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# *View* from Poole

The Society for Poole: promoting Poole; its history, culture and people



SUMMER 2018

# Chairman's Note

Welcome to the new look for the Newsletter which we are calling "View from Poole". I hope you will agree that the refresh has added clarity and created a professional feel to the magazine.

With over half of our membership fees going into the production of the newsletter we aim to seek advertisers to place ads in the newsletter. So in the next edition there will be a small number of ads which will help to cover these costs and fee up more funds to pursue the aims of the Society as a whole. Meanwhile please enjoy this fresh clean edition, and if you have any comments naturally the Executive welcome any feedback.

As well as a new look to our magazine we start a new year for the Society, welcoming in our 94th year. At the recent AGM a pivotal motion was carried which will potentially move us forward in creating a charitable organization. The new constitution was passed, trustees confirmed and confirmation that we can transit into a CIO, transferring the assets of the SFP into the new organizational structure. The Executive will continue to function and a new set of rules will be generated to supplement the new constitution. These will confirm the detail of how we want to operate on a day to day basis. It is considered that this will enable the SFP to develop and grow into the future with confidence. Thank you to all how voted and confirmed the vision of the Executive.

It is also an opportunity to thank all the Executive members of last year, those who worked hard to establish the documentation for the CIO and who have lead the organization throughout 2017/18. We have achieved much, with a few press releases which caused discussion, 43 new members, participation at events, a brand new web site [www.societyforpoole.org](http://www.societyforpoole.org) the best attended annual lunch in November and the fantastic Christmas event with 100 people attending; and now the new magazine. It has been a busy period but there is more to do. We plan to locate a blue plaque, work with Bournemouth University on a "then and now" visual exhibition and to boost our social events. We remain, however, short of key people specifically to drive the heritage committee and support the planning sub committee.

I look forward to the next 12 months, with your support we have made good progress and I hope we can continue to move forward and to reestablish the Society for Poole in the minds of the people of Poole as a positive force for good within the Town.

Mike Pearce Chairman  
April 2018

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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.

# Boat Show and Harry Paye Day 2018

Mike Pearce Chairman

This year the Boat Show is on the 8-10 June and Harry Paye Day is on the 16th June 2018.

Both events, if the sun comes out, are fun days where the quay provides a great backdrop to stalls and on Harry Paye day the Pirates are marauding around.

Last year we set up a stall for the Society for Poole. It was the first outing for our new name and new banners. They attracted quite some interest and indeed we gained many new members and a lot of enquiries. We again intend to attend the events, joining with the Poole Flag Trust, to attend the stall over these weekends. With our clear objectives now in place and some projects moving forward we hope to raise the profile of the Society further whilst gaining active members who can support and assist us.

Last year the sun shone and indeed shorts managed to



get their first outing of the summer! It is hoped that this year we will be able to share time on the stand as such I would be grateful if anyone is available for an hour or two on these days that they get in touch with Gordon Brown or myself (chairman@societyforpoole.org) as it helps enormously to share the time as evenly as possible. Many thanks in advance.



**Boat Show 8-10 June**  
**Harry Paye Day 16 June**





# When Poole turned black

Poole's original Gas works were next to Poole Quay where coal carrying ships could tie up along side the quay and unload directly into the Gas Works.

By 1924 the old gasworks was proving to be too small as the town of Poole and its neighbour Bournemouth was expanding. The solution was to build a larger gasworks, but there was no land available near the Quay so it was decided to build on the marsh land at Pitwines. The new site was reclaimed by infilling and adding 1000s of piles, the down side was that

there was no deep water to accommodate the coal ships.

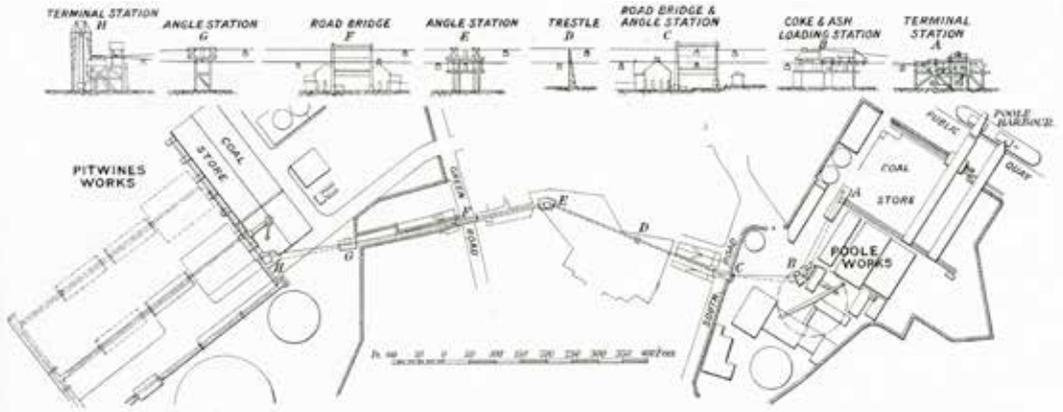
As such way of transporting coal to the new gas works and ash back to the ships had to be found.

