

The first “normal” meeting of 2021 was greeted by the edge of Storm Aurore which made for some very uncomfortable driving conditions to and from the meeting. However, it was very much made up for by an excellent talk by Mark Radice on Observing the Planets.

Mark went through his techniques for observing and imaging the various planets with an emphasis on how varying conditions can make a huge difference to what can be seen. It’s obvious that his techniques works and we were shown a number of excellent images of all of the planets

(Post Meeting Note – One of the images that Mark showed is in the November edition of Astronomy Now which landed on my doormat the following morning)

Following the break we discussed the Outreach programme for the winter. Dates have been set for 2 sessions with another pending. Volunteers were sought and a number of members have responded with offers of their time.

Terry also asked for volunteers to restart the Monthly Notes and Object of the Month talks that were previously done by Arthur Davies and Bob Mizon. We should have the first of these new sessions next month.

The updated 2022 events programme was shown and it will be another varied and interesting year. It was noted that June 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 is a Thursday. The events calendar has been corrected to June 15<sup>th</sup>!

It was great to have tea and cakes again during the break. Many thanks to Zena and her band of helpers for restoring a little bit of normality.