

The Society for Poole



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Executive meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at
The Royal British Legion, North Road, Poole.
Dates of meetings can be found inside the back page.



Chairman's Note

We are now way into 2018, gosh doesn't time fly by! Talking of which I hope to see as many people as possible at our AGM in May as there are many things to report and to discuss. Top of the pile is the potential to make The Society for Poole a "Charitable Incorporated Organisation" (CIO) Fundamentally this will ensure that we are properly structured for the future and embrace a set up with Trustees and a formal constitution, the details of which are available to all.

Meanwhile we have had a fantastic couple of social events with the largest gathering for our annual lunch at the Thistle for many years. We also welcomed Christmas with a free event at our new "home" of the British Legion Hall in North Road Parkstone. Approximately 100 people attended and were entertained by a young dance troupe and musicians. I trust that everyone who attended had a great time and many thanks to Gordon Brown for organizing it.

2018 will be an interesting time for the Society, we hope to create the CIO, as I have mentioned, we also are in the process of establishing the Parks and Green Space sub Committee which will be headed by Michael Collins, the Chairman of the Friends of Poole Park. It is hoped that other parks will join us in order to create a strong team to speak for Poole's green spaces.

We also aim to place a Blue Plaque in Poole this year, refurbish some existing notices and position an information board in front of the old Powder House at Baiter. Heritage is important to all of us and so I hope that a leader of this aspect of our Society will come forward. Similarly the Planning & Built Environment team, lead by Gerald Rigler are keen for support and would more than welcome assistance from people interested in the strategic plans for Poole as well as commenting on local planning issues.

Participation in the Society is critical, we are only funded from our members and can only operate effectively with support from you. This can be contributing to the Executive, our committees, providing ideas and initiatives or assisting at events.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2018 and I hope to see you along the way.

Mike Pearce Chairman, January 2018



AGM – Agenda

The following is the proposed AGM agenda for the meeting to be held on the 17th April at the Royal British Legion Hall; North Road Parkstone, Poole BH10LY at 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome by the President
- 2 In Piam Memoriam
- 3 Apologies for absence
- 4 To receive the Minutes of 91st AGM held in April 2017
- 5 Matters arising
- 6 To receive the Annual Financial Report
- 7 To adopt the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet
- 8 Summary of 2017/8's activities
- 9 To confirm the proposal to adopt Charity status and create a CIO
- 10 To elect Trustees, Executive Officers and Executive Members
- 11 To appoint Independent Examiners of the Society to examine the accounts, and Honorary Chaplain and an Honorary Solicitor
- 12 To invite new members to sign the Register and collect their Certificates
- 13 Goals for the year
- 14 Any other business
- 15 Closing remarks

Please note that nominations for the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees need to be submitted to Mike Pearce by 14th March 2018. If you would like to participate in the leadership team of the Society but are unsure of positions, please get in touch with Mike who will discuss options and ways to assist.

A Special Invitation to The Esteemed Members of The Society For Poole

The Friends of Poole Park share many of the same goals as you in that we want to see Poole's unique heritage and identity preserved and celebrated.

To help us do this we'd like to invite our friends in The Society to join in and volunteer.

For the new 2018 season we're looking for Guards, Drivers, Ticketing and Maintenance roles.

We do our best to work around your availability and offer a discount on refreshments from the Ark and a healthy and developing social life alongside. Real friendships are made on the railway.

Most importantly you have the chance to help preserve a very important part of our town's heritage.

Please go to - <https://pooleparkrailway.org/volunteer/>



The "Lady of Avenel" The ship that died in Poole. Andrew Hawkes

She became connected to Poole in the very last years of her life when she was left in the safe waters of Poole Harbour in the turbulent years of World War Two.

