

ARMAGH PLANETARIUM IN THE 1970s

The Lindsay Hall of Astronomy

The 1970s was a decade of continuing growth and success for Armagh Planetarium. The building expanded with the Hall of Astronomy which opened in 1974. As a tribute to his hard work to create the Planetarium this hall was named after Dr Lindsay. Sadly he was never to see this as he passed away shortly before the opening.

International attractions

Armagh Planetarium has always enjoyed international prestige. NASA loaned the Planetarium some priceless items from its archives, including astronaut's clothes worn on the Skylab space station and an Apollo spacesuit. Our visitors could try on the spacesuit's helmet and gloves and these fascinated children of all ages.



Left: From the Moon to Armagh

Right: Hands on exhibits loaned by NASA

Perhaps the most precious of these items displayed by the Planetarium was a fragment of moon rock collected from the Taurus-Littrow valley by astronaut Eugene Cernan.