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Chairman's Note

We are looking forward to 2019 hoping to bring forward a number of key developments. The AGM is coming round fast and since last year the Executive has been working to initially gain Charity status, but when this was denied, to work to investigate other legal entities which will secure our future and provide a solid foundation for our activities.



Along with Neil Andrews, our Honorary Solicitor, several options were looked at however the most appropriate was considered to be the limited company status. This does add administration however we had anticipated the additional work when we applied for Charity status. We therefore have drawn up a revised constitution, based upon the one agreed at the last AGM and hope to gain approval to move the Society into a company called The Society for Poole Limited. We don't envisage anything to change other than the status, but this will give us all the security of a modern organisation.

We also are keen to move forward with a few new projects, some of which have not got off the ground in 2018. These include the blue plaque at the hospital, the notice board at the powder house which has been taken over by the Council, and working with Poole College for the "Then and Now" project.

Last year was, however a great year for our magazine. The new View from Poole was launched and I hope you will agree, that with assistance of Jenny Oliver for the articles, the look and feel of the magazine makes it

a compelling read. With our advertisers attracted to the quality of the magazine we are now able to "balance our books" and dedicate more funds to the things we want to do. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this.

We also have had a wonderful lunch in November, again at the Thistle, attended the Harry Paye day and Poole Harbour days on the Quay and supported Dorset Heritage week at the Guildhall. We have donated £150 to the Forest Holme Hospice and had fun along the way. Our talks go from strength to strength with the British Legion Hall being a great venue – although we will have to add notes at the door when the talks are on!

We are in a strong position for 2019, I hope to receive more correspondence from our members and of course assistance on the Executive is always appreciated but thank you to all of our members and I hope to meet many of you throughout the year.

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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 on page 18.

Poole in Flames

by Jenny Oliver

It was a September morning, just before daybreak in the year 1405, when five war galleys, three Spanish, two French, slid silently into Poole harbour and crept forward through the darkness towards the sleeping town.



In the crowded space below decks, crossbowmen and men-at-arms nervously checked their weapons. All were practised fighters, masters of the lightning terror raid and quick retreat.

Their captain, Don Pero Niño, Count of Buelno, was a kinsman and subject of the King of Castile, a charismatic, bold, if sometimes rash leader and an excellent fighter. Commanding the French galleys was Messire Charles de Savoisy, a knight formally in the service of Charles VI of France but currently out of favour at court and seeking his fortune at sea. He usually provided a note of caution in their councils.

Meeting at La Rochelle, the two leaders had decided to join forces and raid along the south coast of England. From Cornwall to Purbeck they had already left a trail of dead men and burnt towns behind them.



Word had spread and every man on board the galleys that morning knew that the town they were about to attack was the home of 'Arripay', the English pirate whose raids on Spanish coastal towns and attacks on shipping were notorious. The knowledge added a spice of revenge to their aggression. As the light began to come up, Poole came into view and the raiders noted the absence of defensive walls. The only building of note was 'a fair tower with a round leaden roof shaped like a cup'. It looked like an easy target but Messire Charles warned of the shoals and sandbanks that would make it difficult for the ships to get close to shore and the many men-at-arms and bowmen that lived in the town. He refused to involve the French galleys in the attack.

Don Pero Niño had no such doubts. He ordered the ships to anchor a little distance from the town and launched the longboats to ferry men ashore. Speed was now essential. As soon as enough men were landed, they ran towards the houses, swords drawn, torches flaring. One minute, all was silent, the next, pandemonium broke out. Smoke and flames rose as the thatch roofs were fired. Men were rudely

awakened and staggered to their doors to find a full-scale, deadly raid in progress. Alerted by the clamour, a messenger rode desperately away across the heath to summon help.



