

Video biographies**Dr Karen Aplin**

Working on Satellite Test of the Equivalence Principle (STEP) proposal and other satellite instrumentation projects. Karen's particular involvement in STEP was designing the wiring harness for the physics instruments on the satellite. In her spare time, Karen plays the double-bass in an orchestra.

Mr Chris Howe

Worked on the D-CIXS instrument for the SMART-1 mission to the Moon. Chris was part of a team that designed and built the D-CIXS instrument. In his spare time, Chris is a Morris dancer and has built a boat. He sails in international competitions.

Dr Helen Walker

Working with various spacecraft missions looking for signs of life in planetary systems of other stars. In her spare time, Helen is a bell ringer and helps to restore steam trains.

Professor Manuel Grande

Working on the BepiColumbo mission to Mercury. Manuel is responsible for experiments carried on many planetary missions. In his spare time, Manuel composes electronic music and travels widely.

Professor Richard Harrison

Richard oversees the operations of an instrument on board the SOHO spacecraft, making observations of the Sun. In his spare time, Richard is a full-time parent and occasional guitarist.

Dr David Neudegg

David co-ordinates the operations of all the instruments on board the Mars Express spacecraft, currently in orbit around Mars. His co-ordination does not stop there however as he plays the drums in a band called 'Dumber than Chickens' formed with work colleagues.