

A.A.A. Committee Member - GAVIN BAIN.



Gavin has been an A.A.A. & ASTRA member since September 2006 after attending a lecture in Airdrie library and visiting the observatory at a doors open day event. It was his daughter Meghan who had expressed an interest in finding out more about various constellations and planets. After using the telescope for solar observing (viewing sunspots by the projection method of course) and attending a few regular Friday night meetings they were both hooked and have been very regular in their attendance ever since.

Their highlights so far have included observing Saturn for the first time through a large telescope, helping the 10th Cumbernauld Brownies achieve their 'Stargazing' badges by observing Mars and even the many evenings simply observing the many characteristic features of the Moon through very large magnification eyepieces.

Over the last couple of years Gavin has helped give various lectures at several schools as part of the 'ASTRA North Lanarkshire Astronomy Project' and last year he ran a 'Space Club' for P7 pupils from St. Maragret of Scotland PS and Woodlands PS helping them build aquajet rockets for the annual North Lanarkshire Inter-school Rocketry Competition at Airdrie Academy.

As far as his future ambitions are concerned regarding A.A.A. his main wishes are simply to try to help the new curators of Airdrie Observatory make the very best use possible of this fantastic historical facility and also to help the new committee in any way he can, particularly with regards to educational activities in schools and also the organization of the annual Rocket Competition.