

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn591

Number of telescopes: 3

Number of organisers: 2

Number of attendees: 30

Event Report:

We had a home made 5" Newtonian on a Dobsonian Mount and an 8" Schmidt Cassegrain on a motorised equatorial mount. The weather was perfect with good seeing and brilliant crescent moon. Jupiter was high in the Northern sky.

We set up on the driveway of my house in Norris Park and locals who had been letter-boxed turned up for a look. The youngest visitor was 4 and the oldest 70. For many it was their first look through a telescope and they were suitably impressed with the rugged surface of the moon. Jupiter with its cloud bands and Galilean moons was the highlight.

The evening started at 7pm (0800 UT) and concluded at about 10:30 pm local time after a laser pointer guided tour of the southern sky.

They all wanted to know when I would be doing it again.

David Thurley