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The transit of Venus, 2012 June 6.

Top left: The Sun at 02:38UT, imaged from Svalbard, Norway with a 10cm OG, Baader Astrosolar film and green filter. *Pete Lawrence.*

Top right: The transit glimpsed between clouds at 04:35UT from Burgh Heath, Surrey with 10cm OG, solar filter and Nikon Coolpix 4500 camera. *Ron Johnson.*

Bottom: A series of drawings of 3rd & 4th contacts by Mario Frassati (Crescentino, Italy) with 203 mm SCT and full aperture solar filter at $\times 133$. Note the illuminated atmosphere of the planet (with brighter parts) as it exits the disk.

See report on facing page.

