



Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society

Press Release

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY – IN ROTHERHAM!

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This month you can spend an evening under the stars – literally. **Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society** will be at **Thrybergh Country Park** Rotherham on **Saturday 26th September 2009**.

There will be continuous astronomical PowerPoint presentations; a full planetarium show, an astrophotography display and lots of telescopes to look through.

If you have your own telescope, bring it along and join in the fun! Anyone with a telescope and are not sure how to use it; bring it along and have an expert show you how. If you have a pair of binoculars, bring them along too. The moon will be waxing gibbous; this gives just over half a visible view and presents a view with all optical aid.

The evening's presentations start at 1800hrs (6.00pm) with observing starting at 1830hrs (6.30pm). If the skies are clear and observing is good the night will continue till late.

If the weather is poor for observing a revised programme will take place indoors.

There will be hot drinks available.

Entry is free, but donations would be welcomed.

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS – for further information contact Les Marsden on 01709 582417.

Background Information and Notes to Editors

Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society is a registered educational charity its objects are to promote education in astronomy and its associated science for the public benefit. Contact for further information: - Les Marsden 01709 584217

For further information please visit the Society's web site at www.msas.org.uk.

The **International Year of Astronomy 2009** (IYA2009) is an exciting global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture. Coinciding with the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first glimpses through a telescope and the birth of modern astronomy, it gives people all over the world the chance to get involved in this fascinating science and experience the wonders of the night time sky. Further information can be found at www.astronomy2009.co.uk or www.astronomy2009.org.