

The Astronomy Group



Between July 17 and August 24 the Perseids are impressively fast, with a rate of 100 meteors per hour at its peak, estimated to take place on July 30. These bright and fast comets have trains and originate from the large Swift-Tuttle comet which takes 133 years to orbit the Sun and was last spotted in 1992.

Therefore at 9:30 pm on a warm evening in July, some 7 keen members of the Astronomy group met at Wembury Point with the objective of viewing shooting stars. As the sky darkened the stars slowly became visible and many old favourites were spotted. One member spent the time setting up his telescope to focus on one star and others used Astronomy Apps on their smart phones to identify many of the visible stars.

By 11 pm, not one shooting star had been seen, but we did spot the International Space Station flying by. However, a very hilarious and enjoyable meeting was had by all