

For all events, **meet at Durlston Castle Reception unless stated otherwise.** Where booking is required, email [info@durlston.co.uk](mailto:info@durlston.co.uk) or call 01929 424443.

Adults £3 / children & FoDs £2, unless stated otherwise

FFG - Fine Foundation Gallery / LC - Learning Centre

Exhibitions in the FFG

## OCTOBER



Daily 01 Oct – 05 Oct, 11.00am – 4.00pm  
**'Mapping the Coast from Durlston to Durdle Door'**  
Innovative art exhibition celebrating our relationship with maps. Antonia Phillips and Cathy Veale explore the intricacies of our coast through paint and printmaking, inspired by grid reference squares from OS Explorer Map 15. FREE.

Wed 01 Oct, 7.30pm  
**Stargazing: The Moon, Mars, Saturn and the Autumn Constellations**  
Join experts from the Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the sky. Weather dependent - phone 01929 424443 on the day to confirm. Meet LC. £3.

Thu 09 Oct, 2.00pm  
**Castle Tour**  
A half-hour tour of Victorian Durlston Castle. Donations welcome.

Daily 10 Oct – 23 Oct, 10.30am – 4.00pm  
**Purbeck Film Festival Exhibitions: Aardman Animations and Italian Cinema**  
Purbeck Film Festival exhibition of Italian cinema and, on loan from Aardman, the characters from 'Creature Comforts', with the chance to find out how the characters are made and a history of animation. FREE.

Sat 11 Oct, 1.30pm – 4.00pm  
**Children's Animation Workshop: Film Festival Event**  
Make your own animated film with Richard Haynes from Cosgrove Hall, Chapman and Aardman. Materials and equipment provided. Suitable for ages 10+. Booking essential. Meet LC. £15.



Tue 14 Oct, 7.30pm  
**'Il Postino': Purbeck Film Festival**  
Poet Pablo Neruda is exiled to a small island, and an extra postman is soon needed. The postman befriends the poet, learning the language he needs to woo a local beauty. Introduced by translator/interpreter David Griffiths who has worked at the San Sebastian Film Festival and the 'Punto de Vista' Documentary Film Festival. Sponsor: La Trattoria Swanage. Meet FFG. £7/£5 Students.

Thu 16 Oct, 3.00pm  
**'Animation from Melieres to Harryhausen and Beyond': Film Festival Talk**  
Ray Harryhausen's right hand man demonstrates the impact this giant of cinema had. Tony Dalton is the Director of the Ray and Diana Harryhausen Foundation. Booking

recommended. Meet FFG £5/£3 Students or free with ticket for 'The Valley of Gwangi'.

Thu 16 Oct, 7.30pm  
**'The Valley of Gwangi': Purbeck Film Festival**  
A cowboy seeks fame and fortune by capturing a Tyrannosaurus Rex to display in a Mexican circus. Gwangi, the dinosaur, has other ideas. A wonderful example of the stop-motion special effects of Ray Harryhausen. Meet FFG. £7/£5 Students.

Sun 19 Oct, 10.00am  
**Bird Sounds in Close Up! Guided Walk**  
Using a directional microphone, join a Ranger to listen to some of the migrants passing over Durlston as migration gets underway. Booking essential. £3.

Tue 21 Oct, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
A half-hour tour of Victorian Durlston Castle. Donations welcome.

Tue 21 Oct, 7.30pm  
**Film Festival Double Bill: 'Hawaii: Message in the Waves' and 'Vanishing of the Bees'**  
Double Bill of environmental films in association with PEAT. Donations welcome. Meet FFG

Thu 23 Oct, 7.30pm  
**'The Talented Mr. Ripley': Purbeck Film Festival**  
When Tom Ripley's newfound life of leisure is threatened events take a dark turn. An exploration of the layers beneath the surface facade of a seemingly charming man. Meet FFG £7/£5 Students.

Fri 24 Oct, 7.30pm  
**Live Music: Pacific Curls**  
World music from an internationally acclaimed three woman group. Featuring ukulele, fiddle, guitar, stomp box and traditional Maori instruments, Pacific Curl fuse pacific beats with jazz, celtic tunes and evocative Maori music to create a contemporary style all of their own. Supported by Artsreach. Meet FFG £9/£6 Students.



Daily 26 Oct – 23 Nov, 11.00am – 4.00pm  
**'Life, Light and Landscape': New Paintings and Sculpture by Bruce Pearson & Anne Shingleton**  
Exhibition by two artists whose work is inspired by the natural world. Paintings in oil and watercolour, relief and monotype prints, drawings and studies from the wild – from oceanic seabirds to swans at Abbotsbury, from seahorses in Studland Bay to the cliff nesting birds at Durlston. A selection of Anne Shingleton's small animal bronzes will be on display from Italy. FREE.

