

Milton Keynes Deaf Astronomical Society

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Programme 2010

Thursday 14th January - 7pm

Understanding the Sky Atlas Map and how to target the celestial objects.

Friday 5th February - 10am - 5pm

Members will go to AstroFest at Kensington Town Hall, Kensington, London W8 7NX. (afterwards - pub dinner)

Thursday 11th February - 7pm

Observing the Orange planets - Mars.
Using various the colour filters to spot the ice-caps.

Thursday 18th March - 7pm

Hunting the deep-sky objects in the constellation of Leo - The Lion

Thursday 15th April - 7pm

Observing the Virgo which is particular interest because it contains the nearest large cluster of galaxies as it's called "The Virgo Cluster".

Thursday 13th May - 7pm

Observing the colour, binary and various stars.

June, July and August - Closed

Wednesday 8th Sept ~ Wednesday 15th Sept

Running Trip to the Sky Camp at Norfolk for one week, organised by British Deaf Astronomical Association.

Thursday 7th October - 7pm

Visiting to Midlands Deaf Astronomical Society for sharing our experiences and Quiz.
(Leaving here at 5.30pm)

Thursday 4th November - 7pm

To find the challenge for Open Clusters and Globular Clusters.

Sunday 5th December - 7pm

BDAA Christmas Festive Meals at Cotswold Deaf Astronomical Society

Please text us if you are coming on 07845319228.



The fourth major planet from the Sun to appear orange-red to the naked eye, and is known as the Red Planet, because it is covered by red deserts.

Mars is rocky planet that in some ways is similar to the Earth, that it has a 24-hour day with a changing of seasons that resembles our own, and polar ice-caps.

However that important because of differences the temperature on Mars sometimes rise above freezing, also the atmosphere is so thin to contain almost no oxygen!

To view through the telescope it appears as a small orange-red disk with lighter and darker markings - the white patches often visible at one pole or other pole.

From 35 to 63 million miles away from Earth, when it's at opposition. (See the opposition photo above.) Mars shows some variation in phase like our Moon but appearing slightly gibbous at quadrature.

MKDAS Observatory

Public Open Evenings
Everyone is welcome!

The MKDAS Observatory is located at Emberton County Park, Onley Road, Emberton, near Olney, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK46 5FJ.

Find us on the A509 and meet us at the Gatehouse (Reception) - 7pm.