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Golden Cap Association (West Dorset)



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Historic Daffodils at Hardy's Cottage See page 12

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From the Chairman . . .



I am pleased to welcome Peter Watson as Vice-Chairman and Janet Carey as Outings Organiser after they were voted on to the committee at the recent AGM. I also thank Chris Walliker for continuing as our President, and Margaret McClellan for taking the Minutes as Mary Rogers was away.

The AGM was very well attended by our members, who were pleased to see an old friend of our association, Rob Rhodes, Head of Countryside Management and Rangers for England, Wales and Northern Ireland who was our guest speaker. Prior to his promotion some 6 years ago, Rob was the local Countryside Manager for North and West Dorset. I also welcomed Hannah Jefferson, the present General Manager of North and West Dorset.

Rob gave an extensive talk on the plans and strategy within the National Trust for the next 10 years, and some of his slides were displayed for the first time in the public domain. Rob had to explain this to us as several had the word 'DRAFT' written on them. It will be a major task for those working in the National Trust and for volunteers who work outside in the countryside as there are plans to plant 20 million trees. These have to be sourced correctly, tended carefully in the first few years, and they need to be the type of tree to survive climate warming and continue to survive for the next 100 years. It was also interesting to hear the plan is to extend into more urban areas.

Rob was able to answer the many questions clearly, and these ranged from how this plan would affect the tenant farmers and their land to apprenticeships within his remit and within the National Trust generally. This is a topic in which I am interested and Rob has sent me some details and statistics with regard to apprenticeships. Rob reports, 'there are over 40 ranger apprentices at the moment (with virtually 100% success rate from previous apprenticeships). There are also many apprenticeships in gardens, catering, heritage skills (wood working, stone masonry etc.), and project management. So a thriving pipe line into a career in conservation with the National Trust.' Hannah Jefferson was also able to confirm that in this area, rather than tree planting, hedges were the priority and were being widened to enable wildlife to more easily move around.

As you know, in 2021 our donation was spent on planting hedges at Seatown and Thorncombe Beacon and these are doing well. Our latest donation of £3000 for 2023 was well received by our local area National Trust and £1500 of this is to spent on the maintenance of these hedges (this was agreed when the hedge planting took place). £1500 will be spent on an interpretation board at St Gabriel's, west of Golden Cap, plus a sheep wash sign. All valuable additions to the Golden Cap Estate.

I can report our subscriptions will remain at £6 for a single member and £9 for a double membership. Also, entry to the talks in the United Church Hall will remain at £3 for members and £5 for visitors, and the AGM will be free as usual to members and visitors.

At the end of the AGM, I raised a few points which had been discussed at a recent meeting of two of our committee and representatives of Purbeck and South Dorset Associations at the Stinsford Centre, Kingston Maurward College. They are issues relating to the National Trust and as we had Rob and Hannah present I thought they may be able to report back to National Trust Head Office. In brief, I feel it unnecessary to erase the horrible parts of history in the descriptions of the properties as true history is very much a tool for education. Also, I described our association in relation to members, committee and raising donations for the National Trust. My words will be in the Minutes of the AGM and printed in the January 2025 Newsletter.

There are plans for another lunch on at the Lyme Regis Golf Club Wednesday 12th June and these events are usually very well attended. Please get your applications in as early as possible. The talks in the United Church Hall have been organised well into 2025 and they will begin, as usual, at 2.30 pm.

Unfortunately, our outings have proved to be a problem. There will be an outing to the RNLI College in Poole on Thursday, 18th April, but interest was limited to 26 leaving the association with a small loss. Sadly, the outing to Knightshayes in Tiverton was under subscribed and we had to cancel. The committee have discussed this and, looking at our membership as a whole, we have tried to arrange outings which do not involve a long time on a coach. We also felt this was necessary due to the vast cost of hiring a coach, but maybe we should try a venue which does involve longer distances from Bridport. If there are any places members would like to visit perhaps you could email me with your suggestions.

A July outing is being organised by Mary Rogers and Janet Carey. There will be a return boat trip from Poole Quay to Wareham. I hope this is well supported.

Valerie Gierth has been awarded a badge and certificate for 20 years service as a volunteer on our committee.

