

Wells & Mendip Astronomers Calendar of Events 2020 (first half)

DATE/TIME	EVENT	VENUE	TYPE OF EVENT
Friday 24th January AGM 19:00-20:15 Public talk from 20:30	Annual General Meeting followed by 'Stellar Cartography: Mapping the Universe in 3D', a public talk by Abi Chown , final year PhD student in Astrophysics at Bath University	Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset BA5 2UE (side arch entrance)	AGM – members only Public talk*
Friday 21 st February 19:30-22:00	'The New Horizons Mission' by Chris Starr The latest news from this spectacularly successful NASA mission to Pluto, Ultima Thule and maybe beyond	Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset BA5 2UE (side arch entrance)	Public evening*
Saturday 21 st March 18:00 until late 3 nights before New Moon	Messier Night, and Venus at its best – Discover Charles Messier's deep-sky wonders in a moonless sky, with an introductory talk. See Venus at its greatest eastern elongation from the Sun (half phase) Joint event with Bath Astronomers	Charterhouse Observatory, The Charterhouse Centre, Charterhouse-on-Mendip BS40 7XR	Public evening* CANCELLED
Wednesday 22 nd April Members' supper from 18:15 Public talk 19:30, followed by observing	Astronomy down the Pub: 'The formation of the Universe, the Chemical Elements and Life – a story told in colour' by Dr Bob Fosbury, European Southern Observatory (Emeritus) and University College London. Set supper menu to be arranged, advanced booking.	Old Down Inn, Emborough, Chilcompton, Somerset, BA3 4SA	Supper – members only Public talk* CANCELLED
Friday 15 th May 19:30-22:00	SpaceX - Failure IS an option by Mark Woodland FRAS In the year when SpaceX starts crewed launches, this is an overview of the company; it's successes, failures and amazing future	Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset BA5 2UE (side arch entrance)	Public evening* CANCELLED
Thu 28 th May – Sunday 31 st May (3 nights)	WMA Star Camp weekend – a weekend camping, with observing from a dark-sky site on the Mendips Book direct on 01761 221372	Nettwood Farm, Smithams Hill, East Harptree, Somerset BS40 6DA	Members only CANCELLED
June 12 – 14th Camping	National Trust Top of the Gorge Festival www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cheddar-gorge Great outreach.	Camping near Charterhouse. Bring scopes, binoculars or just yourselves!	External event CANCELLED
Saturday 20 th June 19:30-22:00	Melissa Thorpe from Spaceport Cornwall Presentation about the UK's first horizontal launch spaceport, in partnership with Virgin Orbit and Goonhilly Earth Station	Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset BA5 2UE (side arch entrance)	Public evening* CANCELLED

All children must be accompanied. *Public evening: Members - free. Visitors: Adult - £3; Family rate - £5; Students - £2

There may also be a number of informal members-only observation and skills nights at different venues - details will be sent out to members in advance

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