



Some more shots from Brian Leighton

Brian has been beavering away out at the Three Lochs Caravan Park for all three of the Covid Winters, and has captured some great images which he is willing to share with us. Here are two to start with.



The Fireworks Galaxy, NGC 6946



Orion Nebula, M42, Feb 22nd 2023

Events this winter

We have held three events since our AGM in October 2022 in what we hope is our first post-Covid season. Near the end of January we went to the Glentrool Hive for a public session on the solar system and the latest imagery from the James Webb Space Station. With the help of the Hive staff and volunteers we had a very successful evening with 36 visitors across all the age ranges, although sadly we couldn't do any direct observation because of cloud cover. We hope to go back to the Glentrool Hive in late April or early May and will keep you all informed.

On 25 March we had a members and friends evening in the Newton Stewart Centre, using the centre's new big wide screen. Sadly, some folk couldn't come because they had Covid (again!) and others were put off by the weather, which was cloudy again, but the screen did an excellent job and we were able to run through our new night sky presentation for schools and to display some NASA/ESA footage from the Mars Perseverance rover and the amazing Ingenuity helicopter, the first powered aircraft to fly in the atmosphere of any other planet but that of Earth itself.

Finally, we took the projector to the Douglas-Ewart High School at the end of the term on 31st March and ran two presentations with the first and second year classes and their teachers. These were quite the biggest groups we have had, over 200 youngsters in all, and seemed to be quite well received, although we did wonder if the first year pupils were a bit more focussed on the school end-of-term Easter egg hunt than on the astronomy!

GFAS Membership

We always welcome new members, especially juniors who join for free. Subs remain at £15.00 Adult, £25.00 Family, £0.00 Junior or in full-time education. Just email members@gf-astro.org for a form.

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