

Sky Notes : March 2011

➤ Time

- Spring Equinox occurs on March 20th (equal hours of light & dark)
- On 27th British Summer Time starts (GMT +1)

➤ Moon : New on 4th and Full on 19th

➤ Planets

- **Mercury** : Early evening opportunity from 7th, reaching highest elevation (10°) on 22nd
- **Venus** : Bright and obvious in the pre-dawn sky, low in the south-east.
- **Jupiter** : Still visible, but rapidly heading towards south-west horizon & setting mid-evening.
- **Saturn** : Best of the planets, culminating after midnight.

➤ Occultation

- On 13th there is a lunar occultation of the double star Eta Geminorum (Propus). Disappearance on the lunar dark limb is at 21:13 UT. Reappearance from the bright limb is at 22:15 UT