

# Bromsgrove Astronomical Society Update – December 2013

## **December Society Quiz**

The BASOC inter-Society Christmas Quiz was a great success. A big thank you to all the local astronomy clubs that took part and to this years quiz masters whom did a great job. Congratulations to the Carolian Astronomy Society from Kidderminster who won this year.



## **Comet ISON**



Damien Peach imaged this stunning view of Comet ISON prior to perihelion. Unfortunately it didn't fair too well post its encounter with the sun and its magnitude has subsided. NASA will be confirming its status over the coming weeks but so far it doesn't look promising.

# **Forum Spotlight**



Come and join members on the forum, lots of interesting topics to discuss, here are some recent highlights;

- M42 Imaging by Rob Dipple
- Kev and Rich's XBOX Live Cam IR Conversion
- Wildlife Photos in General Photography

### **Society Questionnaire**

Your chance to have your say about Bromsgrove Astronomical Society, it takes approx 5 minutes to complete online and can be anonymous if you wish; <a href="http://www.syncsoft.co.uk/survey/index.php?survey=7fd3e8f">http://www.syncsoft.co.uk/survey/index.php?survey=7fd3e8f</a>

### **BASOC Public Open Evening**

To coincide with the Stargazing Live 2014 Event BASOC will be hosting a public open evening on Monday 13 January 2014 with doors opening at 7pm.

There will be an exhibition of Astronomy and Short Presentations on the Society and 'What's Up! The Spring Night Sky'.

The event usually draws a large crowd but we rely on member to spread the word and participate on the night to ensure visitors are well looked after and have an opportunity to discuss all areas of the hobby. Feel free to bring along your scope and should the sky be clear we'll set them up outside for some observing.

## Stay in Contact

Website : <u>http://www.broms-astro.co.uk/</u> Forum : <u>http://geoastro.co.uk/index.php</u> Facebook : <u>http://facebook.com/bromsastro</u>

Constellation Guide Website : <u>http://www.constellation-guide.com</u>

#### **Next Formal Meeting**

Monday 16th December 2013, doors open as usual at 19:45. Guest Speaker Andrew Lound - 'To See The Beginning of Time'

#### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

May the club committee take this opportunity to wish all members and families a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and hopefully Santa will deliver some Astro related goodies!