An answer was to create a coal store on the old gasworks site and by building a coal handling cable-way to the new gasworks. However even this was to prove difficult because there was no direct line to the new works.

Houses blocked the route. So a winding cable way was built which passed

in between the houses. It included three angle stations and two bridges which were built over the roads. The cable way was a continuous steel and hemp cable 41/2 in circumference, added to which 33 tipping skips were attached. This enabled 50 tones of coal to be transported per hour to the Pitwines gasworks. The skips were automatically loaded from a hopper at the Quay whilst at the Pitwines end a mechanism tripped the skips to unload.

One benefit the locals found was that they could trigger



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the skip to unload on waste ground by tripping the mechanism with a long pole, thus receiving a free load of coal.

The cable way worked regularly until Pitwines was converted to process Natural Gas, but in the intervening years Poole suffered from

black dust covering the town caused by the coal dust blowing off the skips and from the loading and unloading process.

Poole Gas Works, Green Road



# SOCIETY OF POOLE MEN

## MINUTES OF THE 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL, NORTH ROAD, PARKSTONE

#### 1. President's Welcome

Chairman, Mike Pearce (MP), thanked the Executive Committee for their help in the last year and handed over the meeting to the President who welcomed all members to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

#### 2. In Paim Memoriam

Mike Gale read out the names of the following members who had sadly passed away during the last year; Jonathan Howe, Reg Chave, Geoff Baker, William Turner and Fred Winwood. The member's then stood for a minute's silence in memory.

#### 3. Apologies for absence

from; Jan Marsh, Gill Kershaw, Ian Knight, John Pound, Tony Davies, Chris Allenby, Bill Constance, Gerald Rigler, James Sydenham, Stephen Baker, Clive Fisher, Ken Yeates, Roy Jones, Daniel Cox, Graham Grounds, Yvonne Kellaway and Brian Galpin.

#### 4. To receive minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> AGM

The minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> AGM were signed as a true record.

#### 5. Matters arising – none.

#### 6. To receive the President report. Society of Poole Men in their 93<sup>rd</sup> year Presidents Report 2017-18

Thank you all for attending this meeting. Also an especial welcome to those attending for the first time. Since the last AGM we have enrolled 42 new members.

We started the year off by presenting the Mayor with a Red Rose for St George's Day. In May the Society attended Poole Harbour Boat show on the Quay with the recruitment gazebo.

In June we welcomed the Mayor at the Scaplen's Court Open day, and presented her with an honorary membership of the Society for her Mayoral year. Unfortunately, due to lack of members and general public attending, despite extensive Advertising, this may not happen again for a few years. In June the Society attended Harry Paye Day on the Quay with the recruitment gazebo.

In August we joined forces with Poole Maritime Trust and had a very successful but wet boat trip up the Wareham river, enjoying Fish and chips on the way with a chance for refreshment in Wareham's pubs.

Also in August we hosted an open day at the Poole Guildhall during the National Heritage Week

In November, Poppy Wreaths on behalf of the Society, were presented at Poole Cenotaph and at Hamworthy Church to honor all war dead.

In November we also welcomed members to attend our annual lunch at the Quay hotel. We will be doing it again this year and hopefully the new Mayor will attend and we can present the honorary membership with the society banner.