Mon 27 Oct, 10.30am  
**Meet a Moth!**  
Come along as we open last night's moth trap to enjoy the beauty and strangeness of these creatures of the night. Donations welcome.

Tue 28 Oct, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

Wed 29 Oct, 11.30am – 3.00pm  
**Go Wild at Durlston!**  
Family activities. Drop in to take part in craft activities, games or experiments. Meet LC. Donations welcome.

Thu 30 Oct, 7.30pm  
**Stargazing: The Moon, Galaxies, Star Clusters and the Autumn Constellations**  
See 01 October for details

## NOVEMBER

Sun 02 Nov, 2.00pm  
**'Purbeck Footprints' Wildlife Photography Walk**  
Join wildlife photographer Julian Sawyer from Purbeck Footprints to learn or 'develop' your wildlife photography skills and enjoy Durlston's amazing wildlife. Booking essential. Meet LC. £5.

Sun 09 Nov, 2.00pm  
**Swanage Beach Clean**  
Join the Durlston Rangers to help keep Swanage Beach beautiful. Meet outside Bull and Boat restaurant (north end of Swanage Beach). FREE.

Sun 16 Nov, 10.00am  
**November Bird Walk**  
Join top birder Hamish Murray to see what late migrant and resident birds can be found. £3.

Tue 18 Nov, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

Sat 29 Nov, 7.00pm  
**Stargazing: The Moon, Nebulae, Galaxies and the Winter Constellations**  
See 01 October for details

Sun 30 Nov, 2.30pm  
**'The Special Wildflowers of the Isle of Purbeck': A Talk by Ted Pratt**  
Join botanist Ted Pratt, author of 'The Wildflowers of the Isle of Purbeck' for an illustrated talk exploring the flowers of this very special area. Meet LC. £3.

## DECEMBER

Tue 02 Dec, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details



Daily 10 Dec – 11 Jan, 10.30am – 4.00pm  
**'Creative Campus': Exhibition of Work by Short Courses Students at the Arts University Bournemouth**  
Creative arts showcasing work produced by the community of short course students, curated by AUB staff. Includes mixed-media work such as photography, drawing and painting, print and textiles, jewellery, fashion, digital work and more. FREE.

Sun 14 – Dec, 10.00am  
**December Bird Walk**  
Join top birder Hamish Murray for a gentle stroll to enjoy Durlston's winter bird life. £3.

Tue 16 Dec, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

Thu 25 Dec - Christmas Day  
**Castle Closed.**

Fri 26 Dec - Boxing Day  
**Castle Closed.**

## JANUARY

Sun 11 Jan, 10.00am  
**January Bird Walk**  
Join top birder Hamish Murray to see what late migrant and resident birds can be found around the National Nature Reserve. £3.

Tues 13 Jan, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details



Daily 14 Jan – 05 Feb, 10.30am – 4.00pm  
**Exploring the Wonders of World Heritage: Exhibition**  
Discover how the Jurassic Coast fits into a global family of the most amazing cultural and natural sites on Earth, with an exhibition curated by the Jurassic Coast Team. FREE.

Sat 24 Jan, 7.00pm  
**Stargazing Live! : The Moon, Jupiter, Star Clusters, Galaxies, Orion Nebula and the Winter Constellations**  
See 01 October for details

Sun 25 Jan, 2.00pm  
**Victorian Durlston Tour**  
Guided tour exploring the curious Victorian past of Durlston Castle and Park. £3.

Tue 27 Jan, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

## FEBRUARY

Sun 08 Feb, 10.00am  
**February Bird Walk**  
Join top birder Hamish Murray for a stroll to look and listen for Durlston's birdlife. £3.

Tue 10 Feb, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details



Daily 11 Feb – 24 Feb 11.00am – 4.00pm  
**'BOOKS .....but not as we know them!': Purbeck Literary Festival Exhibition**  
The art of the folded, sculptured and handmade book. An exhibition of artworks, handprinted and literary items by local and invited artists in support of the second Purbeck Literary Festival. FREE

Wed 18 Feb, 11.30am – 3.00pm  
**Go Wild at Durlston!**  
Family activities. Drop in to take part in craft activities, games or experiments. Meet LC. Donations welcome.

Thu 19 Feb, 2.00pm  
**Dolphins and the Deep Blue Sea**  
Family activity. Games and activities to discover the amazing lives of the Durlston Dolphins. Booking essential. Meet LC. £3.

Sun 22 Feb, 2.00pm  
**Purbeck's Mini-beasts: An Illustrated Talk**  
Join entomologist Chris Spilling for a talk to discover the amazing variety of insect life in Purbeck and the struggle for survival going on all round us, featuring amazing macro photography. Meet LC. £3.