Rear wall of Town Cellars c. 1300

In the first surprise of the attack, the raiders had everything their own way. They were able to force entry to the houses, loot and burn and kill anyone who opposed them. Then the Poole men rallied and came rushing out to fight the raiders as they retired towards the boats, loaded with whatever plunder they had managed to seize. Messire Charles had been right to say that many Poole men were trained to arms. In fact some of them had probably taken part in such raids themselves. Seeing his men retreat, Pero Niño ordered more to land, led by his cousin, Fernando Niño. They took a stand just beyond the buildings and then, under orders to leave their plunder and destroy the town by fire, began to force the defenders slowly backwards. Overwhelmed, the Poole men took refuge in a large store building, which they defended fiercely until the Castilians forced an entrance and they had to escape by the back. Inside, the raiders found 'all manner of arms, bolts, rigging, sails and all furnishings of ships-of-war' and helped themselves to as much as they could carry, before setting the building ablaze. As the raiders were boarding

the galleys with their booty, reinforcements for the defenders arrived in the form of men-at-arms and longbowmen on foot and horseback. Setting up house doors as protection against the Castilian crossbow bolts, they quickly took a stand on higher ground near the boats and began to attack the raiders with volleys of arrows. Many were hit and some of the leather jerkins of the Castilians were 'all stuck with arrows'. Seeing that the fight was in the balance, Pero Niño came ashore and managed to reach his standard bearer who was in some danger, as the raiders had retreated under the strong English attack.



Longbow versus crossbow (Froissart)

It was now that Pero Niño's leadership skills proved vital. Ordering the trumpets to be sounded, he rallied his men and advanced against the English with the shout of 'Santiago! Santiago!' (St. James) while the defenders also shouted for St. James, the patron saint of their church. The battle was fierce and many were killed or taken prisoner. As it raged, Messire Charles came shore with 'many knights and gentlemen in armour' to support the Castilians if needed. At last the English retreated a little distance, leaving the battleground so thickly strewn with arrows that it was impossible to walk without treading on them and men could pick them up in handfuls. The two sides had reached a stand off whereby the raiders broke

off the fight and the defenders watched them board the boats without further attack. Many men must have died that day but we only know the names of two of them, a Castilian of Messire Charles' galley called Juan de Murcia, and on the English side, a brother of 'ArriPay' (Harry Paye), the Poole pirate. The raiders rested, treated their wounded and toasted a victory over the English before sailing on eastwards. The aftermath for the people of Poole was much more traumatic. They could say that they had acquitted themselves well but there were wounded to treat, dead men and women to mourn. The damage inflicted on their town was terrible and it would be many years before Poole would fully recover.



Plaque Civic Centre, Poole

There is no record in the town archives about the raid of 1405. The above account is taken mainly from a Spanish chronicle on the life of Don Pero Niño by his standard bearer, Gutierre Diaz de Gamez (published in English as 'The Unconquered Knight'). The

chronicle leaves many questions unanswered, such as where the battle was fought, where the reinforcements came from, how many people were killed or captured and how serious was the damage to the town. The chronicle says that the town was 'altogether burnt' but this is unlikely to be true. The large store building mentioned is almost certainly the Town Cellars on the Quay, the back wall of which pre-dates the time of the raid and must have survived it. The fact that the defenders were able to escape from the back of the building suggests that the raiders did not necessarily penetrate very

far into the streets of the town and the worst damage was probably concentrated near the shore. The reinforcements probably came from Canford, the manorial centre and one of the few places nearby where knights and fighting men might be found. During the following century Poole did recover, rebuilt its damaged and burnt out buildings, constructed town defences, was created the Port of the Staple (customs port) for Dorset and went on to more prosperous times. Harry Paye, who was not at home at the time of the raid, lived to carry out several more raids of his own.

