

An Introduction to OASI



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Welcome

OASI is a society for anyone interested in astronomy. We are based at Great Park Observatory and Rendlesham Village Hall and the majority of members live in the counties of Suffolk and Essex. Members enjoy a wide range of interests in the subject and include those with a casual interest, through to specialist observers, professional astronomers with specialist skills in visual and photographic observing, comet hunting, telescopes, public education in astronomy and the history of astronomy.

The general public is invited to the observatory on our regular nights, and to be prepared if you are interested in joining OASI. E-mail for more information: info@oasi.org.uk

Facebook



Night Sky

Looking for a Day? Viewing F500
Night sky pages by Bill Bower, 1988
Internet Night sky site for the public use

Current News

MAA News



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OASI@Great Park Observatory

Observing at Great Park Observatory (need your permission) every Wednesday, 8.15pm onwards.
Wednesday evenings are open to members, NOT to the public.



OASI@Rendlesham

Rendlesham Village Hall is OASI's star-belly observing site and venue for meetings, informal lectures and presentations.
If you're interested in joining OASI, please come to our meeting at Rendlesham Hall meeting: Thursday 6th May 2018, 19:00.

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Visiting Great Park Observatory

Visitors are welcome at Great Park Observatory on our star-belly tours. Next tour is 21st in November 2018. Details will be posted here when finalised.

Plans MUST be booked!
[View Article Star-belly and London](#)



Public Events

Our next public event is: Saturday 02 June 2018, 10:00, Kirtley & Follen Farm Villages Farm.

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Details of all our events, including those you can't visit the observatory, are on our [Facebook page](#)

Recent Additions to our Observatory's Gallery: [View Observations](#)



Shedun in His Light, Merin Cook, 23 April 2018. [View Article](#)



NGC 2219, Nigel Brown, 07 March 2018. [View Article](#)



Acacia, Thomas, Thomas, Peter O'Mahony, 18 February 2018. [View Article](#)



Website

www.oasi.org.uk

Social Media

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/OASlpswich>
[@OASlpswich](#)

Contact: Martin Richmond-Hardy
news@oasi.org.uk

Facebook

www.facebook.com/Orwell-Astronomical

Contact: Matthew Leeks
security@oasi.org.uk



Yahoo Email User Group



Keep up to date with society matters by receiving email updates and notifications.

To register

Contact: Pete Richards

lectures@oasi.org.uk

Newsletter



The society publishes a monthly Newsletter which may be downloaded from the website home page

URL: www.oasi.org.uk

Contact: Martin Richmond-Hardy
news@oasi.org.uk

Society Clothing



The society keeps a stock of sweatshirts and beanie hats with the OASI logo.

These are for sale to members.

Contact: any committee member

Meetings oasi@Orwell Park

Weekly meetings at Orwell Park Observatory for members only.
Wednesday evenings from 20:15 to late.



Facilities

- The Tomline Refractor - 250mm aperture, equatorially mounted.
- Other assorted telescopes and binoculars.
- Library of astronomical books and magazines.

Access arrangements:

- Access code for gate to car park is on membership card.
- Observatory phone no. 07960 083714 (when observatory open).

Contact: Martin Cook membership@oasi.org.uk
Roy Gooding secretary@oasi.org.uk

Meetings oasi@Newbourne

Fortnightly meetings at Newbourne Village Hall.
Monday evenings from 19:00 to late.

Facilities

Easy access (no spiral stairs).

Bring your own telescope to our dark sky site.

Talks and discussions if weather is bad.

Refreshments available.

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



Committee Meetings



Held every 8 weeks, approximately.

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Black Horse Lane, Ipswich.

All members are welcome to attend.

Contact: Roy Gooding
secretary@oasi.org.uk

Workshops



Held during OASI@Newbourne meetings, usually monthly during spring and autumn.

All kinds of astronomical subjects covered.

Led by society members for members.

Contact: Mike Whybray
workshops@oasi.org.uk

OASI Lectures



Held in St Augustine's Church Hall, Bixley Road, Ipswich.

Given by leading astronomical professionals and amateurs.

Contact: Pete Richards

lectures@oasi.org.uk

Public Outreach Events



Held throughout the year to introduce astronomy to the public.

Solar observing (daytime) and stars/planets/the Moon (night-time).

All members are encouraged to attend.

Contact: Roy Gooding
secretary@oasi.org.uk

Paul Whiting
chairman@oasi.org.uk

OASI Events Listings



See the OASI web site

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

Trips Out



Local dark sky sites.

Astronomical exhibitions and conventions.

Places of astronomical interest.

Northern lights (contact Paul Whiting, chairman@oasi.org.uk)

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