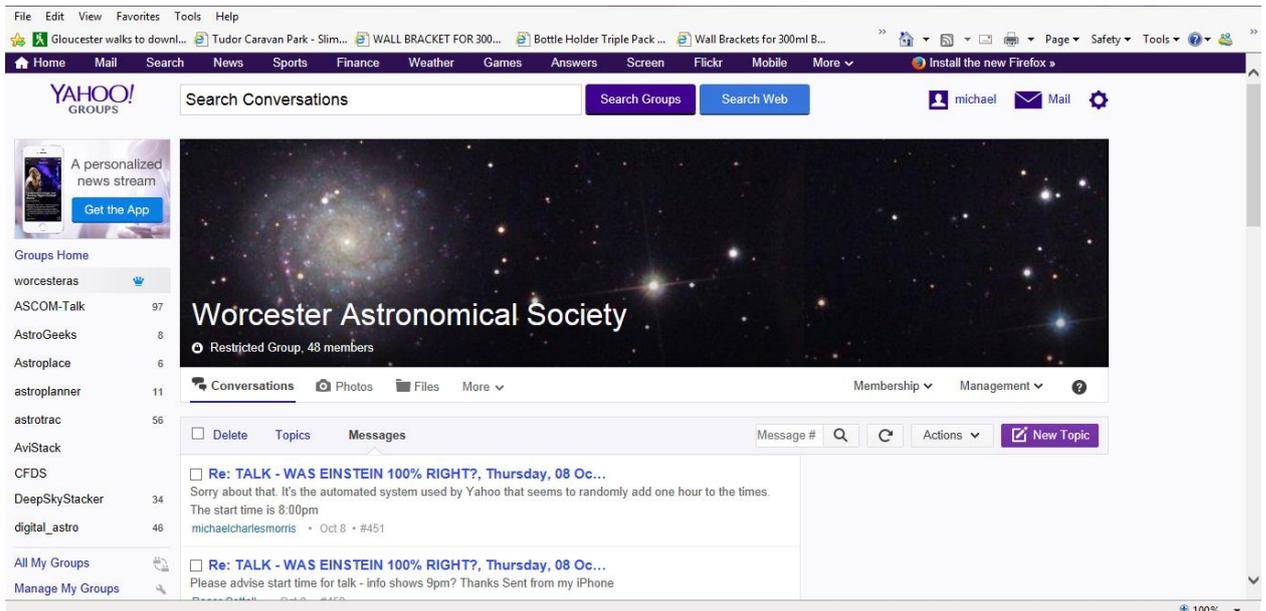


YAHOO NEWSGROUP

Our website is a valuable source of information about the society for members and for the public. However, the website does not provide an interactive experience. We supplement our web pages with a members-only newsgroup.

We have set up a Yahoo newsgroup at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/worcesteras/info>



Here are the highlights of what the newsgroup provides:

- Post notices about forthcoming events (such as observing evenings) at short notice.
- Gives an easy way for members to keep in touch with each other between meetings.
- Allows members to easily post astronomical pictures they have taken.
- Allows members to post observing reports.
- An online archive for copies of newsletters, presentations and other materials.
- Links to useful websites and books
- An on-line calendar of society events.

Our website provides members and the public with details of forthcoming events and telling them what the society is and does.

You can find links to the newsgroup via the 'Meetings and Venues' and 'Membership' pages of the society's new website at www.worcesterastro.co.uk

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Frequently asked questions

What is a newsgroup?

A newsgroup is an internet-based interactive forum for exchanging information and photographs.

How to do I join a newsgroup?

You will need to have an account with Yahoo! - this is free. If you haven't already registered with Yahoo (or one of their sister services such as Flickr), you can find out how to do register at: <https://help.yahoo.com/kb/SLN2056.html>

How do I find the Worcester Astronomical Society newsgroup?

Go to the yahoo groups website at <https://uk.groups.yahoo.com/neo>. In the 'Search Groups' search box, type 'worcesteras'. In the search results, click on the 'join this group' link. You can find this link directly at: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/worcesteras/join>

How do I join the Worcester Astronomical Society newsgroup?

Applying for membership is easy and should only take about 2 minutes. Your membership will have to be approved on line by one of the moderators (a committee member) before you can access the members only features. We hope to approve membership requests within a few days, but it will probably be done much quicker. You can find out how to apply for membership at <http://help.yahoo.com//us/yahoo/groups/original/members/index.html>

Do I have to be a member of the newsgroup to read it?

No, anyone can read the postings on the newsgroup. However, you'll need to be a member to post on it or to access the files, photos or links.

How do I post a comment or question?

Once you're logged in to Yahoo!, go to the worcesteras newsgroup and click on Messages > Post on the left hand side. If you're new to the newsgroup, your first few postings will be cleared through the moderators (mostly members of the committee) before they appear on the newsgroup.

How to do I post pictures or sketches?

All photos and scanned sketches will be approved by a moderator before they appear on the newsgroup. Please, no family snaps or pretty landscapes - just astro stuff or society events. It's really helpful to other members if you can include details of the object you have imaged, including exposure details and the equipment and processing techniques used. Please read the photograph and sketch posting guidelines before posting any pictures. These guidelines can be found in the 'Files' section.

Can I post files, links or calendar entries?

As a member you cannot *directly* post a file, link or calendar entry. Requests for links, calendar entries or files to be included on the newsgroup should be e-mailed to: worcesteras@yahogroups.com

What can I post?

The main stipulation is that you only post things relevant to the society and/or to astronomy. We have come up with a very simple set of posting rules. You can find them in the 'Files' section.

How do I know what's been posted on the newsgroup?

If you go to 'Edit membership' just above the newsgroup title bar. Scroll down to Step 2 – Message delivery to select how you want to be informed (or not) about postings to the newsgroup. If you just want message from moderators (For instance, Notification of Observing Evenings are going ahead or not), select Special Notices. You can change these settings at any time.