

## Minutes

### Main Meeting February 28<sup>th</sup> 2008 (Season 4) Venue: Cliddesden Primary School

**Open:** The Chairman welcomed all.

**Minutes:** The draft minutes of the previous meetings have been published on the website.

**Apologies:** Dave Wright, Guy Hurst, Helen Mountstephens, Chester Bates.

**Health and Safety:** The Chairman reminded members and visitors of the fire exits.

**Main Item:** Professor Nigel Mason of the Open University gave a talk entitled "Astrobiology - The Search for the Origins of Life". A fascinating talk with plenty of food for thought. A short session of Questions and Discussion followed.

The Chairman thanked the Speaker.

**Coffee:**

**What's Up?:** John Murphy gave a presentation about what there is to see in the night sky in the coming month especially in the way of galaxies and deep sky objects.

**Admin.:** IOW star party March 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Mark Radice intending to attend.  
Messier Marathon 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>.

The Secretary announced that he had acquired a third speaker for the SAGAS Summer Meeting in July - Peter Birtwhistle, a noted amateur NEO observer. John Glasgow had brought flyers for the new planetarium at Intech, Winchester and for speakers there including Dr Allan Chapman on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Shave-Wall asked members to order/buy Telrads through him as he can get them at discount prices and donate a percentage to the Society.

**Dates:**

Practical Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March

Main Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March (change to advertised speaker) Matthew Hepburn "Another Look at the Ice Ages"

**Observing:** No observing was undertaken due to the poor conditions.

**Close:**