#### What's Up?

#### 2024 June 24 to July 22

**Bill Barton, FRAS** 

# OASI Summer Picnic

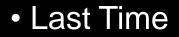
Date: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Time: 1pm to 8pm-ish\*. Setting up from 12 midday. Venue: Newbourne Village Hall, Mill Road, Newbourne, WOODBRIDGE, IP12 4NP.

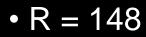
All OASI members, their families and friends are invited.

If skies are clear the club's telescopes will be available for observations - or bring your own.

Bring your own picnic food, drink, chairs, mats etc. A barbecue will not be provided, but you can bring a portable barbecue.

\* Possibly later for night-time observing if there is sufficient demand.





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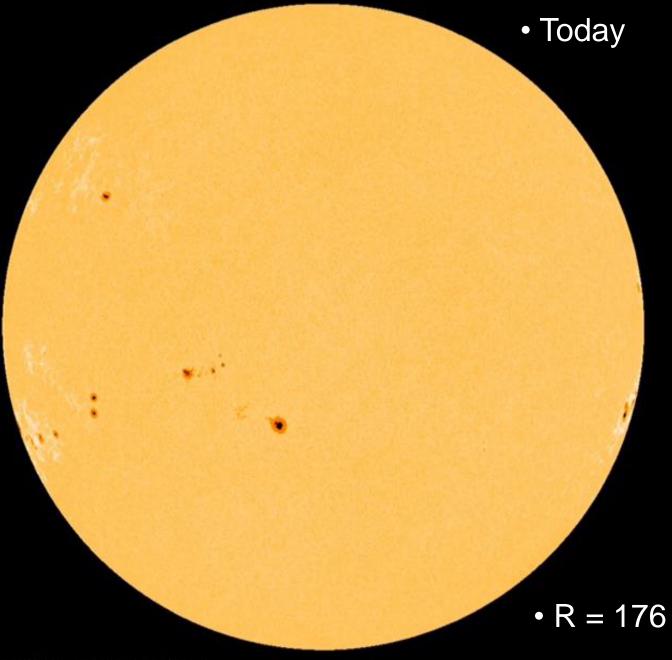
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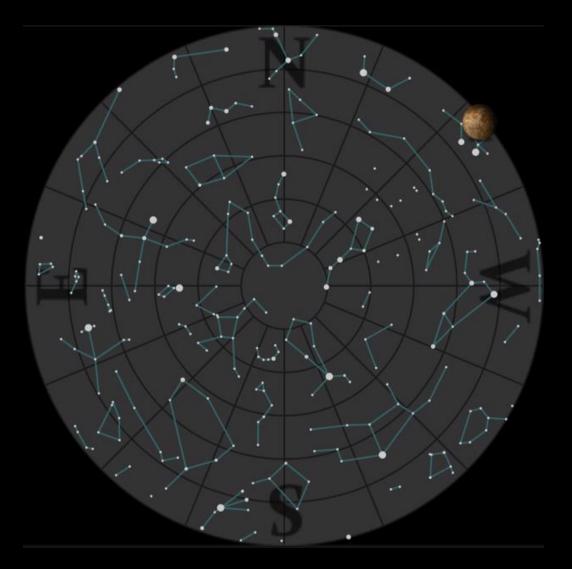
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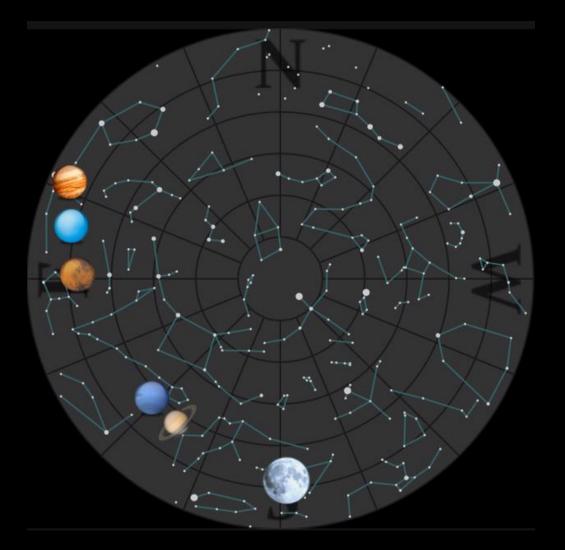
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• The Sky 22:00 Tonight



