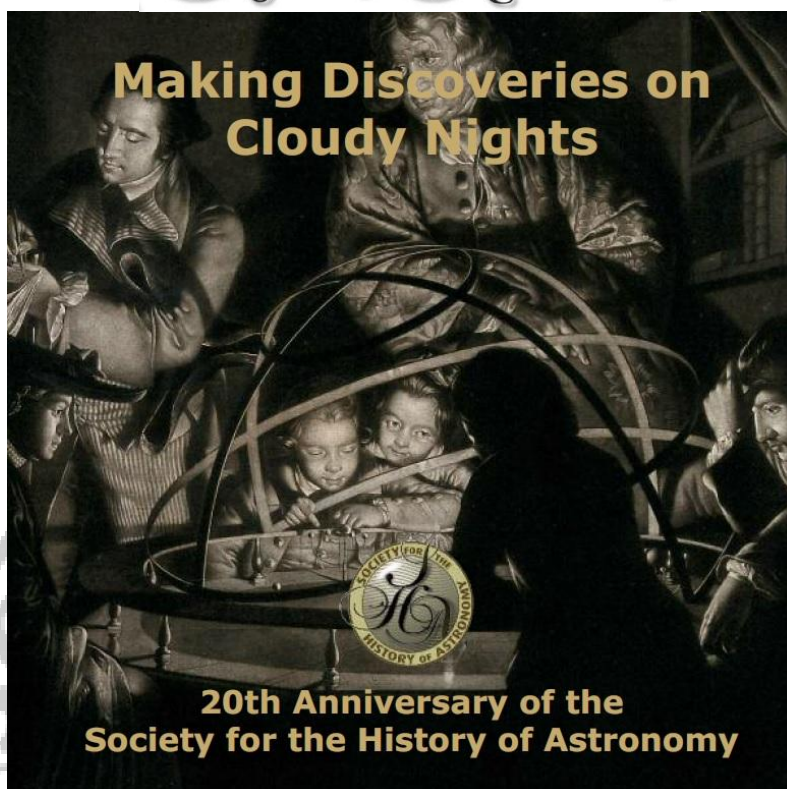




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20th Anniversary of the Society for the History of Astronomy.

Founded at Wadham College, Oxford in June 2002, the Society for the History of Astronomy celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2022. This booklet celebrates that anniversary with a glimpse at aspects of the rich history of astronomy in the British Isles, drawn from the Society's web-based Survey.

The story of the history of astronomy is a fascinating and often dramatic one. The momentous discoveries, eccentric and often adventurous characters, remarkable observatories and great telescopes, form as much a history of humanity as does the march of armies and the life and death of kings and queens. Equally fascinating, and accessible, is the local history of astronomy.

We know that there are people out there doing this kind of research in isolation, or who are interested in taking it up but are not sure how. There are also many people who are not active researchers, but simply have a great interest in the subject and wish to learn more. All are welcome as members of the SHA, whether amateur or professional, academic or enthusiast. Working together, we are bringing the local history of astronomy to light, as well as enjoying its national and international story.

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