

Comet watchers invitation



USK ASTRONOMY club members, shown here, have invited the public to "come and have a peep" at Halley's comet.

The club normally meet every Thursday at Usk Adult Education Centre, but have been keeping a more regular vigil.

On Wednesday and Thursday last week between sixty to seventy people turned up to take up their offer.

The offer is also open this week.

Education centre warden Mr Vlan Roberts said the club had recently bought a ten-inch reflector telescope, prompted by the comet's appearance.

"The education centre must be the only place in Gwent where the public can come and have a peep at the comet through a good telescope," said Mr Roberts.

Next week the club will be meeting Monday to Friday from 6pm but Mr Roberts added: "It's no good coming down if its cloudy. But if it's clear and the moon less bright than it has been then conditions should be good."