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SUMMER NEWSLETTER JULY 2018

Dear friends,

It's *that* time of year again! Time for me to bring you the news for the coming CaDAS season. Sorry it's a bit late this year; it took a bit longer than usual to put the programme together.

I've managed to complete the programme of speakers, apart from one where the speaker is known, but her title is "t.b.a.". I'm pleased to say that we have three new guest speakers, visiting us for the first time, as well as four old friends. We kick off in September with our long-time friend Martin Lunn MBE, with a talk of local interest, on "The Middlesbrough Meteorite".

As I write this, I've just recently finished a work contract, and don't yet know where my next one will be. But I hope I'll still be able to make it to most of the meetings – apart from September, when as always, I'll be at Horncastle Astronomy Weekend.

We continue the theme of having "practical astronomy" talks in January and February, when we have dark skies and the chance of taking out telescopes after the meeting, with two of our members, Jürgen and Uncle Albert – sorry, Dave Lewis - kindly volunteering.

If you have any queries about any of our events, please contact me; my details are given above. I have a laptop and mobile dongle at my "weekday address", so I can usually respond to e-mails within a day or two.

Alternatively, contact Julia Goudge, our General Secretary, at general-secretary@cadast-astro.org.uk

1. Monthly Meetings 2018-19

The following are the details of this season's monthly meetings. As usual, all meetings are on Friday evenings, starting at 7.15 p.m., at Wynyard Planetarium.

Amateur talk

Academic subject, but "not too technical" presentation

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| 14 September 2018 | "The Middlesbrough Meteorite" #
by Martin Lunn MBE FRAS |
| 12 October | Title t.b.a. ##
by Prof. Ruth Gregory of Durham University |
| 9 November | "Space – It Gets Weird" #
by James Lees |
| 14 December | "Building an Instrument for the Largest Telescope on the Planet" ##
by Prof. Simon Morris of Durham University |
| 11 January 2019 | "Astrophotography for Beginners" #
by Dr. Jürgen Schmoll, Chairman of CaDAS |
| 8 February | "Building an Observatory" #
by Dave Lewis of CaDAS |
| 8 March | "The Dark Side of the Universe" ##
by Prof. Christine Done of Durham University |
| 12 April | "Herschel's Planet" #
by Mike Foulkes |
| 10 May | "Kennedy Space Centre and Cape Canaveral" #
by Martin Dawson of York A.S. |
| 14 June | AGM plus members' short talks. |

Any queries, please call Neil on 07900 653213, or e-mail meetings-secretary@cadastro.org.uk. Please allow a few days for replies, as I'm working away from home during the week.

2. Scarborough Summer Star Festival

The Scarborough Starfest, organised by Scarborough and Ryedale A.S., is indeed back to normal this year. The dates are Thursday 9 to Sunday 12 August (sorry for not giving you much notice!), at the usual venue, Adderstone Field in Dalby Forest. It also includes a couple of speakers, one being our very own Dr. Jürgen Schmall.

For details, see the society's web site, www.scarborough-ryedale-as.org.uk.

3. Wynyard Observatory and Planetarium

For details of Planetarium shows and public observing evenings, visit www.wynyard-planetarium.net. You can also call the Planetarium on 01740 630544; messages are currently being read remotely.

4. Telescopes for Loan

The Committee has now implemented a more formal system for the loan of society-owned telescopes, whereby they can be borrowed for fixed periods. Applications for loans must be supported by ID and proof of address. Contact any committee member for details.

5. The CaDAS Web Site

Just in case anyone hasn't yet seen it, we have an excellent society web site: www.cadas-astro.org.uk.

The Webmaster is Don Martin, a long-time stalwart of the Society, who has done a splendid job of setting up and maintaining the site. Don can be contacted at webmaster@cadas-astro.org.uk.

6. And Finally...

And finally, I hope you won't mind me indulging in a little self-promotion. Just in case anyone still doesn't know, I have self-published a science fiction novel, *Moonsafe Red*, which I'm selling for £7.99. For details, and how to order a copy if anyone is interested, see www.spaceandsanity.com/ moonsafered.html. You can also read several reviews by some of the first people to read it.

Alternatively, of course, I'll be selling copies in person at the meetings.

I'm also now an annual contributor to the resurrected *Yearbook of Astronomy*; next year's edition will be on sale in November, and contains not just one, but two articles by Yours Truly!

That's all for now, folks. See you all soon. Wishing you clear skies – especially on 27 July.

Neil M. Haggath