In December we had a Free

Christmas social evening at North Road RBL which was organized by our social secretary Gordon Brown

Last month we attended the Dorset Family History event at Parkstone Grimmer School with the recruitment stand gaining another 3 new members and potentially another 3

We have decided discontinue membership cards as the serve no real purpose and will be replacing them with new pin badge and a car sticker both should be available to purchase in about 6 weeks

We have made extensive use of community newsletters, the Echo and the Facebook site "Memories of old Poole" and our own Facebook site to advertise our talks. Also just recently our New Web pages came live. [societyforpoole.org](http://societyforpoole.org) This advertising has the potential of reaching over 100 thousand people, all interested in Poole. Hopefully all our old web pages have now been taken down so you should not be seeing out of date web sites. The Local History talks have now become the main part of the focus of the SfP and have been very successful and interesting, and regularly attract some 30 members and a few members of the general public, with a few joining the Society. If anyone has knowledge of local speakers, please let us know. Although St Georges Church Hall was found to be very suitable it was found to be

expensive so we moved the RBL in North road.

We have three current projects in hand - the first is another blue plaque and we are awaiting permission to place one on Poole Hospital to show Charlotte Guest founded the present Hospital service in Poole Second to place a history board explaining the Powder House and the wider history of Baiter. We are applying for a grant to do this.

The last project that we hoped would reach us last year was the publication was Brian Galpin's History of the first 90 years of the Society. I can report the book is still in preparation but now delayed by the illness of the editor.

After many years of printing our newsletter Richard Ferns is retiring and we are actively working on a new newsletter which may include some local advertising as we hope to make it cost neutral to members

The planning subcommittee still looks at planning applications that affect Borough wide issues. We must thank our planning Subcommittee who have been acting on our behalf. The Planning Subcommittee is short of members so if you don't think the BOP planning department is doing a good job here is your chance to change things.

Our Chairman Mike Pearce has been working very hard with Colin Hinwood of getting the CIO up and ready for this meeting

Unfortunately, we have been without a secretary for the last year and our chairman has also taken responsibility for this. Things on this front look better as we have found a willing volunteer to take this on.

As always we also need new blood on the Executive Committee and we need more

volunteers we have lots of small positions on executive like arraigning speakers, advertising in newsletter, organizing raffles sales of regalia, news letter delivering, heritage and planning.

We will continue to keep you informed by the newsletter and regularly contact you by email, you will receive emails because you pay a subscription and agreed to receive emails when you provided your email, or when joined the Society for Poole. If you no longer want receive emails, please tell us and we will delete you email from our systems.

We have to move forward and if necessary forget the past. Could I ask the current membership to work with us and ask some to stop being negative to every thing we try to do. The current climate suggests that we need to refresh to make us a more meaningful society. Let us all move forward hopefully with a younger and more energetic membership.

Again finally I said last year that this year was to be my final year but to give some continuation to the Executive Committee I have been persuaded to continue on the executive for another year.

### **7. Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet**

The Treasurer gave his report and thanked Tom and Richard our Examiners who are happy to continue with this role. Hoping that this year we will see a saving with regards to rental of the room now that we have moved to the British Legion. Colin mentioned that we still have stock of old Society of Poole Men ties available but these now have no accounting value but can be purchased for £5. Accounts could change this year once the CIO has

been approved. Under CIO accounts do not need to be examined when under £25,000. Colin asked if there were any questions on the accounts and proposed that they were accepted. Peter John accepted seconded by Mike Gale. MP showed off draft new newsletter that is being planned. Newsletter was passed around the room for members to see and voice opinions.

### **8. To adopt the draft constitution:**

A copy of the draft constitution had been sent through to our solicitor who had provided his advice which was considered by the Executive Committee. Email from Neil Andrews, or Honorary Solicitor, was offered should anyone wish to view it. It would seem that many organizations are going to be CIO. MP proposed and seconded by Mike Gale – carried with 1 against.

### **9. To confirm the proposal to adopt Charity status and create a CIO :**

MP discussed the CIO and how this would benefit us as a Society. The CIO would be run by Trustees but work with the Executive however final liability would fall to the Trustees. By becoming a CIO we would be able to take on larger projects. MP asked members permission for The Society for Poole to be moved to a CIO once accepted by the Charity.

MP proposed and seconded by Mike Gale – carried unanimously

**10. To allow accept Andrew Hawkes, Colin Hinwood and Mike Pearce as founding Trustees of the CIO when created :** MP advised that we should hear back by May

with regard to being accepted as CIO. It was proposed that once accepted Andrew Hawkes, Colin Hinwood and Mike Pearce be founder Trustees. Mike Pearce proposed and this was seconded by John. And passed unanimously  
Question was asked regarding the change of year with regard to accounts for the CIO. It was stated that if the date is changed for accounts then it would have to get agreed at AGM, this can't be discussed and agreed at this AGM as the CIO doesn't currently exist.

