

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

NOVEMBER

Fri 18 – Sun 20 Nov, 10.30am - 4.00pm
WaterAid Charity Sale
A charity sale of hand painted and dyed silks and unusual jewellery in aid of Wateraid. FREE



Thu 24 Nov, 11.30am
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Fri 25 Nov – Wed 14 Dec, 11.00am - 4.00pm
'Beginnings' Art Exhibition by the Purbeck Collective
Work by Purbeck-based painters, sculptors and photographers and makers, celebrating Purbeck and the rich elemental palette of the Jurassic Coast. Work available to purchase. FREE www.purbeckcollective.co.uk

Sun 27 Nov, 11.30am
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

DECEMBER

Thu 1 Dec, 7.00pm
Stargazing - The Moon, Jupiter, Galaxies, Star Clusters and Winter Constellations
Join Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the winter constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day to confirm. Meet at Learning Centre. £3/£2

Sat 3 Dec, 2.30pm
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Sun 4 Dec, 10.30am
Lichens and Mosses
Join naturalist Jim White on a stroll to discover this little known group of lower plants. £3/£2

Sun 4 Dec, 1.30 - 4.30pm
Photography Workshop with Richard Jeffery from Purbeck Light
If your camera is in control rather than you, this hands-on workshop, will put you back in the driving seat. Learn to control focus and exposure, and improve your composition. Suitable for all levels – bring a digital camera, a notepad and pen, and outdoor clothing. Booking required. Meet at Learning Centre. £10

Thu 8 Dec, until 10.00pm
Late Night Christmas Shopping at Durlston Castle
Come and buy unusual and beautiful Christmas presents and enjoy a glass of mulled cider. FREE



Sun 11 Dec, 10.00am- 1.00pm
Photography Workshop with Richard Jeffery from Purbeck Light
See Sun 4 Dec for details.

Sun 11 Dec, 2.00pm
George Burt's Grand Plans
Discover why Durlston is one of the jewels in the crown of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. £3/£2

Tue 13 Dec, 2.00pm
Jurassic Coast - 10th Anniversary Walk
Discover why Durlston is one of the jewels in the crown of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. FREE

Sat 17 Dec – Sun 8 Jan, 10.30am - 3.30pm
Explorer's Rucksacks
Packed with things to do along the woodland trail, hire an Explorer's bag any day during the school holidays. Booking advised. £4

Sun 18 Dec – Tue 17 Jan, 11.00am - 4.00pm
Victorian Durlston Exhibition
Discover the curious Victorian history of Durlston and Swanage. FREE

Sun 18 Dec, 10.30am
'Two Turtle Doves' - Christmas Birdwatch
Join Hamish Murray for a seasonal birdwatching walk. £3/£2

Sun 18 Dec, 2.00pm
Layers in the Landscape
Guided walk uncovering how thousands of years of history have shaped Durlston's landscapes. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. £3/£2

Sun 18 Dec, 8.00pm
'Hark the Glad Sound'
An evening of festive song, readings, music and performance from the Purbeck Village Quire - west gallery and folk music, drawing on the novels of Thomas Hardy. Followed by late night Christmas shopping. £6/£5



Wed 28 Dec, 2.30pm
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Thu 29 Dec, 2.00pm
George Burt's Grand Plans
Discover Durlston's curious Victorian history - a walk and talk around the Park and Castle. £3/£2

JANUARY

Sat 7, 8 and 14 Jan, 9.30am - 4.00pm
Hedgelaying course
Join Ben Wallbridge on a 3-day course to learn or improve your skills in this traditional craft. In partnership with WEA, for details or to book call 0845 4582758/visit www.wea.org.uk. Meet at Learning Centre. £77

Sat 7 Jan, 11.00am - 3.30pm
Victorian Craft Day
Victorian Craft day at Durlston Castle with the Dorset Coppice Group, Greenwood Workshop, Victorian food, sea shanties and more - take part in craft activities with a Victorian theme. FREE

Sun 8 Jan, 2.30pm
A Postcard From Swanage
Illustrated talk with local historian David Haysom. See how Swanage looked during Victorian and Edwardian times,

through photography, classic cartoons and stories. £3/£2

Sun 15 Jan, 10.30am
New Year Birdwatch
Seasonal birdwatching walk with Hamish Murray. £3/£2

Sun 15 Jan, 2.00pm
Reading the Rocks - Durlston's World Heritage Coast
Guided walk with local expert Malcolm Turnbull, exploring the stories written in the rocks of Durlston Bay. A challenging route over rugged terrain - stout footwear essential. Booking essential. Meet at top of Zig-zag path, Belle Vue Road, Swanage (GR SZ034782) £3/£2