Finally, I thank all the committee for the support they give to the association and to all other helpers, particularly at our talks when chairs have to be set up and finally stacked at the end of the meeting.

Mike Nicks
Chairman

Membership: 2024 – 2025 Subscriptions

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To those who have already paid their 2024-2025 subscription your Membership Card is enclosed with this Newsletter, thank you

To those who have not already paid their subscription, this is a gentle reminder that is was due on 1st April. I would be grateful if you would let me have asap your cheque along with a completed subscription form which is on page 5, along with a SAE for your card. **If you do not include a SAE your card will be sent to you with the September newsletter.**

If you have decided not to renew your membership, it would be very helpful if you could let me know so that our records may be updated accordingly.

If no membership card is enclosed that means I have not received your subscription for this year and, therefore, you are no longer an Association member.

If you pay by Standing Order but do not have a membership card please contact me asap as I am unable to identify the source of several payments shown on the Bank Statement.

Your current (2024-2025) Golden Cap membership number must be quoted when applying for any of the Association's activities.

If you added a donation to your subscription, please accept our thanks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any queries regarding subscription payment or your membership, please contact me.

Diana Coleridge - Membership Secretary
dianacoleridge@gmail.com
01308 424431

Welcome to the following new members since January:

Mr Robert Campling - Bridport

Ms Liz Fraser - Bridport

Mr & Mrs Guy & Gill Livingston - Bridport

Mrs Ann Mabbott - Bridport

Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Renewal of Annual Subscription 2024/2025

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Subscriptions were due on 1st April - £6.00 for one person and £9.00 for two at the same address. Please make your cheque payable to 'Golden Cap Association'. Please hand it in at any Association meeting or send by post to:

Mrs D Coleridge, 115 Victoria Grove, Bridport DT6 3AE

Dorchester Walking Festival . . .

. . . takes place between 11th–18th May. You can book a place for any of these through the Dorchester Walking Festival webpage www.eventbrite.com/cc/dorchester-walking-festival-2024-3185499



Wednesday 15th May

In the childhood footsteps of Thomas Hardy. A walk through Thorncombe Woods led by a volunteer who will be reading poetry and telling stories linked to Thomas Hardy.

Thursday 16th May

Walk through Moreton stopping at key points linked to TE Lawrence including an opportunity to visit Clouds Hill.

Saturday 18th May

A 9.5k circular walk starting at Hardy Monument which takes you through the Valley of Stones.

Saturday 18th May

Wildlife Wander around Hardy Monument led by the NT ecology team and aimed at families.

Summer Lunch

Greens Restaurant, Lyme Regis Golf Club
 Timber Hill, Lyme Regis DT7 3HQ*

Wednesday 12th June 2024 12:30pm for 1:00pm

£30.00 per person (excluding gratuities)

Menu

Roast Topside of Beef - Served with Yorkshire pudding, red wine jus and seasonal vegetables

Pan Fried Chicken Supreme - Served on a fondant potato with a white wine and tarragon cream sauce

Pan Fried Hake Fillet - Served on braised fennel with a dill butter cream sauce, herby new potatoes, baby carrots and tender stem broccoli

Roasted Vegetable Pithivier - Served with a sun-dried tomato sauce

Pavlova - Filled with summer berries and Chantilly cream

Chocolate Brownie - Served with a chocolate sauce, fresh berries and ice cream

Crème Brûlée - Served with a shortbread biscuit and fresh berries

Cheese and Biscuits - Served with celery, grapes and chutney

Tea and coffee with a chocolate mint

*Follow A35 west at the Charmouth roundabout (this is at the end of the Charmouth bypass); take 2nd left on to A3052; drive up the hill and at the top of the hill the road bears left; keep going for some 300 metres and take first left into Timber Hill (signposted to Golf Club). The golf club is a short distance along this road on the left. Ignore the first turning to the Golf Academy and take the second on the left which leads to the Car Park and Entrance.