The "*Lady of Avenel*" was built by Henry S. Trethowne in his Falmouth yard in Cornwall. She was laid down in the later part of 1873 to be launched in 1874. She was constructed in oak and teak, 99.2 ft in length, 23ft in breath, weighing 214 tones, rigged as a two masted schooner,

soon after launching she was placed in dry dock where she collapsed against the wall breaking both masts, repairs were soon made and the opportunity was taken to re-rig her as a brigantine. She took her name from Walter Scott's, Waverley novel, "The Abbot" the heroine being the Lady of Avenel.



In her early years she traded in the Newfoundland fish trade, crossing the Atlantic carrying general cargo and trade goods to Newfoundland where she took on cod to take to the Caribbean as food for the slaves who worked the plantations. It was rumored that she was involved in shipping slaves between the Cuba and Brazil, but it is more likely she carried the produce of the slaves; this gave her the reputation that she was involved in the slave trade. In the Caribbean she loaded Rum, sugar and with the best of the Newfoundland cod to Spain. From Spain and Madeira, she loaded fruit and wine for London. She also was involved in the European and the British Isles costal trade, carrying granite, clay and coal. In 1911 she was fitted with an engine to assist her in port.

In World War One she was based in Swansea carrying coal, and was shelled by a German U-boat, the shell penetrated the bulwarks and sent

a splinter into the skipper's cheek that needed two of the crew to pull out, although she sustained some damage she managed to survive. After the First World War she made her first Arctic expedition to Spitsbergen. On her return she was laid up in Granton Harbour on the Firth of Forth, where in 1924 she was purchased by Cpt. Dowman who used her as a training ship for cadets till he purchased the "Cutty Sark" to replace her.



In 1925, renamed as "*Island*", she set out from Liverpool, on 22nd June, with a crew of scientists as a support vessel for a second British Arctic expedition. This expedition was to chart the depth of the Arctic, the voyage was a great success and she reached the furthest point of latitude north ever attained by a sailing ship of 81 degrees 48½ minutes North, where she recorded the depth of water at 1700 fathoms or 10,220 ft . She returned to Green Harbour a large fishing settlement on south side of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland.

By 1926 she had returned to the British Isles where she was purchased by Major Wright who changed her name again to "*Virgo*" with the intention of using her again to transport cargo around Europe, but the trade for sailing vessels became very hard to obtain, as steamers were more reliable for getting cargo to port on time, although the "*Lady of Avenel*" had a good reputation for being a ship that was fast and on time, she was eventually sent to Leith to be broken up but wasn't.

In 1933 she was found and purchased by F.S.Jackson, of Bridlington, a wealthy owner of a chain of English furnishing stores, who was looking for a ship to charter to wealthy guests. Mr Jackson restored her name back to "*Lady of Avenel*" and set about fitting her out as a luxury hotel ship. He hired a local carpenter to build oak paneling in the ships hold to make it a dining area, which contained a windjammers ships wheel which was mounted in a brass pedestal and covered in a glass plate making it into a dining table. She was then sent to Looe in Cornwall where she was fitted new decks and a large deckhouse, which came from an old steamer. The quarterdeck was raised to provide room below decks for eight guest sleeping cabins; all this was done without altering the strength of the ship. He also added the binnacle which came from a 19th century Dutch East Indiamen trading ship. The hull was painted with white and black gun ports, and finally a figurehead was fitted. The cost of the restoration came too some £20,000.

For the next three years she spent sailing around the coast of the British Isles providing luxury accommodation and gourmet food for paying guests. This all came to a sudden end when the owner died. In 1936 or 1937 she was again sold to an anonymous wealthy lady who took on a crew to attend the Coronation Review, of 1937, at Spithead, later she chartered the "*Lady of Avenel*" to Frances Day an American film star for a holiday to Deauville, France.

The next owner of the "*Lady of Avenel*" acquired her in rather an unusual way. He was Mr J.R.Hughes, a young officer in the Merchant Navy, he

was hired to train the son of the *anonymous* wealthy lady owner, who wished to row across the Atlantic. Mr. Hughes's payment was to be given the "*Lady of Avenel*" at the end of the voyage. The Atlantic row started and was over in half an hour, after the son found out he suffered from seasickness! The owner kept her word and Mr. Hughes became the new owner.



