



Dear Members,

It has been great welcoming visitors back to Poole Museum and Scaplen's Court and see so many people out in the sunshine exploring the old town. We still have some Covid-19 restrictions in place when you visit the museum to ensure social distancing can take place and we thank you for your patience as we await further government advice to ensure everyone is kept safe.

PMF hosted another online talk for members in May 'Salt-making around Poole Harbour' by Professor. Timothy Darvill OBE and the importance of Poole Harbour as a trade port over the centuries never ceases to amaze us!

As the pandemic lockdown eases, we are so excited to be able to start promoting further membership events later in the year. We have a wonderful summer event planned onboard the Dorset Queen for a tour of Poole Harbour with commentary from our Trustee, Peter Burt, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 6-9pm with a glass of prosecco on arrival and BBQ food. What better way is there to spend a summer evening? Members and guests are all welcome.

We also have a walking talk around Poole Quay hosted by ceramist, Freya Gabie ('All Fired Up!' workshop project on page 3) on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September to discover more about the ceramic decoration used on local buildings - 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 will also be at the museum on the following dates if you should like to come by for a hot drink and chat about what the charity is currently working on and have the opportunity to meet other members on:

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 11 - 12.30pm
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2- 3.30pm

I hope to see some of there and be able to meet some of you in person!

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:**

**15 Jul, 4.30pm:**

Cardboard Creature  
Challenge!

Make a wildlife model  
from recycled materials

**23 Sep, 7.30pm:**

Beaver Fever comes to  
Purbeck



All these Wessex  
Museums events are  
free - all you have to do  
is book a place via the  
webpage:

[www.wessexmuseums.org.uk/book-online/](http://www.wessexmuseums.org.uk/book-online/)

Don't forget - the final  
venue for the **Alchemy**  
exhibition is Dorset  
Museum, open now, to  
see Ann-Marie James'  
stunning work -  
'reimagining' artefacts  
to create new  
artworks.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**  
**6pm – 9pm**

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

**£25 Members \* £35 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 50 guests. To book tickets, please email**

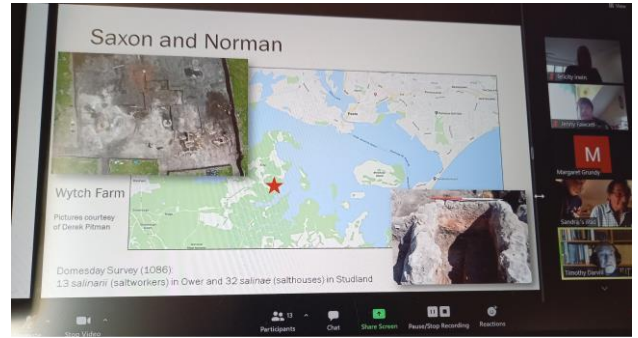
**Jenny at [info@poolemuseumfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@poolemuseumfoundation.co.uk)**

**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.**



## Worthy of its salt!

### 'Salt-making around Poole Harbour'



PMF members were treated to an online talk event in May by Professor. Timothy Darvill OBE on Salt-making around Poole Harbour, which was a fascinating talk, thank you to all those that came along. There is much evidence to be found in the area that highlights why salt was such an important commodity to the port. Have you ever thought about where Salterns get's its name from - the huge salt pits that were once located there!

You can also see evidence of salt-making in the museum with actual exhibits of salt briquettes and parts of large pots used in the process as well as there being archaeological evidence of salt-kilns being found all around the coastline of the harbour.

Tim's talk can also be found in Member's Corner on the PMF webpage [www.poolemuseumfoundation.org](http://www.poolemuseumfoundation.org)

\*\*\*\*\* MEMBERS \*\*\*\*\* – Are there any subjects that you would like a talk on and to find out more about? Let us know and we can try to make it happen!



## TWIN TOWNS

**Say Hi! to Culture**  
**HistoricEngland.org.uk/**  
**HighStreetCulture**



# ALL FIRED UP!

**6th - 17th September**

ALL FIRED UP! is a participatory, community-led art project, commissioned by Historic England.

We would love you to join us for a workshop to create a clay sculpture; exploring and celebrating your connection to Poole, the incredible ceramic history of the area and how this special heritage still impacts communities today.

