

Edmunds Astronomy Association (BSEAA)

Annual General Meeting

**held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st October 2025
Whepstead Community Centre, Bury Road, Whepstead IP29 4TA**

Members Present:-

Mike Kirkham	Linda Harper	Peter Corbett	Joan Brame	Nigel Bond
Lilias Haye	Paul Foreman	Stephen Recaldin	Steve Richards	Chris Hale
Stewart James	David Naylor	Colin Paton	Chris King	Bob Scott
David Finch	Martina McGovern	Steve McClellan	Phil Leigh	Alison Lisher
Julian Lisher				

1. Chairman's welcome/Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting including 2 new attendees, Lewis Wiggins and daughter Neela.

2. Apologies for Absence

Noted apologies received from Lloyd Hughes, Liz Harlaar, Nigel Osborne, John Seeley, Andy Parrott

3. Minutes of previous AGM held on 9th October 2024

Minutes are posted on website, noted that in closing remarks 2016 should have read 2026.

4. Presentation of Chairman's Annual Report

Currently have 54 members. Affordable membership with fees not raised since inception despite rent rises. 2026 will be 10 year anniversary.

Mention made of change of name from Athenaeum Astronomy Association.

Continue to have excellent programme of presentations from external speakers and club members.

Club has received several donations of equipment and has also purchased second hand Dobsonian scope for members use.

Ian Pettitt has agreed to take on responsibility for website as Mark Proctor has had to step away from this, they will work together on a transition plan.

Club continues to have growing number of followers on Facebook.

Finally Chairman acknowledged founder of group - Richard Young, who is no longer able to attend meetings.

(Full report available to members on request).

5. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)

Although we are not required to have the accounts audited it is felt that they should be formally scrutinized and to this end James Dale has done so.

A copy of the accounts was displayed for members and will be available to any members who should wish to see them

We are in a good financial situation with funds of £2350 at year end, (01/08/24 - 31/07/25)

The club has received income from attendance at external events such as Spring Fayre, Lackford Lakes Halloween evenings.

Main outgoings are for Rent of Whepstead Community Centre and Public Liability Insurance that we are required to have, as well as fees for external speakers.

Chairman thanked Peter Corbett for his hard work in this role and also asked for thanks to be passed onto James Dale.

6. Election of Officers and Committee to the AAA

Nigel Osborne has had to stand down from his committee role for personal reasons, he has been member since club started and has been resources lead. Chairman thanked him for all his hard work and a gift will be presented when he next attends meeting.

Martina McGovern has been invited to take up a position on the committee and has accepted.

All other members of committee had indicated that they were happy to stand again and to this end a block re-election was sought.

Proposer - Alison Lisher and Seconded by Steve McClellan

There still remains a vacancy on the committee for the role of general committee member, any members interested in taking on this role invited to make themselves known to committee.

7. Proposals to be put to the AGM

There were no issues raised.

8.A.O.B

On behalf of all members, Chris Hale thanked committee for their work during the year

9. Closing remarks

The Chairman formally brought the meeting to a close, with all business having been concluded.

The Chairman thanked all members for their continuing support.

