

## HAS SECRETARY'S REPORT 2005-06

This year I will present you with a few statistics some of which were requested at last year's AGM.

### Members

By the end of the 2005-06, we have **76** members of whom **eight** are junior members and **one** is a Student Member. In addition, Dr. Mark Sims is an Honourable Member.

(As we are now recognised as having Charitable Status anyone wishing to join in the 2006-07 session, which begins at the May 2006 meeting, must fill in a membership application form and if a junior or student member give date of birth. The written application is mandatory, the date of birth good practice).

### Numbers attending each meeting:

(These figures includes visitors)

37	April 2005	AGM
40	May	Martin Hendry
55	June	Howie Firth
37	July	Equipment Night
39	August	Open Night
36	September	DVD
51	October	Alan Pickup
48	November	Maarten de Vries
53	December	Gordon Gallacher
55	January 2006	Arthur Milnes
45	February	Pauline Macrae
48	March	Jane Greaves

I have printed **200+** programmes on my Epson Stylus Photo 830 of which only **three** programmes remain. I am sure it was not designed for such numbers. It also coped with all the SAG Weekend printing. Thank you for distributing them to friends and colleagues. It all adds to our publicity.

I must apologise to members that *Astronomy Now* and *Sky at Night* have recently lacked details of HAS meetings. I had major problems with my computer. The June editions should feature HAS. Another site which advertises our meetings is:

<http://www.fedastro.org.uk/diary.html> which is the Federation of Astronomical Societies website. It is also a useful site if you are visiting another part of the country and wish to visit another association.

All the speakers I approached accepted our invitation to speak. All outside speakers in particular were delighted with the warmth with which they were received and impressed by the knowledge of the members.

Finally, I received **1268** HAS related e-mails since becoming secretary. All these were read with the majority requiring a reply or acknowledgement.

Perhaps because of all of the above and the enthusiastic participation of both members and visitors I look forward to the 2006-07 session.

Pat Williams, Secretary - 2006