Below: The front wall of the Town Cellars, rebuilt after the raid



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November Lunch

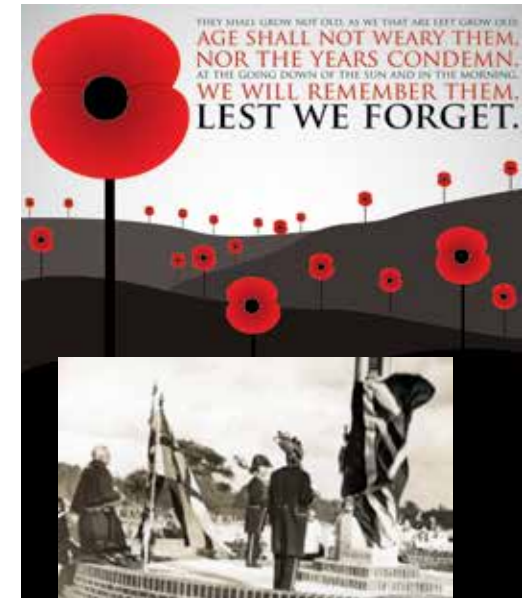
What a great turn out for our annual lunch. Many thanks to Cllr Sean Gabriel, our Mayor; Cllr John Challinor who spoke eloquently about what heritage projects the Council is progressing and braving the questions around the new authority unit. Also thanks to David Squire for being the Master of Ceremonies.

We had another record number of people attending, the food hit the spot and although the bubbly was late coming hopefully it was worth it.

We held a large raffle and were please to raise the bulk of the £150 which was raised to support the Forset Holme Hospice. It is most satisfying that after a few years where we have not been able to support local charities we have now donated to local charities for the last couple of years. Hopefully we can continue to do so and have some fun at the same time. Thank you to all who contributed.

These lunches have become very popular and the Thistle Hotel have got better and better however we are always on the look out for new venues.

We have decided to look into the opportunity to have a summer lunch so please watch your emails, Facebook and our web page if we haven't managed to book a place before this goes to print.



Remembrance Day

The 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War was well remembered this year in Poole. The Society attended and I was very pleased to see many members in the crowd and very honoured to be able to lay the Society for Poole wreath at the cenotaph in Poole Park. We also managed to unfurl the Society flag which was superbly paraded by our Flag Bearer, Simon James.



Top photo: The original unveiling of the Cenotaph in Poole Park

Deposed king flees to Poole

King Charles X of France was forced to abdicate in 1830 resulting from his attempt to establish an absolute monarchy which led to riots.

He asked if he could return to England where he lived while Napoleon ruled.

The Home Secretary granted him permission to come to the UK on the condition that he would drop his royal title. He was offered accommodation at Lulworth Castle - an early 17th century hunting lodge built as a pretence castle with a chapel owned by Joseph Weld of a

Roman Catholic Family. As the Duke of Artois - Charles chose to come to Poole, still totally a free Town and County governed by constitution set down by Queen Elizabeth in 1563. 1830 was also the year King William IV came to the throne and encouraged



Lulworth Castle



political reform which enabled Parliament in 1835 to introduce some democracy into the town, abolishing the power of the self-elected Burgesses by elected Councillors and reducing the power of its courts of Justice including abolishing the Admiralty Court. He landed in Hamside, part of the Hamworthy peninsula to the east of the Broomhill Stone installed in 1823 marking the boundary between Poole and Hamworthy.

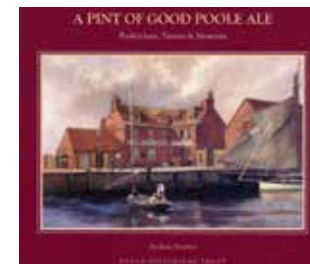
Andrew Hawkes' informative book *A Pint of Good Ale* and shown on the early 19th century map attached, was the site at Ham Quay in Hamside where Charles landed.

The Royal Party was transported to Poole on HMS Meteor, a steamer and a rare sight at the closing use



of sailing ships.

The Mayor of Poole - GW Ledgard and also the Roman Catholic owner of Upton House provided his coach to take the deposed King to Lulworth. Other people on this boat were accommodated at Poole's Old Antelope Hotel and the London Tavern.



The Shipwrights Arms, as depicted on the cover of

The Broomhill Stone, marking the boundary between Poole and Hamworthy.



It is a rumour that the former King was greeted by people waving the French Republican flag, a red white and blue tricolour, this flag was well known in Poole as the house flag of a Poole ship-owner.

Charles decided to retire to Holyrood (*Palace in Edinburgh, a more lively place than remote Dorset*) he went by sea from Poole to Scotland. Coaches were provided as before and the Royal Navy provided a steamer - HMS Lightning. The New Inn in Thames Street was subsequently renamed the King Charles.





