




Society for the History of Astronomy



SHA Annual 2024 Spring Conference
Theme for the day - "Astronomers Royal"
Saturday 20th April Doors open 09:30
Large Lyttelton Lecture Theatre, Birmingham & Midland Institute
Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS

Time	Speaker	Subject	Note
09.30 to 10.00		REGISTRATION & Second hand Book sales open. Freebee desk available. SHA Library open for Members	Tea & coffee and biscuits will be provided in lecture room.
10.00	Ms Carolyn Kennett FRAS SHA Chair.	Welcome to the BMI & SHA Conference.	Venue Health & Safety Notice & Other House Keeping.
10.30 to 11.30	Dr Emily Winterburn FRAS, SHA Hon Vice-President.	<i>"Sir William Christie, the Greenwich computers and Carte du Ciel project"</i>	Dr Winterburn was the first SHA Chair in 2002.
11.30 to 12.30	Dr Lee Macdonald FRAS	<i>"The man who slowed down the Earth: the work of Sir Harold Spencer Jones, tenth Astronomer Royal"</i>	SHA member since 2006 and author of forthcoming book on history of ROG
12.30 to 13.30		LUNCH BREAK https://bmi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/catering-menu.pdf	The BMI has an excellent café which has been opened especially for to-day's meeting.
13.30	Ms Carolyn Kennett FRAS SHA Chair	Welcome back	
13.30 to c14.30	Dr Peredur Williams Inst for Astronomy Uni of Edinburgh ROE	<i>"Ralph Copeland, third Astronomer Royal for Scotland"</i>	The subject being one of Scotland's most interesting of ARs.
c14.30 to 15.30	Prof Richard Ellis CBE University College London (UCL)	<i>"Arnold Wolfendale and the development of UK observational astronomy"</i>	Arnold Wolfendale was an international leader in cosmic-ray & gamma-ray astronomy.
15.30 to 16.00		AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS	Available in Lecture room. Tea/Coffee and cakes.
16.00 to 17.00	Dr John Fisher FRAS, MA, MSc	<i><u>The Michael Hoskin Lecture</u></i> <i>"James Bradley; The Man who Moved the World"</i>	John has recently published his long-awaited biography of Bradley.
17.00 Approx	Ms Carolyn Kennett FRAS SHA Chair.	CONCLUSIONS & DISPERSAL	Safe Journey home

For this meeting we will be using current Covid-19 safety advice from both venue & using current government guidelines. Hand cleaning spots, face coverings and safe distance protocols will be in place, and optional for you to use if you wish.

All times and speakers are subject to change.

The above programme offers an interesting insight into past AR's that should appeal to all. Please Book in advance, at £15 per person for members, £20 per person for non-members, to subsidise room hire and catering, helps enormously to facilitate arrangements .

to pre-register use booking form attached or contact meetings@shastro.org.uk

If you would like to give a talk at the next conference, October 2024 do please contact the Meeting Secretary; meetings@shastro.org.uk © 03.01.24