

SPA Roll of Honour 1953-2003

Acknowledging those who have volunteered their skills and devoted their time and efforts to the society during the course of the last half century.

Patrons and Presidents

Those who have taken the society's helm include a Nobel Laureate, Astronomers Royal, Professors of Astronomy, world renowned astronomers, telescope makers, astronomy writers and broadcasters.

Eric Turner (President 1953-54)

Ernest Noon (1954-55)
Richard Baum (1955-56)
Patrick Moore (1956-58)
Henry Wildey (1959-61)
Fred Best (1961-63)
P S Litton (1963-65)
Rossie Atwell (1965-67)
Michael Maunder (1967-69)

Peter Lancaster Brown (1969-71)

Norman Wright (1971-73)
Ian Roxburgh (1973-75)
Jack Meadows (1975-77)
Ron Maddison (1977-1979)
Iain Nicholson (1979-81)
Derek McNally (1981-83)
David Dewhirst (1983-85)
John Ebdon (1985-87)

J G Porter (Patron 1954-75)

Sir Martin Ryle, 12th Astronomer Royal (1975-83)

Prof Sir F Graham Smith, 13th Astronomer Royal (1983-85)

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Heather Couper (1987-89)

Stuart Malin (1989-91)
Prof Iwan Williams (1991-93)
Prof Ian Roxburgh (1993-94)
Prof Mike Disney (1994-96)
Dr David Whitehouse (1996-98)
Ian Morison (1998-2000)
Dr Barrie Jones (2000-02)
Dr Margaret Penston (2002-present)

Secretaries

E W Turner (until 1967)
D B P Beglan (1967-70)
Vic Tibbott (1970-84)
Martin Ratcliffe (1984-91)
Guy Fennimore (1991-present)

Editors

Richard Baum (1953-58)
Gilbert E Satterthwaite (1958-61)
John H Lytheer (1961-64)
George J Teideman (1964-67)
Ian Ridpath (1967-74)
Paul Sutherland (1974-83)
Enid Lake (1983-86)
Ian Ridpath (1986-89)
Tom Hosking (1989-2000)
Peter Grego (2000-present)

News Circulars
Robin Scagell (1967-82)
Brian Jones (1982-85)
Paul Sutherland (1985-2000)
Peter Grego (2000-present)

SPA Website

Michael Oates (1997-2002)
Paul Sutherland (2002-present)

Note: The name of the society's magazine has changed several times, from a publication originally called *Mercury* to *The Junior Astronomer* (1958-60), *Hermes* (1960-80) and finally to *Popular Astronomy*.

Unsung heroes

Leslie Green has performed the duties of JAS/SPA Treasurer since 1967—sterling service that has kept the society's finances in great shape, enabling us to go from strength to strength over the years on a sound fiscal footing.

The SPA Advisory Officers have been an invaluable asset, providing help, advice and encouragement in key areas such as astronomy education and instrument advice. There have of course, been scores of people in other valued posts who haven't had a mention here, like those who have worked to publicize the SPA and those who have served on Council through the years. My apologies if your name has been left out.

Section Directors

Occultation Section (formed 1960)

K S G Stocker (1960-62)
Norman Wright (1962-91)
Ian Henderson (1991-98)
Jon Harper (1998-present)

Variable Star Section (formed 1961)

K Brackenborough (1961-63)
K J H Phillips (1963-67)
G Cowie (1967-69)
John Isles (1969-71)
Paul Sutherland (1971-74)
Peter Hornby (1974-80)
John Isles (1980-92)
Tony Markham (1992-2001)
Michael Clarke (2001-present)

Lunar Section (formed 1961)

R E Ellis (1961-69)
Phil Ringsdore (1969)
W L Rae (1969-74)
Steven Anderson (1974-76)
Brian Jeffrey (1976-79)
Russell Ball (1979-84)
Peter Grego (1984-present)

Astrophotography Section (formed 1962,

became an Advisory Service in 1997)

K S G Stocker (1962-63)
Doug Daniels (1963-67)
N O Tatham (1967-68)
Geoffrey Pearce (1968-80)
Nobby Clarke (1980-81)
Dave McAdam (1981-84)
Ruth Bradford-Harris (1984-85)
Alan Young (1985-90)
Andrew Packer (1990-96)
Ian Gray (1996-present)

Jupiter Section (merged with Planetary Section)

R S Kirby (1963-65)
P B Withers (1965-67)
R I Henderson (1967-68)

Meteor Section (formed 1965)

G White (1965-68)
Keith Hindley (1968-69)
Robert Mackenzie (1969-70)
Martin Ince (1971-72)
Dr Alison Brown (1972-75)
Robert McNaught (1975-78)
George Spalding (1978-84)
Alastair McBeath (1984-present)

Solar Section (formed 1966)

N Heath (1966-67)
M Lyons (1967-68)
Michael Whippey (1968-75)
Stephen Smith (1977)
David Hitchens (1977-82)
Billy Ward (1982-84)
Richard Blackburn (1984-87)
John Chapman-Smith (1987-89)
Geoff Elston (1989-93)
John Chapman-Smith (1993-96)
Geoff Elston (1996-98)
John Chapman-Smith (1998-99)
Geoff Elston (1999-2000)
John Chapman-Smith (2000-01)
Richard Bailey (2001-present)

Planetary Section (formed 1966)

C M Pither (1966-67)
G Clapperton, Jr (1967-72)
Michael Gainsford (1972-75)
Richard Bowen (1976-80)
Alan Young (1980-85)
David Graham (1985-90)
Cliff Meredith (1990-2000)
Ian Phelps (2000-present)

Artificial Satellite Section (disbanded 1998)

S W Milbourn (1968-69)
Howard Miles (1969-98)

Historical Section (disbanded 1972)

Peter Lancaster Brown (1970-72)

Comet Section (formed 1978)

Graham Keitch (1978-90)
David Frydman (1990-97)
Lee Macdonald (1997-2000)
Jonathan Shanklin (2000-present)

Deep Sky Section (formed 1979)

Jeffrey Perkins (1979)
Richard Phillips (1979-80)
Stuart R Archer (1980-84)
Anthony Thomas (1984-87)
Alan Dowdell (1987-89)
John Fletcher (1989-97)
Darren Bushnell (1997-present)

Aurora Section (formed 1981)

Neil Bone (1981-90)
Tom McEwan (1990-2001)
Richard Pearce (2001-present)