Mr. Hughes took her to Southampton where she was put in dry dock, where she was cleaned and surveyed. She was found to be in good condition and was repainted and fitted with a replacement engine, before being used again for private charters; one of the charters was to Dartmouth where she was used in the film "*Sons of the Sea*"

In 1944 Jack Hughes was called up to serve in the Royal Navy, before he entered the service he sailed her to the safety into Poole Harbour where he arranged for her to be moored in the sheltered waters of the Witch Channel off Brownsea Island for the duration of the war. As the war in Europe progressed Poole harbour was needed as an International Airport and all boats moored in the harbour

had to be cleared. The "*Lady of Avenel*" was put in a mud berth in the upper reaches of Holes Bay where it was thought she would be safe, but her anchor chains were left slack and she came to rest over her anchor which stove her hull she quickly filled with mud and water settling on the bottom. After the war Jack Hughes made several attempts to find someone with the necessary funds to refloat her and fit her out for

training sea cadets, but all failed and she became a total loss, all he could do was save anything of value. The masts were removed and became flag poles one went to the Golf club in Purbeck, the other was erected outside Carters Pottery in lower Hamworthy, the dining room table went to Cardiff, and her binnacle was donated to Poole museum. The figurehead was put up on J Colombos's ship chandlers in Poole High Street, and later sold to Marconi Company and now forms part of a collection in Germany.

Today very little of the ship remains apart from some of the iron fastenings and her engine all that can be seen is the four green wreck marker posts which stand in the mud marking where she lays.



The Christmas Extravaganza

Our Christmas event this year, held at the British Legion club in North Road Parkstone, was a huge hit, and why not with about 100 members and guests attending, dancing girls, bands and a busy bar!



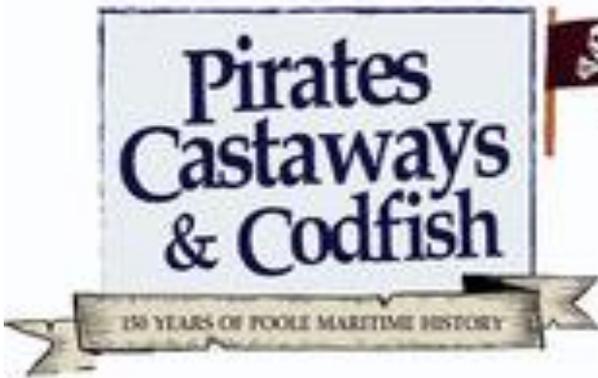
During the night we presented the Dorset Blind Association with a cheque for £100 which was raised at the lunch in November and raised a further £50 for the local charity which helps the homeless in Poole - Routes to Roots.



Talk by Richard Yeoman on the current exhibition
currently on show in Poole Museum

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 66 North Road Parkstone BH14 0LY
20th Febuary 2018 @ 7.15 - 9pm Members £3.50 Guests £4.00 Pay on door

	<p>The Society for Poole <small>(Founded as the Society of Poole Men in 1924)</small></p> <p>“Promoting Poole; its history, culture and people”</p> <p>http://societyforpoole.org http://twitter.com/SocietyforPoole http://www.facebook.com/groups/TheSocietyForPoole/</p>	
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An insight into
Poole's Maritime Heritage,
talk by Don Nutt.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 66 North Road Parkstone BH14 0LY
Wednesday 21st March 2018 @ 7.15 - 9pm Members £3.50 Guests £4.00 Pay on door

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1st JANUARY

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (i.e under age 21) : £10.00

FULL MEMBER £16.00

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP (From age 65): £10.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP 20 x Appropriate annual subscription

We are a gender neutral society

Mission

To support and promote Poole; its history, culture and people.

