

Saturday 24th February 2018 - Carding Mill Valley

"Stars In Your Skies" resumed with the first in this year's series of events, with SAS member Pete Williamson FRAS. This year the focus is our nearest celestial body, the Moon. For the first time in ages the delegates were treated to clear skies. Although the transparency was only about 1 or 2 good views were provided through telescopes provided by a number of SAS. Unfortunately the lazy wind did not encourage us to stay too late.

Tuesday 19th September 28th 2017 - Oswestry U3A

Three committee members were faced with over 100 U3A members at their weekly meeting anticipating an astronomy presentation! With a big intake of breath Steve launched into a discussion of the differences between stargazers and astronomers. This was the second time the SAS had been invited to talk to the group which had grown from strength to strength.

Saturday 28th January 2017 - Carding Mill Valley

"Stars In Your Skies" started the first of this year's series of events, with their new presenter, SAS member Pete Williamson FRAS. Stargazer's at the sell-out event were treated to an evening exploring the star forming region known as the Orion Nebula. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and telescopes brought by supporting members of the SAS remained in the boots of cars. We had to make do with our imaginations. Feedback from guests would suggest that early purchase of tickets for the next instalment would be recommended, see <http://starsinyourskies.org/> for the next event on Saturday 1st April where young stars and cluster will be discussed.



Friday 18th November - Longnor Village Hall

Chairman Peter Gunn whisked three committee members away to a small village south of Shrewsbury, where they were greeted by an eager audience. Many of the youngsters occupying the front rows with adults congregated at the bar. Steve Szwajkun started with a short presentation investigating the point when a stargazer becomes an astronomer making good use of society members wide collection of images. This was followed by a revamped presentation by Roy Noons describing the main characteristics of the Solar System which raised many questions. Following a chance to recharge our glasses John Thatcher, shared with the audience, the latest developments in the field of space telescopes with particular reference to the JWST, drawing on his 10 years of working on the project. The Shropshire weather did not co-operated as usual. However the clouds did part as we were leaving, ensuring many participants stayed a little longer with just enough clear sky to identify a number of popular constellations. With whetted appetites the visitors headed home for well earned cup of coco leaving us to pack away, reflecting on another successful outreach event.