

## Is the sundial telling the right time?

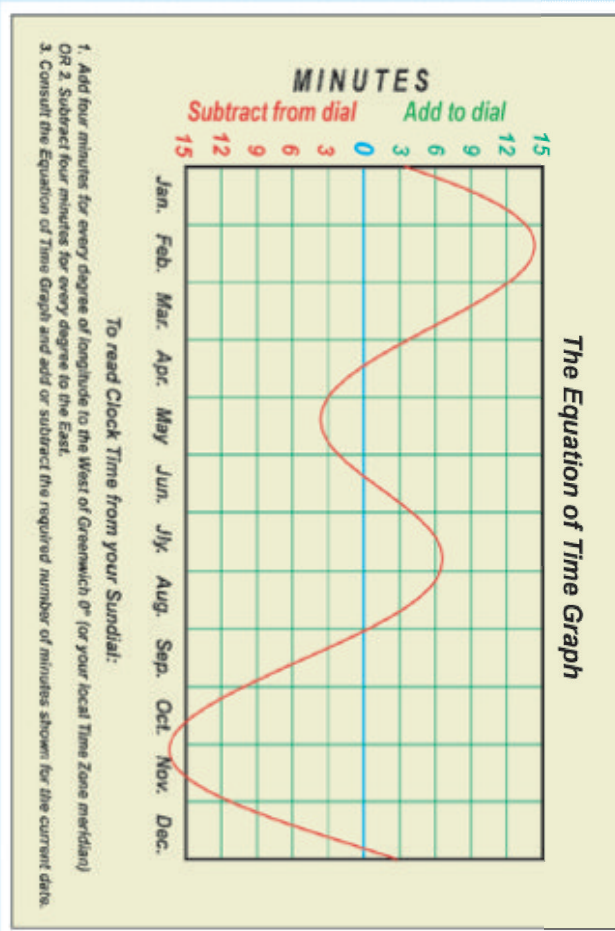
A sundial which has been correctly made and aligned indicates time by the sun.

This is local apparent solar time.

To obtain local mean solar time, use the correction curve below.

To obtain Greenwich Mean Time, apply the correction for the longitude of the sundial.

When Summer Time is in force add 1 hour.



e.g. On 1 May a sundial at 3.5°W would have a total correction of +1hr 11min.

## Publications

Bulletin: 4/yr with member contributions.

Register of sundials.

Glossary.

Biographical Index.

of British sundial makers.

Monographs such as:

The Double Horizontal Dial

The Equation of Time

Timekeeping in the medieval world

## Membership

New members are always welcome.

Contact [membership@sundialsoc.org.uk](mailto:membership@sundialsoc.org.uk)

## Summary

A well-established scientific society.

Wide variety of member interests.

Friendly and welcoming.

Centre of UK dialling expertise.

International membership.

Charitable status.

**The British Sundial Society**

**c/o The Royal Astronomical Society**

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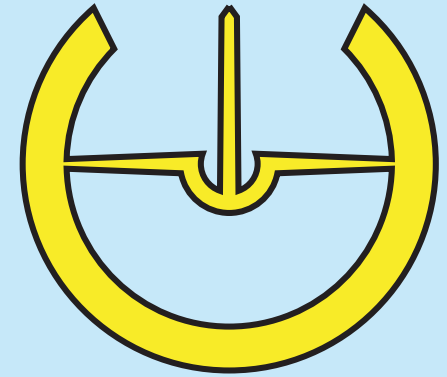
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## The British Sundial Society



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## Sundials

Originate in history and are still made today.  
They combine science and art.  
They are part of our heritage and therefore worth preserving.  
Old sundials provide material for historians and conservators.  
New designs offer challenges to makers and delight for owners.

### The British Sundial Society

Founded in 1989

Aim:

***To advance the education of the public in the science and art of gnomonics.***



*A Noon Mark sundial at The Old Royal Observatory, Greenwich, erected in 2012. Designed and created by BSS members. The shadow of the sunburst nodus crosses the figure 8-shaped analemma curve at noon GMT each day.*

Cover picture: Vertical South-facing dial said to date from 1653 at All Saints' Cathedral, Wakefield, W. Yorkshire.

## The British Sundial Society

is a registered educational charity with a membership of over 400 of all ages throughout the world. Its small body of trustees meets quarterly to manage its affairs.

### Communication

Website: [www.sundialsoc.org.uk](http://www.sundialsoc.org.uk)  
Quarterly high-quality colour Bulletin and Newsletter.



*Saxon Sundial at Bewcastle Cross, Cumbria. It is the oldest surviving English sundial.*

### Meetings

Spring: Weekend Conference and AGM in UK at a variety of locations.

Summer: Join us on a Sundial Safari discovering a wealth of fabulous sundials at home and abroad.

Autumn: A one-day meeting in Newbury. All gatherings are great opportunities to see dials, learn from one another and form great friendships. Novices and experts are equally welcome at all meetings.



*Human (Analemmatic) sundial in Somerset. Sundials of this type are popular in schools and public spaces because of their human involvement, large size and low risk*

### Education

Educational material

- available free from the BSS website

Speakers for clubs and societies

- available through the BSS

Advice on projects and restorations

- available through the BSS

Sundial design programs and data

- available from the BSS website



*A Universal Equinoctial Ring Dial in silver by Henry Wynne, made around 1690.*