**Altrincham and District Astronomy Society**

Meeting number **599** held on 1st September 2023 at 8pm

At Timperley Village Club

**Apologies:**  S Whittaker, B Rimmer and R Bullock

**Members Present (in person):**

13 attendees in person

**Items of business:**

1. The meeting began with the annual general meeting.
2. The Chair opened the meeting with the following agenda:
	1. Election of officers –
		1. The Chair was proposed and seconded by the members to continue to in his role as the Chair for a further year.
		2. Chris Suddick has served as both the Secretary and Events Secretary for the last year. He has agreed to continue with the roles but he is unable to commit to both roles for the forthcoming year. Bansa Singh Hayer has agreed to assist him with the role of Events Secretary.
		3. Ingrid Hogan is to take over the role of Minute Taker from Bansa Singh Hayer.
		4. Richard Bullock was proposed and seconded in his absence to continue in the role of Treasurer for a further year.
		5. George Abraham and Gary shall continue in their role as Web Masters.
	2. Treasures Report –
		1. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no formal report but the Chair informed the members that the finances remain stable. There would be no increase in the membership fee which would remain at £20 annual fee or £3 ad hoc payments and £1 for students.
	3. Future Speakers –
		1. The Secretary informed the members that he has a few speakers ready for the forthcoming months.
		2. However, members were encouraged by the Secretary to consider giving general talks or sharing an event with two short talks.
	4. AOB –
		1. The Chair informed the members that ADAS has a stall at the Timperley Country Fair on 9th September. He will be distributing leaflets and encouraging new comers. He is looking for volunteers to assist him between 12am and 4pm.
		2. The Secretary has been approached by a Scout group from Partington to assist their members to achieve an astronomy badge. They have not yet settled on a date but think the event will take place sometime in about October
		3. The Secretary had received a questionnaire from FAS relating to the infiltration of satellites. It has been offered to all members who wish to fill in the questionnaire.
		4. It was of some concern to the members that the group had not been together observing the sky, an activity that was very much enjoyed prior to Covid. It is suggested that a WhatsApp group would be created for all those interested in wanting to undertake observations.
		5. A few of the members wanted to know whether it was possible to make payment by BACS for their annual subscription? It is hoped that this would be possible but without the Treasurer available this would have to wait until the next meeting.
3. Break
4. After the short break the Secretary gave a very entertaining and easy to follow talk on Charles Messier – His Legacy. The talk began with Messier’s life, running through the Messier chart and ending with a number of Messier objects and how they could be found in the night sky.
5. Next meeting 6th October 2023