

About the Society

The Dumfries Astronomy Society

- provides a focus for all those in Dumfries and the surrounding area with an interest in astronomy;
- meets monthly from September to May for presentations and lectures, for software demonstrations and to exchange news and views;
- has its own telescopes (a 9.25 SCT (RMT) and a six-inch Newtonian) and arranges viewing nights for members;
- arranges visits and outings of an astronomical nature;
- issues a newsletter to members.

Newcomers and visitors are very welcome. Come along to a couple of meetings before you decide whether to join the Society. Membership is currently £25 per individual, £5 for a junior, or £30 for family membership.

Observing Nights

The society organises regular observing nights.

The provisional dates normally fall in the new or last quarter moon phases, and are listed here:

14 or 21 Nov / 12 or 19 Dec / 15 or 22 Jan / 12 or 19 Feb / 12 or 19 Mar / 16 or 23 Apr

Please see the website for more details once available, and for final confirmation of dates – as always, we are dependent on the weather.

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For more information and the latest news, visit the Society's web pages at

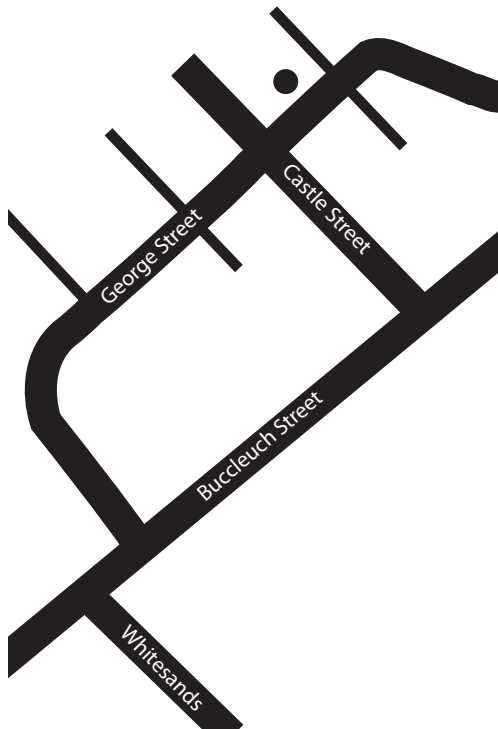
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Meetings

The Society meets monthly from September to May. The meetings normally start at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm. Typically, we start with any announcements and business matters, then we normally have a speaker's presentation, with questions and discussion, followed by coffee and chat.

Meetings are held at St George's Hall, George Street, Dumfries. There is normally plenty of free parking available on George Street.



Programme of Talks

Tuesday, 8th September 2009

A talk by Klaus Schiller on *New Horizons, Nasa's Mission to Pluto and the Kuiper Belt*.

Tuesday, 27th October 2009

Proposed *Beginners Night* - details to be confirmed.

Tuesday, 10th November 2009

A presentation by Terry Moffatt about *Jupiter*, which will be at opposition about this time.

Tuesday, 8th December 2009

Quiz Night, a very informal, lighthearted evening.

Thursday, 14th January 2010

A talk by David Woods entitled *21st Century Exploration - 1960s Hardware* (to be confirmed).

Tuesday, 9th February 2010

Beginners Guide to Equatorial-Mounted Telescopes – Part 1, a DVD presentation with comments by Raymond Suszek, *GPS and How It Works* by Mike Perry

Tuesday, 9th March 2010

Beginners Guide to Equatorial-Mounted Telescopes – Part 2, For the Sheer Beauty of it – Pictures of the Universe, Books for the Enthusiast by Klaus Schiller, *The Sky in March* by Mark Toner

Tuesday, 20th April 2010

The Paper Astronaut

Tuesday, 11th May 2010

Annual General Meeting.

Special Evenings

Yuri's Night

Join us from 7pm on Saturday, 10th April 2010 for a special open meeting at the Dumfries Museum.

Our annual tradition of celebrating the anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first flight into space continues with the 2010 Yuri's Night.

There will be illustrated talks on:

Houston... we have a problem

Yuri Gagarin - the Cosmonaut

Also, observing with the Society's telescopes (weather permitting).

The evening will finish off with music from Mark Toner's band Arbleos and of course a special Yuri's Night cake!