



Meetings Programme Winter - Spring 2018/2019

Worcester Astronomical Society

Worcester Astronomical Society was founded in 1984 by a group of local amateur astronomers to promote astronomy and share our enjoyment of this unique and wonderful interest. We hold regular meetings throughout the year, with many special events including exhibitions, observing evenings and visits to places of astronomical interest.

Visitors are very welcome at both general meetings and special events

Main Meetings

Unless otherwise stated, main meetings are talks by outside speakers and are held from 8 pm to about 10 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the headquarters of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust at Lower Smite Farm, Smite Hill, Hindlip, Worcester WR3 8SZ.

Practical Astronomer Workshops/Astronomy School *Crown East Scout Hut, Crown East, Worcester*

In addition our main talks, we also run a series of talks and workshops under the title 'The Practical Astronomer' and 'Astronomy School' video presentations on alternate months between January and May and between September and December, normally on the third Thursday of the month. These sessions will usually conclude with a short observing session (if clear)

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11 October	Deep Sky Imaging using Remote Telescopes	Peter Williamson
<i>18 October</i>	<i>Astronomy School</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>
8 November	AGM (7.30 pm) followed by 21st Century Telescopes	Prof. Michael Merrifield
<i>15 November</i>	<i>Autoguiding (Practical Astronomer workshop)</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>
13 December	Members' Exhibition Evening	
<i>20 December</i>	<i>Astronomy School/Social Evening</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>
10 January	Star Parties and Astromeets	Michael Morris
<i>17 January</i>	<i>Hunting for Dark Matter in a Gold Mine*</i>	<i>Dr P A Majewski</i>
<i>* Joint meeting with the Institute of Physics, University of Worcester, Oldbury Road Campus. 7:30 pm start</i>		
14 February	TBA	
<i>21 February</i>	<i>Astronomy School</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>
14 March	Observing Astronomical Asterisms	Jonathan Gale
<i>21 March</i>	<i>Imaging the Milky Way (Practical Astronomer)</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>
11 April	Variable Stars	Roger Pickard
<i>18 April</i>	<i>Astronomy School</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>
10 May	TBA	
<i>17 May</i>	<i>Observing the Sun</i>	<i>*8:30pm start at Crown East</i>

Observing Nights

Crown East Scout Hut, Crown East, Worcester
On the same months as the Practical Astronomer sessions, **if clear**, we also run public observing nights on the 4th Thursday of month starting at 8:30pm. Bring along your own telescope or look through one of the society's telescopes.

Check our Newsgroup (<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/worcesteras>) after 7:45 pm on the evening

Membership

Membership of the society costs no more than £18 a year and includes a free Welcome Pack.



For further information or to join us visit our web site at
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