

AGM of the Abergavenny Astronomical Society held in the Kings Arms Hotel, Abergavenny on the 4th March 2013.

Review of the Year

The meeting commenced with a review of the year's events in the society by the Chairman. There had been a full programme of meetings with many visiting speakers. There had also been a number of outreach activities in cooperation with friends in the Usk AS and HOVAS (Ebbw Vale). The Society noted with sorrow the passing of Patrick Moore.

The programme was summarised as follows:-

2nd April 2012 Jennifer Stanesby-Moody

Joseph Harris (1702 – 1764) and the 6th June 1761
Transit of Venus

14th May 2012 Dr Paul Roche, University of Glamorgan

X Ray Binaries

Transit of Venus - 6th June 2012, attended by a number of members at 5am on top of the Blorenge, we were one of the few in the whole of the UK to manage to witness this rare event

11th June 2012 Dr Adam Mosley, Department of History & Classics, Swansea University
"1577 and all that: early modern comets and their histories revisited".

July 2012 John Mallet joined the AAS Committee and with Tim Walker set up the new AAS web site **

9th July 2012 Mike Edmonds, Emeritus Professor of Astrophysics at Cardiff University
The Antikythera Mechanism

August 2012 AAS supported the Brecon Beacons National Park stand at the Royal Welsh show which was on from the 20th to the 23rd of August. Sloop observing was demonstrated.

10th September 2012 Roger Butler, Cardiff Astronomy Society
'Astronomy and Music - twin spheres'

16th September 2012 Dame Jocelyn Bell gave a talk at on Pulsars at Monmouth Leisure Centre, courtesy of Monmouth Comprehensive School Physics Department. AAS members were invited to attend along with Members of Usk AS and HOVAS

8th October 2012 John Mallet, AAS
Why Observe Variable Stars?

14th October 2013
Abergavenny Environment and Community Fair, Market Hall

5th November 2012 Dr Haley Gomez, Director of Observatory, Head of Public Engagement, Cardiff University
Latest News on Space Dust from the Herschel Space Observatory

11th to 25th November The valley's dark sky discovery festival

3rd December 2012 Social Evening at the King's Arms with USK AS and HOVAS

7th January 2013 Nick Busby and Stuart Keenor, AAS
Using and Choosing Telescopes

4th February 2013 Ray Cassar, Usk AS
Gravitational Lensing – Talk + video

7th February 2013
AAS assisted Usk AS for a planetarium session with Crickhowell Cubs for a badge qualification

4th March 2013 AGM
Roger Butler, Cardiff AS -'Astronomy – Why do we do it?'

Election of Officers to the Committee

Post	Chairman
Proposer	Tim Walker
Seconded	Barry Greenwood
Nominee	Nick Busby
Unopposed	

Post	Secretary
Proposer	Gavin Creyke
Seconded	Nick Busby

