



# Society for the History of Astronomy

## SHA Autumn Conference and A.G.M. 2016 Saturday 29 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	<b>Bill Barton</b> SHA	<i>“The Chaldean Astronomical Society”</i>	The Chaldean Society was established in 1916, so this year marks their Centenary.
11.15 to 12.15	<b>Dr Lee Macdonald</b> SHA & BAA	<i>“George Airy and the Origins of the Magnetic and Meteorological Department at Greenwich”</i>	This lecture will investigate the origins and early years of the ‘Mag. and Met.’ department in the scientific and political context of the 1830s and 1840s
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	SHA COUNCIL	<i>2016 Annual General Meeting</i>	All Members and Guests welcome
c14.30 to 15.30	<b>Mike Leggett</b> SHA, Coordinator for Buckinghamshire	<i>“The Hartwell Synod: Doctor John Lee, Admiral Smyth, and their associates”</i>	Presenting Lee’s Observatory at Hartwell House, Smyth’s involvement, Lee’s assistants (inc. William R. Birt, James Glaisher, Norman Pogson), and local observatories.
15.30 to 16.00		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS	Tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided
16.00 to 17.00	<b>Dr Allan Chapman</b> FRAS President SHA	<i>To Be Announced</i>	Dr Allan Chapman is our Honorary President.
17.00	Bob Bower	CONCLUSIONS & DISPERSAL	

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 2015 AGM, will be published in advance.

The above programme offers an interesting mixed bag that should appeal to all.

**Booking in advance**, at £5 per person for members, £10 per person for non-members, to subsidise room hire and catering, helps enormously to facilitate arrangements –

**to pre-register please contact Gerard Gilligan [ggastro@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:ggastro@liverpool.ac.uk)**

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

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