



Galloway Forest Astronomical Society

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Planetarium Dome Delivered



The dome of our new portable planetarium has now been delivered and we have gone through a trial inflation to make sure all is well. The picture shows the inflated dome with a few of us inside examining the projection screen. We intend to use the planetarium in a programme of visits to schools and youth organisations so as to give a gentle introduction to astronomy for as many youngsters as possible. Thanks to a generous grant from the Kilgallioch Community Fund, we now have the dome and are working on the projection system with a view to conducting a second test before booking our first school visit, hopefully in November.

Day of the Region 2018

Once again we took a stand at the Day of the Region event in Newton Stewart on 29th September. We had a fairly quiet day but were glad to get visits from a few society members and a number of general visitors to the event. We had an eight inch reflector pointing north and a solar telescope pointing at the sun, whenever it appeared for a few minutes through a cloudy but thankfully dry day. Of course the main item of the day's business was the news about the planetarium dome.

Many thanks to Newton Stewart Initiative for their help in providing a free gazebo and setting it up for us.



GFAS AGM 2018

The 2018 AGM will be held on Saturday 20th October at 10:00 am in the Newton Stewart Centre. Office bearers' reports will be presented for the members' approval and all the office bearers' positions fall to be elected. Also, members can propose amendments to the constitution of the society. Please email the secretary with nominations of office bearers, proposed amendments to the constitution, or any other business for the AGM soon so that these can be included in the agenda in good time.

GFAS Membership

Now is a very good time to join GFAS! Pay your subs any time from now and stay a member until the October 2019 AGM. Members can join in our members' meetings for free and can borrow GFAS equipment for their own use.

Subs rates (until the AGM) remain at: Adults £15.00, Family £25.00, Juniors FREE!



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