Vision

To be a leading organisation within Poole regarding the history, culture and development of Poole as a place to live, work and enjoy. Working with the Authorities, local decision makers and other Societies and organisations in order to help shape the town's built and natural environment, leisure and cultural facilities whilst retaining and promoting its history

The Objectives of The Society for Poole are: -

- (1) to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the built environment in the Borough of Poole.
- (2) to promote high standards of architecture and planning in the Borough of Poole.
- (3) to promote the conservation, preservation, protection, development and enhancement of features of historic, archaeological, cultural or public interest in the Borough of Poole.
- (4) to advance the education of the public in the architecture, archaeology, natural history, history, culture and geography of the Borough of Poole
- (5) to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the natural environment in the Borough of Poole
- (6) to promote and enhance public parks, open spaces and the planting of trees throughout the Borough of Poole
- (7) to promote a junior society and "the next generation" of Poole



Application to join The Society for Poole

Formerly Society of Poole Men



BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE FORM

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Mr /Mrs/ Ms

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Post Code Phone No.....

E-Mail.....

To: please insert your full bank address including postcode

Post Code :

Please amend any existing instructions from the next payment with this reference and date range to this beneficiary. (Please ensure there is only one active standing order).

ACCOUNT TO BE DEBITED:

BENEFICIARY DETAILS:

SORT CODE:

Bank: HSBC

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

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ACCOUNT NUMBER: 41392603

ACCOUNT NAME:

ACCOUNT NAME:

The Society For Poole

ROLL NUMBER:

(Building Societies Only)

REFERENCE DETAILS: (First Name & Surname)

PAYMENT DETAILS:

AMOUNT IN FIGURES £

AMOUNT IN WORDS:

FIRST PAYMENT IMMEDIATELY THEN 1ST JANUARY YEARLY UNTILL FURTHER NOTICE

YOUR SIGNATURE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: REGISTRAR FOR THE SOCIETY FOR POOLE
10 MANOR AVENUE POOLE BH12 4LD

From the pen of Len Way



THE ORGAN GRINDER

A turn of the handle would start our street entertainment, the organ music would carry on the air for long distances demanding attention. There were many "Grinders" of old Poole, some living here, some passing through. The trade lasting all year round, wet or shine, brought a pleasant joy to the Poolites.

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE CURRENT MUSINGS

Re-reading the 1994 official review of the first of the Borough's statutory local plans (adopted in 1987), the review stressed the importance of the Poole Town Centre. It said "The area (*of the Dolphin Centre*) which includes the existing covered shopping centre, Kingland multi-storey car park, bus station and the vacant site to the East, is probably the most important site in Poole. It is the focus of retailing, the town's busiest transport node, and lies at the heart of a major employment area and opposite the Poole Arts Centre. At present (*i.e. in 1994*), the utilitarian nature of the area does not represent an acceptable urban environment for such a public part of the Borough. Therefore, the opportunity for improvement presented by the vacant site and the scope for additional retail development must not be missed."

Over two decades later, it is now exciting to learn that the above-mentioned vision is being progressed with professional vigour. Recently Borough Councillors were advised that progression of town centre regeneration is a high priority in the Council's Corporate Strategy and in particular, following commitments to improve the existing shopping centre, to refresh Falkland Square and The Crescent and commitments to modernise the main Dolphin multi-storey car park, objectives have been set for the area to provide :-

- 1 : housing for sale or rent,
- 2 : leisure-based development which could include re-providing the Dolphin swimming pool,
- 3 : commercial development that could accommodate the civic estate,
- 4 : improvements to the bus station which could include its repositioning within the area,
- 5 : relocation of the bus depot to outside the area,
- 6 : remodelling Kingland Road to reduce the dominance of vehicles and enhance the pedestrian environment and at the same time improve connections between the Lighthouse and the Dolphin Centre whilst creating public spaces involving both the The George roundabout and The Lighthouse areas.

