

Friday, 1 May

5am Sunrise on Giant Hill Trendle, on top of Giant Hill and inside the Giant's enclosure. Please do not walk on the Giant. The Wessex Morris Men have been greeting the sunrise on 1st May for decades. The event takes place on the Trendle, a square earth-banked enclosure above the Giant's head, where there used to be a maypole. They are joined by Cerne Abbas Brewery who give glasses of a special Beltane ale to thirsty revellers, brewed during the Festival. For both this and the Wessex Morris Men event below there is no charge but a hat is passed around for donations to Wessex Morris Men. approx 6.15am Wessex Morris Men Procession & Dancing by the Royal Oak Timings approximate! The Wessex Morris Men scramble down the hill from about 5.45am, then process south from the Village Hall along Duck Street to the square in front of the Royal Oak. Please make a donation to the Wessex Morris Men. about 7.30am May Day at the Silver Well. To get to the Well

go through the Cemetery at the end of Abbey St. After the Wessex Morris Men have finished outside the Royal Oak we will have a short celebration of the season at the Silver (St Augustine's) Well in the Celtic Christian tradition. Open to all faiths, and usually well-attended by followers of pagan religions such as Druidry and Wicca, as well as those from no faith tradition.

Friday, 1 May - Saturday, 2 May

Bridport Allington Hill Country Fair Music and bar, country craft stalls, have-a-go activities, skittle alley and games, speakers tent, horse-logging demonstrations and guided walks, afternoon teas and hot food. 6-10pm on the Friday, main fair 10am-6pm on the Saturday. Allington Hill, Hospital Lane entrance. FREE entrance for all. Allington Hillbillies and Bridport Town Council www.allingtonhillbillies.org.uk.

Inaugural 'Bookery' event in April

A NEW INITIATIVE founded by locally based writers Ros Huxley and Lesley Gillilan is set to be launched on the 29th of April at Dark Bear in the Viking Village in Bridport.

The Bookery is all about books; readers and writers, the craft of the novel, fiction and non-fiction, authors' stories, publishing and poetry. With pop-up themed events, organisers aim to provide a platform for new and established writers to share and discuss their work.

The launch evening of readings, insights and discussion is on the theme of 'Laughter' and will explore the funny side of writing. It will feature Ruth Foster, author of *A Perfect Year?*—winner of the Comedy Women in Print Prize, 2025 (the judges described the novel as 'a masterclass in comic precision'). Ruth's support acts for the evening are writers Ros Huxley, Judith Rutherford and Lesley Gillilan.

The event offers cocktails, free on-site parking, books that make you smile and a chance to mingle and engage with members of Bridport's lively writing community.

Tickets cost £8 and are available in advance by clicking [here](#) or can be purchased on the door at The Viking Village Seal's Cove Adventure Centre, Shoe Lane, Bridport DT6 3EX. Doors open 6.30 pm and the event begins at 7.15 pm until 9.30 pm.



Co founders of the Bookery events Ros Huxley and Lesley Gillilan