



Bromsgrove Astronomical Society Update – Summer 2016

Avoncroft Camping Night



Setting up for Avoncroft Camping Night. Image Credits: Sue Dipple

Rob and Sue Dipple kindly represented the society at this years Avoncroft Camping Night on 25th June. Afternoon Solar observation leading into the early evening for the main camping event. Lots of interest from Avoncroft campers with questions about summer celestial objects and beginner telescopes.

FAS Convention

The Federation of Astronomical Societies are holding their 2016 convention at the University of Birmingham on October 22nd starting at 9.30am. Thanks to member Chris Burrow for the tip and if you'd like to arrange a meet up with members there are more details on the society forum. A great line-up of speakers, more info online at <http://fedastro.org.uk/fas/convention/>

2017 Calendar



We'll be launching our Calendar competition toward the end of September so keep an eye out for the details soon, remember entries can be old or new, imaged via ccd or drawn by hand. The image must be your own work.



Polar Star Trails imaged by George Carey

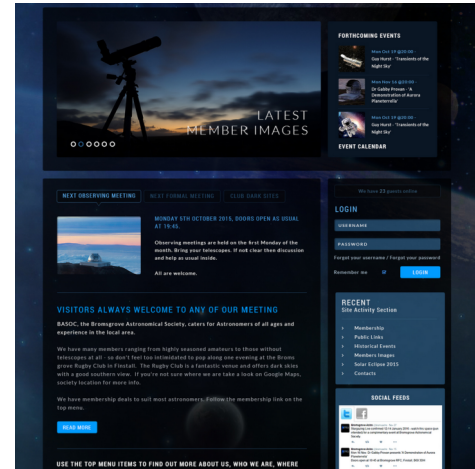
Thanks Steve!

Following a last minute cancellation of our scheduled speaker for August, Dr Steve Barrett kindly offered a step-in presentation guiding members on a themed ramble of the night sky. An interesting mix of familiar and not so familiar objects. We will re-arrange Gemma Lavender's talk 'Mission to Mars' for the new year.

New Society Website

Member Mark Taylor has been putting the final touches to the society website and it's tantalisingly close to publication. It's home has been a temporary location during development and it's in the process of migrating to the live environment very soon.

The new website is mobile ready with responsive design for mobile phones and tablets. You can expect an accessible member area with intuitive access to content that is most frequently requested. Twitter and Facebook feeds will add a new dimension to the site for active discussion and posting of interesting articles bringing BAS social media content to one location. If you have any ideas for the new website please let us know.



New BAS Website

BAS Star Party

On Friday 30 Sep – Sunday 2 Oct Bromsgrove Astronomical Society are having their second society Star Party. Hosted at Woodside Country Park in Ledbury, Herefordshire (woodsidelodges.co.uk) this is a great opportunity to spend a couple of nights under the stars with society members learning and sharing memories. Members are to book directly with Woodside. There are a few electric hook up and non-electric pitches remaining on the Cider Mill field. We will be issuing detailed Star Party guidelines shortly, if you have already booked let us know on the society forum.



2014 Star Party



Image Credit : Chris Blake

Send us your images

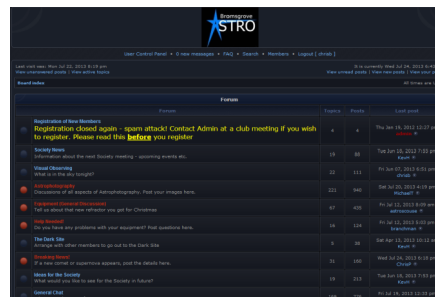
We have a member image gallery on the society website, so please send us your best. Wide field, Lunar, Solar, Planetary, Deep Sky. Digital or hand drawn we'd love to see them.

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>

Events Calendar

5 Sep – BAS Observation Meeting
10 Sep – Salt Fest 2016 (<http://saltfest.co.uk/?p=492>)
19 Sep – BAS Formal Meeting – Guest Speaker Gary Poyner
30 Sep – 2 Oct. BAS Star Party (details above)
5 Oct – Space Day 2016 @ The Hive, Worcs (<http://www.thehiveworcester.org/events.html>)
14 Oct – 15 Oct. International Astronomy Show 2016 (www.ukastroshow.com)
22 Oct – Federation of Astronomical Society Convention (fedastro.org.uk/fas/convention/)

Monthly Astronomy Target Guide

BAS 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 Observation Meeting

Monday 5th September 2016, doors open as usual at 19:45.

Next Formal Meeting

Monday 19th September 2016, doors open as usual at 19:45.
Gary Poyner - "OJ+287 - the monster in the Crab"

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