

RESIDENTIAL ASTRONOMY WEEKEND

at
PRESTON MONTFORD FIELD CENTRE
near Shrewsbury

Friday 22nd November to Sunday 24th November

MESSIER'S HERITAGE OBSERVING HIS DEEP-SKY OBJECTS

Over 100 deep-sky objects, the ones with M numbers, were discovered by the 18th century French observer Charles Messier. They are a great favourite with amateur astronomers. On this year's practical residential weekend course we'll be looking at what they are, finding out how to observe them with binoculars and telescopes, and how to draw and take pictures of them. The weekend is aimed at both beginners to observing and those who are more advanced, so we'll be covering the basics as well as more detailed topics.

Speakers will be Prof Ian Morison, Robin Scagell and Pete Williamson. Between them they have a wealth of experience of observing, drawing and imaging deep-sky objects.

If it is clear we will observe in relatively dark sky conditions (from Preston Montford the Milky Way is easily visible), with solar observing during daytime breaks.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own binoculars and telescopes, and other equipment will also be available.

The course will cover:

- * How to find and view the Messier objects – plus the ones Messier missed.
 - * Nebulae, clusters and galaxies.
- * Drawing, and imaging using both conventional and specialist cameras.
 - * Remote observing under dark skies.

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Preston Montford Field Centre

SPA ASTRONOMY WEEKEND, 22 - 24 NOVEMBER 2019

The weekend runs from 6.30 pm on Friday 22 November until 3.30pm on Sunday 24 November. There will be talks and observing (if clear) throughout the weekend. **See the terms and conditions below for details of costs and deposits.** Participants under the age of 18 are welcome, though close supervision is not provided. Please let us know if you require a special diet or vegetarian food.

For any questions contact: SPA Weekend Course, 36 Fairway, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5DU
E-mail weekendcourse@popastro.com - Telephone 0115 937 3610 (9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday ONLY).
See our website for full details including how to get to the venue, and the option to book on-line using a credit or debit card: www.popastro.com (follow the link to *Weekend Courses* in the drop-down under *Events*).

How we use your data: Personal data supplied when booking will only be used for the purposes of administering the course and will never be disclosed; data will be held securely until the course is complete when it will be deleted (paper records will be shredded).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Cost: £205.00 per person for a single room and all meals, but not transport to Preston Montford.
Some shared rooms are available on request for families etc. at £185.00 per person.

Deposit: A non-returnable deposit of £25.00 per person is required to secure a place.

Balance of payment: Bookings must be paid in full by 23 September 2019.

Payment methods: We accept payment by Cheque, Postal Order, Credit Card and Debit Card.

Cancellation: If a booking is cancelled, the deposit will not be returned. If the balance due has already been paid when the cancellation is made, the balance will be returned only if the place on the course can be allocated to another person. If cancellation is made seven days or less before the course starts, no refund will be made for whatever reason. It is recommended that all applicants consider the purchase of holiday insurance cover to guard against such contingencies; holiday insurance is widely available on-line and from travel agents and multiple store chains.

Personal property: The Society for Popular Astronomy cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to course members' belongings such as baggage, money, astronomical instruments, etc. These should be covered by members' own domestic insurance or holiday cover.

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Complete this form and send it to: **SPA Weekend Course, 36 Fairway, Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5DU**

***** Please give a contact telephone number** (will only be used in the event of urgent last-minute changes).

I wish to register for the 2019 Astronomy Weekend at Preston Montford.

I enclose a deposit of £25 per person.

(If you wish to pay by Credit/Debit Card please complete the required payment details)

Name..... Male/Female.....

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Telephone..... Age (if under 18).....

E-mail..... Membership No.

Any special dietary / food requirements.....

I wish to have a SHARED ROOM at £185.00 per person YES / NO (delete as applicable).

If YES, please give the name of the person you wish to share with.....

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ payable to **Society for Popular Astronomy**
Words in full, no abbreviations

Please debit my Credit / Debit card with £.....

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BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ABOVE