Valerie Gierth - 01308 281381

SUMMER LUNCH

Wednesday 12th June 2024 - Greens Restaurant, Lyme Regis Golf Club

PLEASE RESERVE ME _____ PLACES(S)

FOR (NAMES OF EVERYONE FOR WHOM YOU ARE PAYING)

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ADDRESS -----

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TEL NO: ----- GOLDEN CAP M'SHIP No(S) -----

EMAIL -----

Main Course	Roast Topside of Beef	
	Pan Fried Chicken Supreme	
	Pan Fried Hake Fillet	
	Roasted Vegetable Pithivier	
Sweet	Pavlova	
	Chocolate Brownie	
	Crème Brûlée	
	Cheese and Biscuits	

PLEASE Tick your method of payment

I enclose a cheque to Golden Cap Association £ _____ (£30.00 pp)

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Account Name: Golden Cap Association

Account No: 21428284 HSBC Sort Code: 40 - 13 - 28

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If possible I would like to share a table with some (or all) of the following friends:

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Every effort will be made to ensure you sit on the same table as your friends but this cannot be guaranteed. If you don't give preferences it will be assumed you are happy to sit with anybody.

Please return this form with a stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible but by Wednesday 29th \May.

Bookings with full payment are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please remember to enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope for your tickets.



Mrs Valerie Gierth
Burnside
28 St Andrews Road
Bridport DT6 3BQ

National Trust Central News

Seeds and material collected from the Sycamore Gap tree after it was felled last September are beginning to 'spring into life'.

The iconic sycamore tree, which had stood in a dip in Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland National Park, for around 200 years, was felled in an act of vandalism last autumn, sparking an unprecedented public response.

But, in December, staff revealed that the material was showing signs of life but did warn that the timing of the event – when the tree was still in the growth stage of its annual cycle – was less than ideal for propagating.

Since the felling, experts have used a range of techniques to cultivate the material. These include 'budding', where a single bud from the original tree is attached to a root-stock of the same species, and two forms of grafting - 'whip and tongue' and 'apical wedge' grafting - where a scion (a cutting from the tree) and a root-stock are joined together by corresponding cuts in the material. These processes are designed to create genetically identical replicas of the original Sycamore Gap tree.

The seeds, meanwhile, have been grown on in a special peat-free compost mix, having first been washed and checked for any disease, with several dozen now sprouting.



A collection of small seedlings and buds growing at the Plant Conservation Centre, where staff have been carefully looking after the delicate material.

Cruise from Poole Quay to Wareham along the River Frome

Thursday 11 July 2024

£37.00 per person

Take a truly relaxing boat trip on the Purbeck Gem from Poole Quay, across Poole Harbour and along the picturesque River Frome to the historic town of Wareham, with its massive earth ramparts built by King Alfred the Great.

This 1hr 10 min trip is mainly along the river so very gentle. The river is tidal to Wareham so sailings are only held when the tide is high. On the way our skipper will give us a commentary, pointing out places of interest and wildlife within Poole Harbour and also along the river Frome. Teas, coffees, wine, beer and snacks are all available on board the boat. Toilet facilities are also available on board.

Once ashore at Wareham the 18th century Quay Inn and The Old Granary pub are a few metres away from the mooring. There is a grassy area on the opposite bank to where the boat is moored where you can enjoy a picnic or you can walk into the town to shop or explore the ancient walls and visit the only Saxon church in Dorset with its magnificent effigy of Lawrence of Arabia - but please note that you will only have just over an hour to do this.

Due to the tides the boat will be alongside at Wareham for 1hr 10mins before returning to Poole Quay where our coach will meet us at 15:15 hrs for the homeward journey, arriving in Bridport at around 16:30 hrs.

Mary Rogers
Janet Carey 01297 489782



APPLICATION FORM

Cruise to Wareham – Thurs 11 July 2024

PLEASE RESERVE ME _____ SEAT(S)

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NAME _____

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IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME & TEL No: _____

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BRIDPORT CO-OP	08:55	
BRIDPORT BUS STATION	09:00	

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WHICHEVER METHOD OF PAYMENT PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ASAP BUT NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 1ST JUNE TO:

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News from North & West Dorset National Trust

Daffodils – New Acquisitions at Hardy’s Cottage

This spring 7 old terracotta pots were planted with 7 different old varieties of daffodils that could have been growing at the cottage during the time of Thomas Hardy.

