

GUILD FORD ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Host The

1987

Southern Area Group of Astronomical Societies

CONVENTION

At

Guildford Technical College, Guildford, Surrey

On

Saturday June 13th 1987

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

- 10.30am Doors Open...
- 11.00am Welcoming Address -  
Phillip Beastall - President, Guildford Astronomical Society
- 11.30-12.30pm Lecture - 'The Instruments of the Old Royal  
Observatory, Greenwich'  
Professor Stuart Malin
- 12.30-2.00pm Lunch
- 2.00-3.00pm Pro-Am Astronomical 'Call My Bluff'  
Ian Ridpath - For the Pro's - Dr John Mason  
Professor Stuart Malin  
Dr Victor Clube (tbc)  
- For the Am's - (tba)...it could be you!
- 3.00-3.30 Tea/Coffee/Refreshments etc
- 3.30-4.30 Lecture - 'Supernova in the Large Magellanic Cloud'  
Professor Paul Murdin
- 4.30-5.00 Short Intermission
- 5.00-6.00 Lecture - 'Giant Comets and Global Catastrophies -  
Past and Future'  
Dr Victor Clube of Oxford University
- 6.30 Convention Closes
- 8.00-11.00pm Observing Evening - Telescopes provided...

(tbc) - to be confirmed  
(tba) - to be announced

## Trade Stands

Earth and Sky	- Astronomical Publications
Fullerscopes	- Astronomical Equipment
Harrap	- Books - new
Hull University Press	- Books - new
Ian Howard-Duff	- Books - new/secondhand
Ian Poyser	- Astronomical Equipment
Kendall-Hyde Ltd	- Mirror Aluminising
Macmillan	- Books - new
Norman Fisher	- Astronomical Equipment
Reids Photographic	- General Photographic Equipment
Sinden Optical	- Astronomical Equipment
Speedibrews	- Astrophotography

Southern Area Group of Astronomical Societies  
Federation of Astronomical Societies  
British Astronomical Association (to be confirmed)

Autographed copies of Patrick Moore's new book 'TV Astronomer', celebrating 30 years of 'The Sky at Night' will be on sale.

## Demonstrations/Displays/Filmshows

John Smith	- Radio Telescopes
Brian States/Dave Dyer	- Constructing an Observatory

Farnham Astronomical Society	- to be announced
Houston Astronomical Society (USA)	- (Guildford AS is twinned with HAS)
Royal Observatory, Edinburgh	- Halley's Comet...

Guildford Astronomical Society	- 1987 Trip to the Observatories of Paris and Meudon - Slides
Reading Astronomical Society	- Slides
Northern Hemisphere Observatory, La Palma	- Slides

## Competitions and Prizes

Construction - Open to anything astronomical you may have built...  
Entries welcome  
Judges to be announced

Photographic - Again...anything astronomical  
Pretty and/or scientifically valuable photos welcome

Prizes include a Phillips Celestial Globe \*AND\*  
a British Telecom telephone...gasp, shock, horror!!!

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Convention Information Sheet

Venue - Guildford Technical College, Stoke Road, Guildford, Surrey

Access - Road           - From South : A281 - Horsham, A3100 - Godalming  
                          From West  : A3 - Portsmouth, A31 - Farnham  
                                  A323 - Aldershot  
                          From North : A322(M3) - Bagshot, A320 - Woking  
                          From East  : A3(M25) - London, A25 - Dorking.

Rail                   - Guildford (main line)   then 15 mins walk or taxi  
                          Guildford (London Road) then 20 mins walk or taxi.

Bus/Coach - Guildford Bus Station then 10 min walk or taxi.

**Signboards will be displayed on roads leading to the Convention  
marked 'SAGAS'. Please follow these signs when you see them.**

Date                   - Saturday June 13 1987.

Doors Open           - 10.30am.

Opening Address - 11.00am - 1st Lecture at 11.30 am

Doors Close          - 6.30pm.

Parking              - Space for over 800 cars - please park as directed on  
                          arrival.

On Arrival           - Tickets are available at reception - £2.00 adults  
  £1.50 children  
                          - Please show tickets if you have booked in advance in  
                                  which case tickets are - £1.50 adults  
  £1.00 children  
                          - Please keep your tickets throughout the day, as they  
                                  cover multiple admittances...you may like to do some  
                                  shopping in Guildford Town Centre during your visit.

Lunch                 - Ploughmans lunches are available in the College  
                          Refectory. Booking in advance will guarantee your meal  
                          however we cannot give complete assurance if demand is  
                          heavy and you have not booked.

Refreshments         - Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks etc will be available throughout  
                          the Convention.  
                          - Guildford Town Centre has a large number of Restaurants/  
                          Fast Food Shops/Snack Bars etc plus a number of real ale  
                          pubs. Advice will also be available at Reception.

Shopping             - Guildford Town Centre is a 10-15 mins walk from the  
                          Convention and has a large range of shops and stores.

Please note that the Town Centre parking is almost non-  
existent and expensive.

Should you require any further information please contact the Guildford  
Astronomical Society President, Phillip Beastall, on Guildford 570487.