

Orwell Astronomical Society (Ipswich)



An Introduction to the Society

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Website

www.oasi.org.uk

Contains information about OASI,
details of upcoming events and
information about joining.

Events listing:

<http://www.oasi.org.uk/Events/Events.php>

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Welcome

OASI is a society for people interested in astronomy. We are based at Orwell Park Observatory and Newbourne Village Hall (both near Ipswich, Suffolk). Members enjoy a wide range of interests in astronomy and include armchair astronomers, casual observers, and dedicated amateurs with specialist skills in visual and photographic observing, constructing telescopes, public education in astronomy and the history of astronomy.

The panels below provide information on our activities, and how to join.

Email for more information: info@oasi.org.uk.

Visit Orwell Park Observatory

Our monthly observatory tours provide an opportunity for individuals to visit Orwell Park Observatory. Organised groups may visit by appointment.

Observatory tours and group visits must be booked in advance. [More information and book a visit.](#)

OASI@Orwell Park Observatory

Observing at Orwell Park Observatory, using the historic 258 mm Tomline Refractor and smaller instruments. Every Wednesday, 8.15pm onwards. (Weather permitting.)

Wednesday evenings are open to members, NOT to the public.

OASI@Newbourne

Newbourne Village Hall is OASI's dark-sky observing site and venue for workshops, informal lectures and presentations.

If you're interested in joining OASI, please come to a meeting at Newbourne. Next meeting: Monday 22 July 2019, 19:00.

[More on joining OASI.](#)
[More on OASI@Newbourne.](#)

Recent activities and observations. [More.](#)

<p>Diamond ring effect during total solar eclipse, 02 July 2019, Paul Whiting. More.</p>	<p>OASI BBQ, 29 June 2019. More.</p>	<p>Noctilucent cloud by members of OASI, 21 June 2019. More.</p>
<p>The International Space Station (ISS), 24 May 2019, Andy Gibbs. More.</p>	<p>Reflection nebula NGC7023 in Cepheus, 21 May 2019, John Hughes. More.</p>	<p>Fading of Gyalbudaghian's Variable Nebula, January-May 2019, Mike Harlow. More.</p>

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Keeping in touch

Media	Details	Contact
Twitter	https://twitter.com/OASIpSwich @OASIpSwich	Martin Richmond-Hardy news@oasi.org.uk
Facebook	www.facebook.com/Orwell-Astronomical	Matthew Leeks security@oasi.org.uk
Yahoo email group	Register via oasi-subscribe@yahoogroups.com	Pete Richards lectures@oasi.org.uk
Newsletter	Our monthly newsletter may be downloaded from the website: www.oasi.org.uk	Martin Richmond-Hardy news@oasi.org.uk

Branded clothing

- Sweatshirts and beanie hats with the OASI logo are available for sale to members.
- Contact any committee member for details.

OASI@Orwell Park

Meetings

- Observing meetings at Orwell Park Observatory are held weekly on Wednesday evenings from 20:15 to late.
- Open to members only (not visitors).

Facilities at the Observatory:

- The Tomline Refractor - 258mm aperture, equatorially mounted.
- Assorted smaller telescopes and binoculars.
- Library of astronomical books and magazines.

Access arrangements:

- Access code for car park is printed on rear of membership card.
- In case of difficulties, the Observatory phone number is 07960 083714 (when Observatory open).

Contacts:

- Martin Cook membership@oasi.org.uk
- Roy Gooding secretary@oasi.org.uk

OASI@Newbourne

Meetings:

- Held at Newbourne Village Hall fortnightly on Monday evenings from 19:00 to late.
- Open to members, guests and visitors.
- Observing is encouraged if conditions are suitable; bring your own telescope or other instruments.
- If the weather is inclement, we host informal talks and discussions.
- Astronomy workshops are held approximately monthly during spring and autumn.

Facilities at Newbourne:

- Easy access (no spiral staircase!)
- Refreshments available.

Contact:

- Martin Richmond-Hardy newbourne@oasi.org.uk

Workshops

- Held during OASI@Newbourne meetings, usually monthly during spring and autumn.
- Address a wide variety of astronomical subjects.
- Led by members of OASI.
- The style is at the discretion of the leader, from formal presentation through to interactive discussion.

Contact:

- Mike Whybray workshops@oasi.org.uk

Committee meetings

- Held usually four or five times a year and additionally as necessary.
- Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Black Horse Lane, Ipswich, or other location as agreed.
- All members are welcome to attend.

Contact:

- Roy Gooding secretary@oasi.org.uk

Lectures

- Held at St Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8PT.
- Given by leading astronomical professionals and amateurs.

Contact:

- Pete Richards lectures@oasi.org.uk

Public outreach

- OASI holds events throughout the year to introduce the public to astronomy.
- Events include: solar observing (daytime), observing the stars/planets/Moon (night-time), lectures and talks on a variety of astronomical subjects.
- All members are encouraged to support.

Contacts:

- Roy Gooding secretary@oasi.org.uk
- Paul Whiting treasurer@oasi.org.uk

Excursions, trips & visits

- Field trips to observe grazing lunar occultations and meteor showers.
- Local dark sky sites.
- Astronomical exhibitions and conventions.
- Places of astronomical interest.
- Aurora borealis (northern lights) cruise.
- Star parties.
- Events hosted by other societies.

Social events

Summer barbecue

- Venue: Newbourne Village Hall
- Contact: Peter Richards lectures@oasi.org.uk

Christmas meal

- Venue: local pub/restaurant
- Contact: Roy Gooding secretary@oasi.org.uk