



# Are you new to Astronomy?

The BAA "Back to Basics" Workshop is for YOU!



## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TT.

The **British Astronomical Association** has designed a programme of talks and practical sessions to help you learn basic techniques and develop your interest to its full potential. Experienced people will be on hand to answer your questions.

The cost of this event is £8.00 to BAA members and £10.00 to non-members (price includes all refreshments and 3 course Lunch, vegetarian option available). The day starts at 09:30 with registration and finishes at 17:00.

Bookings with remittance should be sent no later than **25<sup>th</sup> September 2009** to: -  
The British Astronomical Association,  
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0DU.

#### Getting to this BAA Event : -

Bedford School is situated on the northern side of the town centre. Detailed maps are available at: [www.bedfordschool.org.uk](http://www.bedfordschool.org.uk) Click the "Find us" link.

#### By Car.

**M1** (12 miles). Exit at J13 (A421) or J14 (A509/A422).

**A1** (8 miles). Exit at A421 "Black Cat" roundabout.

**A6** Kettering, Luton.

**A421** Cambridge, Milton Keynes.

**A422** Milton Keynes.

**A428** Northampton.

Free car parking at Bedford School.

#### By Bus.

Frequent Stagecoach X5 Sunday service Cambridge – Bedford – Milton Keynes – Oxford.

[www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

#### By Rail.

##### From the North.

East Midlands Trains: [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)

##### From the South.

From London St. Pancras International.

East Midlands Trains: [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)

First Capital Connect: [www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk](http://www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk)

Please note that there is no Sunday Service on the Bedford – Bletchley Line operated by London Midland Trains.

#### Our Hosts: –

#### The Bedford Astronomical Society - BAS.

This is the first time that the BAA has visited Bedford and a warm welcome is extended to all.

Bedford has historic links with astronomy including Admiral William H. Smyth (The Bedford Catalogue) and T. G. Elger who was the first director of the BAA Lunar Section.

BAS was founded in 1987 and now has a membership approaching the 100 mark. The Society enjoys the excellent facilities of Bedford School that include the Piazza Smyth Observatory housing a fully equipped 16" Meade SCT and an associated resource room complete with planetarium.

Monthly speaker meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month catering for a wide range of interests and abilities.

Observing evenings, if clear, are held on other Wednesdays from October to April using the 16" and a wide range of society instruments.

For full details please visit our comprehensive website at <http://www.bedsastro.org.uk>

Please use the booking form overleaf to reserve your Workshop place(s).



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### BOOKING FORM

Name of member  Name of guest

Address

Phone no.  E-mail

**Lunch:** Vegetarian option. Yes/No.

**PAYMENT METHOD** (Please tick appropriate box):

I enclose cheque or postal order payable to: **THE BRITISH ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION**

Please charge my **Visa / MasterCard / Switch / Delta / Maestro / Amex** account

Card number

Valid From   Expiry   Card security code    Switch issue no.

Name on card  Signature  Date

Please complete this form and send it to: The British Astronomical Association, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0DU by the closing date of **25<sup>th</sup> September 2009** (Telephone: 020 7734 4145).

### Programme

09.30	Registration – Tea/coffee
10:00	Official welcome – <i>BAA President, Roger Pickard</i>
10:05	So what astronomy can I do? – BAS tba.
10:15	What equipment & books do I need? – BAS tba.
10.45	Solar observing – <i>BAA Speaker, Peter Meadows</i>
11:15	Lunar observing – <i>BAA Speaker, Nick James</i>
11:45	Observing Saturn & Jupiter – <i>BAA Saturn Section Director, Mike Foulkes</i>
12:15	Observing Double Stars – <i>John McCue</i>
12:45	Lunch
14.15	2 × 30 minute workshop sessions
15:15	Afternoon tea
15:45	2 × 30 minute workshop sessions
16:45	Feedback and Q&A session
17.00	Closing address – BAA President, Roger Pickard

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Details can be found on the BAA website at: [www.britastro.org](http://www.britastro.org)