• The Sky 04:00 Tomorrow

# Inner Solar System

- Sun
  - Declination decreasing, aphelion Jul. 5, equinox Sept. 22
  - Last sunspot min., Apr. 2020, next max., now? or 2025?
- Mercury
  - In the evening sky, greatest elongation July 22 (27  $^\circ\,$  ), currently 11  $^\circ\,$  , mag -1.2
  - Inferior conjunction Aug. 19
  - Early July "good observing opportunity"
  - Today, rise 05:15, transit 13:45, set 22:15
- Venus
  - Also in the evening sky, superior conjunction was on Jun. 04, and greatest elongation Jan. 04, 2025, currently 5°
  - today, rise 04:55, transit 13:20, set 21:40

# Earth

- Time
  - 00:00UT ≈ 18:10ST today
  - Today, sunrise 04:30, transit 12:55, sunset 21:20
  - End of period, sunrise 05:00, transit 13:00, sunset 21:00
- Moon
  - I Last Quarter, 28
  - • New, July 05
  - • First Quarter, 13
  - • Full, 21 (Hay or Thunder Moon)
- Meteors
  - Perseids, Jul. 17-Aug. 24, peak Aug. 12, ZHR = 80+

# Conjunction

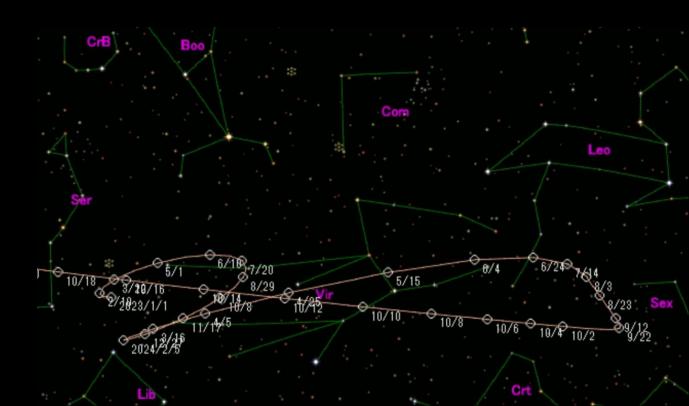
- June 27, 15:00
  - Saturn-Moon 0.08° apart

# Outer Solar System

- Mars
  - Conjunction 2023 Nov. 18. Opposition 2025 Jan. 16. Today, rise 02:00, transit 09:15, set 16:35
- Jupiter
  - Conjunction May 18. Opposition Dec. 07. Today, rise 03:00, transit 11:00, set 19:00
- Saturn
  - Conjunction Feb. 28. Opposition Sept. 08. Today, rise 00:30, transit 06:00, set 11:30
- Uranus
  - Conjunction May 13. Opposition Nov. 17. Today, rise 02:20, transit 10:15, set 18:00
- Neptune
  - Conjunction Mar. 17. Opposition Sept. 21. Today, rise 00:45, transit 06:45, set 12:30

## Comet

- C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS)
  - Perihelion, Sept. 27 (0.39au)
  - Perigee, Oct. 12 (0.47au, 184 LD), mag. -0.2?



## **OASI** Events

- Monthly Zoom Meeting
  - Thursday July 18, from 8:00pm
- Picnic
  - Saturday July 20, 1:00pm-8:00pm ish, Newbourne
- Orwell Park Observatory
  - No access, Wednesdays July 31, August 7, & August 21

## Local Societies Events

- DASH (Darsham Village Hall, 7:00pm, Sundays)
  - July 14, solar observing session, Carlton Colville
- LYRA (Parkhill Hotel, Oulton, 7:30pm, Tuesdays)
  - No information
- AAA (Whepstead Village Hall, 7:30pm, Wednesdays)
  - July 03, Astronomical Instruments of Early Societies
  - July 17, Jupiter
- DAG (Diss)
  - Informal on FaceBook