The above re-statement of required objectives for our town centre is welcomed and whilst even outline proposals cannot really be defined until funding issues have been adequately clarified it is also welcomed that 'governance arrangements' have been established (no doubt to

ensure that our Councillors can receive reports on progress and ensure slippages are minimized) and that a more pro-active approach is about to be taken with regard to both communication and stake-holder engagement (no doubt to include a ‘non-party political’ but strong civic perspective from us, The Society for Poole).

In view of the above, **should any Member (or prospective Member) wish to bring anything to the attention of the planning sub-committee please do not hesitate to contact me.** All contributions will be gratefully received (*even reminders of previous helpful suggestions for the above part of our Borough*) since they should help us respond to situations, particularly where simultaneous issues occur that could easily risk inadequate responses and subsequently, poor (even misguided) policies.

Gerald Rigler: Planning Sub-Committee Chairman (2017/18)
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What is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and why the Society for Poole should be one.

Over the past few months the Society for Poole (SfP) has worked on the objectives for the Society – ie what we aim to do and be, and also the structure of the Society for the next 90 odd years.

At present the Society is organised as a “partnership” and a book of rules which also define our constitution and how we operate. However, this arrangement will not allow us to easily expand, to develop projects, employ people and contract services to assist us in the future. It does not fully define the expected behaviour of the Executive Officers or in any way restrict the financial liabilities of the Officers or members, but it is organisational “housekeeping” for the Society.

After talking to Poole CVS, a public body dedicated to supporting and advising the voluntary organisations in Poole, we have been advised to create a CIO. This will both take us forward as a Charitable Organisation, which has been discussed at the last AGM, but also clearly define our

constitution and allow us to potentially control funds, enter into contracts & engage in charitable activities involving financial risk – such as hosting events on the quay etc. The CIO is run by Trustees, who's duties to the CIO are clearly defined within the constitution document.

The CIO is a corporate body (like a company), it therefore creates an umbrella of financial security for the Trustees and members, as such members of a CIO may either have no liability at all or limited liability for the debts of the CIO if it creates unmanageable debts and is forced to wind up. The CIO provides additional legal protection for the members and as such there is a need to comply with extra regulations even though we would not have to register with Companies House. We will nevertheless register with the Charities Commission regardless of income and submit accounts more formally than in the past, but these are not onerous issues and are, in fact, just a formal basis of what we now do anyway.

