

September 2019

Dear Member,

Thank you all so very much for your patience with regards to emails and phone calls while I was away on holiday. I am so lucky to say that I was able to spend some real quality time with friends and family, some of whom I haven't seen in over two years! It is amazing how quickly time flies!



I trust that you have enjoyed a similarly relaxing and lovely summer! I have been working hard to ensure that all membership renewals go smoothly and effortlessly on your part, and hope that you feel this is the case too! My focus is now turned to the last two events of 2019; the Julian Fellowes talk and our Members' Christmas Party. I do hope that you will be able to attend both, as it is always nice to get together as a group! Look for more information about the October 25th event on the next page of the newsletter!

Feel free to get in touch by emailing Christine.spader@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or call me directly on 01202 262 607. I'll be in touch soon!

Kind Regards,
Christine
Fundraising and Membership Officer

Members' Newsletter

The logo for Poole Museum Foundation, featuring the text 'poole museum' in a stylized font with a vertical line to the right, and 'foundation' below it.

Current Exhibition:

18 May-29 September:
Henry Lamb: Out of the Shadows

Next Exhibition:

26 October-5 January:
Victoria and Albert:
Our Lives in Watercolour

Important Dates at a Glance:

***25 October:**
VIP Guest Lecturer and Private Victoria and Albert: Our Life in Watercolour Exhibition View

**This event has limited availability, and I urge you to purchase your tickets well in advance of the October date.*

9 December:
Members Exclusive Christmas Party

What events would you like to see the Foundation put on?

Let Us Know!

Foundation Launches New Website!

We have launched a brand new, fully independent website which we encourage you to visit at poolemuseumfoundation.org

We would love to share your thoughts and experiences on our *new website* to show the world how great our Foundation is. If you would like to submit a testimonial to be shared on the new Foundation website, please email it to info@poolemuseumfoundation.org.uk as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

Poole Museum Foundation Presents

Lord Julian Fellowes



Friday, October 25 2019
4:00pm Scaplen's Court

**Join Lord Julian Fellowes and Lady Emma Kitchener Fellowes
as they delve into the world of
Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.**

This interactive Q&A session will take place in the upper hall of Scaplen's Court in celebration of the highly anticipated opening of the Victoria and Albert: Our Lives in Watercolour Exhibition at Poole Museum.

Tickets are on sale now:
£12 for Poole Museum Foundation members
£15 for non-members

Please call 01202 262 607 to purchase tickets.

***Limited access to Scaplen's Court upstairs hall.**

Victoria & Albert: Our Lives in Watercolour

Cherished watercolour collection commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert comes to Poole

A major exhibition of watercolours, marking the bicentenary of the births of both Prince Albert and Queen Victoria, opens on Saturday 26 October at Poole Museum.

Victoria & Albert: Our Lives in Watercolour showcases nearly 70 works loaned by Her Majesty The Queen from the Royal Collection. The exhibition explores the private and public lives of the couple throughout their marriage. Both Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were avid patrons and practitioners of watercolour painting. According to Victoria's journal, the couple spent many an evening organising much of their collection into albums. A series of nine watercolour albums created by the couple appears to have been particularly important to Victoria, as when Prince Albert died she stopped collating them, rendering them an even rarer treasure.

The exhibition will be shown at the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle from 29 June until 14 September, before touring to Poole at the end of October. After display at Poole Museum, the collection of works will then move to Wolverhampton Art Gallery in March 2020. Poole Museum will be the only venue to host this exhibition in the south of the UK.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view many watercolours depicting the pomp and spectacle of royalty, travel abroad as well as scenes from the private life of the couple. In addition, works by Queen Victoria herself will be on display, showcasing her talent and passion using watercolours.

Cllr Mark Howell, BCP Council Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture, said:

"We are looking forward to hosting a wonderful collection of works from the Royal Collection. I would encourage all local residents and visitors to see this fantastic exhibition which traces Victoria and Albert's lives together through the eyes of some outstanding watercolourists."

Carly Collier, Assistant Curator of Prints and Drawings, Royal Collection Trust, said:

"The colourful, dynamic watercolours collected by Victoria and Albert illuminate aspects of both Victoria's reign and the royal couple's passions. They capture the pomp and spectacle of the British court, foreign travel and diplomacy, the exploration

and shaping of a modern nation, and the close-knit family at the heart of it all."

Poole Museum will host a series of events and activities throughout the exhibition, suitable for all ages including a children's Make and Take craft activity and a talk from the curator of the exhibition, Carly Collier, Assistant Curator of Prints and Drawings, Royal Collection Trust. Programming also includes a Dementia-friendly exhibition tour.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.poolemuseum.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/>



"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 me by telephone at 01202 262 607 or email info@poolemuseumfoundation.org.uk

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