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(Founded as the Society of Poole Men in 1924)

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AGM-Agenda

Tuesday 16th April 2019 @ 7.30pm
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1. Welcome by the President
2. In Piam Memorium
3. Apologies for Absence
4. To receive the minutes of the 92nd annual general meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. To receive the financial report for 2018
 - a To adopt the annual accounts and balance sheet
7. Summary of 2018 activities
8. To confirm the proposal to adopt the legal status of a Limited Company called "Society for Poole Limited"
 - a. To adopt the constitution of a limited company as proposed
 - b. To move all existing Society for Poole assets into the new Limited Company called Society for Poole Limited
 - c. To elect the Directors of Society for Poole Limited
 - d. To elect the Executive Committee members who will support the Directors
 - e. To approve the amended Rules (which should be read as a supplement to the Constitution)
9. To appoint
 - a Independent inspectors of the accounts
 - b. Honorary Chaplin
 - c. Honorary Solicitor (legal advisor)
10. To invite new members present to collect their certificates and sign the register
11. To outline the goals for the upcoming year
12. Any other business
13. Closing remarks

Please note that nominations for positions as a Director or members of the Executive Committee should be forwarded to Mike Pearce at
 Chairman@societyforpoole.org by 16th March 2019

Notes on the AGM 2019

Attached are a few notes on the AGM, we have also added the Agenda.

Please note that the revised Constitution is now on the Web site www.societyforpoole.org as are the new Rules. Naturally if anyone wants a hard paper copy this can be sent through however you can, I'm sure understand, that where possible we would like to keep printing and postage costs to a minimum.



Focus of this AGM

The focus of this AGM is to amend the legal status of the Society so that all members are legally protected under the umbrella of a company. We had a good discussion last year about the need to wrap the Society in a modern legal entity and at that time selected the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as the best way to do this. However as we were denied Charitable status we have selected the common company as the best alternative.

Limited company status

This limited status means that if the organization wants to grow and operate in the arena where litigation is common, even for a small Society like ours, we need the protection

that a limited company status gives us. It is considered that the administration is increased but it is manageable.

Amended Constitution

To this end the Executive has amended the previously proposed and accepted Constitution, changing the key words such as Trustee to be Director etc. The document is therefore fundamentally as previously agreed and I hope it will equally be accepted. Similarly as discussed at last year's AGM the Rules have been adapted to compliment that Constitution and a motion has been proposed to transfer the assets of the present Society into that of the Limited company.

Your support is very welcome

Your support at the AGM will be most welcomed. Naturally we would like people to attend and the Executive would be very pleased to receive nominations and applicants to join the Executive or any further ideas for activities that you, our members would like us to pursue.

Meanwhile if anyone has any comments etc please let me or any member of the Executive know.

Mike Pearce Chairman

AGM
Tuesday 16 April

Planning for local healthcare infrastructure

by Gerald Rigler

Planning for our communities covers many areas and is not all done by one organisation although local government has responsibilities to ensure some reasonable co-ordination is achieved.

We know that the Raynsford Review (commissioned by the Royal Town Planning Institute - RTPI) has stated that "planning has been reduced to a chaotic patchwork of responsibilities which are not compatible with promoting the health, wellbeing and civil rights of communities".

In the above circumstances we became aware that the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (DCCG) is seeking to implement plans for transforming the NHS in Dorset which involves key aspects of the necessary infrastructure to our town and reliant neighbours. We publicised the local concerns and many of us, that were able, personally supported the financing of a judicial review of the DCCG proposals. The review

uncovered several significant issues (apparently involving increased risks of avoidable harm to local people) but produced an unexpected result which is currently going through an appeal process.

In discharging relevant 'co-ordination' responsibilities, Dorset County Council procedures resulted in a letter being sent to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care asking for the DCCG planned proposals to be referred for independent assessment of some matters, particularly "timely access" and the impact of expected increases in population. Late last year the Borough of Poole also decided to support the action taken by Dorset County Council having appreciated that DCCG were not able to offer

convincing assurances that their proposals are suitably safe (given likely demands for ambulance journeys) and are consistent with Poole's adopted Local Plan – infrastructure planning being 'a work in progress'.

