in at reception and you will be given a key with the room number for your accommodation and a conference badge.

There are car parks close to the Hampshire Rural Business Centre and to your accommodation. See the enclosed site map.

Late arrivals and Cancellations

Please inform the BAA office on 020 7734 4145 by 16.00 on Thursday 13th April if you will be arriving after 18.00 on Friday. If you have to cancel at the last minute, please let the organiser know: Ann Davies 07910 453723.

Fire and Security Precautions

Please ensure that internal fire doors remain closed at all times. Please wear your conference badge at all times on the campus and look after your personal belongings. The College and BAA cannot be held responsible for missing property.

Lectures

All lectures will be held in the lecture theatre in the Hampshire Rural Business Centre. Please be on time, the talks are given strictly to the times in the programme. Switch off mobile phones and only take photographs at the end of talks.

Catering

All meals will be taken in the dining hall marked 7 on the map. The dining room can be accessed by two doors at opposite ends.

Refreshments (including alcoholic beverages) are available for purchase in the dining hall. You are requested not to bring your own refreshments (including wine) into the dining hall. Tea and coffee will be served during break times in the Hampshire Rural Business Centre. Tea and coffee making facilities will be available at all times in the kitchen of your accommodation block.

Sparsholt WiFi

You will need to login in, creating your own user name. Click on 'Guest Wifi' and when prompted the password is !Sparsholt1914

General

No smoking is allowed in any of the buildings at any time. Please note that soap and shampoo are not provided in rooms.

Members' session

Please bring your images and short presentations for the members' session on Sunday afternoon.

Society displays

Space will be available in the Hampshire Rural Business Centre for Society display boards if you wish to bring them.

Telescopes

Please bring any portable astronomical equipment if you wish. There is plenty of space and dark skies have been booked!

Check out

Please note that all rooms must be vacated and keys returned to reception by 9.15 on Sunday. Luggage can be left at reception in the Hampshire Rural Business Centre on request. You will be charged for non-returned or lost keys.

Travelling home

There is a regular bus service from Winchester to the College on Friday and Saturday but this does not run on Sundays so if you arrive by public transport you will need to book or share a taxi back to Winchester. Phone numbers for booking a taxi will be available at reception.

Have a good time – and book early for next year!

Ann Davies – Conference organiser