We are always on the lookout for historic plants available during the lifetime of the Hardy family at the cottage to augment the garden throughout the season. Daffodils are the natural choice for spring.

When the daffodils have finished flowering, they will be planted in the garden for naturalising and providing the visitors (and the gardeners) enjoyment for years to come.

The variety of daffodil used are:

Van Sion - Registered before 1620

Grand Monarque - Registered before 1759

Grand Primo Citroniere - Registered before 1780

N. Obvallaris (Tenby Daffodil) - Year first noted: 1796

Sulphur Phoenix - Registered before 1820

Sir Watkins - Registered before 1868

Barrii Conspicuous - Registered before 1869

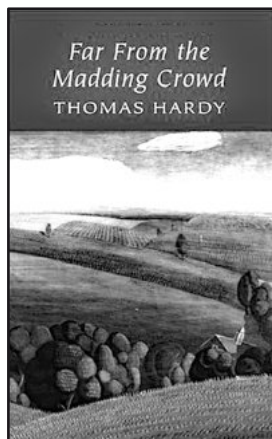
Paul Barrow - Volunteer Gardener at Hardy’s Cottage

Far From the Madding Crowd – free public readings at Max Gate

This year, 2024, is 150 years on from the monthly publication of *Far from the Madding Crowd* which was first published in serial form in *The Cornhill Magazine* between January and December 1874. The story was a popular attraction for the magazine, before being published the same year in book form.

To mark this anniversary a monthly reading of *Far from the Madding Crowd* to mirror its serial publication will take place on the last Sunday in the month (March-October) starting at 2.30 in Max Gate house.

Everyone is welcome and booking is not necessary but normal admission charges will apply (National Trust members are free). There is no extra charge to hear the reading.



Clouds Hill One Hundred Years Ago: A Winter Visitor

Had you walked into Clouds Hill a century ago there would have only been a modicum of creature comforts: piles of logs for the open fire, rudimentary cooking facilities, some basic furniture, a wind-up gramophone, classical recordings and a small but eclectic collection of books. It was a ramshackle place, but a much-needed haven from what, for TE Lawrence, was a stressful atmosphere at nearby Bovington Camp.

The end of January 1924 probably saw the first recorded visit of Florence Hardy to Clouds Hill. I say probably because Lawrence wasn't in, and later on he couldn't be sure if it was Florence who had come calling. Finding no-one at home it appears she instead called on Arthur and Henrietta Knowles across the road but, for whatever reason, seemingly chose not to reveal her identity; unlike her famous husband she was not such a recognisable figure. As Lawrence wrote to Mrs. Hardy the next day, January 27th: "I think you came here yesterday - but the Knowles' family, with whom the gifts were left, are not very sure."

She had brought several items for Lawrence, amongst them, rather intriguingly, was a picture of Killua Castle, the ancestral seat in Ireland of Lawrence's late father and a baronetcy Lawrence was never destined to inherit. This throws up the question of whether the visitor was actually one of the Frampton family (owners of Clouds Hill, to whom Lawrence was distantly related) and therefore someone who understood the relevance of Killua to their new famous tenant. Perhaps, as Lawrence surmised, the picture had been given to Florence by one of the Frampton family, with whom she was acquainted, and Florence had indeed just come to see Clouds Hill for herself, inquisitive as to whether it really was a plain and humble refuge for such a complex and charismatic man.

Tony Gill

Welcome & Service Team Leader



Wildlife is waking up

With the weather warming up reptiles are beginning to emerge from hibernation. I saw this female adder and a slow worm sunning themselves on an early March day on Stonebarrow.

Adders are the UK's only venomous* snake but are generally pretty docile and will rather run (well, slither) away rather than attack – unless they get stepped on or a dog gets too inquisitive. Female adders are slightly larger than males and have dark brown diamonds on a brown background compared to the males who have a black diamond on a grey/silver background. Slow worms are, in fact, legless lizards rather than snakes. They tend to emerge from hibernation in March, slightly later in the year than the adders, who emerge in February.