Sat 21 Jan – 7 Feb, 11.00am - 4.00pm
Durlston & the Sea Exhibition
Discover the stories of Durlston and the sea - wildlife, smugglers, quarrying, geology and more. FREE

Sat 21 Jan, 2.00pm
Swanage Beach Clean
Help clean Swanage Beach. Meet outside Ocean Bay Restaurant at north end of beach (GR SZ031796) FREE



Sun 22 Jan, 10.30am
January Birdwatch
Join a Ranger to discover winter birds at Durlston. £3/£2

Sun 22 Jan, 2.30pm
Dolphins & the Deep Blue Sea!
Children's Event. Games and activities about the amazing lives of the Durlston Dolphins. Booking essential. Meet at Learning Centre. £3

Wed 25 Jan, 2.00pm
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Sat 28 Jan, 7.00pm
Stargazing LIVE - Moon, Jupiter, Star clusters, Galaxies, Orion, Nebula & the Winter Constellations
Join Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the winter constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day to confirm. Meet at Learning Centre. £3/£2

Sun 29 Jan, 10.30am
Intro to Dolphin Watching
Find out how we record dolphins and marine wildlife and test your recording skills at the Dolphin Watch Hide. £3/£2

Sun 29 Jan, 2.30pm
'MARINElife' Along the Jurassic Coast
MARINElife's Director of Conservation, Dr Tom Brereton gives an illustrated talk on the conservation of Dolphins, Whales and Seabirds along the Jurassic Coast. Booking essential. £3/£2



Sun 29 Jan, 7.00pm
Stargazing LIVE - Moon, Jupiter, Star clusters, Galaxies, Orion, Nebula, Winter Constellations
Join Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the winter constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day to confirm. Meet at Learning Centre. £3/£2

FEBRUARY

Sun 5 Feb, 10.30am
Lichens and Mosses
A stroll with naturalist Jim White to discover this little-known group of lower plants. £3/£2

Sun 5 Feb, 2.00pm
'Good Things Come To Those Who Bait'
An entertaining insight into fishing with local fisherman Alan Lander and try making a traditional Lobster pot. £3/£2

Sat 11 – 26 Feb, 11.00am - 4.00pm
'Sea Fire and Ice - Purbeck & Iceland: Landscapes In Contrast'
An exhibition of paintings by wildlife artist Antonia Phillips. In the Fine Foundation Gallery. Work available to purchase. FREE

Sun 12 Feb, 10.30am
Birdwatching in February
Discover winter birds with a Ranger. £3/£2

Tue 14 Feb, 11.00am-2.00pm
Sea Fire and Ice - Children's Art Workshop
Get interactive with our art exhibition and create a mini-masterpiece with artist Antonia Phillips. Suitable for children aged 7-11. Booking essential. £10

Wed 15 Feb, 2.00pm
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Thu 16 Feb, 2.00pm
Scarecrow Making
Family activity – A scavenger hunt and scarecrow-making. Booking essential. Meet at Learning Centre. £3

Fri 17 Feb, 7.30pm
Stargazing - Venus, Jupiter, Star clusters, Orion Nebula and Winter Constellations
Join Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the winter constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day to confirm. Meet at Learning Centre. £3/£2

Sun 19 Feb, 2.00pm
How to Watch Wildlife
Talk and walk to learn about fieldcraft - getting up close and personal with wildlife! £3/£2

Sun 26 Feb, 10.30am
February Birdwatch
Birdwatching walk with Hamish Murray. £3/£2



Wed 29 Feb (14, 28 Mar and 11 Apr), 7.00pm
'Universe' - Astronomy Course (Session 1)
Astronomy expert Bob Mizon guides you through the secrets of the cosmos and deep space. A 4 session course every other week at the Learning Centre. Booking essential. £40

MARCH

Saturday 3rd March, 10.00am-3.00pm
Durlston Castle Wedding Fair
Come and find inspiration for your big day. Meet our exhibitors, enjoy a free glass of bubbly and canapes or even check out the Castle itself as a venue. FREE

Sun 4 Mar, 2.00pm
'The Sun Was Shining On The Sea'
A talk, experiments, readings and art - heat, light, rainbows, weather and blue skies with

meteorologists Sylvia and Howard Oliver. £3/£2

Wed 7 – Tue 27 March, 11.00am - 4.00pm
The Miracle of Bird Migration Exhibition
Discover the lengths that birds go to on their annual migration. FREE

