



Galloway Forest Astronomical Society

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Season's Greetings

A very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all our members and friends. Please notice our new contact details and website address as at the foot of this newsletter.

Next Members Meeting: The Local Galactic Group

We have booked the Blairmount Park Football Pavilion again on **Saturday 9th January** (new moon) at 6:00pm for a members' meeting with the theme "the local group". If the weather is clear we hope to be able to observe the brighter northern hemisphere galaxies of the local group and we will have these five telescopes mounted:



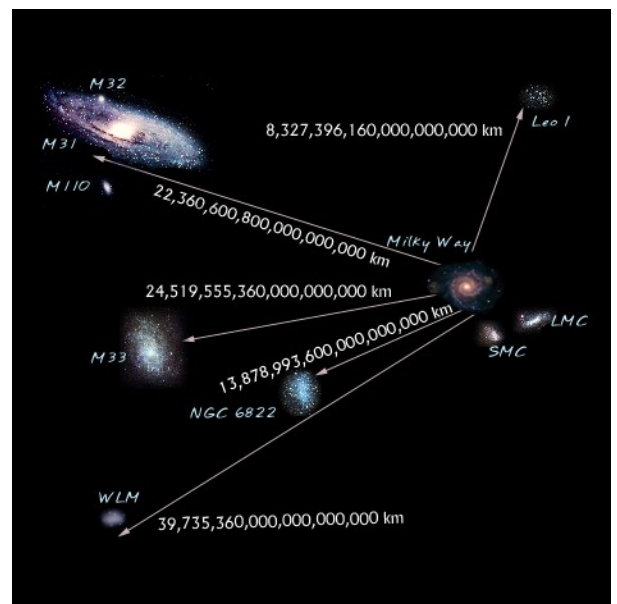
Toilet facilities, shelter from the cold and refreshments will be available in the pavilion and there will be a rolling slideshow on the theme of local group galaxies on display inside. Bring a friend – bring the kids!

Local Group Objects

This composite of the brightest objects in the local group is taken from the NASA website at:

http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/features/cosmic/local_group.html

.... it is much better presented there, a visit is highly recommended.



Borrow a telescope?

Members might not realise that the society's equipment is available to them on loan to use at their leisure. Those members that are thinking of investing in their own equipment might find it useful to try out some of the society's kit first and gain experience that way before taking the plunge, for example. Of course, we'd need you to bring it back for members' meets, but otherwise it would be better for it to be out being used than stored away in a container. Just email the secretary.



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