

# Thaxted Astronomical Society

## Introductions & Vision

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People of Thaxted and surrounding villages

Do you have an interest in Astronomy?

Would you like to meet up with other similarly minded people focusing upon all aspects of the Night Sky?

Having met numbers of local people that already have their own telescopes and with the nearest Astronomy clubs being a drive away at Witham, Loughton or Cambridge, I feel that we residents might benefit from developing our own local Astronomy Club

If you would like to know more then please reply by email to

Thaxted Astronomical Society (TAS)

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**The Thaxted Astronomical Society > TAS >**

(For those that are unaware... an Astronomical Society... is just a formal way of describing... an Astronomy Club...)

I'm looking to start-up an Astronomy Club in Thaxted

Starting small.. growing bigger and stronger...

Starting as a basic gathering of similarly minded people..

Growing to become a nationally recognised local society

Open to all.. from basic beginners to subject matter experts..

From next generation Astronomers to wise old Owls...

Pooling and Sharing knowledge, resource and expertise

And.. most importantly...

Having lots of fun along the Milky Way...

I also want to very much emphasize that...

I'm not expecting you to fully immerse yourselves in every aspect of developing that club...

There would be no problems if you just want to..

Turn-up..

Meet others..

Swap storeys..

and.. Most importantly...

Having fun...

Longer term I am envisaging that the Club will develop into 5 levels of membership >

- Seniors > 60+
- Adults > 19 to 59
- Students > University under and post graduates
- Youth > Secondary School > Y7 to Upper 6 and also up to 18
- Children > Primary School > Reception to Y6

We meet Bi weekly on a Wednesday night between the hours of 2000H and 2200H at Mission Control.. Aka the Swan In Thaxted

This should provide us for any social needs such as

- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks including coffee and teas..
- Toilets'

And for those that might have an additional need.. such as popping in on the way home from work... food....

I can appreciate that not everyone can make every gathering.. or even for the full duration of time...

This would not be a problem.. please... feel free to attend as often as you can for as long as you can...

I am also suspecting that within the club.. some members might be more knowledgeable in some subjects then others...

I often view articles that I have no understanding of what is being described.. either in words or diagrams or photos...

My thinking is that from day-one we should all reset our own personal knowledge indicators at > Earth Ground Level Zero > and then expand our knowledge together through group discussions and internal presentations as we travel out into the Universe...

I would also like to introduce our own Q&A.. basically anyone could submit a question to the club.. if someone knows the answer they can explain back to the club.. should no-one know the answer then we assign the question to a member to research and to present the answer at the next club meeting...



I suspect that some members may have more passion for specific subjects such as >

- The Solar System
- Galaxies
- Cosmology
- Space Missions
- Etc.

I am proposing that at some stage we could develop a set of SIGs focused upon a specific subject..

Chaired by a a named club member...

That could then keep other members informed by a regular presentation to the club at our In-House meetings...

Going forward I am envisaging that we could arrange Club Outing to both single day events or weekend gatherings and Festivals such as >

- AstroFest
- Mullard Radio Observatory
- National Space Centre Leicester
- Royal Observatory Greenwich
- Herstmonceux
- Star Party's arranged by other AS's

I feel that we should also look to develop an away team that could present for the Club at >

- Local clubs such as the Beavers, Cubs Scouts and Rainbows, Brownies' & Guides.
- The Thaxted Youth Club
- Schools
- Local Fetes
- FAS Meetings

Well.. I really hope that all those words have not bored you.. or scared you.. or put you off...

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So.. if you still wish to take a journey with TAS...

- On the Starship Holst...
- Through Time and Space..
- Out pass our own Solar System and its 9 planets (including dear old Pluto..)
- Revolving round our very own star.. the Sun..
- Towards infinity and beyond...
- And.. Other Stars.. Constellations.. The Milky Way.. and distant Galaxy's..
- On a long term mission... investigating.. discovering...
- And generally expanding our collective knowledge of the known Universe...

Please.. book your seat by Contacting us at TAS either by eMail > [ThaxtedAS@ Btinternet.com](mailto:ThaxtedAS@Btinternet.com) or by phone 07789 933 111  
Along with your Name, Address and Mobile telephone Number.