



Scottish Centre for Geopoetics



# Quarry to Castle Trail Week

## Expressing the Earth – Walk it, Write it, Sculpt it

Explore the Heritage of the Purbeck Landscape  
through a series of events: Walks, Poetry,  
Music, Stone Carving, Workshops, Film.

# Geopoetics mini-festival

For PAW 2026, Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre, with the support of the Scottish Centre for Geopoetics and Purbeck Sounds Radio, brings together a series of events in Purbeck in celebration of geopoetics.

Geopoetics is a movement and a practice – a way of thinking, creating and living in direct relation with the Earth. Rooted in the work of poet and philosopher Kenneth White, it invites us to cross borders of art, science and culture to recover a more vivid, grounded sense of being in the world. To engage in geopoetics is to walk, to listen, to create – through word, image, sound, movement or form – in conversation with wind, stone and wave. It is a path of attention and imagination, cultivating what White called an Open World: a spacious awareness where creativity and knowledge, intellect and landscape, return once again to a radical field.

For more information on geopoetics see: <https://www.geopoetics.org.uk/>

For details and to register at the events visit: <https://burngatestonecentre.co.uk/PAW26>

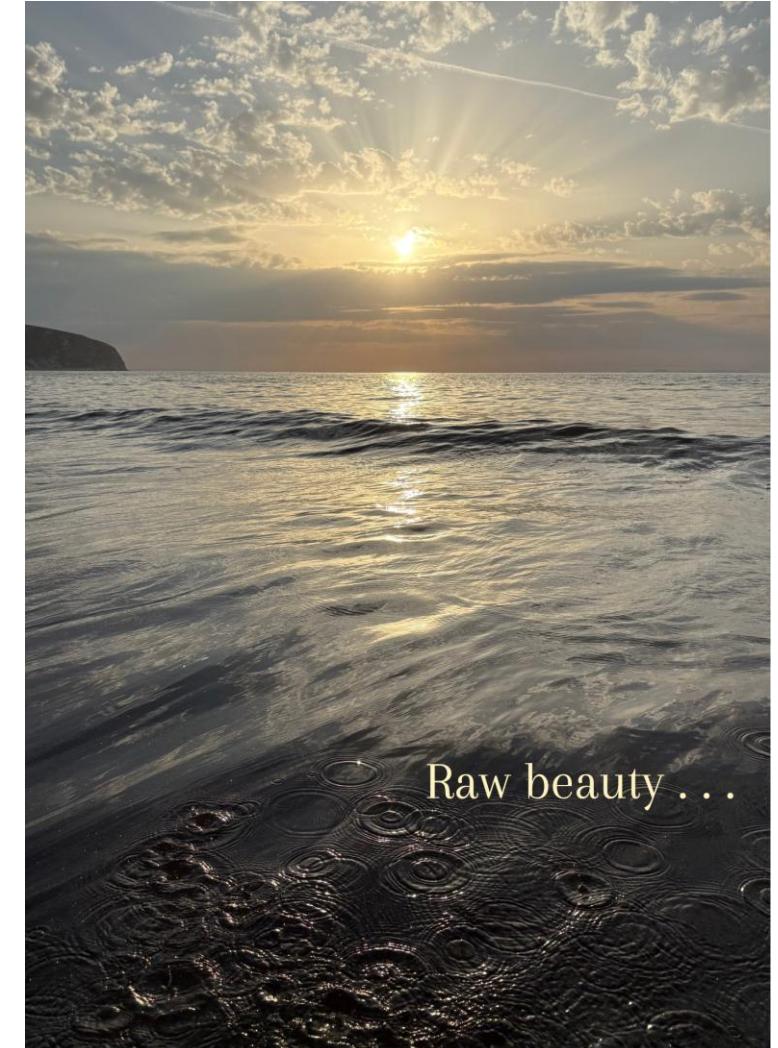
Date	Start	Finish	Event	Location	Cost
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May – June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Daily		Jo Tatchell (Thoughtprints)	Rollington Barn	Free to visit
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	14:00	16:00	HAG Intro Stone Carving	Burngate	£40
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Daily		Stone Carvers in Residence	Burngate	Free to visit
<b>Frid 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	13:00	14:00	John Hegley	Purbeck Sounds	Free to listen
<b>Frid 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	18:00	21:00	John Hegley	Square and Compass	Free (Collection)
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10:00	16:00	2D Landscape Relief Stone Carving (Amanda Randall)	Burngate	£200 (two days)
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	17:00	19:00	Quarry Quatrains (Sarah Acton/Pat Corbett)	Burngate	£15
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	10:00	16:00	2D Landscape Relief Stone Carving (Amanda Randall)	Burngate	a/a
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	19:00	21:00	Music of Place (Steve Garrett)	Square and Compass	Free (MND collection)
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	14:00	16:00	Suitable Stone Lecture (Steve Garrett)	Burngate	£10
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	13:30	16:30	Quarry Tracks (Amanda Randall/Dave Wise)	Burngate/Langton Museum	£20
	14:00	16:00	HAG Intro Stone Carving		£40
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	14:00	16:00	Listening to Stones (Alyson Hallett)	Burngate	£20
<b>Thurs 4th June</b>	19:00	21:30	Expressing the Earth Film Q&A	Worth Village Hall	£10
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	13:00	14:00	Alyson Hallett	Purbeck Sounds	Free to Listen
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10:00	17:00	Q2C Trail (Sarah Acton/Pat Corbett)	Burngate	£30
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	14:00	16:00	HAG Intro Stone Carving	Burngate	£40

