

After a hiatus of 18 months, CADAS meetings resumed on the 21st July. It was great to see a goodly number of members on a lovely summer's evening.

We started with short "catch-up" presentations from Terry, Ken and Gordon of astrophotos taken during the extended lockdown period. Both Ken and Gordon have got narrowband imaging nailed and there were some very nice pictures of some of the best night sky objects.

Gordon then gave us a low down on the Eagle 3 small form computer that he uses on his telescope rig. It has a number of advantages compared with having either a laptop or a full size computer controlling the system. The main one is that the Eagle is mounted on the telescope and cables don't get tangled up as with normal setups. The Eagle also can control focusers and dew heaters, which gets rid of another set of tangling controllers.

After these presentations, Bud updated us with the financial position. Following the sale of the dome gifted to the society by Arthur Davies just before the lockdown, the society finds itself in a very stable situation. Recently, we found that Arthur had left the society a further kind bequest of £500 in his will. We had a discussion a bit later on how we could best remember Arthur's contribution to the society.

After a short break, we re-convened out on the veranda (wouldn't it be great if the weather allowed that every month!). We discussed if and how we should use technology to allow members who can't physically be at the meeting to follow proceedings. It would be fair to say that the "mood of the meeting" was that we should concentrate on the normal meeting and have "technology" as an adjunct if possible (and cheap!). It would also be fair to say, though, that this was a very self selecting group ☺. We resolved to investigate some of the possible technical aspects and discuss further next meeting.

We also had a discussion on how to commemorate Arthur. Suggestions included having a special guest speaker and having a lecture each year based around his extensive slide collection. Terry has scanned in about 1300 of these slides and they include a very detailed series on telescope history and design (probably enough for a number of lectures in reality) as well as a number of boxes of eclipse and observatory visits. Ideally we would like to incorporate any of Arthur's other interests so, if there is anyone who has any suggestions, then please contact Terry or Bud (e-mails o the website).

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th August. It will be another "informal" meeting which will include images from Jan and some movies of Terry's favourite NGC6729.