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Dorchester celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing with a weekend of lunar-themed events at Maumbury Rings



**DorchesterARTS** 

# **Apollo - One Giant Leap**

Dorchester Arts celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing with a spectacular lantern parade and huge music performance. Written by local composer Geof Edge, *Apollo – One Giant Leap* will feature hundreds of local school children, fantastic professional musicians, West End star Graham Bickley as narrator, and conductor/percussionist extraordinaire Alasdair Malloy. You can join in too – learn a new song called *Touch the Moon* then come along and sing on the night – full details on the Moonbury Rings website. The whole event will be complemented by images and films on a giant screen.

Don't miss Dorchester's musical event of the summer: a free event by the light of the moon!

6pm Moonbury Rings opens to audience (see below for what to

bring) – a chance to see the moon up close!

6.15pm A parade with hundreds of moon and Apollo lanterns created by

local children leaves the Corn Exchange, heading to Moonbury Rings

7.15 - 8.30pm Parade in Moonbury Rings – a chance to admire the lanterns –

and warm-up for the big event

8.30pm Sun Lotus Taiko performance

9pm Apollo - One Giant Leap

10 - 11pm Moon viewing: a chance to see Luke Jerram's Museum Of The

Moon as night falls.

### OUR GUIDE TO GETTING THE BEST OUT OF YOUR EVENING:

DO bring your own seats: small folding camping chairs are ideal as space is limited. Please DON'T bring rugs, picnics, tents, gazebos or BBOs.

Dress for the weather. The show will go on rain or shine!

Food and drink, including a licensed bar, will be available on site. You are however welcome to bring drinks and snacks.

Try to come by public transport or walk if you live locally, to avoid congestion. The event site is very close to Dorchester's railway stations and bus stops.

Car parking is available throughout the town centre, but bear in mind that car parks near the site may be very busy.

## **Open Air Cinema Event**

Dorchester Youth Extra welcomes you to their ever popular open air cinema event. We are screening three films this year! Gates open at 2pm for you to find a good spot. There will be hot food, candy floss, popcorn, nachos, ice-cream and delicious coffee on sale – everything you need to complete your cinema experience. There will even be a licenced bar for the grown-ups!

4pm The show begins with Wallace and Gromit in 'A Grand Day Out'

4.30pm Followed by the charming 'WALL-E'

6.45pm Rounding with off the thrilling 'Apollo 13'

9 - 10pm Moon viewing: a chance to see Luke Jerram's Museum Of The

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The show will go on rain or shine!

Try to come by public transport or walk if you live locally, to avoid congestion. The event site is very close to Dorchester's railway stations and bus stops. Car parking is available at the Fairfield Market Car Park across the road, or at other car parks in town.





### Learn to be an Astronaut

From noon to 4pm, a science fun day hosted by the Institute of Physics, Thomas Hardye School and Dorchester Town Council.

Come and take part in a range of 'tests' involving local scientists and learn about what it takes to be an astronaut.

We will provide you with an astronaut training card and you will be invited to take part in lots of fun activities to evaluate your mental and physical abilities and show you the skills you need to survive a space mission.

Plus there will be science demonstrations and interactive talks about our universe – aimed at children, but with something for people of all ages to enjoy!

You will get to meet astronomers, astrophysicists, chemists, engineers, physicists, mathematicians and rocket scientists – including one who worked on the original Apollo 11 rocket!

Complete the tasks – and see if you might want to start thinking about applying to NASA and starting your space training for real!

We will have refreshments on sale – but feel free to bring a picnic - and all the family!

#### OUR GUIDE TO GETTING THE BEST OUT OF YOUR DAY:

The day will have a combination of activities and speakers, so you can come and be active, or just relax and enjoy the talks – so feel free to bring your own seats or rugs.

Do bring your own picnics – but also support our caterers (see above!)

This event is weather contingent, so if it is looking very bad, some activities may not be able to take place – please check the Moonbury Facebook page for updates.











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A chance to see Luke Jerram's amazing artwork hanging in the beautiful setting of Maumbury Rings. Measuring seven metres in diameter, the internally lit moon sculpture features NASA imagery of the lunar surface in incredible detail.

At an approximate scale of 1:500,000, each centimetre of the internally lit spherical sculpture represents 5km of the moon's surface.

Over its lifetime, Museum of the Moon will be presented in a number of different ways both indoors and outdoors, so altering the experience and interpretation of the artwork. As it travels from place to place, it will gather new musical compositions and an ongoing collection of personal responses, stories and mythologies, as well as highlighting the latest moon science.

See www.my-moon.org for more details

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