



# **The Derby and District Astronomical Society**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September - 7:30pm**

## **Dr Mike Leggett – Astronomy in the Medieval World**

**The Derby and District Astronomical Society are delighted to announce that on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, Dr Mike Leggett, will be presenting a talk titled ‘Astronomy in the Medieval World’. The talk will take place at the Friend’s Meeting House, St Helen’s Street, Derby, DE1 3GY. Please note that the fee for non members is £3.**

### **Astronomy in the Medieval World**

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The talk provides a survey of astronomy in medieval times concentrating on Europe and the Mediterranean region. It begins with an overview of the transmission of Hellenistic astronomy and the role of Ptolemy in the origin of medieval astronomy. The talk traces the development of medieval astronomy, including Islamic astronomy in Arabia and Asia; astronomical phenomena in Anglo-Saxon England; Islamic and Christian astronomy in Castile and Spain; astronomy at the Universities of Paris and Oxford; and astronomy in the Holy Roman Empire.

### **Dr Mike Leggett**

A Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and a Fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, Dr Mike Leggett is also a member of the British Astronomical Association, the Planetary Society and the Society for the History of Astronomy (SHA). As a participant in the SHA Survey of the Astronomical History of the UK, he is currently the coordinator for Buckinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland.

As a founder member of the South Lincolnshire Astronomical and Geophysical Society in 1976, he began to present astronomy talks for his local society. He has presented lectures for the British Interplanetary Society, at University of Aberdeen evening classes, for the Society for the History of Astronomy and to astronomical societies and other groups throughout the UK. He is currently Publicity Officer for the Milton Keynes Astronomical Society, for whom he has also served as Chairman and Secretary. He is also Publicity Secretary for the Society for the History of Astronomy (SHA)

Please note that occasionally due to events beyond the control of the Society there may be changes made to this programme. For the latest information please refer to the DDAS Website - <http://www.derbyastronomy.org/>