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PRESS RELEASE

Visitors get Starry-Eyed over Museum Observatory

Saturday 14th March

Visitors to the Black Country Living Museum will be over the moon with the latest event to be hosted at the award-winning Dudley attraction.

Volunteers from the Pendrell Hall Observatories Group will be hosting a Victorian Astronomy and Technology Day giving visitors the chance to 'see stars' in the Museum's own Victorian-style observatory.

Demonstrations will be 'out of this world' and visitors can also enjoy displays and observatory tours. Speakers include Sir Arnold Wolfendale FRS - 14th Astronomer Royal, Dr Allan Chapman from Wadham College Oxford, Rt Rev. M.G. Bourke - Former Bishop of Wolverhampton, John Armitage Founder of Pendrell Hall Observatories. Subjects include Victorian Astronomers, James Glaisher - Victorian Astronomer, meteorologist and aeronaut, Victorian Clerical Astronomers, Lord John Wrottesley - his life, times and legacy and T.W. Webb and the Silver on Glass Revolution.

The observatory is of a Romsey type design built by star-gazing Baron Lord John Wrottesley of Sedgley and designed by Reverend E L Berthon, a Victorian clergyman who was a scientist, astronomer and inventor. The Pendrell Hall Observatory Group have also built a parallel observatory at Pendrell Hall in South Staffordshire.

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