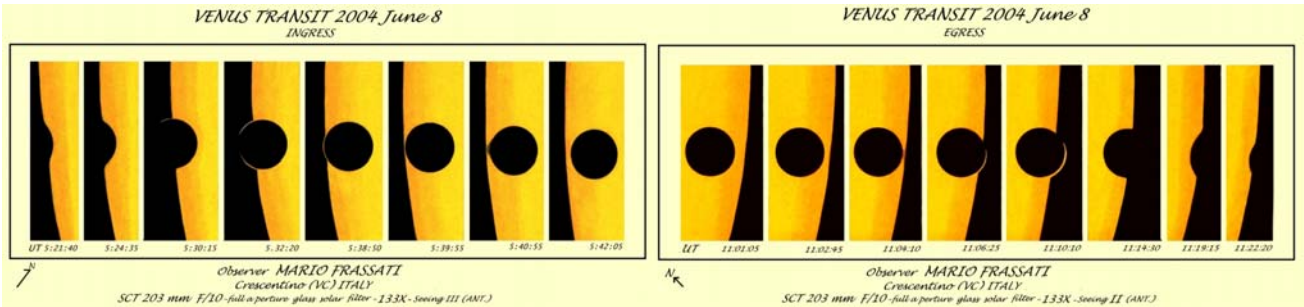


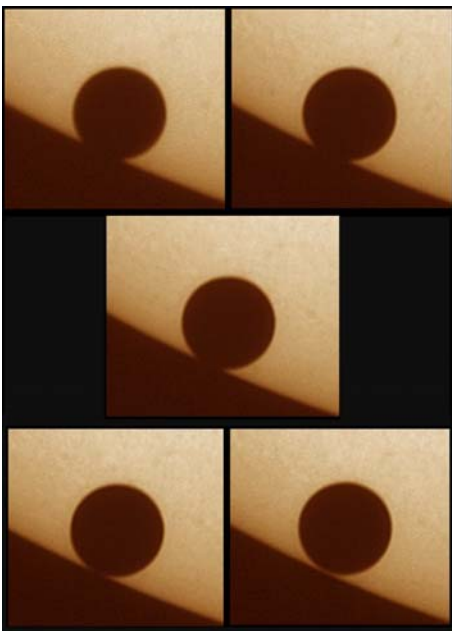
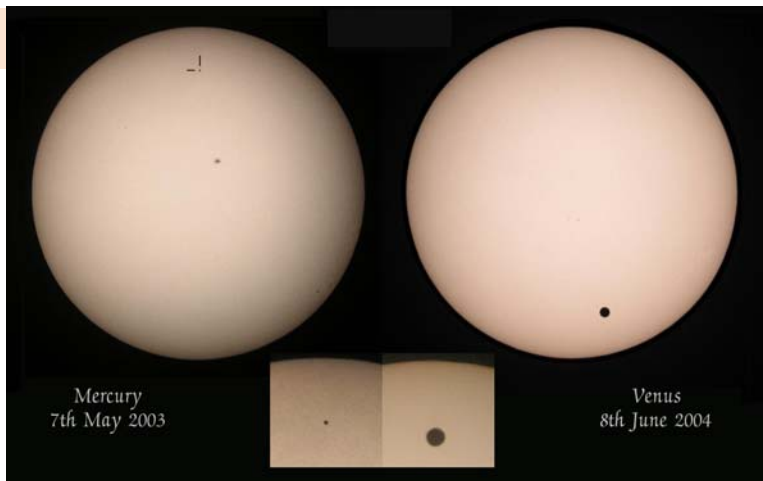
# The transit of Venus, 2004 June 8



Above: Drawings by Mario Frassati, Crescentino (VC), Italy. Below: Egress recorded at Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, by Derek Hatch & Mike Foulkes with a Nikon D100 digital camera and 200mm Maksutov telescope. Left to right, all times UT: 11:04:02; 11:15:01; 11:20:31; 11:22:31.



Right: A comparison of images of the Mercury and Venus transits by James Weightman, Cirencester, Glos.



Ingress montage by Damian Peach & Dave Tyler, Vixen 80mm APO @ f/29, Philips ToUcam Pro webcam. Solar altitude 12°, 05:37–05:39 UT. 'The event was seen under near perfect weather conditions at the home of Sir Patrick Moore [Selsey, Sussex]. It was an unforgettable event, with many other observers present, including Dr Brian May. A great variety of telescopes were present also, from H-alpha to simple projection, and Venus was easily seen as a tiny disk with the naked eye + solar viewer. No black drop effect was seen at ingress or egress, with webcam imagery or visually.'

## Send in your observations

The BAA proposes to issue a CD-ROM of observations and reports to commemorate the 2004 Transit of Venus. A special issue of the *Journal* will also be published, containing the best of these, to give members and future historians a permanent printed record of the event. Observations, videos, reports and personal descriptions of your observing experiences will all be welcome.

Please send material to [venustransit@britastro.org](mailto:venustransit@britastro.org) (items already sent need not be sent again). Images should preferably be high-quality JPEGs and should have sufficient resolution for possible publication in the *Journal*. Reports should be sent as plain text or in Microsoft Word format. **Please do not embed images in Word files.** Submission by e-mail is preferred, but if this is not practical digital media or hardcopy and photographic prints/slides can be posted to Nick James, 11 Tavistock Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 6JL. Acceptance of any material for publication will be at the discretion of the Editors. Material will not be returned unless a stamped addressed envelope is included with your submission.

All material must be received by 2004 August 31. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hazel McGee & Nick James, Editors