



The Society Web-Site

The Society website is very active. It contains regular contributions such as *Galaxy of the Month*, *Double Star of the Month* and *Picture of the Month*. It keeps members up-to-date on the *Object of the Season* project whose results appear regularly in the DSO. The site has news about upcoming astronomical meetings, images from observers all over the world, and reports of observations from members. It also contains links to members home pages. For those contemplating membership, a free pdf file of the Society's periodical, the *Deep-Sky Observer* can be found here.

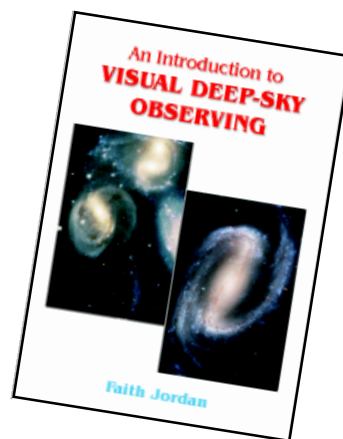
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DVDs and CD-ROMs

A number of DVDs and CD-ROMs are available from the Society, filled with software and images from both professional and amateur sources of interest to the deep-sky observer, including a complete archive of the Society's journal (*The Quarterly Journal* and subsequently the *Deep-Sky Observer*) can be obtained on DVD. This covers the period 1968 to 2012. See the Society website for details.

Observing Guides

Very much with the beginner in mind, this manual points out the first steps on the way to the visual observations of deep-sky objects, including help with making and recording your observations. It has been written by a hugely experienced observer who has not forgotten her first steps in visual astronomy.

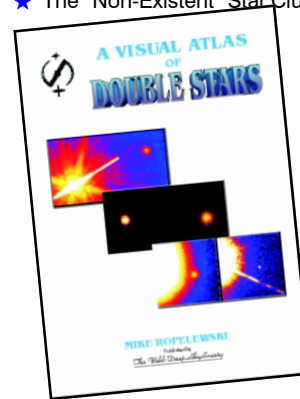


Observing Handbooks

One of the initial aims of the Society was to produce a series of observer's handbooks that do justice to the equipment available to amateur astronomers today and to cover fields not adequately dealt with by other organisations. They have been widely acclaimed and provide greater scope for the observers to exploit their equipment to the limit and to tackle the challenging difficulties of new fields of observation with confidence of success.

Included in this Handbook Series:

- ★ A Star Atlas available in colour and monochrome.
- ★ An Introduction to Visual Deep-Sky Observing
- ★ A Visual Atlas of Double Stars
- ★ A Visual Atlas of the Magellanic Clouds
- ★ The "Non-Existent" Star Clusters of the RING



Double Stars

Advice on equipment and observing techniques for double stars is available from the Society. Please email: rwa@ast.cam.ac.uk



The Webb Deep-Sky Society

**An international society
of amateur and
professional
astronomers specialising
in the observation of
double stars and
'deep-sky' objects.**

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Membership Application

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Membership may be secured by completing the application form enclosed which should be sent to the appropriate Secretary at one of the addresses shown above, together with the correct remittance.

General enquiries about the Society can be made by e-mail to John Isles (see above) or to **Bob Argyle**: rwa@ast.cam.ac.uk

Further details of the Society
and its activities can be found on the
world wide web:
www.webbdeepsky.com

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Founded 1967

The Society is named in honour of the Reverend Thomas William Webb (1807-1885), an eminent amateur astronomer whose classic *Celestial Objects for Common Telescopes* has been an inspiration to several generations of amateur astronomers.

Purpose

The main purpose of the Society is to encourage amateur observation of double stars and 'deep-sky' objects such as star-clusters, nebulae and galaxies, and to provide a forum for observers to communicate and publish the results of their work.

Activities

Observational activities of the Society are co-ordinated in various sections each under the control of a director with wide experience in the particular field. Currently the Sections are *Double Stars, Nebulae and Clusters, Galaxies* and *Southern Sky*.

Committee

The Society is administered by a Committee headed by the President and whose members include a Secretary, Treasurer, the current Directors of the Sections, the Editor of *The Deep-Sky Observer*, North American Secretary and Southern Hemisphere Secretary.

Annual Meeting

An Annual General Meeting is held in late Spring (usually in Oxford or Cambridge) when officers are elected and an opportunity given for members to meet and discuss common interests. In addition the occasion is enlivened by the presentation of papers of outstanding interest and by the donation of the notable *Webb Society Award* given annually for the best contribution to the Society's publications.

Periodicals

The Deep Sky Observer is sent free to members and is also available to them from the Society's web site. Members are encouraged to contribute to the publications and are given guidance on how to present the results of their work. At present members are active in more than twenty countries throughout the world.

The *Deep Sky Observer* contains features and articles (many by members who are professional astro-nomers) of outstanding quality and interest. Profusely illustrated, and printed on art paper, its magazine format encourages all amateurs to make a contribution to the Society's work.

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