

**Cambridge) Astronomical Association (CAA) and Cambridge Young Astronomers (CYA)
information sheet (please keep). What the CAA/CYA offers.**

CAA and CYA Meeting dates and times.

CAA speaker meetings - Third Friday of the Month at 8 pm (doors open 7.30 pm), with a professional astronomer in Cambridge or a visiting speaker.

CYA 7 to 11 year olds - usually the last Saturday of the month 10 am to noon

CYA 11+ group – usually the first Monday of the month 7.15 to 8.45 pm

Please note, that occasionally dates sometimes change (especially around Christmas/New Year), check our website or Capella for confirmation.

Observing and loan telescopes. All observing sessions run from the beginning of October to the End of March (not between Christmas and New Year).

a) Public observing at the Institute of Astronomy. Every Wednesday there's a lecture at 7.30 pm with observing 8 to 9 pm if it's clear. To find out if observing is taking place ring the Institute on 01223 337548 after 5 pm and listen to the recorded message

b) Members observing at Ely observatory starting at 8 pm every Tuesday. Ring Peter Ingram on 01353 661734 between 7 pm and 7.30 pm to see if observing is on.

c) 3 mirror telescope imaging for members at the Institute every Thursday from 8 pm. If you wish to be shown how to image on the 3MT at the Institute contact Chris Traher on 07779 817120.

d) Loan telescopes are available all the year round for use at members homes on a monthly hire basis. Contact Stanley on 01223 880624 (after 8 pm) or Andrew on 01480 394946 (evenings), five telescopes are available.

Library. Access to a large library of books, CDs and videos that are available for loan.

Events. Star parties, visits to places of astronomical interest and other occasional events,

Membership: 3 alternatives (available to everyone living at the same address)

a) £8 (annual) membership includes copies of the bimonthly newsletter Capella posted to you.

b) £4 (annual) Copies of Capella which can be downloaded, or all CAA/CYA activities can be seen by visiting our website www.caa-cambridge.co.uk

c) £4 (annual) by standing order mandate, as above, Capella can be downloaded.

Please note. £1 (per session) for visitors or potential members .

Payment to accompany subscription form. Please include a SAE if you require a receipt.

a) £8 postal membership: Send a cheque (to CAA) to the treasurer (see below). You will receive a copy of the next issue of Capella (Jan, Mar, May, July etc) as confirmation of your membership, so you may have to wait a couple of months if you've just missed an issue, please contact the Chairman if you don't want to wait that long

b) £4 website membership: send your cheque to the treasurer. Use the website for further information

c) £4 Standing order mandate membership: .Please fill in the mandate form and send it to the treasurer to arrive before the 1st April and check that your statement has been debited at the end of May. The payments will carry on each year until you cancel them in writing. (Woolwich members see note on the form).

What happens when you join the CAA?

Usually absolutely nothing! But consider yourself a member once your cheque is in the post. (If you want an acknowledgement, please enclose a SAE). Please note. If you send your £4 or £8 sub off between Christmas and the end of March, you get free membership during this period, as our financial year starts 1st April.

Useful contact numbers.

Subscription and financial queries - Sue Roser 01223 893037

CYA (both groups), Meetings, events, Capella and general enquiries - Brian Lister 01223 420954 (evenings) or e-mail bt121@cam.ac.uk (weekdays)

Library and Ely observatory Barry Crellin 01223 426498

CAA /CYA Website. www.caa-cambridge.co.uk

Non-members. Guests, friends, relatives and visitors are welcome to attend any of our meetings, with no obligation to join, but we would ask for a £1 per meeting to help cover our expenses.

Special events. As well as our regular monthly meetings, we also hold other events:

a) Trips and visits.: We either have these as a separate one for the CAA and another for the CYA or a combined visit once a year.

b) Star parties. We usually have one Star Party (around September/October), although we will organize others to coincide with other events, such as the appearance of a bright comet, an occultation or an eclipse.

c) "Introduction to Astronomy" course This is a joint venture with the Institute of Astronomy (IoA) held each year after the IoA open day usually at the end of National Science Week at the end of March.

d) Other meetings including those by other organizations such as the Federation of Astronomical Societies, some Departments of the University, etc.

