

Society for the History of Astronomy



SHA Autumn Conference and A.G.M. 2017 Saturday 28 October

John Lee Theatre, Birmingham & Midland Institute,
Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS

Time	Speaker	Subject	Note
09.30 to 10.00		REGISTRATION	Refreshments will be available in the lecture theatre
10.00	Bob Bower, Chairman, SHA	Welcome to the BMI	
10.15 to 11.15	SHA COUNCIL	<i>2017 Annual General Meeting</i>	All Members and Guests Welcome
11.15 to 12.15	Roger Salt SHA	<i>"The Antikythera Mechanism"</i>	A presentation covering Rogers research into the ancient Greek analogue computer and orrery used to predict astronomical positions and eclipses for calendrical and astrological purposes.
12.15 to 13.30		LUNCH BREAK	Delegates are asked to make their own arrangements. There is an excellent cafeteria upstairs; pub nearby.
13.30	Bob Bower, Chairman SHA	Welcome back	
13.30 to c14.30	Eddie Carpenter SHA	<i>"An Astronomical Slide Show"</i>	A presentation of the heavens from a bygone era.
c14.30 to 15.30	Professor Donald Kurtz	<i>"It's About Time"</i>	Day's Weeks, Months, Years and more: Hear about Roman Emperors, Zulu Wars, Rider Haggard, Thomas Hardy, the English time riots, and how the days of the week got their names.
15.30 to 16.00		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS	Tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided
16.00 to 17.00	Dr Allan Chapman FRAS	<i>'The Civil Servant and the Sunbeam, Sir Joseph Norman Lockyer, pioneer of solar physics'.</i>	Dr Allan Chapman is our Honorary President.
17.00	Bob Bower	CONCLUSIONS & DISPERSAL	Safe Journey home

Since 2010 the AGM has had a regular time and venue; the Autumn Conference on the last Saturday in October, at the BMI. As usual, members are invited to raise any issues concerning the Society during the AGM. The Agenda, and Minutes of the 2016 AGM, will be published in advance. The above programme offers an interesting mixed bag that should appeal to all.

Booking in advance, at £10 per person for members, £15 per person for non-members, to subsidise room hire and catering, helps enormously to facilitate arrangements –

To pre-register please contact **Dennis Osborne** meetings@shastro.org.uk

If you would like to give a talk at the next conference, do please contact Dennis Osborne.