

# *The Antiquarian Astronomer*

Journal of the Society for the History of Astronomy

## Scope

The Society for the History of Astronomy was formed in June 2002 with three main objectives:

- To provide a forum for those with an interest in the history of astronomy and related subjects;
- To promote interest in the history of astronomy by academics, educators, amateur astronomers and local historians;
- To encourage research into the history of astronomy, especially research by amateurs, and to facilitate its collation, interpretation, preservation, publication and dissemination.

To implement these aims, the Society organises regular meetings, and publishes a quarterly *Newsletter* and an annual Journal, *The Antiquarian Astronomer*.

Council established *The Antiquarian Astronomer* to provide a medium to publish research by members and others into any aspect of the history of astronomy and related subjects. Council recognised that because most members are amateur astronomers and amateur historians, most of their research would be about local history, which though of lasting value, was unlikely to fall within the scope of professionally-published journals. *The Antiquarian Astronomer* therefore provides a means by which the results of that research can be shared with other individuals and organisations having interests similar to those of the Society, and be made available for posterity. Papers need not be restricted to local history, but should contain original research, new interpretation or insight of material already in the public domain, or description that brings to a wider audience material of limited availability, or that is available only in dispersed locations. Papers offered to *The Antiquarian Astronomer* should not have been published previously.

An important principle established by Council is that papers published in *The Antiquarian Astronomer*, though mainly by amateurs, are to be of a standard that will give the research and the Society lasting credibility. To fulfil this principle, each paper is peer-reviewed by one or more independent Reviewers, in addition to the usual scrutiny by the Editorial Team. Reviewers are selected for their knowledge of the subject-matter of the paper, their ability to provide helpful feedback to the author and the Editor, and their support of the aims of the Society.

*The Antiquarian Astronomer* also publishes Essay Reviews of books of significance to the history of astronomy. Short reviews of single books appear in the S.H.A. *Newsletter*.

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