

Betelgeuse

Monthly newsletter of the East Oxford Astronomy Club
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Solar Eclipse Picnic



photo by Michelle Azdajic

Chistlehampton Hill

Editorial

Dear All.

It was a really lovely and special time spent with you all on the hill yesterday. Thanks for organising Natty! Below are some photos.

Look forward to seeing you all in September.

Keep looking up.

Michelle Azdajic

Dear Natty, Dear All.

Thank you for a lovely afternoon and evening (hope you also enjoyed Usha and Pat:). Still awestruck!

My parents near Wallingford also enjoyed the glasses thanks to Natty and said the owls started hooting.

Grateful to meet such wonderful people and share a picnic, like a "potlach" in the Native American tradition!

Taking the liberty of copying in Clara Semple - happy she could join and bring her blessings, and attaching photos.

Peace and love from Wolvercote,

Petra Bakewell-Stone

Recommended Book

Universe: The Definitive Visual Guide – Martin Rees

Dorling Kindersley

Recommended Vidgo

Rare footage of historic solar eclipses

Reuters Archive

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Club member Usha Kar, her daughter and a friend



Mousehold Heath

Norwich

We were high on Mousehold Heath in Norwich and it felt like a huge gentle community festival. The glasses made so much difference – many thanks to Natty – we lent them around too as a lot of people came without but it was also great to see so many home made pin cameras, colanders and other contraptions. I managed a few shots putting the glasses over my phone camera.

Usha Kar



photo by Michelle Azdajic

from Chislehampton Hill



photo by Usha Kar

from **Mousehold Heath**

Community Astronomy

East Oxford Astronomy Club

Learn about the celestial objects; how they were formed, where they reside, how they interact. The pioneering astronomers, past and present. Space programs, telescopes and observatories. Folklore of the skies and cultural astronomy.

Third Tuesday of each month from September 15th: 6-7PM

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The problem is, most people believe that real science is too difficult and complicated for them to understand. But I don't think this is the case...most people can understand and appreciate the basic ideas if they are presented in a clear way without equations, which I believe is possible and which is something I have enjoyed trying to do throughout my life.

Stephen Hawking: from *Brief Answers to the Big Questions*