

Meetings diary

Saturday 2007 December 1
Webb Deep Sky Society Annual Meeting. To celebrate the 40th birthday of the Society a special meeting is being held at the Institute of Astronomy (IoA), Cambridge. Speakers include Ron Buta (University of Alabama), Craig Mackay (IoA), Nick Hewitt, Derrick Farley, Ed Barker and Paul McGale. Trade stands. Small admission fee to include buffet lunch. Doors open 9.30. All welcome. For further information see www.webbdeepsky.com or contact Stewart Moore, 01255 861349 [sigarro@btinternet.com]

Saturday 2007 December 15
BAA Christmas Meeting. 14:30–17:30 at the Mermaid Conference Centre, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London EC4V 3D8 (adjacent to Blackfriars Tube station). The Christmas Lecture will be given by Dr Allan Chapman: ‘Thomas Harriott, the first telescopic astronomer’.

Saturday 2008 January 12
BAA Back to Basics Workshop. 09:45–17:00 at Clanfield Memorial Hall, South Lane, Clanfield, Hampshire PO8 0RB. See adjacent notice and the leaflet enclosed with this *Journal*.

Wednesday 2008 January 30
BAA Ordinary Meeting. 17:00–20:00 at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Speakers include Andy Green & Nigel Banister – see notice on page 355.

Saturday–Sunday 2008 Feb 8–9
Fourth annual ‘Stars and Snowdrops’ open weekend at Hanwell Community Observatory, Oxon. For details see www.hanwellobservatory.org.uk

Saturday 2008 February 23
BAA Observers Workshop at the Berrill Lecture Theatre, The Open University, Milton Keynes. ‘Observing the Planets’. Full details on the BAA Web page, www.britastro.org/meetings

Saturday 2008 March 1
Deep Sky Section Annual Meeting. The BAA Deep Sky Section is moving to a different venue in 2008 for its annual meeting. The event will be hosted by the Cotswold Astronomical Society and will take place at Century Hall, Shurdington Social Centre, Bishop Road, Shurdington, Cheltenham. (The venue may already be familiar to some members as it has been used for BAA workshops). Full details in the February *Journal* and the January Deep Sky Section *Newsletter*.

Wednesday 2008 March 26
BAA Ordinary Meeting at Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Sam George,

Items for this diary should be sent to the *Journal* Editor [[hazelmcege "at" btinternet.com](mailto:hazelmcege@btinternet.com)] as soon as dates and locations are known. Details of all astronomical meetings of regional or national interest are welcome. The Editor’s decision on inclusion or otherwise of any meeting in this listing is final.

‘The search for radio emission from extrasolar planets’, and other speakers.

2008 April 10–13
Out of London Meeting in conjunction with the European meeting of the American Association of Variable Star Observers. A residential weekend to be held at Magdalene College, Cambridge; day visitors welcome. Full details in the next *Journal* or from Roger Pickard, rdp@astronomy.freemove.co.uk.

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BAA ‘Back to Basics’ Workshop

Saturday 2008 January 12, 09:45 – 17:00 at the Clanfield Memorial Hall, South Lane, Clanfield, Hants. PO8 0RB

Hazel Collett & Stewart Moore – What can I do and what do I need?; Peter Meadows – Solar observing; Martin Morgan-Taylor – Lunar observing; Roger Pickard – Observing variable stars; Mike Foulkes – Observing Saturn & Jupiter; Workshop sessions; Questions & feedback.

Cost £7.50 (members), £12.50 (non-members) including lunch & refreshments. Bookings and remittance must be sent to the BAA office by 2008 January 5 (please enclose SAE). Further details on the BAA website, www.britastro.org.

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Ordinary Meeting

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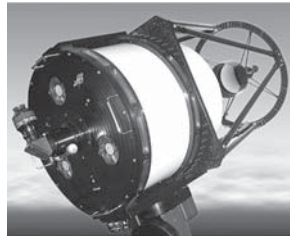
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