



# STARFEST WEEK

TISBURY, 14 – 21 MARCH 2026

Hosted by Tisbury Parish Council in partnership with Cranborne Chase National Landscape International Dark Sky Reserve



## Saturday 14 March

### Muppets from Space 10am in Victoria Hall

Sci-fi comedy film for all the family (Adult £8, U-16 £5, Family £20.00)

### The Stars are Up! 2-4pm in Fox & King Bookshop\*

Family friendly storytelling every 25 mins with Lizzie Bryant (for age 6+)

### Close Encounters of the Third Kind 7.30pm in Victoria Hall

Classic sci-fi film from Steven Spielberg (Adult £8, U-16 £5, Family £20.00)



## Sunday 15 March

### StarFest Mothering Sunday Service 9.30am in St John's Church

With star-themed activities for children and take-away posies for loved ones

### Choral Evensong 'Creator of the Stars of Night' 6pm in St John's Church

A special service of music and readings celebrating the stars and sky



## Monday 16 March

### Planetarium sessions 2.30, 3.30 & 4.45pm in Nadder Centre\*

Enter the dome and be amazed at simulations of the night sky (adults & 7+)

### Live Stargazing 7.30 - 9pm in King George V Playing Field\*

Guided by Steve Tonkin & others, with telescopes set up to show galaxies, nebulae & more

### Shaftesbury Symphony Orchestra 7.30 – 10.15pm in Methodist Church

LIVE in Tisbury, classical music specially curated for StarFest (Adult £12, U-16 £6, Family £28)

## Tuesday 17 March

### Planetarium session 3.15pm in Nadder Centre\*

### Space Detectives 3.15 & 4.15 in Nadder Centre\*

Fun, hands-on space science/technology & craft activities with Jo Richardson (for age 6+)

### Capture the Night Sky 8 – 9.30pm in Hinton Hall\*

An introduction to landscape astrophotography with Louise McKenna & Josh Dury

### Boot Inn Monthly Quiz – StarFest Special 8 – 10.15pm in The Boot Inn



For further details & bookings visit

[tisbury-pc.gov.uk/starfest-2026/](https://tisbury-pc.gov.uk/starfest-2026/)

**\*Events marked by an asterisk are FREE but MUST be prebooked**  
**Book through the website or call 01747 260088/visit the Parish Council Office**

NB: Dates and timings of some events may be subject to change

## Wednesday 18 March

### Planetarium Session 3.15pm in Nadder Centre\*

### Lighting, Biodiversity and Health 8 - 9.30pm in Hinton Hall\*

Discover how important our dark skies really are with Steve Tonkin FRAS, Dark Sky Advisor



## Thursday 19 March

### StarFest Afternoon Tea 2.30 – 4.15pm Victoria Hall

Lunar landing plus Moon Myth and Magic with Lizzie Bryant (£5 – call Marion on 870813 to book)

### 'Star Walk Stories' Nightwalk 6.30 for 7 – 9.15pm, Messums West\*

Join Lizzie Bryant with Tisbury Footpath Club for a dusk-to-dark 'story walk' (adults & 14+)

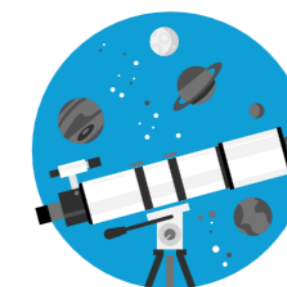
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## Friday 20 March

### Planetarium Session 2.30pm in Victoria Hall\*

### Space Detectives 2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall\*

### Live Stargazing 7.30 - 9pm in King George V Playing Field\*



## Saturday 21 March

### The Stars are Up! 2-4pm in Fox & King Bookshop\*

### Rockforte & The Blues Birds 7.30pm in Victoria Hall

Two local bands singing lively star-themed songs in aid of Salisbury Hospital's Stars Appeal

## All Week

### Astrophotography Displays

12-4pm in St John's Church, and during opening hours in Harry's - On the Square, Coffee Angels and Nadder Centre

### Constellation Trail in Tisbury High Street & The Square

A family friendly hunt for the constellations – entry forms £1 in Coffee Angels & Kate Good

### Poster Competition Display in Nadder Centre