**Adders are venomous rather than poisonous – the difference is that venom is intentionally injected into its prey, i.e. if it bites you and you feel bad it's venomous, if you bite it and you feel bad it's poisonous!*

Adam Woolcot - Ranger



Ecology Report - Pilsdon Pen – a new rare water beetle record

The Pilsdon Pen hillfort has an amazing mosaic of habitats – acid grassland, heathland, woodland, hedgerow and wet areas known as flushes where the springs emerge on the lower slopes.

The 2009 a Nature Conservation Evaluation survey highlighted the interest of the acid flushes which support a variety of species with restricted distributions, notably the nationally scarce diving beetle *Agabus melanarius*.

The ecology group focused on searching for this species and whilst this was unsuccessful, *Laccobius atratus*, another nationally scarce water beetle, was present. This is a useful addition for the site and a species confined to acid water habitats. An adult female smooth newt *Lissotriton vulgaris* was also recorded from a tiny hoof-print size puddle in one of the flushes.

Andy Foster - Dorset Ecology Volunteer



Female smooth newt –
handled briefly for identification

Signed Tours

North & West Dorset NT are running a programme of signed tours in 2024. These are aimed at the deaf community and for people hard of hearing. To book email: elizabeth.flight@nationaltrust.org.uk

Max Gate: Thurs 9th May - 10:30am
The tour will last approximately 30 minutes and after you will be free to look around the house at your leisure.

Hardy's Cottage: Thurs 23rd May - 10:00am

The tour will last approximately 30 minutes and after you will be free to look around the cottage at your leisure.

Clouds Hill: Wed 19th June - 11:00am

The tour will last approximately 30 minutes and after you will be free to look around the cottage at your leisure.

Hardy Monument: Sat 13th July - 12:00pm

The tour will last approximately 20 minutes and after you will be free to climb the 120 steps to the top of the Monument and walk the landscape around it.



Dorset Museum & Art Gallery Conference Cerne Giant & Other Wessex Hill Figures

Sat 28th Sept 2024 9:30am - 5pm

The Cerne Abbas Giant is one of the most recognisable and talked about hill figures in the UK. This conference draws upon recent excavations and new research by the National Trust, led by Martin Papworth, and offers the opportunity to explore the giant in relationship to other significant hill figures in the region. The conference will also launch the new publication 'A Date with the Two Cerne Giants: Re-investigating an Iconic British Hill Figure' which will be on sale at a one-day-only price of £18.75 (normally £24.95 +p&p).

Ticket price includes the opportunity to visit the Museum & Art Gallery. Please note, light refreshments will be provided, but the ticket price does not include lunch. **Tickets:** Standard £40 Students £25.

To book go to:

www.dorsetmuseum.org/event/cerne-giant-and-other-wessex-hill-figures/

Work being carried out on the Langdon Woods Car Park

From 15th April the NT car park at Langdon Woods will be closed for six weeks. This is due to essential work being carried out on the woodland tracks. Langdon Wood is open access to the public and is one of the highest footfall visitor locations on the Golden Cap Estate.

To access Golden Cap between 15th April – 26 May it is recommended that you park at Stonebarrow where there is a small catering offer, toilets and tramper hire available then follow the way-marked route.

After six weeks the car park will be reopened, with access available to Golden Cap, but the northern circuit will remain closed for an estimated further six weeks.

The work will improve the condition of the existing tracks by topping them up with new stone, re-profiling the tracks to improve drainage and widening the tracks to their original width in other places. The project once completed, will also improve access for visitors, particularly those in wheelchairs, off-road mobility scooters and pushchairs. This has been funded through a kind legacy left to the National Trust to support the management of the Golden Cap Estate.

What woodland management is intended?

To mitigate the impacts of climate change on our woodlands we will be felling some of the trees to create space for younger tree planting with different tree species.

The trees at Langdon were nearly all planted at the same time, they're largely the same types of tree (Beech and Scots Pine) and they've missed the historic management that would have encouraged them to grow deep roots. The impacts of climate change on Langdon Wood are likely to be significant, if we don't act now to help it become more resilient. We expect to see increased storm intensity and frequency and new tree pests and diseases arriving on our shores which may threaten the existing species.

What about all the wildlife?