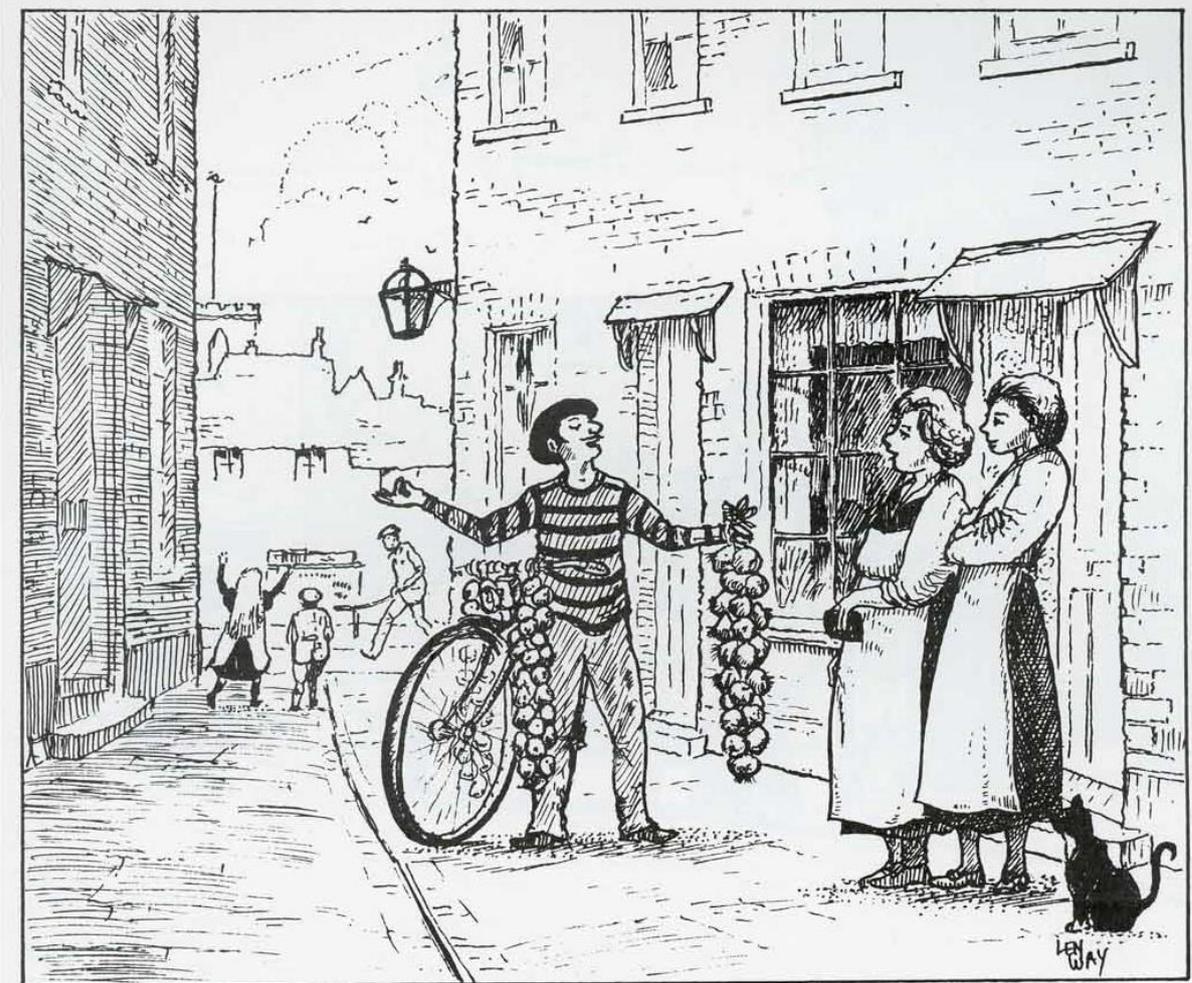
We have used the constitution recommended by Poole CVS and indeed the Commission. This provides compliance with the Charities Act 2011 and General Regulations, but also it reflects good practice, highlights the legal requirements of the trustees and defines how we work in a standard, practical and workable manner. The draft constitution has been reviewed by the honorary legal adviser for the Society, Neil Andrews, and no legal issues were raised.

A CIO is a new legal form for a charity, but the forms are well defined and recently the Friends of Poole Park have also embraced the CIO structure. We aim to confirm the process of being a CIO and the Trustees to the CIO at the AGM, naturally all will be subject to the acceptance of our application by the Charities Commission.

A copy of the draft constitution are available for review on our web site and documentation about CIO's is issued by the Charity Commission on their web page.

Mike Pearce Chairman
January 2018

From the pen of Len Way



THE JOHNNIE ONION MAN

A regular visitor to Poole Town, from the coastal villages of France, they would ply their wares around the area by way of Bicycle, the onions were tied together in "strings" at a old Poole Inn. You could always barter for a good price for a good produce!

Major redevelopment plans for Poole Town Centre



Multi-million pound plans to regenerate and transform the area in and around Poole town centre have been unveiled.

A new leisure centre and swimming pool, bus station, a hotel and more than 400 new homes could be built as part of Borough of Poole's ambitious vision for the area known as Town Centre North. The council would need to seek a development partner to bring forward the project, valued at £134 million, which would also include new commercial office space and improvements to public spaces. As a major landowner in the redevelopment area, the council is looking to use its own assets, including Kingland Road car park, Seldown car



park and coach park and the Dolphin Swimming Pool site, to deliver the scheme.

