

# SOUTHAMPTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Founded 1924

Towards the end of 1923 letters were published in the Southern Daily Echo suggesting, the formation of an Astronomical Society locally. As a direct result, the Society was formed on the 1st January 1924. The Objectives of the Society are: To promote and stimulate interest in Astronomy and related subjects.

We hold monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month September - July, and Club evenings, as and when during the year, with a summer and winter Star Party/BQ. Our main meetings are currently held in Isaac Watts Memorial Church, Winchester Rd, Upper Shirley, Southampton, SO16 6TS. Use Luccombe Rd entrance James Hall, and start at 7.30pm till about 10.00pm. The main event of the evening is usually a lecture given by a guest speaker or one of our members. Our December meeting is turned over to a film show and social get-together.

During the evening a selection of books and videos/DVD's from the Society Library are available for members to borrow. The Society also has a range of Telescopes including go-to available for loan to members.

The Club evenings when held, are informal get-togethers held at members' homes and there is every opportunity for beginner to learn in a cosy informal atmosphere how to use a telescope, or how to set up their own telescope and how it works. We also try to do some observing if the sky is clear. We always have a range of telescopes there to look at and use.

Other activities include visits to places of Astronomical interest. Like Herschel House and Museum at Bath, The UK National Remote Sensing Centre, as well as our winter and Summer Star Party / Barbecues each year.

To help keep members informed we send out monthly emails to members the weekend before our meeting (you can opt out of the email). The Society is a member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies.

Membership to our Society is open to all over the age of 15 years. Under 15 years by special arrangement with our Secretary and must have an adult with them at all times. The current subscription rates are £20.00 for adults (over 18), and £10.00 for junior members (15 - 17).

Our web site is at: [www.sas-astronomy.org.uk](http://www.sas-astronomy.org.uk)

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