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Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Holiday season and are ready to dive into another fantastic year with Poole Museum Foundation.



I would like to thank all of you that joined us for the Christmas Party, especially our members who represented the Poole and Parkstone Players. It was so lovely to have the chance to enjoy carols and readings in the hall at Scaplen's Court and I do hope that all in attendance had a fun and festive evening!

In regards to future events, I have assembled a tentative calendar of events for 2020, as you can see listed in the column to the right >>> These events are aimed at highlighting the beauty and history surrounding Poole Museum, and how they have shaped and influenced our culture and community. Look out for more information later in this newsletter or on our website at [www.poolemuseumfoundation.org](http://www.poolemuseumfoundation.org).

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and feel free to ring me at 01202262607 or email [Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) with any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,  
Christine  
Fundraising and Membership Officer

### **Poole welcomes *Alchemy: Artefacts Reimagined* inspired by objects found in museums across the region**

On 1 February 2020, a unique exhibition opens at Poole Museum featuring an array of artworks inspired by fascinating objects found in museums across Dorset and Wiltshire.

Alchemy is the work of contemporary artist, Ann-Marie James. She was invited to delve into the collections of four museums in Wessex and choose an object from each that would inspire a collection of gold and white artworks to be displayed at each of the museums alongside the objects that inspired them. Her techniques included painting, gilding, printmaking, using rubber stamps and even shaving designs into a rug.

From Poole Museum, Ann-Marie selected a Roman glass head, a tiny carved piece which is believed to have originally hung from a wine glass. The glass head is thought to depict Silenus, a companion of Bacchus, the Roman god of wine.



#### **Current Exhibition:**

**1 February- 19 April 2020:**  
*Alchemy: Artefacts Reimagined*

#### **Important Dates at a Glance:**

**31 January:**  
*Alchemy: Artefacts Reimagined* Private View

**April 20:**  
Members' Garden Party

**July 9:**  
Sunset Harbour History Cruise aboard the Dorset Queen

**September 18:**  
A Pint of Good Poole Ale; a pub crawl around Poole Old Town

**December 7:**  
Members' Christmas Party

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Councillor Mark Howell, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture, said: "It is fascinating to see how Ann-Marie has looked at the museum objects from a different perspective and created modern works inspired by the incredible craftsmanship of our ancestors. We are delighted to be hosting this exhibition in Poole and hope it will encourage people to look at objects differently and find their own inspiration."

Ann-Marie James added: "I've long been fascinated by the epic poem 'Metamorphoses' by the Roman poet Ovid. So, I was very excited to find an artefact in Poole Museum that relates to it. To create the artworks, I enlarged text from the tale of Silenus, Bacchus and Midas, produced silkscreens and then used these to build dense compositions on paper. Each layer of text was then gilded with imitation gold leaf. The result was the Midas range of artworks."

Alchemy, comprising over 20 artworks, is on display at Poole Museum from 1 February to 19 April 2020. The partner museums involved in the project are Wiltshire Museum, The Salisbury Museum and Dorset County Museum. Further details are available at [www.poolemuseum.org.uk](http://www.poolemuseum.org.uk).

This project was generously supported by Ridinghouse/Karsten Schubert.

### **Poole Museum awarded National Lottery support to transform its public spaces and displays**

BCP Council is pleased to announce that it has been awarded initial support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Poole Museum project, "Our Museum: Rediscovering Poole's Maritime Heritage".

Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded initial support and development funding of £325,300. This will enable the museum to develop the project plans in more detail and apply for a full grant of £2.4 million in Spring/Summer 2021.

The £3.3 million project aims to create an inspiring cultural attraction for Poole, featuring cutting-edge digital interpretations and new public facilities which will transform the visitor experience. The National Lottery grant will enable conservation of an internationally important historic building, the display of Poole Museum's unique collection of four ancient vessels, and the creation of stunning new spaces for local people and visitors to enjoy.

The Museum will work with the community and the region's universities to create the new spaces, which include a maritime gallery to share Poole's remarkable maritime heritage. Stories of boatbuilding, fishing and merchant trades from local people will enrich the museum's collections for future generations. The project will provide exciting new opportunities for learning and hands-on interaction.

