

The first meeting of 2020 was accompanied by some clear skies for a change and it was nice to see a bright planet Venus in the West before the start.

The evening's talk was on Radio Astronomy and given by Paul Spurr of Weymouth Astronomical Society. He covered the history of Radio Astronomy, why observations in the radio part of the spectrum are useful, the design of radio telescopes and some of the discoveries made by radio astronomers since the 1930s. A wide ranging and informative talk and thanks to Paul for presenting it.

Following the break, Terry gave an update on the progress of scanning in some of Arthur Davies's slide collection. About 1300 slides have been digitised and some of the resulting eclipse and transit images were shown.

The club has three upcoming "outreach" events:

31<sup>st</sup> January at Ham Hill

4<sup>th</sup> February at Ash Primary school, and

13<sup>th</sup> February at Redstart school, Chard.

If anyone able to support these events, then please contact Terry on the e-mail address on the CADAS homepage.

Next month's meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and the talk will be given by Tim Wetherell of Exmoor Stargazers who will describe the construction of his Victorian style garden observatory in Minehead.