



Derby and District Astronomical Society

40th Anniversary Event

Saturday 21st June 2014

The Derby and District Astronomical Society is 40 this Year!

So why not come along and join the Members of the DDAS to celebrate this milestone.

The Society will be holding a day of celebration at the Friend's Meeting House, St. Helen's Street, Derby, DE1 3GY, on Saturday 21st June. Doors open at 10:00 am and close at 4:00pm. Admission: **FREE**

During the day there will be a number of events going on such as:



DDAS Display

Have a look around the Display Room and talk to DDAS Members and take a look at the Telescopes on display. Got a question about Astronomy? Then the 'Ask the Astronomer' desk is for you! If you have recently bought a telescope and need some advice on how to get the best out of it, don't worry, our Site Curator, who is our resident telescope expert, will be on hand to answer all your questions. Society Member's astronomical images will also be on display, as well a Meteorite Display, so have a look at a rock from Space!

And much more!

Lectures

During the day there will be a programme of lectures organised by the DDAS.

Dr Mike Lancaster (Derby and District Astronomical Society) –
"In the Footsteps of Flamsteed" – 10:15am – 11:15am

Dr Martin Griffiths (University of South Wales) –
"Observing Star Clusters" – 11:30am – 12:30pm

Mr Paul Money – "Images of Space: Art or Science" – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Dr Colin Steele (University of Manchester) –
"Professional and Amateur Astronomy" – 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Solar Observing

Outside in the Friend's Meeting House's Garden there will be a number of Telescopes that have been set up for Solar observing, so if you want to see our 'Home Star' close-up, then this is the place to be. This activity is, of course, dependant on the Weather. The Solar telescopes will be in operation all day, as long as the Sun is shining.



Café

There will be a Café open as well, so come and have a sit down, catch your breath and have a Cuppa, and even, a Biscuit (or two!).

So come and along to the Friend's Meeting House on Saturday 21st June and celebrate 40 years of the DDAS and 40 years of amateur Astronomy in Derby!

The Derby and District Astronomical Society can be found on the Web at:

www.derbyastronomy.org