

The December Social unfortunately coincided with the “Plan B” Covid restrictions following the introduction of the Omicron variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus into the UK. The turnout was, therefore, very low but I believe everyone had a good time with (I hope) no effects.

Terry gave the first Arthur Davies talk based around the copious slides bequeathed by Arthur before his death. The subject of this talk was the Meteor Crater and Lowell Observatory, both near Flagstaff, Arizona. Arthur had been there for an eclipse trip and it was a reminder that there will be another eclipse in April 2024 near Flagstaff.

The Object of the Month was Venus which was just ending its evening apparition for 2021 before it becomes a bright morning star in January 2022. The peculiar path of Venus across the sky with its disappearance from practical viewing in the UK was explained with some path diagrams and compared with the path from closer to the equator.

January’s meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the main talk will be given by Kate Earl on the subject of “Stowaways”. We will also welcome Bob Mizon back for the first time since the start of the first lockdown and he will give a short presentation on “Winter Objects”. Everyone is welcome and I hope that the Covid situation will have improved by then.