



'It's beginning to feel like Christmas' as the song goes and I am delighted to say that the works at the Museum are going apace as you will see from the photos.

I have been lucky enough to attend a hard hat tour and it was amazing to see all the revealed stone work and wonderful beams. There will be hard hat visits in the new year for members so keep an eye out if you are interested.

We also continue our Soiree Series of Evening Talks with two very successful and interesting talks having taken place. We have a third coming up, on Wednesday 22nd November, so please book to hear from our member John Wilson on the intriguing topic of 'Oh No, Not the Titanic!'

We also plan a Christmas soiree so I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your support

Felicity
Chair - Poole Museum Foundation





PHASE 2 REDEVELOPMENT WORKS STARTED!

With the buildings finally empty, at the beginning of October, we handed over the keys of the Museum to our main contractor, Greendale Construction Group Limited. Internal demolition works have taken place within Oakley's Mill and The Wool Hall with internal fittings removed, floors taken up and doors removed. The open-plan spaces start to provide an idea of what the new galleries will look like and there is lots more space. Scaplen's Court has been completely emptied with the original courtyard slabs carefully taken up and numbered for reinstallation, looking almost like a giant jigsaw puzzle. The wooden staircase and landing is being removed in preparation for the accessible lift and new staircase. The walled garden will continue to be looked after by our lovely gardening volunteers during the building works.

Behind the scenes, the curator team continue to look after the collection items, cleaning, cataloguing and restoring precious museum artefacts. The curators are also working on the exhibition interpretation designs, from planning layouts of gallery floors to agreeing the objects to be displayed in the cabinets and the stories to be told on the display boards and labels. With new stories being discovered, there is a lot of important research and evidence finding to be carried out.

The History Centre staff are carrying out research with the help of volunteers and remember, if you have any local history enquiries, you can email localhistory@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or use some of the digital resources that are available via [Poole History Online](#), a website containing thousands of photographs and documents relating to the history of Poole, [Dorset History Centre \(Archives\) - Dorset Council](#) or Bournemouth Library History Zone: - [Heritage Zone \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

We will be sharing 'behind the scenes' of the project through our social media [Our Museum Journey \(poolemuseum.org.uk\)](#) and via the **Our Museum Project** page of your Poole Museum Foundation website.



Poole Museum Foundation Membership Events

MEMBER'S MEET-UP

Friday 1st December 12:00pm

Anyone is welcome to join me to meet-up over a coffee/tea and hear about the latest updates on the museum project and Museum on the Move. We meet outside the museum to head to a local café.

FESTIVE SOIREE - with Poole Museum Volunteers

Thursday 7th December 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Join us for a festive drink and snacks at Hennings on the Quay with the opportunity to see photos and video footage of the latest museum works and say thank you to all our museum's wonderful volunteers. Open licensed bar also available and some seasonal entertainment.

If you would like to attend our festive event and so we can arrange catering, please do let me know by **Friday 01 December**: info@poolemuseumfoundation.org.uk or drop me a quick message on 01202 126208 - thank you - Jenny (Membership Officer)

SOIREE SERIES OF ONLINE TALKS

'Oh No, Not the Titanic!' by PMF member, John Wilson.

Wednesday 22nd November 6pm

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpcuGqrT4sHNX2G7pbuEmplGICaj_gk_vqY

Find out why there is so much fascination in what happened to RMS Titanic 111 years ago and whether she lives up to all the facts within the maritime world.

OUR MUSEUM PROJECT UPDATE by Alison Smith

January 2024 (date tbc)

Come along and hear about the progress with the Our Museum Project - Poole Museum Phase 2 redevelopment, see photos and videos of the museum site and hear what will be next for the project in 2024.

Wessex Virtual Collection is now live!

Virtual Collection

Search the database featuring over 250,000 collection items from Wessex Museums' partners. The database centralises records from Dorset Museum, Poole Museum, The Salisbury Museum, and Wiltshire Museum.



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[Search the collections - Wessex Museums](#)

Using the same platform, we also have our own Poole specific collections website and we will be working with BCP Council internal web team to add a link from our temporary Poole Museum website shortly.

Museum on the Move

Since Poole Museum has been closed, we have connected with around 2,500 people through school workshop taster sessions, pop-up exhibitions, object handling, behind the scenes tours, talks, play, and creative activities. We have visited libraries, community centres, schools, parks, events, and festivals.

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

- Sat 25 November - Henning's Christmas Market (Poole Quay) 10.00am - 8.00pm
- Sun 26 November - Henning's Christmas Market (Poole Quay) 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sat 09 December - Yuletide Family Fun Day at Red House Museum (Christchurch) 11.00am - 3.00pm

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



What's On Across the Partnership:

DORSET MUSEUM

Elisabeth Frink: A View from Within

2 December 2023 - 21 April 2024

Experience the inner world of famous sculptor Dame Elisabeth Frink (1930-1993) in a major new exhibition exploring her artistic and personal life in Dorset. Showcasing over 80 sculptures, drawings and prints, it will explore her artistic process, personal life and the influences that shaped her work.

Elisabeth Frink: A View from Within is sponsored by Duke's Fine Art Auctioneers, Dorchester.

SALISBURY MUSEUM

The Art of Wessex

11 November 2023 - 28 January 2024

In the build up to the opening of the new museum, this exhibition will explore all the different Wessex artists represented in the museum's collection. This careful selection will look at artists connected with the Wessex area from 18th century to the present day.

WILTSHIRE MUSEUM

Lest We Forget: the Black Contribution to the World Wars in Wiltshire and Eric Walrond: A Caribbean Writer in Wiltshire

11 November 2023 - 28 January 2024

These exhibition aim to respectfully tell some of the stories and experiences of the Black community living and working in the Armed Forces in Wiltshire during WWI and WWII. Eric Walrond lived in Bradford on Avon in the 1940's and recorded his time and experiences during WWII.

STEAM - HOME OF THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM

In a Man's World and Locomotives Through the Lens

01 April 2023 - 31 December 2023

Spanning a period of 150 years, the films examine the trails and tribulations which four women experienced working within a world dominated by men and how they

overcame them. The photography exhibition runs until April 2024, images of preserved locomotives covering the period 2008 - 2023.

- 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.



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