**11. Ian Andrews raised a query regarding the transfer of assets of Society of Poole to the CIO.**  
MP stated that he considered that the resolution to adopt the CIO would cover this however accepted the point. A vote was therefore proposed that when we become CIO the assets of The Society of Poole will be transferred into the CIO. Mike Pearce proposed this and was seconded by Ian Andrews. Voted and carried unanimously

**12. To elect, Trustees, Executive Officers and Executive Members**  
MP acknowledged that we are yet to become a CIO but if and when the Trustees propose to work with an Executive. The names of current the Executive Committee were put forward. It was proposed that the Chairman of Friends of Poole Park be proposed to join us as part of the Executive Committee (Parks and Open Space sub Committee). MP asked if there were any further volunteers as we are limited and our Heritage team are looking for volunteers. MP highlighted that the Society is going to struggle without people to volunteer for the Executive Committee. Proposed

the members of the Executive Committee - MP proposed the schedule as distributed and David Gillard 2nd. Carried.  
David Gillard mentioned that Gerald and Robin would appreciate help also with the Planning Committee. David mentioned that he currently helps which MP acknowledged and appreciated.  
Tom Buckby felt that the constitution had not been discussed and voted. MP apologized and that it appeared that there was some confusion of the numbering on the agenda, but that the constitution had already been voted and carried. MP noted that the rules will need to be re-written to take into account the constitution and will take into account life members. MP said that there are things within the constitution that strengthen how we operate and will allow us to run properly in the eyes of the Charity Commission. The Constitution gives us a framework in which to grow and defines rules for the Trustees. New rules will guide the way in which we work. The three Trustees have the ultimate vote but include the Executive Committee and members in everything. MP stated that the Executive had adapted the standard constitution proposed by the Charity Commission for things such as electronic voting which was not considered appropriate for us at the moment. Changes have been put in place and we need to look at old rules and move forward.

**13. Appointment of Independent Examiners,**  
Honorary Chaplain and Honorary Solicitor Tom Buckby and Richard White as Examiners of the accounts and

Neil Andrews as the Honorary Solicitor – all confirmed that they are happy to continue. Andrew Hawkes proposed and MP seconded, the vote was unanimously carried

**14. To invite new members to sign the Register and collect their Certificates**  
MG showed a picture of the original Executive Committee. Tom Buckby mentioned that it used to be that the President shook the hands of new members. MG invited the new members up to sign the register and collect their Certificates.

**15. Goals for the year. Parks and Open spaces,**  
MP repeated that we do need support. The Chairman of Friends of Poole Park is a member and with MP are proposing to invite other parks – Baiter and Upton etc to join the sub committee. The Heritage committee is the root of what we do including locating more blue plaques. Currently waiting on final place for plaque at Poole Hospital. A leader of the Heritage sub Committee is being sought.

**Newsletter** - MP asked for feedback on the draft distributed at the meeting which was very positive. MP mentioned that the cost of the new form of newsletter would work out less than the previous ones and that we were talking to advertisers to take space in the newsletter and therefore reduce costs further.  
MG said committee had decided to try and keep costs down by making the newsletter available at meetings.

**Website** – MP asked if everyone had looked at it and asked for everyone to have a look

at this if they had not ([www.societyforpoole.org](http://www.societyforpoole.org)). It will be constantly updated but please let us have any feedback. A question was raised whether the Secretary could keep it up dated but it was mentioned that it is better to keep things going as is with website organizer.

**Facebook** – AH doing and updating this. Instagram is down but looking to get this resurrected.

We will continue with Harry Paye day and the Boat Show in June as well as the Dorset Heritage Week at the Guildhall in September.

Looking at moving forward with the Blue Plaque and have a talk soon on Baiter Park.

Question was raised with regards to supported charities. MP said that at last AGM it was decided we wouldn't support a single specific charity. Question was asked whether a charity could support another charity when we take on CIO status. MP was asked to check the position. (post meeting note – yes we are if the Charity is aligned to our stated objectives) With regards to supporting charities MP mentioned that we have have donated to the Dorset Blind and Roots to Routes. MP confirmed that the Executive will be happy to receive suggestions for future donations.