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NB: Please keep checking the programme for any last minute changes

# Jo Tatchell – Thoughtprints – 23<sup>rd</sup> May-6<sup>th</sup> June

- Jo Tatchell @ Rollington Barn
- Exhibition of photographic Thoughtprints of stunning Purbeck landscape and accompanying poetry cards for mindfulness and art therapy



Raw beauty ...

# John Hegley - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May



13-14:00 Words to Inspire: Purbeck Sounds Radio  
An hour with Fiona Sturrock discussing, reading  
and creating poetry



18-21:00 Square and Compass  
Two hours of poetry and fun at the Square and  
Compass where rocks and entertainment meet in  
good company.

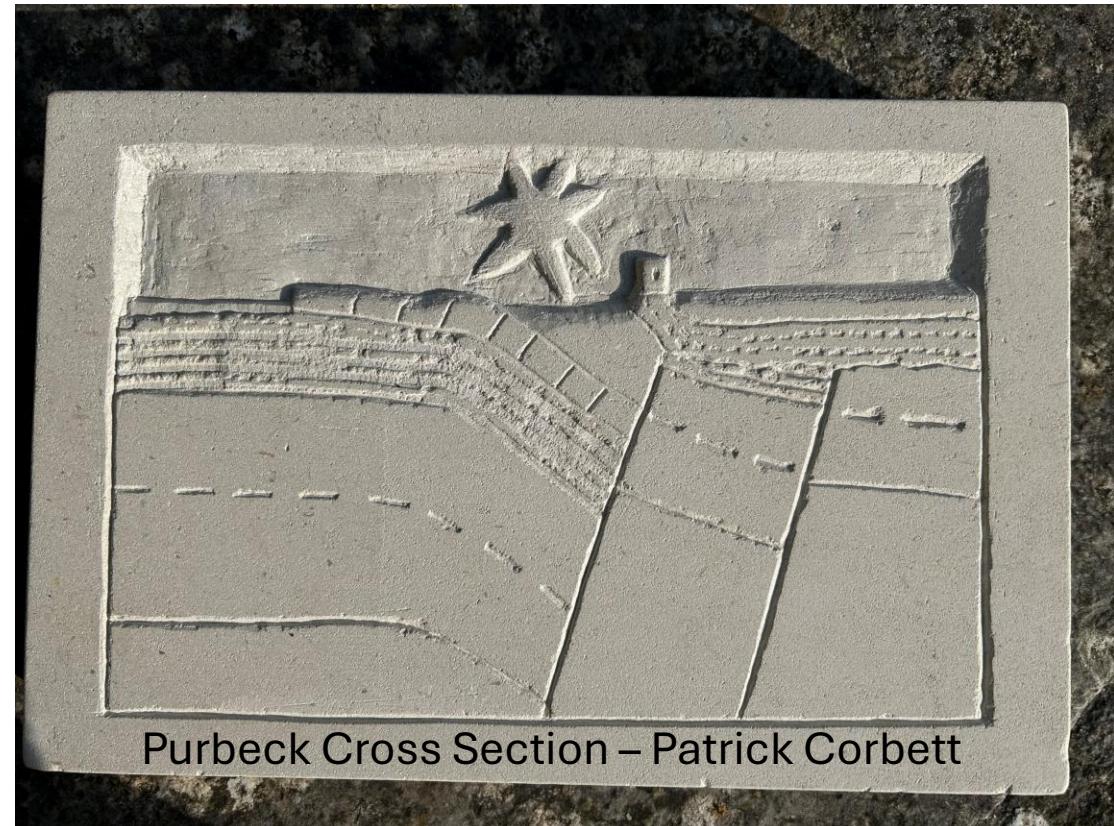


# Amanda Randall – 2D stone carving – 30-31<sup>st</sup> May

- 2-day course led by Amanda Randall to carve representations of Purbeck's living landscape



<https://amandarandalldesign.co.uk/>



# Sarah Acton – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

- 17-19:00 Quarry Quatrains @Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre with Sarah Acton and Patrick Corbett

Write quatrains in the surrounding of stone workings and quarries



# Steve Garrett – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- *A Suitable Stone* talk @Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre

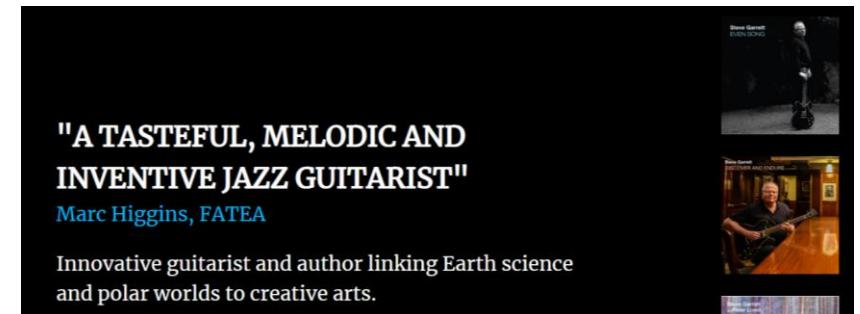
Steve will talk about the main stones of the UK and their use for traditional letter-writing (featuring the Purbeck/Portland Stones)



<https://www.stevegarrettguitar.com/a-suitable-stone>

- *Music of Place* @ Square and Compass, Guitar Solo guitar playing of music inspired by place – listen geopoetic pieces whilst soaking up the atmosphere of one of Purbeck's most iconic pubs.

<https://stevegarrettguitar.com/about>



# Quarry Tracks - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

- 13:30-16:30 Quarry Tracks from Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre with Amanda Randall and Dave Wise

Shorter 4km round walk to walk past old and new quarry workings and visit Langton Stone Museum. Along the way hear stories about the old stone industry



