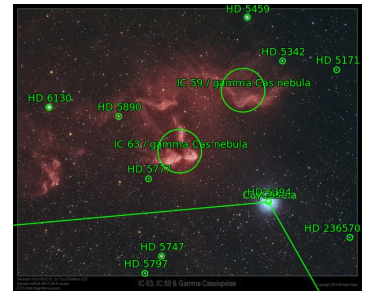


# Let's Get Astrophysical on Oxford Road

The Faculty of Science and Engineering

and the Manchester Astronomical Society present

“What’s in an Image” Michael Oates  
Astrophotographer Extraordinaire



Knowledge Anchor’s Notes:



Michael is a local company director who is an amateur astronomer Citizen Scientist and astrophotographer in his spare time. Using data from NASA's Solar & Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO) Mission he has discovered 145 comets. The NASA Science Mission Directorate proudly announced "ESA/NASA Solar and Heliospheric Observatory shattered its own record for comet discoveries when astronomers announced that the orbiting spacecraft had recorded its 200th sungrazing comet. Michael Oates, an amateur astronomer in Britain, spotted SOHO-200 in an online image captured by one of SOHO's coronagraphs. The picture showed the comet evaporating as it plunged through the superheated solar corona" WOW! And In honor of his achievements the International Astronomical Union has named a minor planet (asteroid) "mikeoates 68949 His astro images can be viewed at <https://www.astrobin.com/users/MikeOates/>

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There will be a small unstaffed exhibition of some of Michael’s images in the Street all day Wednesday February 15 and Thursday February 16

**Accessible FREE Public Lecture Thursday February 16 2017**

**Registration: 19h00 Event start: 19h30 all times are UTC/ZULU**

**C0.14 John Dalton Building Oxford Road (Chester St Entrance)**

**GPS (SatNav) coordinates M1 5GD**

