

# Upcoming Events

## Next Meeting

**Feb 15 Steve Tonkin** *Ten Ways the Universe Tries to Kill You*

## Planets

Venus getting higher and brighter in the evening sky

Venus very close to Saturn 22nd January

Joined by thin crescent moon on 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jupiter and Mars prominent later in the evening

Venus very close to Neptune 15<sup>th</sup> February

## Possible Naked-eye Comet

C/2022 E3 ZTF

Perihelion was January 12<sup>th</sup>

Closest approach 1<sup>st</sup> February

Now circumpolar but gets to 30 degrees altitude around 2am

30 degrees high at midnight after 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Currently in Northern Bootes but will track through Draco to Ursa Minor

Near Polaris on 1<sup>st</sup> February but the moon will be near full

Just visible in binoculars on 13<sup>th</sup> January 05:00

*"Difficult to find with passing cloud Very diffuse with no obvious bright spot  
Some hint of a fan shape"*

## Outreach

Manor Court School, Chard Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Ash Primary, Martock. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February