



Peter Edwards (1956–2022)

Peter Edwards, a respected astrophotographer who was an active member of the BAA, passed away on 2022 February 19.



His fine work was recognised by the 'Picture of the Month' series on the Association's website, and his images were featured in the *Journal* many times.

Peter gave many talks to HoAG about his experience in planetary imaging, including how



Peter with astronaut Tim Peake in 2021.

As an observer with over 40 years' experience, Peter had a wealth of astronomy knowledge. He had pursued visual astronomy and astronomical imaging since he was young, with an observing career that encompassed both planetary and deep-sky work.

After attending Reigate Grammar School, Surrey, he studied engineering at Kingston College and graduated in 1978. This led to a successful career in the field, including posts as an engineering director at Applied Materials from 1987–2007 and technical director at Microsaic Systems from 2007–'14.

He lived in Horsham, West Sussex, where he installed an observatory and set up an observing and imaging group with a few friends in the town. In 1997, they all joined Horsham Astronomy Group (HoAG), where they were made most welcome.

Peter went on to join the BAA and developed a reputation within both the Association and wider amateur astronomy community as an imager of rare skill, being perhaps particularly well known for his solar-system images. He reported images to the Mars Section at every opposition from 2007 till 2020 (an exceptional example from 2020 is shown here), and he has been described by Dr John Rogers, Director of the Jupiter Section, as one of the UK's leading Jupiter imagers.



Mars, imaged by Peter Edwards on 2020 Mar 29.

he captured videos and processed this output with a range of image manipulation software. Using similar techniques, he also created images of comets, eclipses, transits and other astronomical targets. In 2004, Peter helped run a very successful event at Christ's Hospital, Horsham for the transit of Venus.

In 1998, Peter became a committee member of HoAG and two years later he was elected as chairman, a post which he held for four years. In 2015, he again became chairman for a year. In 2017, following the death of Alan Smith (Master of the Royal Mathematical School at Christ's Hospital) in 2016, he became the society's president and he held that post until his death.

Peter is much missed by his wife Sarah and three children, as well as his friends and observing colleagues in the BAA and beyond. 🇬🇧

Anthony Clarke
Secretary, Horsham Astronomy Group

Mars photograph provided by Dr Richard McKim, with additional information contributed by Dr McKim and Dr David Arditto.

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