

Notes

Programme and speakers are liable to revision.

Please take your seats early to avoid delay.

Remember to return all room keys and name badges before you leave.

Please let us know what you thought of the Weekend, venue, talks, food, weather

Dates for 2024

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th April

The BAA Winchester Weekend programme is organised by Ann Davies



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55th WINCHESTER WEEKEND

2023 April 14th – 16th

FRIDAY 14th

15.00 – 18.00 Reception
Everyone must book in at Hampshire Rural Business Centre

19.00 Dinner

20.15 Welcome and Introduction
Alan Dowdell

Superluminous supernovae: fantastic bursts and where to find them
Dr Matt Nicholl (Queen's University, Belfast)

21.30 Observing if clear or adjourn to the bar

SATURDAY 15th

- 07.30 – 09.00 Breakfast
- 09.15 Pete and Paul's Astronomical Challenges 2023
Dr Paul Abel & Pete Lawrence (BAA)
- 10.00 OJ287 - a Black Hole worthy of amateur study
Gary Poyner (BAA Variable Star Section)
- 10.45 So much from so little ...an intergalactic hop through the Electromagnetic Spectrum
Paul Hearn (BAA Radio Astronomy Section)
- 11.15 Coffee/Tea break
- 11.45 The first year of JWST's operation: what have we learnt about galaxies in the very early Universe?
Dr Alex Cameron (University of Oxford)
- 12.30 Break – time to visit sales stands
- 13.00 Lunch
- Mercury & Venus Section meeting**
- 14.15 Paul Abel (Open and introduction)
- 14.30 Chris Hooker (Sodium Ion tail of Mercury)
- 14.55 Pete Lawrence (Observations of Venus at inferior conjunction)
- 15.20 David Arditti (Observing Venus in IR)
- 15.45 Tea/Coffee
- 16.10 Richard McKim (Wave Discontinuity in the atmosphere of Venus)
- 16.35 Chris Dole (Observing Venus in UV)
- 17.00 Martin Lewis (Observing the Nightside of Venus)
- 17.25 Paul Abel closing remarks
- 18.00 Dinner

- 19.30 The Alfred Curtis Lecture
Exploring the Ice Giants of our Solar System
Prof Patrick Irwin (University of Oxford)
- 21.00 Observing if clear or adjourn to the bar

SUNDAY 16th

- 07.30 – 09.00 Breakfast
- Please return your room keys to Reception by 9.15
- 09.15 How Astronomers Can Save The World
Stuart Eves (SJE Space Ltd)
- 10.00 The Invisible Universe
Dr Jen Gupta (University of Portsmouth)
- 10.45 Coffee/Tea break
- 11.30 Let There Be Light: Exploring our Sensational Sun Inside and Out
Dr Matthew Malek (University of Sheffield)
- 12.30 Break
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 **Members' session**
- Your opportunity to talk briefly about what you've been doing during the past year. Made a discovery? Taken some superb images? Built a 10-metre telescope? We want to hear all about it. Please bring a short talk. Contact Alan Dowdell to arrange your presentation.
- 16.00 Coffee/Tea and Goodbyes

See you next year!