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Welcome to the newsletter of the Blackburn Leisure Astronomical Society, the one stop shop for news, future projects, events, visits, lectures and general communications.

This month's newsletter focusses on local BLAS; YAS; FAS & HERAS events as well as some far away news from South Africa!



Remember, this is your newsletter ! All contributions are welcome ! The deadline for publication is the 3rd Monday of each month (one week before the monthly meeting). Please use the email address below and use title BLASNEWS. Please also indicate if you are happy to have your name published. (Your contact details will not be published unless you indicate otherwise).

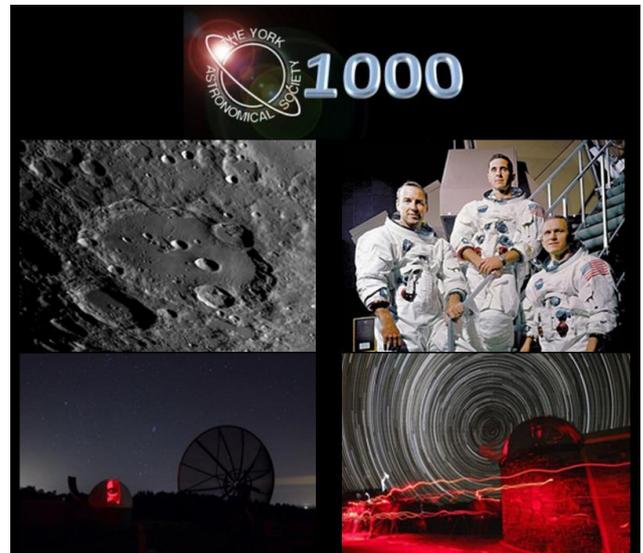
YAS News

BLAS News

This month's meeting on 24th September will cover the Hull time bell; lunar globe; the museums of Liverpool, currently displaying China's Terracotta Warriors and BLAS photographs from club's 80mm scope.

There is also a lecture by Richard Bate on a Solar Eclipse seen from Indonesia.

Some of you may have noticed that there were active links in last month's newsletter which took you directly into our BLAS website which is now back up and running. The BLAS website has been underutilised in recent years but remains our showcase. Registered members are reminded that they can upload their own photographs themselves and contribute to the forum. If you think there is something particularly worthy of note and worthwhile sharing, please forward a link via email to the newsletter editor for reference in future editions of this newsletter. Members' publications are also welcomed via the newsletter editor.



York Astronomical Society celebrated their 1000th meeting on 8th Sept. by way of four open public lectures at St. Peter's School. The subjects included a talk on Our Moon; 50 Years since Apollo 8; The York AS 21cm Radio Telescope and Amateur Astro-photography.

George King and Bob Shanks attended and further details will be included in this month's BLAS meeting. Further detail of events and operations at York can be found at www.yorkastro.org.uk.

A big thank you to York speakers Dave Armeson; Martin Dawson; Rupert Powell; Martin Whipp and the York society for the event.

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FAS News

This Saturday the 22nd Sept. sees the Federation of Astronomical Societies summer convention in York with a series of lectures from several eminent professors of Astronomy covering subjects such as the Gravitational Sky; Black Holes; Comets; How the Universe will end; reaching for the stars and the changing scene of Astronomy. Further detail can be found at www.fedastro.org.uk. Ticket prices are £6 for BLAS members as we are affiliated to FAS.

HERAS News

The 2018 - 2019 season of lectures at the Hull & East Riding Astronomical Society began on Sept 10th with a lecture entitled "George Ellery Hale & The Golden Age of USA Astronomy". Further detail will be included in this months BLAS meeting. The next lecture entitled 'Things that go flash in the night' will take place on Monday 8th of October at the Hull & East Riding Sports club, Chantlands Avenue, Hull HU54ED. See Helen Marshall or www.heras.org.uk for further detail of other forthcoming events and lectures from HERAS.

Pretoria News

I must draw your attention to some stunning photographs this month published in the Pretoria Centre newsletter this month and passed along by Doug Sharpe. The images were taken by our friends in South Africa at their Karoo star party.



Karoo is a large semi-desert / scrub land area of South Africa. The dry air, hot during the day and cool at night offers a good chance of getting clear skies we all dream of. Those wishing to take full advantage of Karoo have an 8 hour drive from Pretoria !

Our thanks go to Johan Moolman and the rest of the South African Astronomers for sharing their stunning newsletter imagery.

Click [here](#) for to go to the Pretoria Centre website for more information and front page images.