

Milton Keynes Deaf Astronomical Society

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Programme 2011

Thursday 6th January - 7pm

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

Thursday 4th February - 7pm

Hunting the deep objects in the constellation of Orion and the Christmas Tree Cluster (NGC 2264).

Friday 5th February - 10am till 5pm

Members will go to AstroFest at Kensington Town Hall. (afterwards - pub dinner)

Thursday 4th March - 7pm

Observing the Deep Objects in the constellations of Canis Minor, Monoceros and Canis Major.

Thursday 7th April - 7pm

Observing the waxing crescent 4 days old, also the constellation of Taurus and Auriga.

Saturday 23rd April - 10am

Running trip to The Astronomy Show at Birmingham.

Thursday 12th May - 7pm

Welcome to Midlands Deaf Astronomical Society visit us for exchanging and experiences.

June, July and August - Closed

Thursday 4th November - 7pm

To prepare logging the lists for observing the faint Deep Objects at BDAA Sky Camp at Norfolk.

Wednesday 21st Sept - Wednesday 28th Sept

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

Thursday 27th October - 7pm

Observing the Deep Objects in the constellation of Cephus, Cassiopeia, Perseus - Also the Blue Snowball Nebula (NGC 7762).

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.

Known as the Christmas Tree cluster, this colourful collection of stars lies 2,600 light-years from Earth in the constellation of Monoceros, the unicorn.

The swirling gas clouds (below) appear red because of ultraviolet light emanating from the young, hot stars that look like blue ornaments on a Christmas tree.

The triangular feature near the bottom of the photo is an area of gas called the Cone Nebula.



The Cone Nebula is a famous nebula in the Orion Arm surrounding the NGC 2264 star cluster. The 'cone' is a triangular dark nebula near the bottom of the nebula.

The Cone Nebula is a cousin of the M16 pillars, which the Hubble imaged in 1995. Monstrous pillars of cold gas like the Cone and M16 are common in large regions of star birth. Astronomers believe the pillars are incubators for developing stars.

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.