

Members Newsletter



Dear Members,

Summer is well under way and Poole Museum and Scaplen's Court have been inundated with visitors enjoying our heritage museum. I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new Trustee, **Dr. Joanna Kennedy**, who has joined the PMF Board from this month, it will be a pleasure to have her expertise and experience on the team. I will share more about our latest Trustee in our next newsletter.

We had a wonderful summer event in partnership with our friends from Poole Maritime Trust onboard the Dorset Queen this week and it was a delight to meet so many members in person and enjoy the beautiful scenery around Poole Harbour. You can read more about our evening on page 3 - it certainly was a success, and we should like to hold some similar events in the future.

One event we do have arranged is for coming up is a walking talk around Poole Quay hosted by ceramist, Freya Gabie ('All Fired Up!' workshop project on page 2) on **Sunday 12th September** to discover more about the ceramic tile decorations in the area - it will be great to get out and about and see what we can discover on the museum's doorstep.

MEMBER DROP-IN'S

I held a couple of drop-in tea breaks at the museum and **thank you** to those that came by to say Hello, it was much appreciated and invigorating to chat about heritage generally and what is happening at Poole Museum. I should like to hold a couple more and it would be great to see some of you there, tea and cake will be provided:

- **Friday 3rd September 11.00am - 12.30pm**
- **Wednesday 22nd September 3.00pm - 4.30pm**

As always, it is thanks to the loyalty and support of our members that makes us able to provide you with valuable benefits while actively fundraising for community outreach activities, collection items and the exciting Our Museum Project - **thank you**.

All the best -

Jenny

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Don't forget to follow us on social media:



Wildlife in the Red

**Wessex Museums
FREE online talks:**

16 Sep, 4.30pm:

Cardboard Creature Challenge!
Artist Darrell Wakelam can make any creature out of items from his recycling bin...watch how!



23 Sep, 7.30pm:

Beaver Fever comes to Purbeck!
Gen Crisford, will talk about a partnership project looking to manage the reintroduction of beavers to the wild.



All these Wessex Museums events are free - book a place via the webpage:

www.wessexmuseums.org.uk/book-online/



TWIN TOWNS 'ALL FIRED UP!' PROJECT

with FREYA GABIE

From Monday 6th September until Friday 17th September artist Freya Gabie will lead morning workshops with pre-booked community groups to produce ceramic vessels at The Spire on the High Street with an exhibition of the works on **Friday 17th September** from 3-7pm.

In keeping with the Twin Towns concept, Freya completed a similar set of workshops in June in another town well-known for its prolific pottery output, Stoke Town in the West Midlands. At the end of the project the participants in the Poole and Stoke Town projects will be encouraged to swap their creations.

An All Fired Up! blog (<https://allfiredupproject.tumblr.com/>) has been set up where participants in both towns, as well as visitors, can contribute their experiences as well as any memories or photographs relating to the pottery industries of the two towns. The blog includes a short film on the history of Poole Pottery and how its different ranges and collections were created.

Freya Gabie, said: 'I'm incredibly excited about All Fired Up. It's a great opportunity to work with communities and together explore the fascinating histories surrounding the ceramic heritage in both places. I'm really interested in seeing what memories and stories are unearthed, remembered and shared through the sculptures being made, and how a new community may be created through the project...I've loved learning more about the history of Carter and Co and the incredible catalogue of tiles they produced. Also the interlinking history of the maritime history of Poole, and the mined ball clay that has been transported all over the world in ships.'

To find out what's happening in your area and get involved, please follow @HistoricEngland #HistoricHighStreets #HighStreetTwinTowns and visit: www.HistoricEngland.org.uk/HighStreetCulture



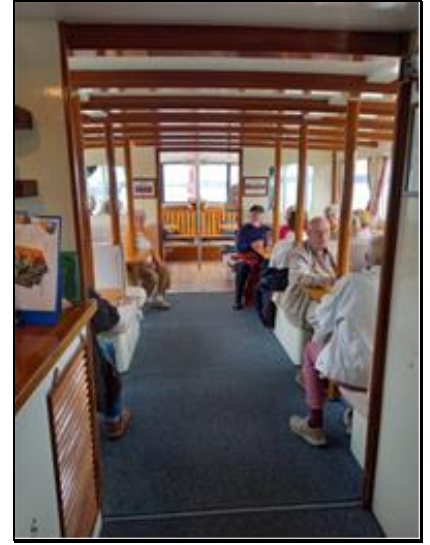
SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2.00PM – 3.30PM FREE WALK/TALK

Meeting at Poole Museum join Freya Gabie for a walking talk to look at the beautiful tiles that adorn the local buildings and hear about Carter & Co Tiles work that can be found all over the country decorating pubs, hotels and underground stations!

The event is FREE for members and visitors to the museum – just turn up and all you need is outdoor clothes suitable for all weathers and your cameras.

It will be great to see some of our PMF members there!