Cllr Ian Potter, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Borough of Poole, said: "The council is ambitious for Poole and wants to create a vibrant town centre where people want to live, work and play. Our vision for the Town Centre North area goes beyond the areas within our ownership, extending to the bus station, bus depot and Brownsea House.

"We are making positive progress to bring forward our vision for this key

area in the heart of Poole. These proposals are significantly larger than anything the council has delivered before and in using our assets we can provide the catalyst for this redevelopment with a private sector partner and build confidence for wider investment in the town.” Cabinet members will be asked to back proposals to carry out preparations to procure a development partner for the council’s



ambitious plans at a meeting on Tuesday 5 December. The [Heart of Poole prospectus](#) outlines the council’s objectives for the town centre

Julian McLaughlin, Head of Growth and Infrastructure, Borough of Poole, said: "The redevelopment proposals for Town Centre North will provide a significant step change in how people will use this area in the future. The delivery of new homes, office space, improved leisure facilities and transport links will not only benefit local residents, businesses and visitors to the area but will help Poole prosper in the coming years."

The indicative illustrations of Kingland Road and Seldown Car Park are aspirational and do not reflect actual redevelopment schemes. The vision for Town Centre North covers the area between the Dolphin Swimming Pool and the George roundabout.

November Annual Lunch

The Society held its annual lunch in November which was attended by over 60 people, one of the largest gatherings for many years. Situated in the Thistle Hotel on the Quay, it was a great event where friends came together to enjoy a wonderful lunch, great views across the harbour and a bit of fun via the local quizzes. The event raised £100 for the Dorset Blind Association. Many thanks to Jan and Gill who pulled everything together.

