

CAG Stargazing LIVE Event (January 2013)

Useful Weblinks

Caithness Astronomy Group website - www.spanglefish.com/caithnessastronomygroup/index.asp
(Go here for news of future events, for links to night sky guides and tips for seeing the aurora.)

BBC Stargazing Live website (lots of useful educational material here) - www.bbc.co.uk/stargazing

Highly recommended monthly night sky guide - <http://astronomical-calendar.org.uk/>

Jodrell Bank monthly sky guide - www.jodrellbank.manchester.ac.uk/astronomy/nightsky/

Astronomy Now Interactive Sky Chart - www.astronomynow.com/sky_chart.shtml

Free planetarium software - www.stellarium.org

When & where to see the International Space Station, comets, planets etc - www.heavens-above.com

Free Planetary Visibility Software - www.alcyone-ephemeris.info

Messier Catalogue of night Sky Objects - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Messier_objects

Space Weather & aurora - www.spaceweather.com and www.spaceweatherlive.com/en

Advice on buying a telescope (& more) - www.jodrellbank.net/skyatnight/

Sky at Night Magazine Video Guides - www.youtube.com/user/bbcskyatnightmag/videos

Telescope Basics - www.skyandtelescope.com/equipment/basics

Highlights for the Year Ahead

- Aurora & solar observing – solar activity at cyclical peak during 2013
- 2 bright comets – visible to the naked eye on late March & early December evenings
- Meteor Showers - Perseids in mid August
- Planet spotting
 - Jupiter shines bright in the evening at the start and end of 2013
 - After sunset grouping of Mercury, Venus and Jupiter in late May
- Guest speakers
 - Chris Stradling (SIGMA) – Hubble Space Telescope
 - Prof Andy Lawrence (Edin Univ) – Our Place in the Universe
 - Dr Lyndsay Fletcher (Glasgow Univ) – Sun & Space Weather