**Single Projects** - MP has been talking with Bournemouth University on "then and now" photos. With help from AH and the media department at Bournemouth University working on an interactive display.

**Sea Bounds** – MP highlighted

that Zena Dion, a member of the Society and a previous Mayor, did beat the sea bounds 2 years ago butt his was done privately. MP plans to talk with the Pirates of Poole and try and make is a heritage day with the quay closed and stalls. MP hopes that this is something that can be achieved for 2020 and is looking to set up a sub committee to do that.

### **17. Any other business**

Poole Museum/Maritime Heritage Trust talks. Maritime Trust could join in with newsletter and this would keep the costs down with joint newsletter. Monthly talks to continue as this is what we are about.

### **Community working group**

– get together with other organizations and work together. We are represented on this and go to meetings.

David Gillard made comment regarding John Clark, Poole Pirate, who is seriously ill and currently in Forest Holme. Ian Andrews mentioned that we do something for the RNLI as John was connected to them CH thanked Richard Ferns who has produced the newsletter for many years

**Poole Heritage Forum** – AH and MP attend. Steven Baker regularly attended whilst on the Executive as does Ian Andrews as a representative of another Group. MP said there is a limit to the amount that the Executive can attend with so few on the Executive itself. Ian Andrews commented that it is important that we consider the heritage. Gordon Brown discussed social events. Looking at viewing the land bounds and having a cream

tea on the way round. Everyone enjoyed the event last Christmas event and he confirmed that he is probably looking to do the same again this year. GB asked for any suggestions for days out; coach trip to stately homes, see a show, etc. (please contact GB or the Executive [info@societyforpoole.org](mailto:info@societyforpoole.org) He is currently getting a schedule together. GB did ask how many look on Facebook? GB felt that more people respond to a personal email. He would like to involve more people. MP said that younger members are more likely to use Facebook and Twitter but that it is a combination of all forms of communication that are important.

MG asked if anyone was missing February's newsletter as he had spare copies. GB asked how do we make contact with anyone not on email and MP said this would be via the newsletter.

Question was asked whether life membership could be taken down from 20 x annual fee to 5. AH said that it is 20 x £10 if over 65. MP said if people are worried to then pay annually. David Gillard asked if you would get a reduction!!

### **18. Closing remarks**

MP acknowledged that many current members had contributed over the years and he thanked everyone for their positive contributions of the past years and at the meeting itself.

The President thanked everyone for coming.  
Meeting closed at 9.24pm



# The Society for Poole

( Founded as the Society of Poole Men in 1924 )



<http://societyforpoole.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/TheSocietyForPoole/>

## 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



# Were Poole people silk farmers?

*"Dancing round the mulberry bush"* is a ditty of our childhood which gave the Mulberry tree a touch of mystery.

Black mulberries have been grown in England since Roman times. In 1609, James I offered mulberry seeds, so that plantations could be established to feed thousands of silk worms so as to establish an English silk industry. Silk at that time was worth more than gold, and by planting Mulberry trees the population could be employed to make silk from the farmed silk worms, but why did he promote the Black Mulberry as the White Mulberry was known to be the preferred food of silk worms?

It had been found the White Mulberry did not grow well in the British Isles as it preferred the dryer climates of France and Italy where it was cultivated widely, the Black Mulberry was already well established in the British Isles as such more would be planted.

A myth has grown that Silk-worms would not produce silk from Black Mulberries, this is



untrue, Silkworms love and will feed on Black Mulberry leaves, though the silk they produce is coarser, and being coarser it is also stronger. White Mulberry silkworms provide a lighter and softer silk.

In an old "History of the Town and County of Poole" by Joseph More in 1788, one comes across the passage:

"The soil in Poole and the area is particularly suited to the culture of the Mulberry where it can be propagated without difficulty." Most of the mulberry trees around Poole were planted around this time, coinciding with the arrival of Huguenot refugee weavers fleeing religious persecution in France. When they came to the Poole area the Church of Poole, under Rev. Peter Jolliffe, suggested places where trees could be planted, unfortunately the industry failed, as trees take time to grow and the refugees found other employment, however the trees survived.

The fruits were used by the towns peoples as free food and to make wine, they also used the fruit juice as a natural food colourant as the juice was water-soluble and easily extractable.

