



MEXBOROUGH & SWINTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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Astronomer's Invite You to Spend an Evening with the Stars

(For immediate release)

Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society, a local educational charity, today published dates for their Public Viewing Evenings (PVEs) in the coming observing season. The Society invite members of the public to visit their observatory for a slide show and, weather permitting, an opportunity to view the night sky through the society's telescope. The PVE dates for the 2002/3 season are:

September 2002 – Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.

October 2002 – Friday 11th and Saturday 12th.

November 2002 – Friday 15th and Saturday 16th.

December 2002 – Friday 6th and Saturday 7th.

January 2003 – Friday 10th and Saturday 11th.

February 2003 – Friday 7th and Saturday 8th.

March 2003 – Friday 7th and Saturday 8th.

Places are strictly limited to 20 visitors per night and visits are by advance booking only. Visitors are charged £2 each, payable on the night. Anyone wishing to book a night with the stars should contact the society either via the web www.msas.org.uk/pve or e-mail pve@msas.org.uk. Alternatively telephone (01709) 579529 or write to The Secretary, 147 Queen Street, Swinton Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 8NG.

When booking please supply the date on which you wish to visit, number in your party, address and evening telephone number. If booking via the Internet please provide your e-mail address.

Les Marsden, Chairman of the Society commented "As a society we are very proud of our observatory and the knowledge and enthusiasm of our members. These evenings give us the opportunity to share that with the public and raise awareness of astronomy – but potential visitors should note that our PVEs do prove very popular and we advise booking early to avoid disappointment!"

In addition to these PVE dates the society offers access to school, youth or community groups. Any group interested in arranging a visit should contact the society to agree a suitable date.

The society meets once per week on Thursday evening in its own room at Swinton Working Men's Club, Station Street, Swinton. Meetings begin at 1945 (7.45 PM), doors open 1915 (7.15PM). Visitors are welcome and there is no obligation to join, a visitors fee of £1 is payable. Further information can be found by visiting www.msas.org.uk.

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Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society is a registered educational charity that aims to promote the advancement astronomy and its related sciences for the public benefit.

For further information see the website at www.msas.org.uk or e-mail committee@msas.org.uk.