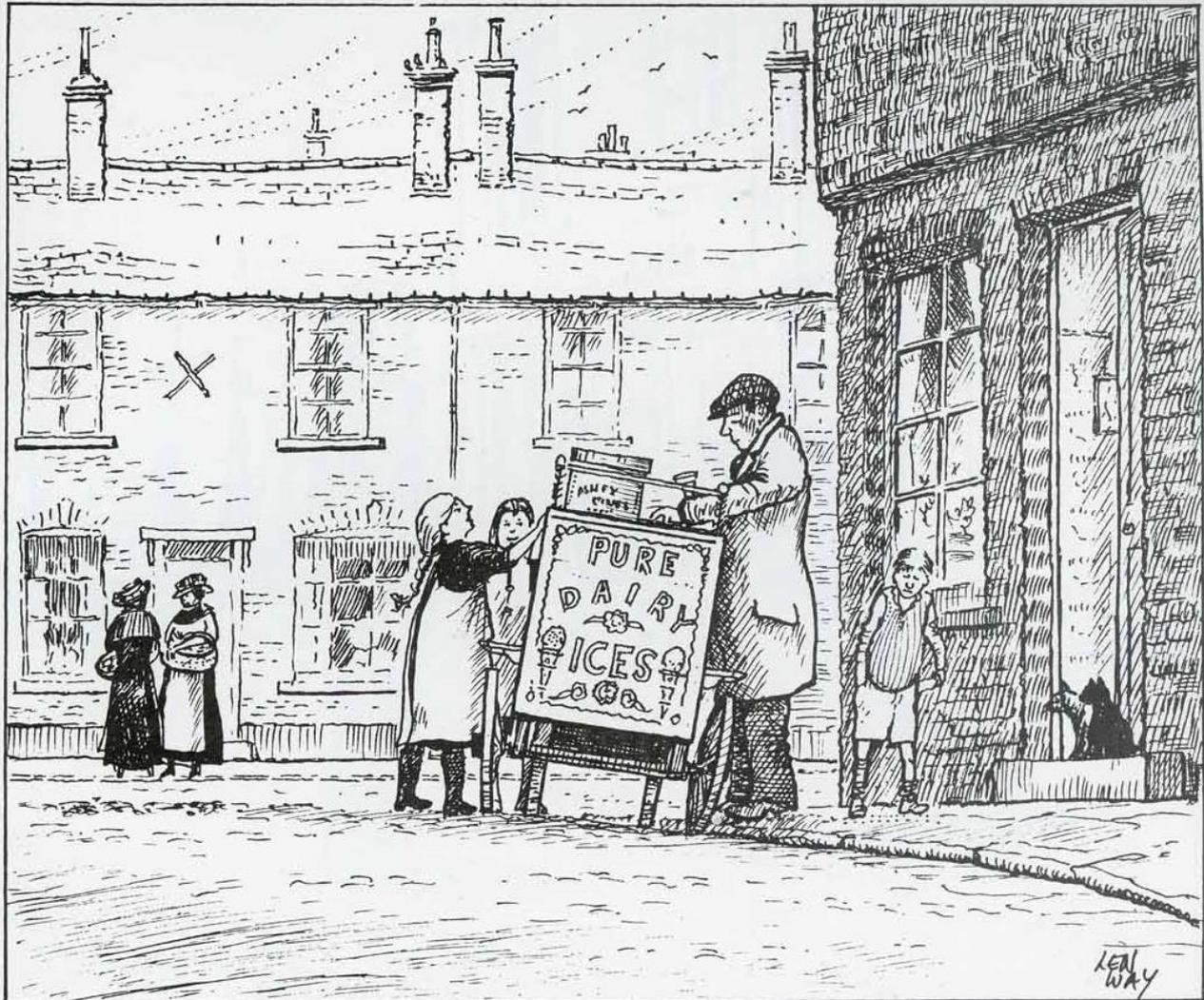


New Web Page

We have, over the past few months been working on a brand new web page for the Society. It has the same name as before but with the **“.co.uk”** replaced with **“.org”** so the full title is www.societyforpoole.org

Please have a look as it is a leap forward for us, it has more information and a clearer display with links through to our twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages. We are also setting up for a way to pay by paypal for when cheques go our of service!

From the pen of Len Way



THE "ICE CREAM MAN"

A favourite with the children, as soon as the sun shone the vendors would push small "Hand Carts" around the town, the miles they covered and the hours they did would not be tolerated today, during the "Wars" most of the "cream" was ice, but the summers were hot!

Useful Phone Numbers

- Adult Education 01202 262300
- Adult Social Care 01202 633902
- Bin & Street Cleaning 01202 261700
- Birth, Marriages & Deaths 01202 633744
- Blue Badges 01202 633605
- Bus Passes 01202 634249
- Children's Social Services 01202 735046
- Council Tax payment line 01202 672932
- Council Tax Enquiries 0345 0344569
- Family Information Services 01202 261999
- Poole Hospital (A&E) 01202 665511
- Housing Benefit Enquiries 0345 0344569
- Libraries 01202 265200
- Parking Penalties & Permits 01202 634240
- Pest Control 01202 261700
- Road & Pavement Maintenance 01202 265255
- School Admissions 01202 261936
- Street Lights 01202 262223
- Toilets 01202 261700

DIARY DATES

20st February
HER STORY
TALES OF WOMEN OF POOLE
PAST AND PRESENT
 Richard Yeoman

17TH July
Poole's Blue Plaques
 Steve Roberts

21st March (Wednesday)
PIRATES, CASTAWAYS AND CODFISH
 Don Nutt

18th September
Swanage Railway
 Colin Stone

17th April
AGM (FREE)

All members are invited to attend as guests at the Executive meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the British Legion Hall in North Road."

15th May 2018
POOLE FLYING BOATS
 Jeremy Waters

19TH June
POOLE SHIPPING
 John Smith



NOTE
All 2018 Meetings will be held at
The Royal British Legion Club,
66 North Road,
Poole, BH14 0LY
Entry is £3.50 for members
and £4 for guests