

## AAS : AGM 2019

### Webmaster Report

#### Website: “abergavennyas.org.uk”

Visitors and page views of the website have increased slightly.

*(nb: Spiders, also known as web-crawlers, are automated scripts that “crawl” through the website URLs looking for data. They include search engines and market analysis companies).*

Details from the website Statistics Page:-

Total to 28/02/2019		2018/19 (Mar-Feb)		2017/18	
		Total	Ave/day	Total	Ave/day
54,954	Visitors	11,779	32	9,634	26
294,740	Page views	63,470	174	44,014	121
117,537	Spiders	39,175	107	38,079	104
15,507	Feeds	2,497	7	1,914	5

#### GDPR

The “General Data Protection Regulations” came into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. These regulations provide the framework designed to harmonise data privacy laws across the EU in order to give greater protection and rights to individuals.

To ensure we comply with these regs we have formalised our data protection policy, which can be read on the website under the “Personal Data” tab.

In addition all subscribers were asked if they wished to remain on the email list.

In brief the only personal data we hold are email addresses by the webmaster (but no names) and the treasurer’s membership records.

#### Subscribers

Currently we have a total of 108 subscribers on the public subscriber list.

#### Facebook

The facebook page is currently managed by the AAS secretary

#### Comments

Due to many spurious messages comments have been disabled on the web pages. Recent adjustments to the Wordpress settings have now reduced the number of spam comments significantly. To date, this year, we have only had 31 spam comments, which have been automatically put in the bin.

If anyone has a comment or piece of news/notice they wish to put on the website please forward it to me, [webmaster@AbergavennyAS.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@AbergavennyAS.org.uk) , or Nick, [Observing@AbergavennyAS.org.uk](mailto:Observing@AbergavennyAS.org.uk) , and one of us will post it.

## **Discussion Group Report**

We held 8 meetings of the discussion group in the year, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

In order to broaden the range of subjects that we covered in the Cosmology Discussion Group the concept was changed to a round table discussion on a number of selected topics that I then prepare some notes for. For example at the January session topics covered were:

*Missions*      *New Horizons Ultima Thule flyby*

*Chang'e 4 moon landing on the far side*

*Juno Mission*

*Solar System*   *Saturn's rings are raining down*

*The sun remarkable stability*

*The second sun sibling discovered*

*How far out is "Farout"? 120/130 AU, or 11 billion miles apparently*

*Life*            *Building blocks of life forming spontaneously*

*Cosmology*    *Mapping Dark Matter with rogue stars*

*Is our universe the mirror image of an antimatter universe extending backwards in time before the Big Bang?*

If anyone has any topics/ideas/journal articles/etc that they think may be of interest then please bring them along or send them to me at [webmaster@AbergavennyAS.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@AbergavennyAS.org.uk) . You certainly don't need to be an expert, just have a curious mind that wants to explore the universe we live in.

Kevin Houston 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019