PMF DORSET QUEEN EVENT 17 AUGUST 2021



Over 50 guests from PMF and some friends from Poole Maritime Trust had a splendid time aboard the beautiful Dorset Queen for an evening tour around Poole Harbour. Despite a few clouds and a little breeze, the rain kept off and we sailed right out to see Old Harry Rocks with Swanage Bay in the background before returning to the bay to explore the islands.

A big thank you to our Trustee, Peter Burt, who provided some wonderful commentary about the harbour, tales of sea rescues, sailing mishaps and told us of a mysterious causeway now hidden by the sea that may well have been a religious pathway to a place of worship on one of the islands. As we approached the north point at Hamworthy, we were treated to a spectacular sunset before returning to the quayside.

Guests managed to hold onto their glasses of prosecco and hot food as the wind picked up, but the crew onboard looked after us all tremendously and everyone enjoyed being able to meet in person and get out onto the open water – you certainly get a different perspective of stunning Poole Harbour when out on a boat.

Thank you to all those that came along and supported the event as we have been able to donate a proportion of all the ticket sales to both our charities so another great reason for coming along!



WHAT'S ON AT POOLE MUSEUM – AUG / SEP

28/05/2021 - 30/09/2021

Scaplen's Court & Garden Opening

Scaplen's Court is a Grade I listed medieval building dating back to the 1300s.

Adjoining Scaplen's Court is a delightful walled garden providing an oasis of colour and tranquillity. Originally designed by George Dillistone in 1930, it was restored by volunteers in 2000 as a herb and physic garden.

18/06/2021 - 05/09/2021

Unearthed: Gypsy and Traveller heritage in Poole (Floor 2)

This display shines a light on the largely hidden heritage of Gypsies and Travellers in and around Poole. Join Raymond Wills and Kushti Bok for poetry readings this summer. Ray will be giving a talk and reading some extracts from his books and poetry at a book signing event at Poole Museum on **Friday 20th August 2pm – 4pm** – do come along to hear our local “Gypsy Poet” who grew up on the Mannings Heath commons.

17/07/2021 - 05/09/2021

Cabaret Mechanical Marvels

This temporary interactive exhibition celebrates the fascinating world of automata. Presented in collaboration with Cabaret Mechanical Theatre, the exhibition showcases some of the UK's finest contemporary automata makers. With a family activity area and accompanying workshops, the exhibition is fun for all ages.

09/09/2021

Ceramics Workshop (£75 per person with lunch)

Learn about the exciting process of Raku in this half-day workshop with our Ceramicist in Residence, Imogen Charleston.

Choose from a selection of handmade biscuit fired pots. You will use a range of prepared glazes to decorate your pot, working together to load and fire the Raku kiln. You will be able to take your piece home with you.

Includes lunch with locally sourced home-made cake.

Book a place here - www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raku-firing-workshop-tickets-161490178471





PROJECT UPDATE

The Our Museum Project progresses well with consultation on the RIBA Stage 3 design plans completed by our architects, ZMMA, and these have been approved by the Our Museum Project Board. Our Chair, Felicity Irwin, is a member of this Board on behalf of PMF. The exciting details of these plans have been included in the Round 2 NLHF bid application that has been submitted by the Our Museum Project Team and the application included an Activity Plan, Interpretation Plan and a detailed Maintenance & Management Plan. We will hear the results in December. In the meantime, opening up works of the floors and walls of our heritage buildings has taken place to identify building materials by Greendale and an archaeologist also attended, finding a couple of very old oyster shells in the foundations! Planning will be submitted for the Historic England funded works for Scaplen's Court and research for fundraising sources for the Activity Programme during the museum closure will also continue in earnest. The Our Museum Project team thank Felicity and PMF for their ongoing support with the project.

TAKE A BREAK – SUDOKU TIME

Enjoy solving these Sudoku puzzles over a cup of tea! The answers will be in the next newsletter but if you can't wait until then, please email info@poolemuseumfoundation.co.uk and I will provide you with the solutions!

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PERFECT GIFT - PMF MEMBERSHIP

Help us spread the word to friends and family or why not by a membership as a gift?

New annual membership subscriptions are frozen at just **£15.00** for an individual

or **£25.00** for a couple/family at the same address.

Corporate Memberships are currently just £200 - call me to find out more!



All our memberships come with the following great benefits:

Membership Rewards Card - Private Exhibition Views - 15% off purchases in the Museum gift shop -

10% off purchases in the Museum café – Regular newsletters - Members-only social events -

Free entry to Dorset Museum and Wiltshire Museum - Half-price entry to Salisbury Museum

<https://www.dorsetmuseum.org/> www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk www.salisburymuseum.org.uk



Supporting community projects in the local area, the Lottery operates on the principle of raising money within the community for the community.

A ticket for BH Coastal Lottery costs £1 per week!
<https://www.bhcoastalottery.co.uk/support/poole-museum-foundation>

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