**Altrincham and District Astronomy Society**

Meeting number **603** held on 5th January at 8pm

At Timperley Village Club

**Apologies:**  N/A

**Members Present (in person):** 24

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**Presentation**

The meeting opened with a presentation given by Ingrid Hogan entitled “The Caldwell Catalogue”. The presentation covered who had compiled the catalogue, why they had drawn up the list and the controversy it had sparked. The presentation then went on to provide an overview of the objects listed in the catalogue before going into some detail on a few of the more notable entries.

**Items of Business:**

1. *Entering the building*

A request had been made by the host of the karate session held in the room above that people turning up for the ADAS meeting not press any button other the “Club Room”. Clear instructions were given in the email sent out to members before every meeting by Chris Suddick who reiterated the importance of following this instruction.

1. *Observers Group*

It had been a poor winter to date for viewing opportunities for the observers group but Chris reported that he was still keeping an eye on the weather app and if he saw a possible clear spell he would message members of the ADAS observers WhatsApp group and let everyone know. If there was interest from members then he would ensure he was there at the venue to meet them. He confirmed the venue as the Athletics Club off Park Rd.

1. *Quadrantids*

Chris reported that the Quadrantids had peaked the previous night but that there was a four-day window for the meteor shower so it might be possible to still catch them. At their peak the ZHR zenith hourly rate) could be up to a hundred. Although the shower was called the ~Quadrantids the constellation they were named after no longer existed and the radiant actually came from the pan handle of Ursa Major but to view them it was best to look away from the radiant.

**Next meeting**

February 2nd 2024 - Presentation by Colin Henshaw entitled “The Southern Skies”