**CADAS 15 March 2017 meeting**

Another great talk as John Gifford returned to discuss ‘Astronomy before relativity. This was a fascinating journey from the emergence of astronomy from the depths of astrology in to the light of the scientific method. Along the way we met some key characters (and they were quite some characters) and witnessed the development of the instruments that gradually allowed astronomy to be put on a firm evidence based footing.

One highlight was the finding and presumably accurate reconstruction of the Antikythera mechanism. Originally Greek made around 150 to 100BCE, the sophistication of concept, design and construction of this device for predicting astronomical phenomena is jaw dropping and was well illustrated in the video John showed. Thanks to John for an excellent presentation.

John was followed by Bob Mizon’s object(s) of the month, all in the region of Corvus, Crater and Hydra; this included Gliese 581g which, as everyone knows, is really Krypton, the home of Superman. It’s true. Of course it’s true!

Arthur Davis’ constellation of the month was Ursa Major and some of its notable objects.

Arthur was followed by Gordon MacKenzie, Jan Wrightson and Ken Honour who shared some of their excellent images with us. Given the lack of clear skies recently it was a pleasure to see these great examples of their work taken earlier in the year. Many thanks to the trio.

Thanks to all for helping with the domestic chores. Great work team!

Next month, on April 19th to be exact, Bob Mizon’s talk will be on ‘Eight great astronomers’. It’s Bob Mizon – need I say more? See you there!