

CADAS August 2018 meeting.

We missed Zena and Bill who couldn't make it, but 33 members signed in, which is pretty good for August.

The meeting started with Arthur Davis' update on the upcoming visibility or otherwise of the ISS and Iridium flares.

It was our 'astronomy gadgets and gizmos' evening when members brought along a range of items ranging, it was agreed, from the sublime to the ridiculous. The sublime was represented by a beautiful example of mechanical and electrical engineering in the form of a driver to focus and zoom his camera lens remotely, created by Ken Honour. Ken also wrote an app to control the driver from his phone. Outstanding! At the opposite end of the spectrum, Bob Mizon demonstrated how to use an ordinary cardboard box to safely view and photograph the sun. In between there were a variety of home made and bought gizmos and gadgets to improve viewing and imaging. Astronomers are an ingenious bunch. Terry, Gordon, Bob, Bud, Ken and Ron contributed.

Zena couldn't make it to the meeting, so cakes were provided by Iain Torrance. They were superb! That death by chocolate cake was to die for. (Sorry). Many thanks to Annabelle, Mike, Iain and to those who helped with clearing up. Great job folks.

After the break Bob Mizon presented his 'Object of the month' which was based on the so-called Summer Triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair. Bob gave details of these stars and of others associated with this well-known trio.

A most enjoyable evening with lots of variety.

The speaker for September will be our old friend James Fradgley whose talk will be on 'Orbital oddities'. A talk from James? Yes please!