

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn37

Number of telescopes: 8

Number of organisers: 3

Number of attendees: 10

Event Report:

On the Friday afternoon, the BBC website weather forecast was for clear skies until midnight so we went ahead with the session. In the event, it remained cloudy throughout so the result was a much reduced attendance spent mainly astro - chatting, drinking and eating sandwiches.

Fortunately, holes in the cloud allowed us to set up two 8" reflectors and 80mm binoculars on the field and we were able to show Jupiter to a few members of the public who turned up despite the cloud. Most importantly, a boy and his father were able to see Jupiter for the very first time over a 15 minute period which they were most pleased about. The good news was that the air was quite still and the image stable. (We have sometimes found thermal distortion with planets at the site.)

Many thanks to the Leeds AS. members who attended and helped despite the cloud. (we're a keen lot.)
Rod Levene. (president)