Your Planning Group feel that considerable effort had to be expended by a few stalwart individuals across Dorset to ensure Councillors became more aware of public concerns and thereby to secure the above action from the two Councils concerned. We are pleased to have done what we could to support such people in their efforts that have highlighted the RTPI professional concerns

and have allowed the original representations of The Borough of Poole (as expressed in July 2017) to be emphasized - ie, "Poole hospital should be the location of the future major emergency hospital which should include Accident and Emergency, Maternity and Paediatric Services". That statement is understood

to be applicable if our huge conurbation cannot have two hospitals (each providing required services) : a matter that is far from clear in the light of current understandings of likely needs.

With your help and as the Society for Poole

strengthens again to run such campaigns, we remain 'on the case' to help ensure local decisions meet local needs – there is little point in having a state of the art hospital facility if it cannot be accessed in time.

Gerald Rigler : Planning Sub-Committee Chairman (2018/19) : r@gmail.com



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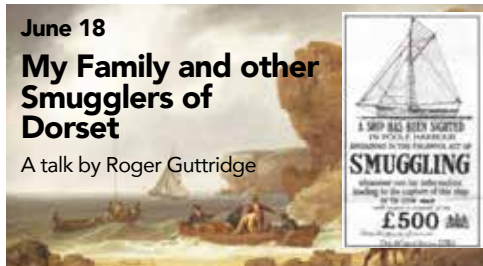
February 19 Charles Rolls Memorial Trust

A talk by Stephen Robson about Charles Rolls and Bournemouth's first International Aviation Meeting in 1910, where Rolls, co-founder of Rolls-Royce Ltd met with a fatal crash.



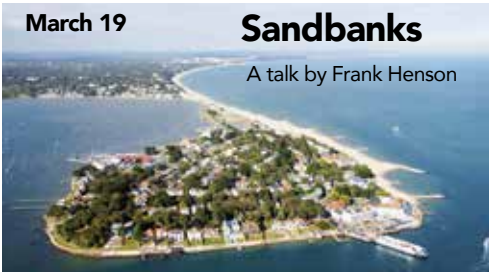
June 18 My Family and other Smugglers of Dorset

A talk by Roger Guttridge



March 19 Sandbanks

A talk by Frank Henson



July 18 Cornelia Hospital Poole

A talk by Sandra Yeoman



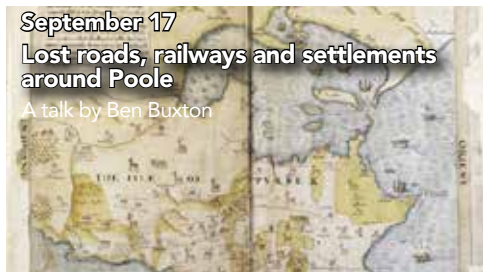
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Tuesday 16th April @
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September 17 Lost roads, railways and settlements around Poole

A talk by Ben Buxton



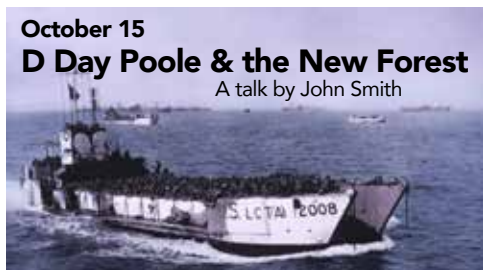
May 21 Poole's Air Raids WW2

A talk by David Warhurst



October 15 D Day Poole & the New Forest

A talk by John Smith



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Society for Poole's support for Forest Holme Hospice

The Society for Poole was pleased to present a cheque for £150 to Paul Tucker of Forest Holme Hospice, a Poole based hospice charity which raises money to offer care and counselling to anyone who needs it. Forest Holme's main work is around palliative care and general support to cancer sufferers however their work goes beyond the obvious and embraces anyone who needs it.

The money was raised from the raffle at both our Annual lunch in November and at the Christmas event. Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped us raise money for this worthwhile charity.

2019 will mark the 25th anniversary of Forest Holme Hospice so look out for their events in and around Poole.



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