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. Sloar 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

Proposer

Seconded

Roger Butler, Cardiff AS -'Astronomy – Why do we do it?'

Gavin Creyke

Nick Busby

Election of Officers to the Committee

Post Chairman

Proposer Tim Walker
Seconded Barry Greenwood
Nominee Nick Busby
Unopposed

Post Secretary

Nominee

Carol Murdoch

Unopposed

Post Treasurer
Proposed Pat Shaw
Seconded Jim Shaw
Nominee Gavin Creyke

Unopposed

Post Booking, Publicity and Archive

Proposer Nick Busby
Seconded Stuart Keenor
Nominee Tim Walker

Unopposed

Post Observing Co-ordinator

Proposer Nick Busby
Seconded Simon Watson
Nominee Stuart Keenor

Unopposed

Post Outreach Any nominees? No

Post Webmaster
Proposed Gavin Creyke
Seconded Nick Busby
Nominee John Mallet

Unopposed

Post Cosmology Study Group Co-ordinator

Any nominees? Tbc

Proposal of thanks to committee from Diana Hewitt Agreed by all

The Treasurer's Report.

Membership. The paid-up membership stood at 41. This was an increase from 19 at the time of the first AGM in March 2012. **Cash in Bank** £811.60

One significant payment during the year was the establishment of the **AAS Website**. Cost. £123.90

A small surplus was made on the 'End of year Social' thanks to the efforts of Carol Murdoch in obtaining a number of donated prizes from local businesses. A note of thanks was put on the website homepage.

Any Other Business

There was no further business so the AGM was closed