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Gentle-Men

Return to the Fire

A four-day gathering for good men, held in a field on the Dorset coast. Fire,
food, coast and honest company.

28 TO 31 AUGUST 2026 · QUANTUM FIELD, DORSET · LIMITED PLACES

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There is no shortage of men's work in the world: circles, retreats, movements. Good things live in many of them. But beneath them all sits an older, simpler truth, one every culture once marked and ours has half forgotten.

A boy grows by stages: baby, boy, lad, man. Each arrives more or less on its own. The last crossing is different. It must be chosen, and many men never do.

A man becomes a gentle-man when his strength stops needing an audience. When he understands restraint: power held with purpose. When he can bring order to his home, his work and his own mind, and place what he has built in service of something greater than himself.

Gentleness is not the absence of strength. It is what strength is for.

Every man reaches a line that no one else can cross for him. Fear, grief, responsibility, love, failure, purpose. We meet different versions of it, but we cross them alone. Once you have stood there, you begin to recognise the men who have stood there too. Few words are needed after that. Often, just a nod.

Gentle-Men is a gathering for men standing at that line. Men who understand that becoming never truly ends. We inherit what was given to us. We build what is ours to build. And, when the time is right, we reach back to help the next man find his footing, so that one day he may do the same. And here is the strange mercy of it: walked far enough, the line bends. What began as a line becomes a circle.

We inherit. We build. We pass it on. **The first fire of many.**



THE INVITATION

Come with a question, or come with nothing.

A field surrounded by trees. A tipi, a fire, food worth travelling for, and a handful of good men with room to breathe. Woodsmoke and sea air. Stars you forgot were there. Boots drying by the fire, a cuppa at dawn, and more laughter than you might expect.

Warriors and artists, lovers and kings, fathers, grandfathers, sons, makers, wanderers and fools. Every kind of man has a seat here, whatever his background, race, religion, diet or path.

Nothing is expected of any man beyond showing up honestly. No one is called on to speak, to share, or to be anything in particular. Things unfold around a fire. They always have.

- No gurus. No hierarchy: the circle is round for a reason.
- Experience is respected, not worshipped.
- Every man has something to offer, and something to learn.
- No man is above another. Every man has walked a path another has not.

What we are building, year on year, is simple. A fire men return to.



THE FOUR DAYS

Gather. Create. Tend. Renew.

01

FRIDAY
GATHER

Chop wood, carry water

Arrive in the afternoon. Set camp and meet the men. A welcome dinner cooked over the fire, then as dark falls, the opening fire ceremony and a first sharing circle in the tipi.

02

SATURDAY
CREATE

The Jurassic Coast

Down to the coast for a proper walk. Step into the fossilised footprints of dinosaurs. Explore caves dug out by men of the past, and cross hills trodden by Royal Marines old and new. Small activities are dotted along the way, a test in darkness among them. Finish with a swim for those who fancy it, and a pasty on the way back. We return met by sound, a journey to land the day. Then the fire, and the honest work of skinning and preparing a deer from field to flame. Vegetarians and vegans are welcome, and fed properly.

03

SUNDAY
TEND

Heat, cold and gifts

A slow morning, then a walk into the trees. The sauna is lit for a long session, with the ice bath waiting for those who want it. Through the day, men share their gifts and experiences around the fire, from talks to songs to stories and anything in between. Hands come together on a collaborative piece of art. No skill required and none checked. Tend the fire, the food, and each other.

04

MONDAY
RENEW

Carrying the fire home

A last breakfast by the fire. Men leave steadier than they came. The circle stays open all year.

ONE FIRE, LIT ON FRIDAY • TENDED UNTIL MONDAY • BY ALL OF US



THE SATURDAY WALK

Chapman's Pool from the ridge. The quarried caves of Winspit. The wooden henge. And the Royal Marines Memorial, where we stop, rest awhile and reflect.



THE COAST BY DAY



THE FIRE BY NIGHT

THE FIELD, THE TIPI, THE FIRE, THE FOOD

Everything you need. Nothing you don't.

A quiet field near Wimborne, ringed by trees. A tap, a sink, a compost loo, and nothing else you do not need. You camp; the tipi holds the circle and the weather.

One fire is lit on Friday and tended until Monday, by all of us.

And the food is a reason to come in itself. Every meal is cooked over the fire on a South African braai, by a man who has cooked this way all his life: generous, slow and shared.

Bring a rock.



THE TIPI • THE BRAAI • THE FIRE



SUNDAY

Into the trees, then the long sauna. Behind this gathering sit four years of men's circles in Dorset, facilitated with HEARTH.

THE FOUR

Held by four men, each bringing his own fire.

Four men hold the weekend: the fire, the food, the walks and the circle. Each brings his own craft and his own story. To be introduced.



CHANCE • FOUNDER OF HEARTH



PHIL • FACILITATOR • OPERATIONS



JUSTIN • FACILITATOR • FOOD



SAM • FACILITATOR • SOUND

FROM THE FOUNDER

HEARTH began around a fire in a field in Dorset. This gathering is held in that same field. Gentle-Men is the gathering I wished existed. Come and take your seat in the circle.

CHANCE EATON • FOUNDER OF HEARTH

THE PARTICULARS

Tended to, from first fire to last.

Included

- All meals, cooked over fire
- Camping pitch for the three nights
- The tipi, the circle and every session
- Sauna and ice bath
- The coast walk and everything found along the way

Bring

- A tent
- A sleeping bag
- Boots
- Something for the weather
- A swim kit and a couple of towels
- A rock

Limited places

The first Gentle-Men gathering is deliberately small, and places go to the men who take them. £149, all in. Pay in full, or in instalments. Book at www.hearth.now/gentle-men, or write to us with any questions.

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