

## Brooklands Radio Lands Exclusive Interview with Britain's First Astronaut!

Dr. Helen Sharman OBE FRSC is a woman of many firsts – she's famous as Britain's first astronaut and the first woman to visit the Mir space station in 1981. This month Brooklands Radio proudly brings you an exclusive interview with Sharman in our regular half hour programme, Stars Over Surrey, airing on Friday Aug 25 at 7:30 pm and as a repeat on Monday Aug. 28 at 11 pm.

Each month in Stars over Surrey, John Axtell of the Guildford Astronomy Society previews what's to see in the night sky in coming weeks, as well as announcing forthcoming astronomy and related talks and events. Axtell also reviews the last month's big astronomical news, such as discoveries, events and space missions, as well as presenting his Constellation of the Month.

Axtell spoke with Sharman recently at a Spacelink event held at Broadwater School in Godalming, where she was busy drumming enthusiasm for space and science in the students. Spacelink, a learning foundation of which Sharman is a patron, is aimed at giving pupils an insight into space exploration and science and at helping teachers and schools to include space-related topics by providing supportive curricula and lesson plans.

Talking about the Spacelink project, Sharman said it's important for students to realise there are many kinds of career possibilities linked to space and exploration -- not just traditional academic university sciences but also highly skilled trained vocations that support sciences and engineering.

Sharman also spoke about what it's like aboard the Soyuz rocket getting to the Mir station and what surprised her most during her time on the Mir space Station. No spoilers, though, so tune in for this brilliant conversation at the end of the month and find out more at <http://spacelink.org/meet-an-astronaut/> where you'll find fantastic photos of Sharman and of life in space.

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