



Bromsgrove Astronomical Society Update – December 2015

BASOC Inter-Society Quiz



Quiz in full swing (left) and the winning team Worcester collecting their trophy.

Image Credit: Chris Blake

Congratulations to the Heart of England Astronomy Society for taking the trophy in this year's annual BASOC Inter-Society Christmas Quiz. Thanks to Worcester Astronomical Society for setting the questions this year and a big thank you to all the local astronomy clubs that took part.

Stargazing Live

Stargazing Live has now been scheduled for 12-14 January 2016. See more details online at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b019h4g8>

We'll be co-ordinating our Open Evening event for 18 January with talks, displays and society telescopes.

2016 Society Calendar

The final production of the BASOC 2016 Calendar is now complete. We would therefore invite members, if you haven't already done so, to collect your copy. They will be available for collection at the next informal club meeting (4th Jan) and subsequent meetings. There are priced £5.00 each (subject to availability if not pre-ordered).



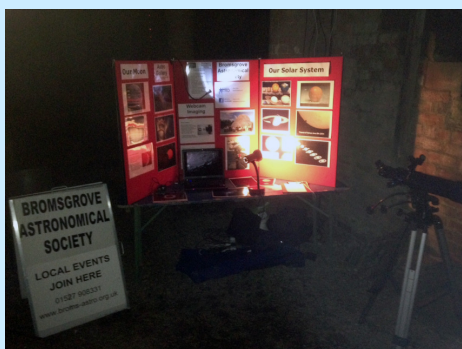
New Website

The committee has received many positive remarks about the website in the society survey and from new members however the committee felt it was time for a change in technology and a facelift. Member Mark Taylor has kindly offered his services to assist with the re-design and the early prototypes are very professional. We hope to launch the re-design in the new year where the forum, newsletter, member area and social media content will all be in one location.

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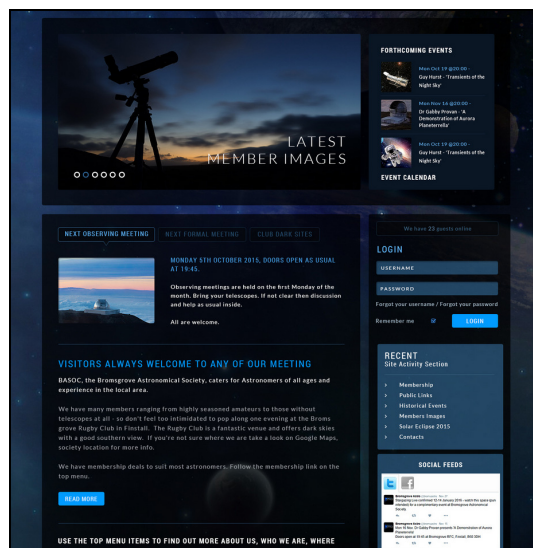
We are also evaluating the possibility of including local weather and lunar cycles, along with usual features like the member gallery. If you have any ideas for the new website please let us know. The site is based on the Wordpress content management system which is widely supported.

Avoncroft Christmas Candle Light Evening



BASOC at Avoncroft, Bromsgrove Credit : Chris Butler

BASOC participated in the Avoncroft Christmas Candle Light evening which welcomed guests of the museum whom had an opportunity to sing carols and ask questions about the society. The event was very well attended with lots of interest in the hobby. Thanks to members Charles, Phil and Chris for their participation.



Example of the new Website layout

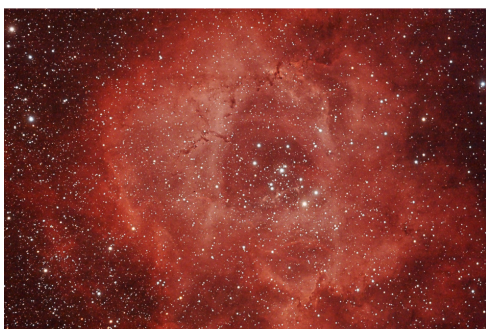


Image Credit: BASOC Member Rob Dipple

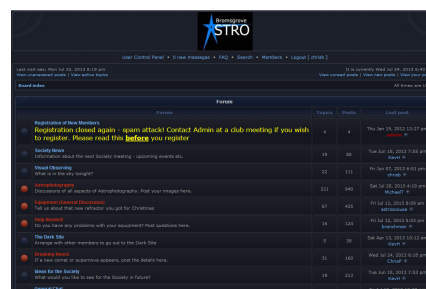
Send us your images

We have a member image gallery on the society website, so please send us your best. Wide field, Lunar, Solar, Planetary, Deep Sky. Digital or hand drawn we'd love to see them.

See other member submissions @ <http://www.broms-astro.co.uk/gallery>

Forum Spotlight

Come and join members on the forum (<http://geoastro.co.uk/index.php>), lots of interesting topics to discuss.



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;

<http://www.syncsoft.co.uk/survey/index.php?survey=7fd3e8f>

Monthly Astronomy Target Guide

BASOC member Andrew Butler kindly produces a PDF target guide each month available via the main page of the society website.

Bring your target guide along to the Next Observation Meeting and see how many you can tick off!

Stay in Contact

Website : <http://www.broms-astro.co.uk/>

Forum :

<http://geoastro.co.uk/index.php>

Facebook :

<http://facebook.com/bromsastro>

Twitter :

<http://twitter.com/bromsastro>

Next Formal Meeting

Monday 18th January 2016, doors open as usual at 19:45.

Society Open Evening (more details at our website)

Next Observation Meeting

Monday 4th January 2016, doors open as usual at 19:45.

Happy New Year!

The Club Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and families a Prosperous New Year. See you in 2016!

If you have any suggestions or comments for the society please contact us via info@broms-astro.org.uk