

This report should be read in conjunction with that of the Chairwoman and Treasurer.

Membership:

The number of members, by the end of the current session, is 88 of whom 10 are junior members and two are student members. In addition, Dr. Mark Sims and Mrs Pat Iliffe are Life Members.

Numbers attending each meeting including speaker and visitors:

(Previous year's figures in brackets)

26 (37)	April 2006	AGM (held in the school holidays in 2006)
39 (40)	May	Donald Boyd, Arthur Milnes & Rhona Fraser
36 (55)	June	Ian Brantingham
28 (37)	July	Equipment Night
40 (39)	August	Ken Kennedy
51 (36)	September	Dave Gavine
48 (51)	October	John Brown
52 (48)	November	Maarten de Vries
?? (53)	December	Eric Walker (the door list for December has gone AWOL)
53 (55)	January 2007	Arthur Milnes
48 (45)	February	Pauline Macrae
50 (48)	March	Brian Kelly

Thanks are due to Christine Clifford for overseeing the signing in process and to Pauline for compiling the sheets. These are also used by Antony for determining the *Stargazey Pie* distribution each month.

Spacegazer enquiries:

The general public use our website both to ask about the society and for general astronomy questions. Pauline and I, with Antony's help for many of the technical queries, respond to these. It is not clear exactly how many we had last year as we had a major problem with spam (more than 70 spams per day). I am extremely grateful to Garth Scott Lodge of Plexus Media who, despite the pressure of his own work, took time out to deal with this. Of approximately 60 enquiries which we answered over the year the majority were from people who had bought or received a first time telescope and were unable to use it. Some, with their scopes, came to meetings. Thank you to everyone who gave them assistance, especially Antony. Other queries included a journalist looking for comment, information about an interesting object currently visible in the sky (probably Comet McNaught), a number of complimentary comments about the website, advice about purchasing a scope - with a two of these from overseas, requests for speakers from HAS and offers to speak to HAS, people looking for help with their projects, a request from Greece as to how to organise a Messier marathon and best of all previous members and their families getting in touch again.

Speakers:

Without our speakers this would be a very different organisation. Interestingly our lowest attendances were at meetings where we did not have a speaker. Pauline, in her report, has detailed the talks. I would like to mention how professional they all were and what a pleasure it was to liaise with them, both members of HAS and outside speakers. No-one profited financially from speaking to us. Outside speakers were given a small token as a thank you.

Members:

HAS is its members. We all give different things to and receive different things from the Society. Together we have a group that has a reputation for being vibrant. Let's continue together in the next session to become even more effective and to further our aims and objectives.

To the lady whose time is up:

Pauline, on behalf of us all a big thank you. Individuals marvel at the amount you have done for HAS not least in steering the new observatory to its present position. We know you plan to stay on the committee and assist whoever is elected to take your position. Enjoy your relative retirement.