

It seems a very long time since we have been in contact and another summer, if we can call it that, is well on its way.

Whilst we have not communicated a great deal much has been going on towards the reopening of the museum in two years.

That feels a long time but we have made great strides and have now appointed a contractor and Greendale Construction Group are on site ready to begin major works on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The plans for the three new maritime galleries, the ceramics and design gallery and resident artists balcony, together with the Fine Gallery for temporary and exciting exhibitions and the fifth floor for a Learning Space are all agreed and well into the design stage ready for the build to begin.

A tremendous programme of activity and outreach is also in place and hopefully some of you are aware of Museum on the Move that is offering talks in Libraries and Schools and visiting outside activities to share the news of the renovation and innovation of the refurbishment of the Museum and Scaplen's Court.

The Quay Quarter is beginning to become a reality and we shall be advising shortly of dates for some online talks and an event later in the year, inviting you all to come and hear first hand from those most closely involved and perhaps also to share a new and exciting addition to our collections.

Thank you for your membership support as we move into the very exciting next build phase of the Quay Quarter and all that it entails for the Community. It is vitally important to us.

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# Wessex Museums

Benefits for Poole Museum Foundation members:

- Don't forget, you get **FREE** entry at Dorset Museum (Dorchester), Wiltshire Museum (Devizes), Salisbury Museum, new partners in Swindon, STEAM (<https://www.steam-museum.org.uk/>) and Lydiard (<http://www.lydiardpark.org.uk>) for membership card holders from all partner museums.
- Exclusion: Swindon Museum and Art Gallery as they are temporarily closed.
- While Poole Museum is closed, we will continue to hold our membership coffee meet-ups in Poole, provide a programme of online and in person talks and events, the first of these we hope to promote very soon for September.

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## PMF Welcome Greendale Construction Group



On one of the rare sunny evenings in July, Poole Museum Foundation Trustees welcomed Greendale Construction Group to congratulate them on the award of the next stage of build for the museum project. Greendale will be onsite from mid-September until July next year, preparing and rebuilding the internal areas ready for the installation of the exhibition areas later in 2024.

We were also thrilled to welcome guests from The Valentine Charitable Trust and Talbot Village Trust to also hear about the latest progress with the project since their very kind fundraising donations.

Along with everyone at Poole Museum, we look forward to working with Greendale Construction Group and I am sure some of you may get to meet them too on one of our Behind the Scenes hard-hat tours in 2024.

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## Our Museum Journey Blog

Poole Museum is delighted to share Our Museum Journey! This behind the scenes blog will share stories of all the activity happening as part of our exciting redevelopment project 'Our Museum: Rediscovering Poole's Maritime Heritage'.

Our Museum Journey is produced by two wonderful volunteers. In this introductory blog we meet Kit and Gavin as they share their insight into the process of packing up a museum.

Read it here: <https://www.poolemuseum.org.uk/blog-posts/and-so-it-begins-our-museum-journey-omj>



### Poole Museum features at Lighthouse Poole



Poole Museum Foundation collaborated with Lighthouse Poole throughout July, using their ground floor gallery space, for a temporary Poole Museum exhibition as part of the Museum on the Move programme.

The newly designed displays featured a brief history of fishing in Poole, trading with Newfoundland with a wonderful display of original paintings of vessels that took the perilous journey and a Maritime Archaeology section with inspirational photographs of real shipwreck dives and discovered artefacts - a taster of what is to come to the new maritime galleries when Poole Museum re-opens.

The exhibition welcomed over 400 visitors over 18 days and was a welcomed educational addition to the *SALT: Community Play for Poole* performances that took place at end of July on the theme of the salt-cod trade between Poole and Newfoundland.

Felicity would like to thank Jacqui Arnold, Gary Edwards, Joe Raine, Debbie Chinchen, Lighthouse Poole and all the staff & volunteers that helped put this wonderful exhibition on for all to enjoy!

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## Meet other PMF members over a cuppa

You are all welcome to join us for our next meet-up over a coffee/tea on **Thursday 14th September 11:00am**, meeting outside the museum to head to The Custom House to hear about the latest project news and where to find Museum on the Move.

If you would like to attend, please do email me:

[info@poolemuseumfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@poolemuseumfoundation.org.uk) or drop me a quick message on 01202 126208 or if you have any suggestions for future e-newsletter articles or events for members, please do drop me a line - thank you -

Jenny (Membership Officer)

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## More Museum on the Move

Further to Poole Museum Foundation's funding, Museum on the Move continues to be a great success and is being welcomed at venues across the conurbation with sessions taking place in libraries, schools, GATHER space in Poole's Dolphin Shopping Centre and events across the region.

Please help us spread the word and encourage your family and friends to visit some of Poole Museum's forthcoming public events:

- Sat 16 September - Dorset Architectural Heritage Week Tours 10am, 12noon & 3pm (up to 12 people per tour), book via [Dorset Architectural Heritage Week 8th -17th Sep | Eventbrite](#)
- Sat 16 & Sun 17 September - Isle of Purbeck Festival of Cultural Heritage at Corfe Castle [Festival of Cultural Heritage | National Trust](#)
- Sat 16 & Sun 17 September - Poole Seafood & Sounds Festival (Poole Quay) [Seafood and Sounds - Poole \(pooletourism.com\)](#)
- Wed 30 Sep 10.30am - Boscombe Library for Arts by the Sea, Fears and Foes Talk [Events at BCP Libraries \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)
- Thu 01 Oct - Arts By the Sea Festival, Bournemouth Gardens [Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival Returns for 2023!](#)

Don't forget - you can follow [www.poolemuseum.org.uk](http://www.poolemuseum.org.uk) / @poolemuseum / Poole Museum Service (Facebook and Instagram) / #MuseumOnTheMove #PooleMuseum #PooleMuseumFoundation (Linked In)

