

Association of Lighthouse Keepers

Keeping Lighthouse Heritage Alive

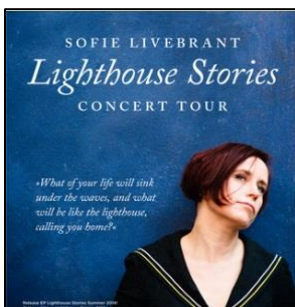
AT HURST



CASTLE

SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Nearly the end of June already and visitor numbers are increasing. The Nab Tower lantern is progressing well. A damp-proof membrane has been added to the base and the newly painted uprights and sides moved into position. Before being bolted down, a thick rubber seal has been laid underneath each one where it rests on the base plate. It is now beginning to look like the base of a lighthouse lantern. The next job is to install the mezzanine floor and some 'lighthouse shaped' steps up to it. We have the original metal grille pieces but need a framework to raise the floor about 2' 6" off the ground. Luckily the Castle volunteers have many skills and we know a man who can make us the necessary frame. So, onwards and upwards we go.



We are looking forward to the visit of Sofie Livebrant, the Swedish pop singer, and her musicians when they come to Hurst to perform her music and also to find out about life in a lighthouse. The concert is in the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd July, starting at 2pm and free to everyone. The event is being filmed for a documentary to support

Sofie's scholarship, which has been sponsored by the Swedish Government.

The team at Hurst have been asked to provide a display for Durlston Castle near Swanage about lighthouses and the ALK's role in keeping their heritage alive. This runs from September 3rd to October 8th, which just happens to coincide with the AGM weekend in Weymouth at the end of September, during which a visit to Anvil Point lighthouse has been arranged. Durlston Castle is a really lovely place with lots of events in and around the castle and fantastic scenery, so we were really pleased to be asked to do this. Come and see our display in the Belvedere Room, free of charge.

We are also hoping that lots of members will take time out to come to Hurst Castle on the Monday after the AGM. People come great distances to attend the AGM year after year and it would be nice to introduce our Castle to some of the more distant members.



Our hardworking Project Manager is now off on holiday to the States for a month, leaving us with a nice long list of 'things to do'. And, of course, there are always little things that crop up unexpectedly that need attention then and there. But it isn't all work. Here he is trying his hand at 'tossing the drainpipe', perhaps a trip

to Scotland is on the horizon. Or has he got the wrong idea about pole-dancing!!

If you would like to help us in our efforts by becoming a member, or just because you like lighthouses, please pick up a leaflet or have a look at the website on www.alk.org.uk. Or have a chat with Keith Morton, the ALK Project Manager at Hurst. He is usually at the Castle on a Monday or can be contacted on hurst@alk.org.uk or 01329 843883. There is also a social side to the ALK who organise events, both locally and countrywide, and also 'lighthouse themed' tours in the UK and abroad.