

July's meeting nearly coincided with the 50th anniversary of the first landing on the moon by humans on Apollo 11. Bob Mizon brought along Buzz Aldrin (or at least a life size cardboard cut-out!) who graced us with his presence for the rest of the meeting.

The talk was given by our own Bill Reed on the subject of Monochrome Imaging. This was mainly about using filters, including narrowband Ha, OIII and SII filters, to cut through the newly installed LED lighting at his site. He led us through the pros and cons of imaging with filters and the process of re-combining them into false colour images. Finally he showed us some excellent images and compared those with some he's obtained some time ago with a DSLR.

After the break - as ever brilliantly provided by Zena and her team – Bob showed his objects of the month which this time centred around the Scutum starcloud. Terry had some images including animations of Pluto and Neptune, Noctilucent clouds and the lunar eclipse of 16th July. Ken Honour finished off the session with some of his images of more familiar northern sights as well as one taken from Ecuador showing the southern Milky Way.

Next month's meeting on the 21st August will be the annual Gadgets and Gizmos session, so please come along with anything that makes your astronomical life easier (software, hardware or just a way of working). I'll unfortunately not be able to make it but Ron will be running the meeting so I'll leave it in his more than capable hands!