We undertook the vegetation clearance during the winter the before bird nesting season and while rare species such as bats and dormice were tucked safely out of the way. We have carefully planned to retain and create standing deadwood, which will improve habitat quality for these species.



Why does the track need to be so wide?

We have reinstated the track to its original width so that we're able to access with larger machinery to undertake woodland management.

You are meant to be planting trees, not cutting them down!

National Trust has committed to establishing 20 million trees by 2030 in order to deliver more for nature on our land and help address the challenges of climate change. As part of this ambition, in North & West Dorset, we will be establishing over 47,500 trees by 2030. Whilst this work at Langdon does include cutting down a small number of trees, these will be replanted with young trees of different species to ensure the woodland at Langdon continues to thrive.

North & West Dorset National Trust

Easter Trails

The trails at Hive Beach and Hardy Monument have been well received and everyone seems to have enjoyed the family nature walks. Sadly, the weather has meant we have been limited on the number of people taking part but overall it has been a great result.

Easter got off to a very damp start with lots of challenges being faced by the Outdoor Welcome Team. A downpour on the Thursday and into Good Friday ensured the water-logged overflow car parks at Hive Beach could not be opened and high winds on Good Friday also meant it was unsafe to open Hardy Monument. However, in contrast, Easter Saturday was a beautiful day, and some people were even spotted in their bikinis on Hive Beach! This meant parking at Hive was full to capacity with cars queuing to get in all day and the team unable to use the extra spaces the overflows would normally provide, this scenario continued all weekend. It was a very challenging for the team who handled it with expertise and professionalism. We're all hoping that the weather will soon be more friendly.

Second-hand bookshops

All our houses, and even Stonebarrow, have wonderful second-hand bookshops on site which not only provide visitors with an opportunity to take a memento home after their visit but gives a significant financial contribution back to our portfolio.

Carolyn who helps run the bookshops at Hardy's homes is asking for any donations of books to help us get stocked up for the 2024 season.

We are especially looking for good quality books which have anything to do with Thomas Hardy, local history, gardening, conservation, wildlife and T E Lawrence.



Estimated pick-up times for outings - please be early:

	Cruise to Wareham
	11 July
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Beaminster Square	8:40
Bridport Co-Op	8:55
Bridport Bus Station	9:00
	Janet Carey 01297 489782

Insurance carried by this Association through the National Trust does not provide Personal Accident cover for members aged 90 years and older. The Association is not allowed by Government statute to offer any advice about insurance but, of course, members in this category may wish to make their own arrangements.

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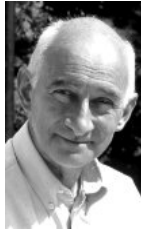



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This information is never divulged to any other individual or organisation, nor is additional information on any member obtained from any other source. On cessation of a membership, all personal data is removed from our records.

Any member has the legal right to see, alter or remove personal data kept by Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) by submitting a formal request (including his/her name and address) to the Chairman. A response must be provided within one month of the request being received.

Illustrated Talks

in the United Church Main Hall, East Street, Bridport at 2:30pm

Mon 30th Sept		Life in Victorian Britain by Paul Atterbury This talk reveals the changes, cultural, social, economic, and technical mostly from contemporary Victorian paintings that changed Britain in that period and set the foundations for our modern world.
Mon 28th Oct		The Stone Age in Dorset by John Smith This talk will outline the story of the Stone Age and how people developed our first technology. It will refer to the evidence to be found on NT properties in Wessex. As the longest time period of people's activity in Britain the evidence of the Stone Age will be present as Monuments to be seen and visited.
Mon 25th Nov		A Cruise along the Jurassic Coast by Steve Balasco Steve is a Jurassic Coast Trust Ambassador. He is a marine photographer and has documented the entire Jurassic coast from wave level in a small boat. He gives a commentary during the 95 mile voyage from Poole to Exmouth.
Mon 27th Jan 2025		Abbotsbury Swannery - A Year through my Lens by Charlie Wheeler Charlie is Manager of Abbotsbury Swannery and Warden of the Chesil and Fleet Nature Reserve. He has worked at the Swannery for 18 years. His talk will take you through the first territorial fights, courtship and egg laying, to cygnets hatching, the moult and the first faltering flights of the juveniles of the year.

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