

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 2 nd May 19:00-20:00	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)	ONLINE
Sat 16 th May 19:00-20:00	On Board the ISS by Jo Richardson based on Jo's experiences as a UK Space Ambassador and meetings with UK astronaut Tim Peake	At home	ONLINE
Thu 28th May – Sunday 31st May Sat 30 th May	WMA Star Camp evening – 3 x 1-hour sessions online, with food, a quiz, live observing and the live Dragon capsule launch by SpaceX	Nettwood Farm In our own back gardens	ONLINE
Friday 5 th June 19:30-20:30	Looking Down on Lockdown by Lillie Helps A satellite view of our changed lives, based on maps of air pollutants	At home	ONLINE

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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)	CANCELLED
Friday 3 rd July 19:30 – 20:30	Astro Quiz Night Join for an evening of online fun and socialising. Zoom meeting link shared with WMA members	At home	ONLINE
July-August date tbc	Webinar by a WMA member, topic tbc	At home	ONLINE
September date tbc	Dr Nicol Caplin from the European Space Agency Netherlands, with a talk on Astrobiology Understanding the possibilities for life on other worlds	At home	ONLINE Public event*
September date tbc	Ask an Astronomer – a panel of experts from the WMA to answer questions on astronomy, space exploration, observing techniques, equipment...	At home	ONLINE Public event*
Fri October 16 th 19:30 – 22:00	Members Projects Night WMA members talk about their wide range of projects	At home or at Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset BA5 2UE (side arch entrance)	In person or online to be confirmed Public event*
Saturday 14 th November 19:00-22:00	An inspiring Mars talk by Bud Budzynski, then Mars observing It is National Astronomy Week, with 'Mars Encounter' https://astronomyweek.org.uk/	At home or at Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall, Zion Hill, Oakhill. Somerset. BA3 5AN	In person or online to be confirmed Public event*
Saturday 5 th December 18:00 until late	WMA Christmas Meeting – no formal talk. Just relax, eat, chat and observe the winter sky The Moon will be first quarter	At home or at Charterhouse Observatory, The Charterhouse Centre, Charterhouse-on-Mendip BS40 7XR	In person or online to be confirmed Members only
Monday 21 st December 16:00 – 17:00	The Great Conjunction - a 'Sidewalk astronomy' observing event Jupiter and Saturn will be just 7' apart low above the SW horizon. They will also be very close together on the previous/following nights.	Location tbc	In person or online to be confirmed

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