



Galloway Forest Astronomical Society

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Lunar Eclipse Monday 28th September

We will be meeting in Glentrool in the early hours of Monday 28th to record the whole of the eclipse. We have **Glentrool Community Centre, Glentrool Village, DG8 6SY** (the former Glentrool School) available from 00:30 am on Monday 28th for use during the event, with toilets and other facilities.

There is a very good description of the forthcoming eclipse here:

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/astronomy-news/observing-news/get-ready-for-septembers-total-lunar-eclipse-09142015/>

Everyone is welcome to join in – we will have a few telescopes mounted for visitors to use - and we hope, given clear skies, to get a good time-lapse record of the event.



Society AGM Saturday 10th October

Our 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 10th October at 10:30 am** in the **Belted Galloway Visitor Centre, Riverside Road, Newton Stewart, DG8 6NQ**. All members and their guests are cordially invited to attend. After the formal business of the AGM we hope to have an informal discussion on the future directions of the society.

The Funding Roadmap

Following our meeting with officials of the Holywood Trust in July, we have been exploring various possibilities for future funding from the Holywood Trust and other funding bodies.

One of our objectives is acquire a mobile planetarium for the Society and to use that to offer free introductions to astronomy to schools and other young people's groups in Wigtownshire (and our own members, of course!). As a first step in this, we hope to book and pay for a planetarium session for a local primary school so that we can gain experience of events like this and get a better understanding of how we might be able to organise them ourselves.

More about this at the AGM in October.



Stargazing for Absolute Beginners

Dr Robin Bellerby FRAS, our former chairman, is offering a talk in support of Alzheimer Scotland, on **Saturday 26th September, 10:30 am, in the ground floor room, McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart, DG8 6EQ**.

Over 7,000 stars and other objects are visible in our Dark Sky Park - come and learn just what you might see. Entry is free but donations are requested for Alzheimer Scotland.