At the end of ALL FIRED UP, everyone taking part in Poole will receive a sculpture created by a project participant in Stoke-on-Trent, with the Poole creations being sent to participants in Stoke!

For more info and to take part, please contact: [freyagabie@gmail.com](mailto:freyagabie@gmail.com)  
We will be running workshops in community groups of 5 people.

More to be found at:  
[allfiredupproject.tumblr.com](http://allfiredupproject.tumblr.com)



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## Tea-break Question Time with Felicity Irwin Poole Museum Foundation Chairman

**Q: What do you love most about Poole?**

**A:** Poole Harbour and its environs are very tranquil and comparable to any such seascape in the world. Combined with that is the unique and equally compelling quayside with its history of merchantmen and maritime linked inextricably with the legends of piracy and warfare all emanating from an area of notable buildings dating to the 15th century. It is difficult not to be both fascinated and appreciative of the opportunity to live in such surroundings

**Q: Which artefact in Poole Museum do you most like to see when you visit?**

**A:** Poole Museum offers collections of maritime note and ceramics of world acclaim. If asked to choose my favourite it is the Carter & Co. Poole Pottery jardiniere with applied lizards dating between 1908-1920 by James Radley Young and to me looks of the style of Chinese celadon which is a great favourite of mine.

**Q: What are your aspirations for the future of Poole Museums?**

**A:** As Chairman of PMF I have been much engaged in the Our Museum Project to renovate and restore the Museum and enhance the collections. Raising the required matched funding is an important part of the programme and we are thrilled to have raised more than £350,000 towards our overall target. This is an excellent start and we are delighted with the support received to date. This, together with a NLHF grant, Historic England funding and financial support from BCP Council, we are well on our way to raising the money for this wonderful transformation.



The project is so worthwhile and together with the restoration of the iconic buildings and the representation of the collections the programme of engagement with the Community is exciting and innovative. The Quay Quarter will bring a focus and cultural hub to the quayside and will bring new energy to Poole Museum and Scaplen's Court. Hopefully members of PMF and the general public will become further engaged in this opportunity as time progresses and we look forward to sharing all activities and progress over the coming months.

Meanwhile we have an interesting programme of events and I look forward to seeing many of you at them.



## Dorset Museum

**Opening hours:**  
Daily: 9.00am - 4.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Admissions:**  
Pre-booking essential for all visits.

**Dorset Museum**  
High West Street  
Dorchester DT1 1XA

Welcome back, Dorset Museum!

After almost three years, our partners at Dorset Museum have finally reopened their doors. The £16.1m project, which started in October 2018, has transformed the building into a world-class, contemporary museum and exhibition space, complete with new galleries, a learning centre, collections storage, library, and visitor facilities including a café and shop.

Read all about it on their fantastic new website: <https://www.dorsetmuseum.org/about-us/>

Listen to what museum Director, Dr Jon Murden, had to say about the project [in this BBC podcast](#).

**Don't forget – as members, you get free entry, pre-booking is essential, please take your card with you.**

## WHAT'S ON AT POOLE MUSEUM – JUNE/JULY

22/05/2021 - 04/07/2021

### **Once Upon a Time in Animation: Celebrating 30 Years of the National Centre for Computer Animation**

There are some creative workshops & fascinating online talks taking place as part of this exhibition, please do take a look here: [EventBrite tickets](#)

28/05/2021 - 30/09/2021

### **Scaplen's Court & Garden Opening**

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. Research by Raymond Wills, the local "Gypsy Poet" who grew up on his grandparent's farm on the Mannings Heath commons. His closest neighbours were Gypsies and Ray spent hours visiting the local camps in Canford Heath, old Wareham Road and Alderney, and Sue Miller in partnership with Kushti Bok - dedicated to spreading awareness about race equality and aim to do this through cultural awareness and understanding.

17/07/2021 - 05/09/2021

### **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.

## PERFECT GIFT - PMF MEMBERSHIP

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New annual membership subscriptions are frozen at just **£15.00** for an individual  
or **£25.00** for a couple/family at the same address.

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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](http://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk) [www.salisburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.salisburymuseum.org.uk)



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