Fri 9 Mar, 7.00pm
Flight Night
An evening of everything avian. A presentation, film & exhibition. Booking essential. £3/£2

Sun 11 Mar, 10.30am
March Bird Walk
Find resident and early migrant birds around Durlston. £3/£2

Sun 11 Mar, 2.30pm
Migration at Durlston
Join Simon Breeze for a talk about migrant birds. £3/£2

Sun 18 Mar, 10.30am
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Sun 18 Mar, 2.00pm
Swanage Beach Clean
Keep Swanage Beach beautiful! Families welcome, gloves and bags provided. Meet outside Ocean Bay Restaurant (north end of Swanage Beach road GR SZ031796). FREE

Sun 25 Mar, 8.00 - 10.00am
Bird Ringing Demonstration
See how ringing contributes to the study of migrant birds with Stour Ringing Group. Weather dependent - phone to confirm. Otherwise event to run the following Sunday. Meet at Learning Centre. FREE

Sun 25 Mar, 10.30am
March Birdwatch
Look for resident and newly arriving birds on a walk with Hamish Murray. £3/£2



Sun 25 Mar, 2.30pm
Early Spring at Durlston
A gentle stroll to enjoy the newly sprung spring. £3/£2

Fri 30 Mar
Comedy at the Castle
Live comedy at the Castle - part of the Swanage Comedy Festival. Details tbc.

Sat 31 Mar, 8.00pm
Stargazing - The Moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the Spring Constellations
Join Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the spring constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day to confirm. Meet at Learning Centre. £3/£2

Sat 31 Mar - Sun 15 Apr, 10.00am - 4.00pm
Easter Egg-stravaganza Trail
Family Fun. Follow the clues around the Park to win a prize. Every day throughout the Easter holidays. £2 per treasure hunter.

APRIL

Mon 2 – Tue 24 Apr, 11.00am - 4.00pm
Blooming Marvellous! Knitted Garden Exhibition
Explore the amazing knitted garden, created by hundreds of volunteers facilitated by artist Pauline Stanley. Help add to the garden, with knitting workshops (dates tbc). FREE

Tue 3 April, 10.30am
Durlston Castle Tour
A half hour guided tour of newly restored Durlston Castle. FREE

Wed 4 Apr, 7.00pm
Spring Bird Watching Course (part 1)
A 6-session course on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings for anyone wanting to learn more about birds - song, habits, looks and more. Booking essential. Meet at Learning Centre. £30

Thu 5 Apr, 2.30pm
Delinquent Dinosaurs and Fantastic Fossils
Family event. Games and activities about Durlston's prehistoric past. Booking essential. Meet at Learning Centre. £3

Sat 7 Apr, 10.30am
Meet a Moth
Help a Ranger identify the moths caught in last night's trap, a 30 minute introduction. Meet at Learning Centre. FREE

Sun 8 Apr, 2.30pm
How To Help Garden Wildlife
Wildlife gardening talk and walk. £3/£2

Thu 12 Apr, 2.30pm
Feed the Birds
Family event. Make feeders and cake for garden birds. Booking essential. Meet at Learning Centre. £3



Fri 13 Apr, 8.30pm
Stargazing - Venus, Mars, Saturn, Nebulae, Galaxies & the Spring Constellations
Join Wessex Astronomical Society for a short talk and use telescopes to view the spring constellations. Weather dependent - phone 01929 427965 on the day to confirm. Meet at the Learning Centre. £3/£2

Sat 14 Apr, 10.30am
Meet a Moth
Help a Ranger identify the moths caught in last night's trap, a free 30 minute introduction. Meet at Learning Centre. FREE

Sun 15 Apr, 10.30am
The Spring is Sprung!
Take a walk with a Ranger to enjoy the newly sprung spring! £3/£2

Sat 21 – Sun 29 Apr
Dorset Spring Bird Week
Walks, talks, demos and kids events around Dorset to find out more about birds. For details visit www.durlston.co.uk

Sun 22 Apr, 2.30pm
Early Spider Orchids and Other Spring Flowers
A gentle stroll across the meadows with botanist Ted Pratt. £3/£2



Sun 29 Apr, 9.00am
April Birdwatch - Improving Birdwatchers
Join Hamish Murray to look for resident and migrant birds. £3/£2

Sun 29 Apr, 2.30 pm
The History of Durlston
A gentle walk around the Park - history, quarrying and radar finishing with a tour of the Castle. £3/£2