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The day of the asteroids!

By remarkable coincidence, two small Near Earth Asteroids visited the Earth's neighbourhood on the same day in February: see Richard Miles' report on the opposite page.

Images (clockwise from top):

- The Chelyabinsk bolide recorded by a Russian driver's dashboard video camera (these are common in Russia and resulted in hundreds of dramatic images of the event – see also the opposite page.) *Associated Press, Moscow.*
- Crater in lake ice near Chelyabinsk caused by the bolide. *RIA Novosti.*
- Two records of the close passage of asteroid 2012 DA14 (for details see p.68). *David Briggs & Denis Buczynski.*
- Photometric plot of 2012 DA14. *Peter Birtwhistle.*
- Map of Russia indicating the locations of Tunguska & Chelyabinsk. *Richard Miles/Wikimedia Commons.*

