

Dear Members,

Season's Greetings to you all. If you have been to Poole Museum recently, you will have seen the Quay Quarter looking particularly festive thanks to our friends at Poole BID, it is certainly very encouraging to attract more visitors to the area and hopefully they will visit the museum exhibitions, shop or café. For What's On at Poole Museum, see page 5, as well as:

PMF MEMBER'S FESTIVE GATHERING: Thursday 16th December 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Meet at Scaplen's Court garden for festive songs, mulled wine and mince pies, suggested Christmas donation at the event of £5.00.

There have been some changes on our Board of Trustees, we sadly say goodbye to Professor Emma Hunt and wish her all the best for her move to Falmouth as we welcome another new Trustee, Professor Paul Gough. Read more about our two new Trustees, Joanna and Paul on page 2.

As a new year approaches, we reflect on the past year and I have shared on page 4, a beautiful article about Poole in the past as the town prepares for Christmas in 1911, a mere 110 years ago and it is delightful to read about what the shops were stocking to ensure traditions could be fulfilled.

MEMBER DROP-IN'S - I will be holding a couple of New Year member meetups and anyone is welcome to come along to hear what is happening at the museum and meet other members, refreshments will be provided:

- **Wednesday 19th January 2022 11.00am – 12.30pm**
- **Friday 4th February 2022 2.00pm – 3.30pm**

I hope to meet some of you at these events and we will be planning more member events in 2022.

All the best -

Jenny

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Don't forget to follow Poole Museum Foundation on social media:



Dorset Museum

Online talks:

16 December, 7pm

Dr Clare Randall - 'Anciently a manor': the medieval manor at Lower Putton Lane, Chickerell



20 January 2022, 7pm

Tom Sharpe – Mary Anning, the fossil woman

Bookable via Dorset Museum website.



08 December, 7pm

Brittany Maxted - Birds of Poole Harbour's Osprey Project
Free, Booking required via the Birds of Poole Harbour website:

www.birdsofpooleharbourbookings.co.uk/event/osprey-project-talk

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Dr Joanna Kennedy OBE FREng

She is a civil engineer and project manager who has advised clients on and led the successful delivery of numerous major construction projects. She was a director and the global leader for programme and project management with Arup, where her projects included the Horniman Museum, the National Maritime Museum Cornwall, the Francis Crick Institute and the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre.

Joanna is deputy chair of Trustees at the National Portrait Gallery, London and chairs the project board for the gallery's current £35.5m Inspiring People redevelopment, due to open in 2023.

She is a non-executive director of Native Land Ltd and of the ERA Foundation. Her previous appointments have included trustee of the Science Museum, deputy chair of the Port of London Authority, council member at the University of Southampton and chair of Buildings and Estates at the Royal College of Art. Joanna and her husband Richard have lived in Poole for the last fifteen years.



Professor Paul Gough is Vice-Chancellor at Arts University Bournemouth, UK.

A painter, broadcaster and author he has exhibited internationally and is represented in the permanent collection of the Imperial War Museum, London, the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa, and the National War Memorial, New Zealand. Along with leading roles in international higher education and global research assessment, his research into

the representation war and peace has been presented to audiences throughout the world. He has published nine books, including monographs on the British painter Stanley Spencer, Paul and John Nash and several comprehensive studies of art from both world wars. He worked in television for ten years and is currently writing his second book about the street artist, Banksy.

Our Trustees meet every other month throughout the year to be updated on the museum projects and fundraising progress as well as an opportunity to meet with museum staff to hear about any issues and successes at the museum.

If you have any queries or issues that you would like our Trustees to discuss or address, please do email info@poolemuseumfoundation.co.uk and I will be more than happy to include your questions at a future Board meeting.



FREYA GABIE GETS “ALL FIRED UP!”

Ceramist, Freya Gabie visited Poole Museum in September to provide a walk and talk about the Carter & Co. tiles around the Poole Quay area and was joined by a small group of members and visitors from the museum for a very interesting tour of the beautiful, glazed tiling displays.

Freya also held her pottery workshops at The Spire which concluded with an exhibition of the pottery made in Poole that was attended by members of the local community groups that had made pottery, local Councillors and Poole MP Sir Robert Syms and was a creative success.



Maureen La Frenais attended the workshops as a PMF member and said *'A really inspirational hands-on workshop and a very pleasant surprise to see the final painted and fired ceramics that our group produced. I loved the overall concept of being inspired by Poole Pottery through items precious to each of us, and how the Stoke-on-Trent participants mirrored the same idea.'*

The All Fired Up! blog (<https://allfiredupproject.tumblr.com/>) is still available to view great stories about the pottery industries in both Stoke and Poole and remember that Poole Museum has one of the world's best collections of Poole Pottery in the 3rd floor gallery, come along and see it for yourself!

