

The British Astronomical Association Spring Meeting 2026

'Practical Amateur Astronomy' - Programme

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Venue: Phoenix (Screen 2), 4 Midland Street, LEICESTER. LE1 1TG. 0116 242 2800.

Friday 22nd May, Doors open 1930

Time	Speaker	Talk
2000-2100	Prof Suzie Imber <i>University of Leicester</i>	Latest update from BepiColombo

Saturday 23rd May, Doors open 0945

Time	Speaker	Talk
1000-1015	President of the BAA	Welcome & Introduction
1015-1045	Pete Lawrence	Observing the Sun
1045-1115	Nick James <i>Director BAA Comet Section</i>	Observing interstellar comets
1115-1145	Tea & Coffee	
1145-1215	Gary Poyner, <i>Assistant Director of the BAA Variable Star Section</i>	Variable Star observing in urban skies
1215-1245	Dr Chrysa Avdellidou <i>University of Leicester</i>	Pro-Am collaborations on observing asteroids
1245-1315	Dr Tony Cook <i>Director BAA Lunar Section</i>	Lunar impact flashes
1315-1430	Lunch	
1430-1445	Ann Bonnell <i>Leicester Astronomical Society</i>	Leicester Astronomical Society
1445-1515	Sandra Brantingham <i>Director BAA Aurora and NLC Section</i>	Aurora and Friends
1515-1545	Mike Foulkes <i>Director of Saturn, Uranus and Neptune Section</i>	Saturn's rings edge on
1545-1615	Tea & Coffee	
1615-1645	James Dawson	Mercury rising: imaging the solar system's most elusive tail
1645-1715	Peter Tickner	Venus- getting attracted to the dark side
1715-1730	BAA President	Closing remarks

Sunday 24th May, 1000-1200: University of Leicester Observatory (if weather conditions permit!)
The Observatory address is: Manor Road, Oadby Leicester. LW2 2LL.