



# Are you new to Astronomy?



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

## Saturday 31st January 2009

Darwin Conference Suite, Darwin College,  
University of Kent at Canterbury, CT2 7NZ

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 £13.00 to non-members (price includes all refreshments and a buffet lunch). The day starts at 09:45 with registration and finishes at 17:00.

Bookings with remittance should be sent no later than **16th January 2009** to: -  
The British Astronomical Association,  
Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0DU.

### Getting to this BAA Event : -

#### By Rail:

London (Victoria) to Canterbury East: London (Charing Cross or Waterloo East) to Canterbury West:  
Taxis are available at both Canterbury stations.

#### By Road

Canterbury to the University: Canterbury central ring road, A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, approx 1 mile (1.6km) along the A290, University entrance on right (signposted) near top of hill. The visitors' car park on Giles Lane is a 'Pay and Display' car park. Parking elsewhere is very restricted and for permit holders only.

#### By Bus

There is a regular bus service to the university from Canterbury Bus Station.

For more information please go to the University Web Site <http://www.kent.ac.uk/maps/>

### Our Hosts: -

### The South East Kent Astronomical Society - SEKAS

SEKAS was founded in 1972 and is a member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies. We have 150 members across East Kent and organise a full programme of meetings. These include regular monthly indoor meetings with invited speakers and members evenings, as well as regular public observational meetings across the area.

SEKAS encourages and expands each member's interest in astronomy and promotes a greater general understanding of the night sky and the universe we all share through providing speakers to schools, youth groups, and other societies. We have a Society observatory housing a computerised 12" reflector; we also have a few instruments for loan to members.

There is a Society magazine, 'Eclipse', and an online newsletter; 'Cyber Spaced Out' for members.

Articles focus on the practical skills of observing, and comment on the latest news. Many articles are especially for the beginner. It is an all-round way to keep in touch with the society; the latest events; and to learn at the same time.

For further information, please visit our website:  
<http://www.sekas.co.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

### 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 **16<sup>th</sup> January 2009** (Telephone: 020 7734 4145).

### Programme

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| 09:45 | Registration – Tea/coffee   |
| 10:15 | Official welcome – <i>BAA President, Roger Pickard</i>                                    |
| 10:20 | So what astronomy can I do? – <i>BAA Meetings Secretary, Mrs Hazel Collett</i>            |
| 10:30 | What equipment & books do I need? – <i>BAA Deep Sky Section Director Dr Stewart Moore</i> |
| 11:00 | Solar observing – <i>BAA Speaker, Peter Meadows</i>                                       |
| 11:20 | Lunar observing – <i>BAA Speaker, Martin Morgan-Taylor</i>                                |
| 11:40 | Observing Saturn & Jupiter – <i>BAA Saturn Section Director, Mike Foulkes</i>             |
| 12:00 | Observing variable stars – <i>BAA Variable Star Section Director, Roger Pickard</i>       |
| 12:20 | Lunch   |
| 13:30 | 2 × 30 minute workshop sessions   |
| 15:00 | Afternoon tea   |
| 15:30 | 2 × 30 minute workshop sessions   |
| 16:30 | Feedback and Q&A session  |
| 16:45 | Closing address – BAA President, Roger Pickard  |

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