

Mike Barratt in space

Proposed web page on his period in the Space Laboratory



Dr Mike Barratt being helped into his suit. Mike was the medical doctor at NASA and formed the ambition to go into space himself.

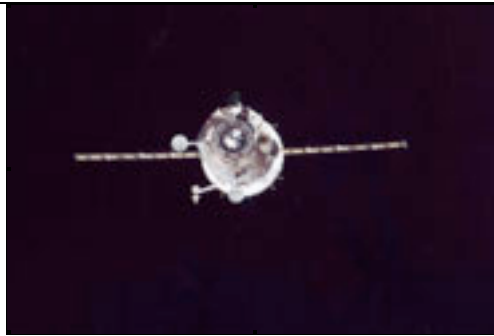


He did his training in Russia (his name badge is in Russian and English). The space suit was used for work outside the Space Station



The Russian rocket which propelled Mike to the Space Station, The white section is in three parts, the middle of which carries the 3 man crew. The other two are ejected after orbit is reached.

The rocket lifts off at Baikanur on March 19th.



The Soyuz Spaceship as it approaches the Space Station



Mike Barratt at work inside the Space Station. He returned in another Soyuz rocket on October 10th.

Text

Loni Marcotte contacted us earlier this year from Vancouver, Washington State, USA. She had spotted the photo in our archive of William Jeremiah Christmas, her great grandfather, who was an agricultural worker and road builder in East Meon at the beginning of the last century. Three of his daughters had married three Barratt brothers, Canadians who were in Britain as soldiers during the First World War. After the first of the three, May Christmas, had been married in All Saints Church in 1918, she went with her husband first to North America and then to Camas in Washington State. Millie had met the second Barratt boy and soon followed May; Dolly sailed out later in to see if there were 'any more at home like you' and did indeed find herself a Barratt bridegroom. (Soon, we shall be tracing some of the recent history of another branch of Jeremiah's family, the Goddards and Pamplins who remained in East Meon.)

One of the current generation of Barratts has spent more than half this year in Space, on the Russian Space Station. Dr Michael Barratt was working at NASA as doctor to the astronauts; he was so keen to go up himself that he was able to qualify as an astronaut himself ; he was to join the team working in the Russian Space Station, which involved training in Russia and travelling both ways in Soyuz Space Ships.