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EARLY NOTICE – Your Committee Needs You!

Our next Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place on Monday 3rd May 2010 where, as normal, all committee positions will be up for re-election. Our chairman, Peter Gillespy, has given us early notice that he plans to stand down at the AGM this year, after a number of years of service for our Society. If you would like to lead the Society into the future, please consider standing for this key position.

In addition, The Society also requires someone to take on the role of Bulletin and Website editor. Please consider standing for this role to help keep the communication going for both the existing members of our Society and our potential new members. As you will notice, this bulletin is a reduced version compared to our normal editions of the bulletin, now only containing key events for the Society coming up in the next few months. Until the Society has a Bulletin editor the monthly bulletins will be in a reduced format.

NEXT MEETING – Monday 1st March 2010 at 7:30pm

The next meeting will take place, as normal, at the Scout Hut on Oakfield Road. The main event for the evening will be the showing of the film “In the Shadow of the Moon”. This film has interviews with most of the surviving astronauts of the Apollo program who tell their story in their own words.

OBSERVING – Star Parties on Saturday 6th and Friday 19th February at 8:00pm

On these nights, the Observatory will be open, providing there is some possibility of observing. The Colin Hunt Observatory is located at Upper Winchendon (OS grid reference: SP 737132). If travelling from Aylesbury, take the A41 and turn left at the crossroads one mile before Waddesdon. Follow the road up the hill and through the small village of Upper Winchendon. The road then goes into a deep dip, rises again and then goes into a second dip. The track up to the Observatory is on the left-hand side in the second dip. Please remember to bring a torch and to wear warm clothing and stout shoes or boots.

ANNUAL TRIP – Herschel Museum in Bath (early September)

The annual trip for the Society will be to the Herschel Museum in Bath. The Herschel Museum of Astronomy is dedicated to the many achievements of the Herschels, who were distinguished astronomers as well as talented musicians. It was from this house, using a telescope of his own design that William discovered the planet Uranus in 1781. A special exhibition at the Herschel Museum of Astronomy this year celebrates the amazing work of William Herschel and his sister Caroline during their years living in Bath making extraordinary telescopes and setting new standards in observation. In addition to the general access to the museum, there will be presentation by one of the museum’s experts specifically for our Society (details to be confirmed).

The annual trip will take place in early September, on a Saturday, to be confirmed at a later date. If you are interested in attending or would like more information on the trip, please contact a member of the committee. For more information specific to the Herschel Museum, see <http://www.bath-preservation-trust.org.uk/?id=8>



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