

Sales Stands

BAA SALES

The full range of BAA publications and other products will be available.

BAA COMMISSION FOR DARK SKIES

The Commission for Dark Skies (CfDS) is the United Kingdom's largest anti-light-pollution campaign group forming part of the international dark-sky movement. Please stop at our stand and offer your support.

FIRST LIGHT OPTICS



FLO are the UK's largest supplier of astronomy equipment to amateur astronomers and professional/academic institutions. We design and develop astronomy products and manufacture several of them in-house. We

will be demonstrating a range of the latest smart telescopes and smart devices.

WIDESCREEN CENTRE



The Widescreen Centre, is one of the UK's major Astronomy retailers, with a showroom based near Ely in Cambridgeshire. At Winchester we will display a diverse range of new products, best sellers, special offer items, and some things which you may not

have seen before. Please stop by and say 'hello' and ask as many questions as you can think of. We look forward to seeing you there.

KATE

Kate will bring her usual range of astronomically-themed merchandise.

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BAA Winchester Weekend 2024 April 12-14

Friday April 12

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

19.00 Dinner

20.15 Welcome and Introduction

Alan Dowdell

20.30 The SMILE (Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer) mission

Dr Colin Forsyth (Associate Professor, UCL Millard Space Science Laboratory)

21.30 Observing if clear or visit the bar

Saturday April 13

07.30 – 09.00 Breakfast

09.15 The BAA Archives: Past, Present and Future: Part 2

John Chuter (BAA Archivist)

10.00 The ExoClock Project

Martin Crow (Crayford Manor House Astronomical Society)

10.45 Coffee/Tea break

11.15 A cluttered and noisy sky: the impact of satellite mega constellations on astronomy

Dr Robert Massey (Deputy Executive Director, Royal Astronomical Society)

12:00 Dark Energy and the Expansion of the Universe

Prof Nick Evans (Professor of Particle Physics, University of Southampton)

12.45 Break

- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.15 **Equipment & Techniques Section meeting**
Organiser: Dr David Arditti (Section Director)
Welcome David Arditti
- 14: 20 **Demonstration of the Alnitak/BAA remote telescope**
David Arditti
- 14:30 **In the shops – survey of the latest technology for amateur astronomers**
Grant Bowskill and Gary Palmer (First light Optics)
- 15:20 **The Questar Maximum Resolution Solar Spectrometer on the Carl Zeiss Telementor**
Bill Barton
- 15:45 Tea Break
- 16:05 **An alternative astrograph**
Mike Casbon
- 16:30 **Building and Using a Star'Ex Spectrograph**
David Boyd
- 17:00 **Building an equatorial platform for high-resolution planetary imaging**
Martin Lewis
- 17:25 **Closing remarks**
David Arditti
- 17:30 End
- 1800 Dinner
- 19.30 **The Alfred Curtis Lecture**
The Digital Telescope Concept
Prof Don Pollacco (Professor of Astronomy, University of Warwick)
- 21.00 Observing if clear or visit the bar

Sunday April 14

- 07.30 – 09.00 Breakfast
- 09.15 **The astronomy of Stonehenge**
Simon Banton (Archaeo-astronomer)
- 10.00 **Black Holes: Unlikely Sources of Enlightenment**
Prof Marika Taylor (Professor of Theoretical Physics, University of Birmingham)
- 10.45 Coffee/Tea break
- 11.30 **JWST**
Prof Gillian Wright (Director of the UK Astronomy Technology Centre, Edinburgh) (to be delivered remotely via Teams)
- 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. Includes the following:
Dr Stuart Eves – Archaeo-astronomy – Orion and the Milky Way
The BAA Song – David Arditti will lead the first performance in 100 years of the song first sung at the 1924 BAA Annual Dinner by Prof. H. H. Turner. Everyone is invited to take part!
- 16.00 Coffee/Tea and Goodbyes

Dates for 2025

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th April