

Dear Members,

With the nights getting lighter and the sunshine making an appearance, I hope you are planning some trips out to Poole Museum for tea & cake or a walk around beautiful Poole. Don't forget The Poole Trail is a great walk and there are some great heritage stories to find out more about:

<http://www.pooletrail.com/en/hubs>

Our coffee break drop-in meetings at the museum have been a success with a small group meeting every 6 weeks to talk about our shared interest in local heritage and last month we had a guided tour of The Wool Hall.

COFFEE BREAK DROP-IN'S - I will be holding more Coffee Breaks at the museum for those that would like to meet other members, hear what is happening at the museum and about other PMF events being planned.

Everyone is welcome, the next couple of dates are:

- **Wednesday 27th April 2022 3.00pm – 4.30pm**
- **Friday 10th June 2022 11.00am – 12.30pm**

We are hosting a boat trip in May with our friends from Birds of Poole Harbour (see page 2 for more details), a PMF members VIP event ahead of the Thomas Hardy Exhibition (end of May) and we also hope to hold a couple of talks at the museum so watch this space!

If anyone would like to contribute an article or request a feature in the newsletter on a particular subject, please do let me know, it would be lovely to have members involved with future newsletters, any ideas, please do get in touch with me, it is always good to hear from you.

All the best -

Jenny

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



Dorset Museum Exhibitions

9 Feb – 01 May
Scene through Wood
Ashmolean Museum
exhibition marking 100
years since the 1920
founding of the Society
of Wood.



14 Mar – 12 Jun
A Virus a Day Textile Art
Antje Rook's quilt, an
artistic reflection of life
in lock down using
colourful textiles.

The SALISBURY MUSEUM

Until 12 Jun
The Art of Stonehenge
A collection of
acquired artwork of this
Wiltshire monument.

Until 15 May
**David R Abram: Ancient
Sites from the Air**
Captured images of
Britain's prehistoric
monuments from the
air.



BIRDS OF POOLE HARBOUR BOAT TRIP

Tuesday 3rd May 2022 10.00am - 1.00pm

£15.00 PMF members

Join us for an exclusive 3-hour charter offering a unique perspective of the harbour, seeking its spectacular birdlife with Birds of Poole Harbour commentary throughout. Poole Harbour supports nationally and internationally important bird populations, providing stunning birding possibilities year-round.

Averaging only one metre deep, Poole Harbour's nutrient-rich mudflats are vital to its overwintering Avocet, Black and Bar-tailed Godwit, Spoonbill and more! Perfectly situated on the South West coast, there's the possibility for anything to turn up at times of passage in the spring with the chance of seeing Ospreys returning to nesting posts, Sea Eagles exploring the Purbecks, as well as enjoying the important Mediterranean Gull, Common and Sandwich Tern colonies situated within the harbour.

Hot drinks and facilities available onboard.

3-hour Trip: £15.00 | Maximum capacity: 50 people

To book, please contact Jenny by emailing info@poolemuseumfoundation.co.uk or telephone 01202 126208 to be given bank details to make payment. See you there!



WHAT'S ON AT POOLE MUSEUM – SPRING 2022



Until 3rd April

Trade, Tides and Traditions

Drawing on Poole Museum's collection, local landscape and maritime history, resident ceramicist **Imogen Charleston** (<https://www.imogencharleston.co.uk/>) has created a series of vessels. The work on display weaves a connection through these elements; a folktale to inspire ideas and summon memories. These

mixed media pieces include locally sourced clay, rocks, plants, and flotsam from the harbour foreshore. Thanks also to **Hendy Foundation** for funding the community workshop with participants contributing their stories and beach finds to the exhibition.

Until 24th April

Birds of Poole Harbour Gallery Takeover

Discover all about the wonderful birdlife Poole Harbour has to offer with a season of events and activities in association with local charity, Birds of Poole Harbour. 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.

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

Free. Available during museum opening hours. No booking required.

Until 12th June

Dorset Goes Wild Climate Change Challenge Exhibition

Discover See through our children's eyes as they embark on a Climate Change Challenge around Dorset – from creative artworks to budding scientific experiments.

Hear from them as they pledge to protect the planet and find out what we can all do to advocate for change.

A selection of work will be on display on Floor 2 of Poole Museum. To find out more about the Climate Change Challenge visit: www.wessexmuseums.org.uk/dorset-goes-wild-climate-change-challenge/

HARDY'S WESSEX: **THE LANDSCAPES THAT INSPIRED A WRITER**



Saturday 28 May - Sunday 30 October 2022

The largest collection of Thomas Hardy objects ever displayed at one time.

A major exhibition across four venues each exploring a different Hardy theme – [Dorset Museum](#), [The Salisbury Museum](#), [Wiltshire Museum](#) and [Poole Museum](#).

Take a fresh look at the Victorian novelist and poet, Thomas Hardy, in the stunning Wessex landscapes that shaped his view of the world. His story will be retold in exciting new ways by our museum collections, from period costumes to personal letters, art to archaeology.

Coastal Wessex - love and war at Poole Museum

Exhibition entry £5 – FREE to PMF members

Experience the romance and excitement of the coastline which inspired Thomas Hardy's writing. See the difference between Hardy's romanticised views of love and war in his early life, to his portrayal of the realities of both in his later writings.

Explore these questions:

- How did Hardy's legacy influence the young First World War poets, like Siegfried Sassoon and Edmund Blunden?
- Did Hardy's own love life reflect that of his characters?
- Was Hardy a conscientious objector?

This exhibition is supported by the Weston Loan Programme with [Art Fund](#).

Poole Museum is part of the NPO (National Partnership Organisation) with Wessex Museums.

Wessex Museums is a charity that exists to build the resilience of partner museums and make them relevant to diverse audiences.

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WHY NOT GIVE A PMF MEMBERSHIP?

Encourage family and friends to join the Poole Museum community by purchasing them a Poole Museum Foundation membership as a gift?

Annual membership subscriptions are frozen at:

Individuals = **£15.00**

Couple/family (at same address) = **£25.00**



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



Supporting community projects in the local area, a ticket for BH Coastal Lottery costs £1 per week!

<https://www.bhcoastalottery.co.uk/support/poole-museum-foundation>

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