

May's meeting was the annual "Ask the Panel" session which extracted a wide range of questions from the floor. These varied from "What should I see through a 130mm reflector", through "Astronomy and climate change" to Astrology and "Why does the Earth spin".

Lots of audience participation plus the panel of Bud, Bob, Pete and Terry came up with "answers" for this eclectic set of questions – possibly some more complete than others! An entertaining and (I hope!) informative session.

After the break we had Bob Mizon showing some of his collected sketches and paintings. It showed what can be done with the minimum of equipment (albeit with some drawing talent). I encourage anyone to come along with their own sketches to balance out the images.

Terry had a few "holiday snaps" from the recent trip to Australia with some images of the Southern skies including the Southern Cross, Milky Way "emu" and the Magellanic clouds. Bud had some (as ever) detailed images of the Moon including a very interesting area he dubbed "Moonhenge".

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June and will be given by James Fradgley on "The History of Radio Astronomy".