

Information for members of OASI

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Orwell Astronomical Society (Ipswich)



Events Listing

Events are listed in the monthly *Newsletter* and on the website:

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

All members are welcome to attend all OASI events.

Keeping in touch

Email group

Keep up to date with society matters by joining the OASI email group (open only to members).

To register, email OASI+subscribe@groups.io

Newsletter

The society publishes a monthly Newsletter, emailed to all members.

Back editions available from the website https://oasi.org.uk/NL/NL_archive.php

Website

www.oasi.org.uk

Social Media

Facebook

Open to all.

[Orwell-Astronomical](#)

Contact: Matthew Leeks security@oasi.org.uk

WhatsApp

Open only to members.

Contact: Andy Gibbs chairman@oasi.org.uk

Youtube

[Orwell Astronomical](#)

Contact: Andy Gibbs chairman@oasi.org.uk

Meetings at Orwell Park Observatory

Weekly meetings at Orwell Park Observatory, open only to members, on Wednesday evenings from 20:00 to late.

Facilities:

- The Tomline Refractor - 258mm 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. 07749 157843 (when observatory open).

Contact: Martin Cook membership@oasi.org.uk

Roy Gooding r.gooding908@btinternet.com

Meetings at Newbourne Village Hall

Fortnightly meetings at Newbourne Village Hall, on Monday evenings from 19:30 to late.

Facilities:

- Good observing site with relatively low level of light pollution.
- Telescopes available for use, or bring your own instrument.
- Regular short talks on the night sky for the month ahead and other matters of astronomical interest.
- Occasional *ad hoc* talks.
- Workshops (summer months only).
- Refreshments.
- Easy access (no spiral stairs).

Contact: Paul Whiting, FRAS newbourne@oasi.org.uk

Workshops

Held during meetings at Newbourne Village Hall in summer months.

All kinds of astronomical subjects are covered.

Led by society members for members.

All members are encouraged to volunteer to lead a workshop about any aspect of astronomy of interest.

Contact: Mike Whybray workshops@oasi.org.uk

Lectures

Generally three arranged each year.

Held in the Lantern Room at St Augustine's Church, Bixley Road, Ipswich, IP3 8TJ.

Given by leading astronomical professionals and amateurs.

Suggestions for topics and speakers are welcome.

Contact: Pete Richards lectures@oasi.org.uk

Public Outreach Events

Held throughout the year to raise awareness of astronomy with members of the public.

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

All members are encouraged to support the events.

Contacts: Roy Gooding r.gooding908@btinternet.com
Paul Whiting treasurer@oasi.org.uk

Trips

Destinations include:

- Local dark sky sites.
- Astronomical exhibitions and conventions.
- Places of astronomical interest.
- Northern lights.
- Star parties.
- Events hosted by other societies.

Contacts:

- Paul Whiting treasurer@oasi.org.uk, for northern lights trips.
- Roy Gooding r.gooding908@btinternet.com, for everything else.

Social events

Summer barbecue / picnic

Venue: Newbourne village hall

Contact: Pete Richards lectures@oasi.org.uk

Christmas meal

Venue: local pub/restaurant

Contact: Roy Gooding r.gooding908@btinternet.com

Committee Meetings

Management committee elected annually.

[List of current committee roles and incumbents.](#)

Meetings held approximately every 12 weeks, and as necessary.

Meetings usually via Zoom.

All members are welcome to attend.

Contact: Roy Gooding r.gooding908@btinternet.com

Society Clothing

The society keeps a stock of sweatshirts and beanie hats for sale to members. The garments are adorned with the OASI logo.

Contact: any committee member.