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Subject:

Are you interested in Astronomy? Our Back to Basics workshop is for you!

Main content:

Macclesfield Astronomical Society (MAS) and the British Astronomical Association (BAA) will be presenting a programme of talks and practical sessions to help encourage members of the community to learn more about the wonders of the stars and planets. Their aim is to help budding astronomers learn basic techniques and develop their interest in this fascinating hobby to its full potential.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 27 2007 at Macclesfield Town Hall, in Cheshire.

Andrew Greenwood, Chairman of Macclesfield Astronomical Society says: "We are really excited to announce this opportunity for absolutely anyone who is interested in astronomy to learn about what we can see in our own Solar System, and the Universe beyond. We are very keen to inspire as many people as we can and make this first-of-a-kind event - open to all members of the public - an incredible success. We hope to see you there!"

The full day of talks will cover diverse subjects such as choosing the right telescope and which books to buy, through to observing the Moon, and the amazing planets Jupiter and Saturn. We will also have experts on hand to answer all your questions, and a range of retailers present so you can see telescopes and equipment at first-hand.

Further information:

To find out more about the BAA Back to Basics workshop and to download the booking form, visit Macclesfield Astronomical Society's website at <www.maccastro.com>.

About Macclesfield Astronomical Society:

The members of Macclesfield Astronomical Society (MAS) come from all walks of life, ranging from novices to those who have spent a lifetime in astronomical research. Whether you are an armchair astronomer or a keen meteor-observer, you will find a kindred spirit within the Society.

MAS are based at the world-famous Jodrell Bank Observatory in Cheshire. We hold three official meetings each month - a workshop on the first Tuesday and a lecture by a visiting speaker and a beginners class on the third and fourth Tuesdays respectively.

About the British Astronomical Association:

Formed in 1890, the British Astronomical Association has an international reputation for the quality of its observational and scientific work. Membership is open to all persons interested in astronomy.

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