# Alyson Hallett -Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

- 14-16:00 *Listening to Stones* @ Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre

Alyson will expand on her work listening to stone and will expand to include others in the surroundings of our stone carving centre.

- 19-21:30 *Expressing the Earth* Film at Worth Matravers Village Hall

Showing of the Scottish Centre for award-winning Geopoetics film followed by Q&A with Patrick Corbett and Alyson Hallett



# Expressing the Earth – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

- 19:00 – 21:30 Worth Matravers Village Hall

The film was crowdfunded by the Scottish Centre for Geopoetics based on the Isle of Luing in Argyll and was sponsored by RSK environmental consultancy, the Geological Association and Edinburgh Geological Society. It explores geopoetics as the creative expression of the Earth through the eyes of painters, geologists, a slate mosaic sculptor, a dancer/choreographer, a musician/composer and an island author in stunning locations on the west and east coasts of Scotland. In doing so its beautiful cinematography also reveals the captivating poetry of the Scottish writer and thinker Kenneth White who was born in Glasgow, grew up in Fairlie in Ayrshire and lived much of his life in France.



# Alyson Hallett - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

13-14:00 Words to Inspire: Purbeck Sounds Radio

An hour with Fiona Sturrock discussing, reading and creating poetry



# Quarry to Castle Trail - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

- 10:00 – 12:30 Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre – 6km southern loop to Dancing Ledge with Patrick Corbett and Sarah Acton

Guided walk through the geology and engage with the landscape, mindscape, wordscape world of geopoetics.

- 14:00 – 16:30 Burngate Purbeck Stone Centre to Corfe Castle – 8km walk

Continuation of the guided walk through the the landscape of the stone industry that was the stone source of the 11<sup>th</sup> Century Corfe Castle.

Participants can join either or both walks