Poole Museum's audiences have doubled since its last redevelopment in 2007 and have outgrown the existing spaces and facilities. This project will enable the Museum to meet growing demand and build on our success in a sustainable way. The National Lottery grant will also enable us to restore and reveal the magnificent Poole Wool Hall, one of the most important medieval port buildings in Europe.

Poole Museum Foundation will be raising match funding for the project.

**Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**6pm – 9pm**

## **Sunset Harbour History Cruise Aboard the Dorset Queen**

**£30 Members \* £40 Non-members**

**Join Poole Museum Foundation aboard the 1938 vintage motor yacht Dorset Queen for cocktails, BBQ and a guided tour of Poole Harbour**



**Tickets include: a glass of prosecco upon boarding; three hour guided cruise around Poole Harbour, Brownsea Castle, Millionaires Row, the Jurassic Coast and Swanage Bay; on-board BBQ; music and dancing; special guest cruise director Peter Burt**

**Space is limited to 70 guests. To book tickets, please email**

**Christine at [Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)**

**Dorset Queen is a former volunteer boat at the Dunkirk rescue missions and a proud member of The UK Historic Ships Register boasting a fully stocked on-board bar, soft drinks, Dorset Tea & barista style coffee.**

### **Meet PMF Trustee and guest cruise director Peter Burt:**

Peter has spent a lifetime boating and sailing, from the early age of three years old. He has been involved in archaeological explorations in Poole Harbour since the early 80's, but had a deep interest long before then.

He was a Poole Harbour Commissioner for 12 years, from 1988 to 2010, as well as a Flag Officer at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and Commodore from 1995-97, running the Club.

Peter has been the owner and operator of a small boatyard in West Quay Road since 1970. Between the years of 1962 to 2001 he was in the marine trade working on the waterfront and thus came to know the Harbour and its people quite well.

In 1996 Peter created and chaired Poole Harbour Watch, (a neighbourhood watch afloat) with the help of local policeman and the Chief Constable of Dorset, which is still running today with the aim of keeping Poole Harbour crime free.

### **Join Peter and a boat full of PMF supporters on July 9<sup>th</sup> for an exciting trip around Poole Harbour!**

**Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> is our Second Annual Members' Garden Party.** This year, we are joined by special guests from the Dorset Guitar Society. Formed in 1984, the Dorset Guitar Society is one of the largest classical guitar orchestras in the UK. With over 20 members it stages a number of charity concerts each year throughout Dorset and Hampshire. Its strong core of semi-professional players – including guitar tutors and classical guitar enthusiasts – enable the orchestra to perform a range of orchestral ensemble, quartet, trio, duet and solo compositions.

The guitar society is also privileged to be under the musical direction of Grant Bocking – previously Director of Music at Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne – as a result the orchestra has a wide performance repertoire including Classical Concertos, traditional Spanish compositions and contemporary material such as The Beatles.

The Members' concert following tea and cake at Scaplen's Court is anticipated to include orchestral performances of Sibelius Karelia Suite, Bach Suite No. 2 and some contemporary classical guitar compositions.

Tea and Cake will be served in the kitchen from 5:30-6:15pm, during which time the garden will be open to enjoy.

The Dorset Guitar Society will play in the upstairs hall from 6:30-7:30pm. There is limited accessibility to the hall, please contact us for more information.



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**Poole Museum is close to reaching a membership milestone!**  
**To help celebrate, we will be giving a cream tea and prosecco for two to our**  
**100<sup>th</sup> member(s) when they join Poole Museum Foundation!**

Help us spread the word to friends and family! Individual memberships are just £15 and couples memberships are £25 and include all of the perks listed below...



Private Exhibition Views- 15% off purchases in the Museum gift shop- 10% off purchases in the Museum café- Members-only social events- Free entry to Dorset County and Wiltshire Museums- Half-price entry to Salisbury Museum- Email newsletters (like this one!)- Membership Rewards Card

Don't forget to take advantage of your membership perks.

***We hope to see you 'round the Museum soon!***



**“The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”**

**—William James**

Big or small, every gift in a Will we receive helps to support our mission to preserve, protect and share Poole's amazing heritage. For more information on how you can leave the gift of a lifetime, please contact us by telephone at 01202 262 607 or email [Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

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