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The beautiful conjunction of the Moon, Mercury and the Pleiades on April 26 was widely enjoyed across southern England in crisp, transparent skies. Photograph by Nick James, Chelmsford; Canon EOS 10D digital SLR, 200mm f/2.8L lens at f/3.5, ISO 200. Stack of six 2.5s exposures, tripod mounted and undriven.

