

Jodrell Bank Observatory



The Story of Jodrell Bank

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Chain Home Radar Station Staxton Wold







The First Days at Jodrell Bank December 1945



• First Echoes 14th December





Jodrell Bank Experimental Station





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218 ft Telescope



The Andromeda Galaxy





Plans for the Mk I Radio Telescope

















The Control Room



Sputnik 1

- The Mark 1 telescope first moved in azimuth under computer control on Oct 1st 1957. A few days later Russia launched Sputnik 1.
- A crash programme completed the commissioning of the telescope drive system and 150 kW transmitters at 120 and 36 MHz were mounted on the telescope.





Sputnik 1

• On 12th Oct the 3rd stage rocket that put Sputnik into orbit (and which was itself in orbit) was conclusively detected.







Helping the Americans







Lunar 9 Spacecraft





Lunar 9

• We received the close up images of the lunar surface.



Radio Linked Interferometry

Signals • from a remote telescope were brought back to Jodrell Bank by a microwave radio link





The Quasar 3C 273





3C273 Redshift



~1972 – The MK IA





The Double Quasar


"Two" Quasars and a Galaxy



Quasar 0957+561 mirage www.astr.ua.edu



Jan 2nd 1976 – a close call



Jocelyn Bell

• Tony Hewish's Student at Cambridge





Parkes Multi-Beam Survey



New Pulsars in RED





Albert Einstein



A dance to oblivion!



Project Phoenix



Project Pheonix

Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence with the Arecibo & Lovell Telescopes Equipment was installed at Jodrell Bank in June 1998 and the first observations made in September.

820 sun-like stars observed out to ~200 light-years.



The Lovell Upgrade

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• The surface was in quite a state!















New Drive and Control System



Drive Cabinets



The Lovell Telescope's role in MERLIN

MERLIN



Jodrell Bank



Tabley



Knockin





Cambridge



Darnhall



Defford

The Lovell Telescope doubles the collecting area!



The Hubble Space Telescope



- MERLIN has matched angular resolution at radio wavelengths.
- MERLIN and HST images can be compared directly.

Hubble Deep Field



Lovell Telescope's role in European VLBI

M81 – M82 Interacting Group



- M81 the southerly galaxy – has passed close to M82 and triggered a massive burst of Star formation.
- M82 is thus called a Starburst Galaxy.









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M82 - MERLIN & VLA (20cm)



• MERLIN and VLA image of the 1.4 GHz emission from M82. Compact components are all supernova remnants

European VLBI Network (EVN)

VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometry) is a technique to allow telescopes across continents to form a giant array.



The EVN, with the world's largest telescopes, is the most sensitive VLBI array on Earth.

VLBI provides the highest spatial resolution of **any** astronomical technique.



The EVN





 European and Global VLBI observations of individual Supernova remnants (SNR's) reveal expanding shells. The shell of this SNR is expanding at ~9500 km/s.

VSA on Mount Teide









Planck was launched in May 2009


Our thanks to Sir Bernard

