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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR FIRST LIGHT AT JODRELL BANK

Jodrell Bank's newest attraction, the **First Light Pavilion** will open its doors to visitors on **Saturday 4th June** and **tickets are now on sale.**

Lorna Harper, **Deputy Director of Jodrell Bank Centre for Engagement** said *"We're delighted to have finally reached this moment. It's yet another major milestone for this project and we're looking forward to the next one when we can finally welcome visitors in to this beautiful new space"*

The **First Light Pavilion** is part of a £21.5m development supported by **The National Lottery Heritage Fund**, and has been years in the making. The architecturally stunning building takes the form of a grass-topped dome that cleverly mirrors the shape and scape of the dish of the famous **Lovell Telescope**.

The connection to the iconic landmark doesn't end there, as inside, a new permanent exhibition will bring visitors into direct contact with huge sections of the authentic metal dish that has 'listened' to the skies since 1957. The exhibition will tell the inspirational story of Jodrell Bank's pioneering scientists and engineers. Through a range of innovative digital displays and projections, visitors will be able to see fascinating archive materials brought together for the first time including audio, film, plans, photographs and more.

Every visitor will also have an immersive audio-visual experience in the Pavilion's **Space Dome**, a state-of-the-art auditorium complete with giant curved screen. The Space Dome will also host traditional planetarium-style shows where visitors can 'tour' the stars and planets guided by one of Jodrell Bank's expert Explainers.

Lorna adds: *"The First Light Pavilion compliments Jodrell Bank's existing offer and massively enhances the overall visitor experience. From 4th June, visitors will be able to engage not just with the mind-blowing science of the site, but also its internationally significant heritage."*

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Tickets are priced at just £12 for adults and £8 for children. There are concession rates for over 65s and students, under 4s go free, and family groups can access great discounted rates. Day tickets are available in person but any ticket purchased in advanced online is now an Annual Ticket, meaning visitors can return within 12 months of purchase. There are options to add on extras too, including planetarium-style shows in the Space Dome.

Lorna continues: *"We've already started to see the bookings come in and we're encouraging everyone to purchase their tickets in advance online to avoid queues and make the most of our new Annual Ticket offer."*

Find out more, including how to book at www.jodrellbank.net

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About Jodrell Bank

Founded in 1945, Jodrell Bank's inspirational story includes revolutionary scientific discoveries, amazing feats of engineering, the dawn of the Space Age and the creation of the Grade I listed Lovell Telescope, an icon for British science and engineering. The site is proudly owned by The University of Manchester and is part of The Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics a world-leading science research institute, and The Jodrell Bank Centre for Engagement, a multi award-winning centre for excellence in public participation and engagement with science, culture and heritage.

Jodrell Bank was inscribed by UNESCO on the World Heritage Site list in 2019 in recognition of its international significance science, heritage and cultural impact.

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