One thing is certain, that Mulberries were grown extensively in the town. There was an avenue of trees on the southern side of the High street, which it is believed was part of

a Mulberry orchard and part of the town in this area is still named Old Orchard, (New Orchard was named when a new access road was built). Also many of the large Mansion Houses had them growing in their gardens.

At the beginning of the twentieth century a few of these trees survived having grown to the full size and there were several fine specimens in the town. One in the rear garden of Mr. White's home, Beech Hurst, now the square in front of Sainsburys supermarket, another at the rear of the Angle Inn in Market street, also another in Market Street (now Market Close) in the garden of Sir Peter Thompson House. The remains of a very large stump of one is opposite the Gas Tavern, another in the garden in South Road, with another two in Lagland Street. A further one where Lloyds bank is today however all these have died of old age and redevelopment except one which still survives in the middle of the service area off Lagland Street.

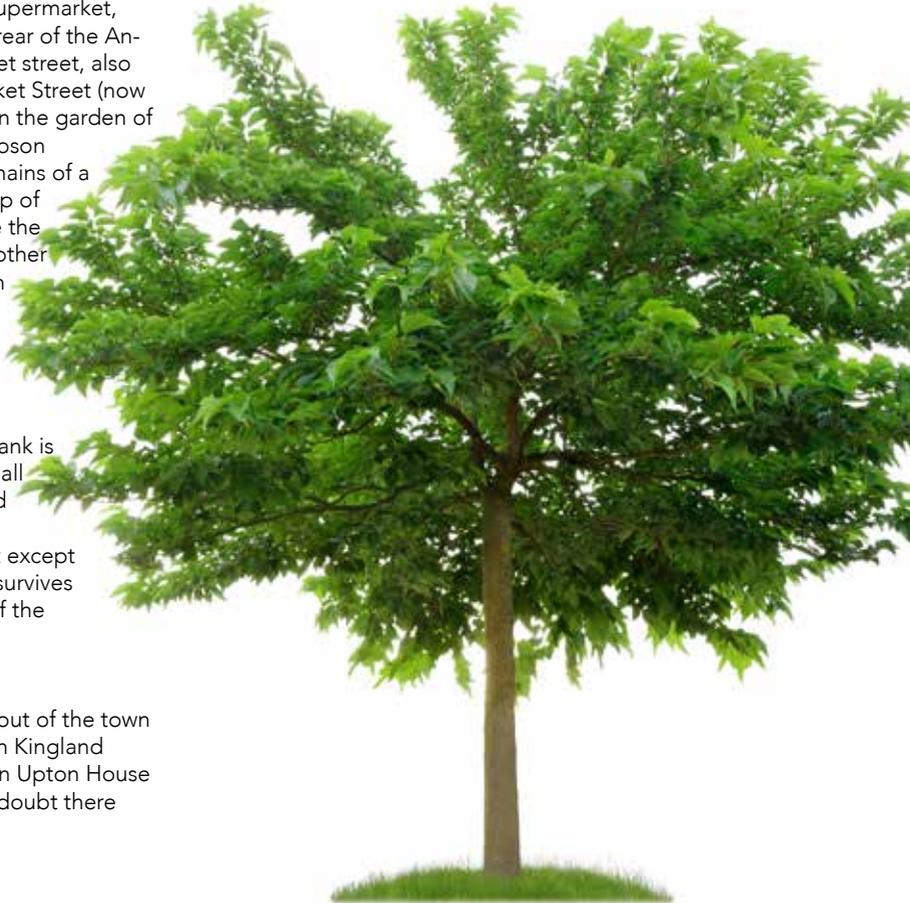
Others survive out of the town including one in Kingland road. Another in Upton House estate, and no doubt there

are others unrecorded, hidden away in private gardens.

Today those that remain are clinging on for life, the one in Lagland street service area was servilely cut back in the 1930s and today is surrounded by ash-felt and had to be supported with an oak post after hurricane winds tried to topple it. The one in Kingland Road outside the Swimming Baths suffered an accident where a JCB digger accentually cut the tap root which caused the tree to fall but miraculously

the roots regrew to allow the tree to survive. A new one was planted on Brownsea Island when the island opened to the public and recently another to celebrate the first fifty years of NT ownership was planted on the Island

Large ancient Mulberry trees survive all over the British Isles and over the years there have been some beautiful Mulberry trees in Poole; and so whilst a great idea, the silk industry never quite made it here.