Tue 24 Feb, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

Fri 27 Feb, 7.30pm  
**Stargazing: The Moon, Jupiter, Orion Nebula, Galaxies and the Spring Constellations**  
See 01 October for details

## MARCH

Sun 01 Mar, time tbc  
**Swanage Beach Clean**  
See 09 Nov for details



Daily 02 Mar – 19 Mar, 10.30am – 4.00pm  
**'Outline South West' & 'Postcards from the Path'**  
An exhibition of artwork produced by Anita Reynolds whilst walking the South West Coast Path, along with pieces by four guest artists in response to the path. During the exhibition take part in art workshops with the artists. Supported by Villages in Action. FREE.

Sun 08 Mar 2.30pm  
**'Deep Freeze or Hot-house?': Understanding Climate Talk**  
Talk with demonstrations by meteorologists Sylvia and Howard Oliver. Earth's climate has changed many times in the past. How has this happened and how can wildlife respond to these changes? Meet LC. £3.

Tue 10 Mar, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

Sun 15 Mar, 2.00pm  
**Durlston's Coastal Landscape**  
Join a Ranger for a stroll along the Coast Path, to discover how geology, coastal change, history, weather and wildlife have created this spectacular landscape. £3.

Sat 21 Mar, 10.30am  
**Meet a Moth!**  
Come along as we open last night's moth trap to enjoy the beauty and strangeness of these creatures of the night. Donations welcome.

Sun 22 Mar, 10.00am  
**Spring Bird Walk**  
Take a stroll with top birder Hamish Murray to enjoy the chorus of birdsong and look for newly arrived migrants. £3.

Sun 22 Mar, 10am – 3.00pm  
**Durlston Wedding Fair**  
Explore this beautiful venue, meet the suppliers who can help with your big day and discuss your ideas with our Wedding Planner. FREE.



Daily 27 Mar – 20 Apr, 10.30am – 4.00pm  
**'50 Years, Man and Boy': The Artwork of Peter Rush**  
An exhibition of the witty, beautiful and unique work of Peter Rush including book illustrations, oil paintings, TV captions, puppets and wire and paper sculptures. live demonstration of sky and seascape painting. Also workshops for children. [www.peterushart.co.uk](http://www.peterushart.co.uk). FREE.

Sat 28 Mar, 7.30pm  
**Stargazing: The Moon, Jupiter, Star Clusters, Orion Nebula, Galaxies and the Spring Constellations**  
See 01 October for details

Tue 31 Mar, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

## APRIL

Wed 01 Apr, 11.30am – 3.00pm  
**Go Wild at Durlston!**  
Drop in to take part in craft activities, games or experiments. Meet LC. Donations welcome.

Thu 02 Apr, 2.00pm  
**Delinquent Dinosaurs and Fantastic Fossils**  
Family activity. Discover Durlston's prehistoric past, with games and activities. Booking essential. Meet LC. £3

Wed 08 Apr, 11.30am – 3.00pm  
**Go Wild at Durlston!**  
Family activities. Drop in to take part in craft activities, games or experiments. Children accompanied by an adult. Meet LC. Donations welcome.

Thu 09 Apr, 2.00pm  
**A Wildlife Wander with Widget**  
Join Park Dog Widget and Katie the Ranger to sniff out Durlston's wildlife and get a dog's eye view of the Park. Booking essential. Meet LC. £3



Sat 11 Apr, 11.00am  
**Spring Greens Foraging Walk**  
Join foraging expert James Feaver of Hedgerow Harvest for a walk to learn what you can gather and how to use it in the kitchen. After the walk there will be a light lunch based on wild food. Booking essential. Meet LC. £20.

Sun 12, Apr 10.30am  
**Sounds of Spring Tour**  
Listen to Durlston's spring birdlife and more, using a directional microphone and find out how and why birds sing. £3

Tue 14 Apr, 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details

Sun 19 Apr, 10.30am  
**'Purbeck Footprints': Wildlife Photography Walk**  
Join wildlife photographer Julian Sawyer from Purbeck Footprints to learn or 'develop' your wildlife photography skills and enjoy Durlston's amazing wildlife. Booking essential. Meet LC. £5

Wed 22 Apr, 10.30am  
**Clifftop Tour**  
A half-hour tour of the clifftop. Donations welcome.

Wed 22 Apr, 9.00pm  
**Stargazing: The Moon, Venus, Jupiter, Lyrid Meteors and the Spring Constellations**  
See 01 October for details.

Sun 26 Apr, 2.30pm  
**Early Spider Orchids and Other Spring Flowers**  
Join botanist Ted Pratt to enjoy some of Durlston's rare and beautiful spring flowers. £3.

Sun 26 Apr, time tbc  
**Great Dorset Beach Clean**  
See 09 Nov for details

Tue 28 Apr 10.30am  
**Castle Tour**  
See 21 Oct for details