

National Science Week Events

17th-26th March 2000

Sunday March 19th

Department of Geology Evening Lecture Series: *Crises at Volcanoes*. Dr. Mike Branney, 7.30-8.30pm, New Building LT1.

Monday March 20th

Department of Geology Evening Lecture Series: *Catastrophe at the End of the Cretaceous: Death in the Oceans, Death of the Dinosaurs?* Professor John D. Hudson, 7.30-8.30pm, New Building LT1.

Tuesday March 21st

British Association Event: *Earth Sciences*. Practical workshops and talks by Sean Lawrence of the University of Leicester. Snibston Discovery Park. For further details contact Jean Collins on 0116 252 2675. Bookings direct with Sue Sills on 01530 510851.

Tuesday March 21st

Department of Geology Evening Lecture Series: *Shake, Rattle and Roll – Understanding Earthquakes*. Dr. Mike A. Lovell, 7.30-8.30pm, New Building LT2.

Wednesday March 22nd

British Association Event: *Talking Science*. Martin Ballard of BBC Radio Leicester (104.9 fm) will do a live radio broadcast from the Space Research Centre, University of Leicester. 12.00–12.30pm Usual items; 12.30–1.00pm Earth Sciences; 1.00–1.30pm Space Research. Space Research Centre, University of Leicester. For further details contact Jean Collins on 0116 252 2675.

Wednesday March 22nd

Department of Engineering Event: *Design & Build a P.I.G.* Teams of Year 9 students will be invited to the Engineering Department to compete in designing and building a P.I.G. (a trolley used inside pipes and ducts by Engineers looking for faults). 10.00am. Engineering Department, University of Leicester. For further details contact Ian Jarvis on 0116 252 2559.

Wednesday March 22nd

Department of Geology Evening Lecture Series: *The Day the Earth Melted*. Professor Andy Saunders, 7.30-8.30pm, New Building LT2.

Thursday March 23rd

British Association Event: *Earth Sciences*. Practical workshops and talks by Sean Lawrence of the University of Leicester. Snibston Discovery Park. For further details contact Jean Collins on 0116 252 2675. Bookings direct with Sue Sills, on 01530 510851.

Thursday March 23rd

Department of Geology Evening Lecture Series: *Disappearing Oceans, Crashing Continents and Rising Mountains*. Dr. W. Dickson Cunningham, 7.30-8.30pm, New Building LT1.

Friday March 24th

Department of Engineering Event: *Design & Build a P.I.G.* Teams of Year 9 students will be invited to the Engineering Department to compete in designing and building a P.I.G. (a trolley used inside pipes and ducts by Engineers looking for faults). 10.00am. Engineering Department, University of Leicester. For further details contact Ian Jarvis on 0116 252 2559.

Friday March 24th

Department of Geology Evening Lecture Series: *Enigmas and Ancestor: Conodonts, Palaeontology and You*. Dr. Sarah Gabbott and Dr. Mark Purnell, 7.30-8.30pm, New Building LT1.

Saturday March 25th

British Association Event: *Family Interactives*. A series of exhibitions, workshops, BUGGY Challenge and demonstrations by the BA, University of Leicester, National Space Science Centre and W.I. The Shires Shopping Centre, Leicester. For more information contact Jean Collins on 0116 252 2675.

More events overleaf

Lectures are Open to the Public and Free and are suitable for any age group

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National Space Science Centre

SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES: 17–26 MARCH 2000

Events at the Challenger Learning Centre

Mission to Mars

Come fly with us on a realistic space mission to Mars! Challenger Centre opens its doors to the public for the first time. Have you got what it takes?

Please book in advance (0116 212 3347).

Date: Sunday 19th March
Times: There are two flights, one at 1.00-2.00 p.m., and one at 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.
Venue: Challenger Learning Centre, Victoria Park Road, Leicester
Cost: £2.00
Open to: Anyone over 9 years old!

Exploring the Red Planet

Come to the Shires Shopping Centre today for fun-filled hands-on investigations of Mars and other objects in our solar system. Make Mars buggies; watch spectacular demonstrations and try your hand at controlling a Mars Rover! (*A partnership between the National Space Science Centre and the British Association*).

Date: Saturday 25th March
Time: 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Venue: Shires Shopping Centre, Leicester
Cost: Free
Open to: All

At Home in Space

What do astronauts wake up to in space? How do they go to the bathroom? Come and find out in this relaxed, humorous look at a day in zero-gravity, using a combination of slides, video, audio and actual items of space hardware. There's also a chance to tour around the Challenger Learning Centre's Mission Control and Spacecraft. *Please book in advance (0116 212 3347).*

Date: Monday 20th March
Time: 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.
Venue: Challenger Learning Centre, Victoria Park Road, Leicester
Cost: £2.00
Open to: All

The Extra-Terrestrial Roadshow

How likely is it that 'civilised' alien-life exists? Is there life on Mars? Find out the answers to these questions and more through an engaging presentation employing demonstrations and audience participation. (*A partnership between National Space Science Centre and the University of Leicester*).

Date: Monday 20th – Friday 24th March
Venue: Various
Cost: Free
Open to: Invited schools only

Gateway to Mars

The Challenger Centre opens its doors to all tonight. Come and see how space missions work; explore our realistic Mission Control and Spacecraft; investigate rocks and meteorites and try your hand at controlling a Mars Rover! Tours start every half-hour from 6.00 p.m.

Please book in advance (0116 212 3347).

Date: Thursday 23 March
Time: Tours at 6.00 p.m, 6.30 p.m, 7.00 p.m, 7.30 p.m.
Venue: Challenger Learning Centre, Victoria Park Road, Leicester
Cost: Free – but to be sure of a place, book in advance
Open to: All

Starlab visits Snibston

Delightful, educational presentations in a silver, inflatable planetarium, allowing you to witness the beauty of the stars during the daytime. Suitable for all age groups and for teaching different aspects of the National Curriculum. (*A partnership between The National Space Science Centre, The British Association, and Snibston Discovery Park*)

Dates: Tuesday 21st March, Thursday 23rd March
Venue: Snibston Discovery Park, Coalville (enquiries through Sue Hills on 01530 510851)
Open to: School groups

HOW TO BOOK

To reserve your place on one of the above activities please contact us NOW at the Challenger Learning Centre, the first part of the National Space Science Centre to open, on **0116 212 3347**

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!