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## The Flying Boats of Poole Harbour 1939-1948

Illustrated talk by Jeremy Waters

May 15 2018 7:15 for 7:30pm

Members £3 Guest £3.50 pay on the door



## POOLE'S BLUE PLAQUES

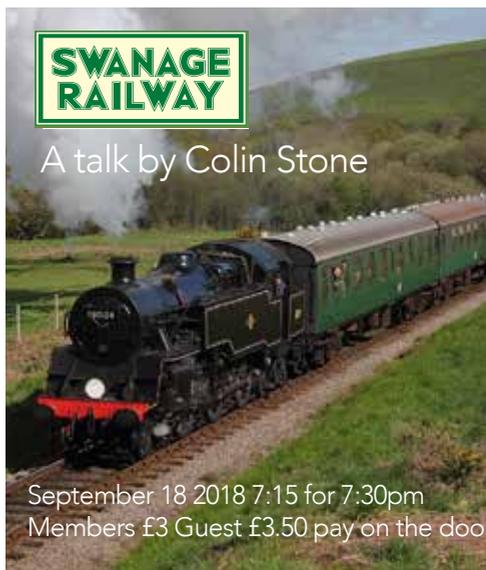
A talk by Steve Roberts

July 17 2018 7:15 for 7:30pm

Members £3 Guest £3.50  
pay on the door

## SWANAGE RAILWAY

A talk by Colin Stone



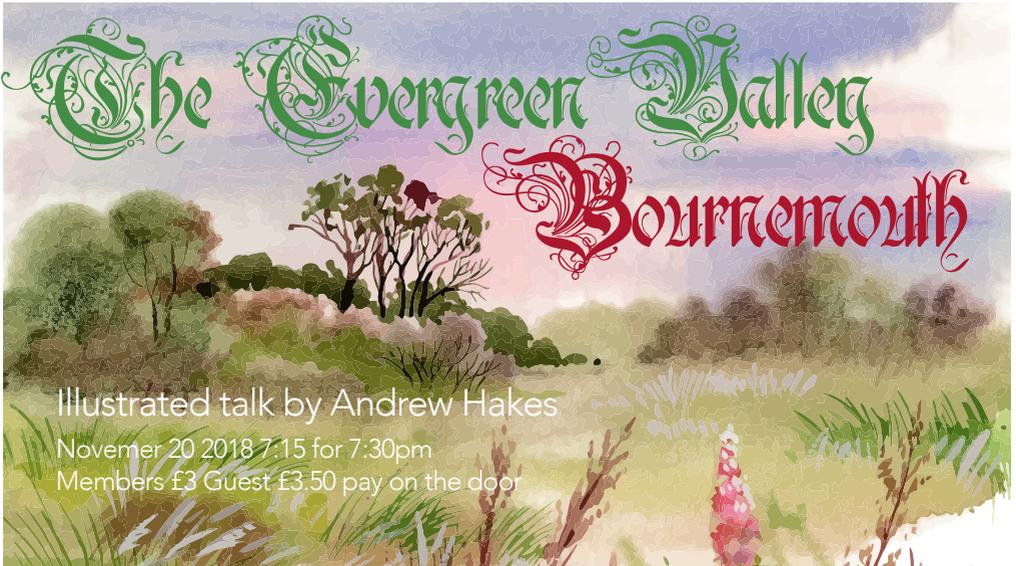
September 18 2018 7:15 for 7:30pm

Members £3 Guest £3.50 pay on the door

Fascinating monthly talks by historical experts held at  
Royal British Legion, 66 North Road, Parkstone BH14 0LY



**Discover First World War Poole  
and how it shaped our society**  
A talk by David Watkins  
Poole History Centre  
October 16 2018 7:15 for 7:30pm  
Members £3 Guest £3.50 pay on the door



**The Evergreen Valley  
Bournemouth**

Illustrated talk by Andrew Hakes  
November 20 2018 7:15 for 7:30pm  
Members £3 Guest £3.50 pay on the door

# Planning Sub-committee thoughts and requests

On the 1st April 1978 the Lighthouse opened its doors as the Poole Arts Centre. Poole was then able to experience something quite unlike anything the region had seen before.

For forty years we have had the region's largest cultural provider in our midst. Prior to 1978, the need for a cultural hub had been identified but nobody was certain how it would be received.

The Lighthouse has striven and continues to strive to enable and unlock the creativity within our own communities – a matter that so many of us have appreciated for years.

