



Scarborough & Ryedale Astronomical Society

Annual General Meeting 2021

Report of the Secretary

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This past year has been an interesting one, we have been limited to online monthly meetings for the entire year, and the hope was tonight would be our first physical meeting, but it was not meant to be.

2. Member events

- 2.1 In December a small group of socially distanced members set up scopes near West Ayton to observe the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Cloud was present but as the sky darkened, a gap in the clouds allowed everyone to get a good view, as well as take some pictures and videos.

3 Membership numbers

- 3.1 At the end of last season the number of members was approximately 46. As we made the decision to roll over the existing memberships, it is hard to estimate who is still an active member until renewals are done for the new season. We had 2 new members join through the year bringing the estimated total to 48.

4 Zoom

- 4.1 Zoom virtual meetings have been the lifeblood of the Society in the 2020/2021 season, as without them, we would have had no content for members at all. I hope you have enjoyed the mix of new and old speakers, some who we would normally not be able to have booked, should a physical presence have been required.

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 I hope that the 2021/2022 will go from a rather hands-off virtual society to more hands-on one this year.
- 5.2 I would like to thank Mark Tissington for the work he has put in as committee member, assisting with outreach talks, and as the Skynotes co-Editor and Editor since 2015.

- 5.3 I would also like to thank Phil Scaling for once again arranging our guest speakers and providing the varied programme of talks over the year.
- 5.4 I would finally like to thank Nick Duffy for taking over as the Editor for Skynotes.
- 5.5 I am looking forward to resuming the normal functioning of the society soon and hope you are too, thank you.