

For all events, meet at **Durlston Castle Reception unless stated otherwise**. Where booking is required, email 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
'BOOKSbut 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, 10.30 am – 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.peterrushart.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, 11.00 am
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 cliff-top. 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