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# Summer at the Cloud Hotel

Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter. We hope you enjoy your stay at the Cloud Hotel-however long or short- allowing you the opportunity to enjoy yourself and leave feeling relaxed and refreshed.

## Beautiful surroundings and plenty of things to see and do

We're perfectly located in the heart of the picturesque New Forest and with so much to see and do we thought we'd tell you about some of the events and activities you can enjoy during your stay. We have several beautiful gardens nearby, Furzey Gardens and Exbury Gardens, which are well worth visiting. The latter is a spectacular 200 acre site, world-famous for its collection of rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, rare trees and shrubs. We also recommend visiting Compton Acres in Poole, which is highly regarded as one of the most important historic gardens in England. Also nearby is Lepe Country Park, which is one of Hampshire's most popular Country Parks with unrivalled views across the solent to the Isle of Wight and a lovely mile long sand and shingle beach.

If you enjoy visiting stately homes then Kingston Lacey is not to be missed. A lavish family home built in 1663 and designed to resemble an Italian Palace it is now owned by the National Trust. Another beautiful property we recommend visiting in nearby Fordingbridge is Braemore House, a stunning Elizabethan manor house which is famous for its fine collection of paintings and furniture.



Compton Acres in Poole.



Beaulieu Palace at Beaulieu Motor Museum.

*“Thank you for making our stay such an enjoyable one”*

R. Strong



### Avril Owton MBE to judge everywoman awards

Avril Owton MBE is once again joining the panel of judges for the NatWest everywoman awards. These prestigious awards are now in their 12th year and recognise the achievements of women of all ages. To nominate an inspiring woman go to [www.everywoman.com/awards](http://www.everywoman.com/awards), the closing date for nominations is July 7th. The rewards for being a finalist or winner are many both professionally and personally. The award ceremony will take place at the Dorchester Hotel in London on Friday December 3rd. Tickets are available from everywoman.

For the car enthusiast there is Beaulieu Motor Museum, and if you prefer two wheels instead of four there is the Sammy Miller Motorcycle Museum in nearby New Milton.

If you enjoy shopping then Southampton and Bournemouth are only a short drive away and have an their array of shops, restaurants and cinemas. If you are planning to visit Southampton why not see what shows are on at the Mayflower Theatre!

Staying at the Cloud Hotel means you are never more than a 20 minute drive from the sea with Milford on Sea, Mudeford and the lovely coastal town of Lymington all nearby. Lymington also has a Market each Saturday which is well worth visiting.

A major event in the New Forest, and one not to be missed, is the New Forest Show, which is an annual agricultural show that runs from 29th-31st August 2014.

## Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back two of our most popular members of staff, chef Matthew Doe and waitress Alison Benton. It is great to have them back onboard!

## Dates for your diary

### Charity Cream Tea

**Sunday July 6th from 4pm-5-30pm**

Once again we will be holding this charity event in conjunction with Hampshire Food Festival.

All proceeds raised will be shared between Naomi House Children's Hospice and the Variety Club Children's Charity. Cost is £7-00 to book call reception on 01590 622165.



### The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

**Friday September 26th**

We love supporting this nationwide event every year which is a network of coffee mornings to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

We hold ours at The Cloud Hotel every Autumn and, thanks to you, raise hundreds of pounds for this deserving charity.

Please join us for coffee and delicious home-made treats created by our talented chefs, have some fun and enjoy the surroundings of the hotel and gardens. We hope you can make it.

## Time for tea

*(and bubbly too!)*

Our superb location coupled with a reputation for serving one of the best Afternoon Teas in the area means this most English of traditions is a treat not to be missed!

Our Afternoon tea includes traditional home-made scones with jam and clotted cream, beautiful cakes and delicious dainty sandwiches, together with hot, fresh pots of tea all for **only £15.50**. If you are feeling particular decadent and fancy treating yourself to a glass of fine bubbly it is **only £21.50**.



## Enjoy a tour of the beautiful New Forest

Take in the wonderful sights of the New Forest with New Forest Minibus Tours. Travel in comfort in one of their air-conditioned minibuses either as an exclusive group of 6-8 people or join in with an existing group.

You will be picked up from outside the Cloud Hotel and the tour will take in all aspects of the Forest including the deer, ponies, habitat and places of historical interest. You can also select topics of your choice from a range of subjects such as ancient woodlands, heathlands, coppicing, reptile centre, WWII airfields or the work of the Verderers, Agisters and Forestry Commission Keepers. Visit the website for full details [www.newforestminibustours.co.uk](http://www.newforestminibustours.co.uk)



## Newly Refurbished Bedrooms

Ahead of the Summer season we have refurbished four of our standard bedrooms, which now feature lovely new fitted furniture that give them a sense and feeling of being larger.

### Join us on Facebook and Twitter



THERE are a number of ways you can stay up to date with the latest news, events, offers and promotions here at The Cloud Hotel. Find us on

Facebook ([facebook.com/cloudhotel](http://facebook.com/cloudhotel)) as well as Twitter at [twitter.com/thecloudhotel](http://twitter.com/thecloudhotel). You can also read Avril's blog at <http://cloudhotel-newforest.blogspot.co.uk/>

## Wessex Women 11 years and still going strong!

The Wessex Women's Network which was founded by proprietor Avril Owton MBE in 2003 is now in it's 11th year and continues to grow year-on-year.

The group meets up once a month at the Cloud Hotel over a delicious dinner and is made up of professional women from a variety of businesses.



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