



Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society

Press Release

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ASTRONOMY – IN ROTHERHAM!

(For September release)

Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society will again be at the very popular and busy **Wentworth Family Day** on **Sunday 13th September 2009**.

There will be an astrophotography display and specialist telescopes to look at the Sun in perfect safety. We have the Solar Filters that are the only way to undertake this kind of observing.

Anyone with a telescope and are not sure how to use it; bring it along and have an expert show you how. But please remember it is daytime and you will not be able to look at the sky.

DO NOT LOOK AT THE SUN WITH ANY OPTICAL AID
PERMENANT EYE DAMAGE WILL OCCURE

There will be the chance for you to win a quality telescope.

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