Recently, it was learnt that moves are being made again to regenerate other areas adjacent to the Lighthouse (the Council's Corporate Strategy refers) to include re-provision of the Dolphin swimming pool. With the recent local success in swimming at the Commonwealth Games (a silver medal having been awarded to a competitor from Poole Grammar School) it is to be hoped that planning for the town centre regeneration area will follow the example set by those that planned the Lighthouse and plan for 'world class' / Olympic facilities that will

enable and unlock other relevant interests of our communities and the region. It seems useful to recall that before the badminton facilities were closed, players used to travel from Weymouth regularly. Poole can serve the region – as the Lighthouse has successfully proved.

In view of the above, Members are asked to share their views with those seeking to consult about their proposals: 'kite flying' or otherwise. In this connection, it should be noted that :-

1 : a developer has sought comments on outline proposals (to be refined) for the Poole pottery site, so as to revitalize the quay by providing 82 homes and a new store,

2 : the Council has publicised open meetings in May, to clarify ideas for improving Harbour Park.

3 : a developer is expected to seek comments on revised proposals for redeveloping the Haven hotel.

4 : having received many comments and following recent 'public hearings' about the proposed Local Plan for Poole, the Government Appointed Planning Inspector is understood to want some changes to the proposed Local Plan. This will inevitably involve further consultations with the public.

5 : in responding to the national consultation about planning policy, it is intended to stress the importance of local democracy by adhering to neighbourhood and local plans.

Naturally there will be other attempts to consult with the public (so as to tailor proposals) and Members are requested to share their views with the Planning Sub-Committee of our Society. Such action, when it happens, is very welcome and does help ensure that our formally expressed views, concerning the eventual and adequately defined planning proposals, reflect the concerned views



of our Society : a Society that seeks to ensure the welfare and progress of Poole as a valuable and respected contributor to our region.

**“ The Lighthouse has striven and continues to strive to enable and unlock the creativity within our own communities ”**

Gerald Rigler  
Planning Sub-Committee  
Chairman (2017/18) :  
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**Saturday 24th March 2018**  
**Parkstone Grammar School, Sopers Lane, Poole**

This Bi-Annual event is organised by The Dorset Family History Society, ([www.dorsetfhs.org.uk](http://www.dorsetfhs.org.uk)).

The event was attended by over 500 people seeking advice about all aspects of Family Genealogy. Several Family History societies and traders attend and your SfP committee members thought that, attending this event, would be a good fit for getting the society more recognition.

Our stand, apart from membership forms, SfP previous newsletters etc, consisted of many photos from Andrew Hawkes' collection of Old Poole and I displayed copies of the photos from inside the society's register book of the committee members of 1924 and 1945, which included the names of members and was very interesting for people researching their Poole ancestors.

The display attracted many visitors, resulting in several new members signing up on the day.



There were also numerous enquiries about the society in general and its aims and objectives. However, it was surprising how many people had not heard of the society and this makes it all the more important that events, such as this one, are well supported and attended by members to ensure that our numbers grow.

**Mike Gale**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Member Registrar** [registrar@societyforpoole.org](mailto:registrar@societyforpoole.org)

## From the pen of Len Way



## Welcome Christmas Gift

Gordon Brown, the Society's events coordinator, presented Routes to Roots with a cheque for £50 after a collection at the Christmas event. The Poole charity works with local homeless people and the Society for Poole was happy to support this local team. ([www.routesoroots.org](http://www.routesoroots.org))

It should be noted that the Society for Poole is confirmed as being able to continue to support local charities who correspond to the aims of our Society, even as a CIO.



## Dates for your Diary

### 15th May 2018

Poole Flying Boats  
Jeremy Waters

### 8-10 June

Poole Quay for the Poole  
Boat Show All day

### 16th June

Poole Quay for Harry Paye  
Day All day

### 19th June

Poole Shipping  
John Smith

### 17th July 2018

Poole's Blue Plaques  
Steve Roberts

### 11th September

Poole Guildhall for Dorset  
Heritage Week

10.00 – 12.00am

### 18th September

Swanage Railway  
Colin Stone

### 16th October 2018

The First World War-  
How it shaped Poole  
David Watkins

### 20th November 2018

The Evergreen Valley –  
Bournemouth

An Illustrated talk  
Andrew Hawkes

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.

### 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

## 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

