

September's meeting was the last of the "informal" meetings and we all look forward to the restart of "normal" meetings on the 20th October.

Terry gave an update of the meeting schedule for 2022 and the meeting agreed we should have "Ask the Panel" and "Gadgets & Gizmos" meetings as we have done in previous years.

Lorna has asked if images for the calendar can be provided. It takes much longer to arrange them than it takes to put in the meeting dates and subjects. Please send images to Terry at the e-mail address on the front page of the website.

Adrian Zielonka had provided his usual Astronomy News but also a "Stop Press" e-mail that there would be a chain of Starlink satellites passing over just before 8pm. A quick adjournment was agreed and, though the sky was still very bright, 3 satellites were observed (some saw more) nearly overhead. These new "vermin of the skies" at least are worth observing just after launch.

The main talk was by Bud on The Life and Times of Galileo. Given in his usual entertaining way, Bud followed Galileo through his often turbulent (if not scandalous) life and the major discoveries he made with his improved telescope.

Unfortunately, we got into some difficulties with the computer / projector setup and we weren't able to carry on to the promised images so had to finish the meeting early. {Bud has found the issue and sorted it out so we hope it won't happen again!}

The kitchen will be open for the October meeting and I (for one) look forward to the next meeting where the talk will be by Mark Radice on "Observing and Imaging the Planets".