**We wish all our members and donors a safe and happy festive season and all the very best for the New Year 2022 -
from all the Trustees on the Poole Museum Foundation Board and everyone at Poole Museum -
thank you for your ongoing support.**



POOLE OF CHRISTMAS PAST

'The Christmas tide of 1911 will probably be long associated with boisterous winds and driving sheets of rain' reported the Poole and East Dorset Herald for 28th December. 'Generally trade all round has been very quiet and many have not reaped the harvest they anticipated'. .. 'It was only when one gazed at the well provisioned shops, or heard familiar vocal or instrumental strains, that thoughts of Christmastide came.'

Hunt's Bible and Book Warehouse, 82 High Street was advertising 'Christmas Decorations – A splendid assortment of Garlands, Paper Flowers, Flags etc., suitable for Decorations now showing. Also, an immense variety of Paper Serviettes, Tray Cloths, Dish Papers, Pie Collars, Cake Frills, Dessert Papers, Souflé Cases etc. always in stock.'

No doubt the well-to-do women of the town were studying the delights of evening frocks in figured silk and lace or the 'Paris mode in evening mantles' as described by the Herald's columnist, Cousin Kate, while planning their outfits for social engagements over the festive season. Maybe some of them anticipated a present of jewellery as advertised enthusiastically by James Cole, Jeweller at 83, High Street. 'I can imagine no more pleasing gift, either for lady or gentleman, of whatever age, than a piece of jewellery, watches, clocks, rings, brooches, bangles, necklets, locket, charms, match boxes, cigarette cases in gold and silver and an endless variety of Useful Presents suitable for all classes from which to make a selection.' More feasible for many would be twist of Keene's Harbour Mixture tobacco from their shop at 145 High Street, 'a treat to smokers' at 41/2d an ounce. There were also happier gatherings in Poole that Christmas in the form of concerts, recitals, whist drives and sales of work. The Mayor and Sheriff, Councillor F. Hudson, gave 2 cwt of coal to each household receiving outdoor relief and to the inmates of the almshouses. An estimated 50 tons of coal were distributed to 500 households. At the workhouse in Longfleet, 'a mid-day dinner was served consisting of 200 lbs of beef, vegetables, plum pudding and minerals.'

Article by Jenny Oliver (16 December, 2011 by Poole High Street Project/Wordpress)



WHAT'S ON AT POOLE MUSEUM – WINTER 2021/22



09/10/2021 – 24/04/2022

Birds of Poole Harbour Gallery Takeover

Join us from October for a special season of events and activities in association with local charity, Birds of Poole Harbour. The team of wildlife experts will be sharing their knowledge of birds as well as offering a range of programmed talks and tours. Whether you're a keen birdwatcher or an amateur environmentalist, this is a great chance to discover more about local birdlife, their habits and habitats.

Come and meet the specialist wildlife team - Wednesdays and Saturdays and enjoy some of the resources and interactives on

display. For more information on the work of Birds of Poole Harbour and their programme, please visit: www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk

04/11/2021 - 03/01/2022

The Dorset Arts Prize Winners 2021

The Dorset Art Prize celebrates and rewards excellence in art from across the county of Dorset. Local artists and students submitted their artwork inspired by the theme 'Narrative'.

Bournemouth & Poole College established The Dorset Art Prize in 2013, with the support from the Dorset Community Foundation. A selection of work will be on display on Floor 2 of Poole Museum.



18/12/2021 7.15pm – 9.30pm (£)

Poole Museum & The Dorset Guitar Society present a very special 'Concert by Candlelight'

For further information and to book tickets, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poole-museum-the-dorset-guitar-society-present-a-concert-by-candlelight-tickets-213626371227>

04/12/2021 – 24/04/2021

A Very Dorset Christmas

Join Poole Museum for 'A Very Dorset Christmas'. Soak up the merry atmosphere, discover with a festive family trail and take home some Dorset inspired creative Christmas crafts. There are also festive afternoon teas available in the Poole Museum Café.

CHRISTMAS GIFT OFFER - 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 festive price of **£20.00** for a couple/family at the same address.

Corporate Memberships are currently just £250 - call me to find out more!



All our memberships come with the following great benefits – just show the card for:

Poole Museum Rewards - - **15%** off purchases in the Museum gift shop -

10% off purchases in the Museum café – Private Exhibition Views - Seasonal newsletters -

Members-only social events -

Free entry to newly re-opened Dorset Museum (Dorchester) & Wiltshire Museum (Devizes) -

Half-price entry to Salisbury Museum

<https://www.dorsetmuseum.org>

www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk

www.salisburymuseum.org.uk



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