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Chairman's Note

Let me start with the AGM which went very well with a unanimous agreement for the Society to be formed into a limited company so we can protect our members from anything that is thrown at us, but also to bring ourselves up to date and have a legal entity and a constitution which is modern and befits a well organised and active society. I am pleased that this is now being activated, The Society for Poole Limited is now an "active" company and the bank account is being opened in that name so we can "trade" from it. There has been a lot of work undertaken to make this happen so my thanks especially to Colin Hinwood for all his hard work.

Meanwhile we are looking forward to the wonderful new blue plaque, which Andrew Hawkes brought along to the AGM, to events on the Quay for the Marine Festival and Harry Paye Day as well as the Society attending Hamworthy Park Fete for the first time in many years; and of course, the Guildhall for Dorset Heritage week in September. Andrew Hawkes has kindly agreed to release some of his old postcard images for sale, we also hope to have more old photos of Poole and of course our pins and stickers. Each of these events will need help in manning the gazebo etc, as such please let me know if you are available to help out. If you can't help, then of course it would be great to see you there.



This year we have agreed to work closely with Bournemouth & Poole College in North Road. Initially with their photographic department to mirror some of the old images of Poole in a "then and now" display, some of which may be available for the Quay events, but we aim to establish a long-term relationship with them to cover several initiatives and exhibitions. Hopefully we will also be able to draw on these new images of Poole to support our activities, create posters, notice boards and to hold events.

With the Easter sun giving us all a taste of summer, I hope everyone has a great time throughout the Summer and that our visitors enjoy our beautiful beaches and historic town. I look forward to catching up with everyone at our events and of course at the monthly talks.

Mike Pearce
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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.

D-DAY POOLE

by Robin Moy

On June 6 1944 307 landing craft etc were dispatched from Poole carrying mainly US troops to Normandy principally to the Omaha and Utah Beaches.

The Royal Navy at Poole had principally to maintain defences by D-Day, it controlled 184 AA guns of all services and 3 decoy sites. Poole's assets in shipbuilding (Bolsons's Shipyard alone employed 800 people) and nearby cordite manufacturing (4500 employees) were of prime importance to the Admiralty.

The defensive role changed to offensive in October 1942 when the RAF Coastal Command Flying Boats base in Hamworthy was handed over to the Royal Navy to become HMS Turtle. The base for training and

organising the invasion fleet grew to a complement of some 800 personnel.

The Royal Navy at Poole continued to be responsible for security and berthing maintaining a fleet signal station in Sandbanks with a crew of some 10 signalmen to receive instructions from flag officer Portland and monitor all craft crossing the harbour entrance.

The initial task was to transport mainly US forces to Omaha and Utah beaches in Normandy in landing craft crewed by

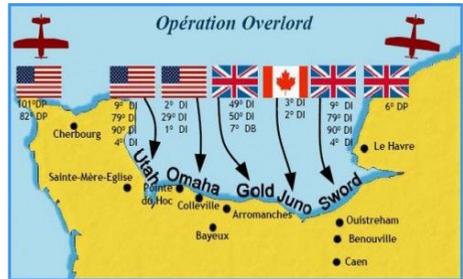
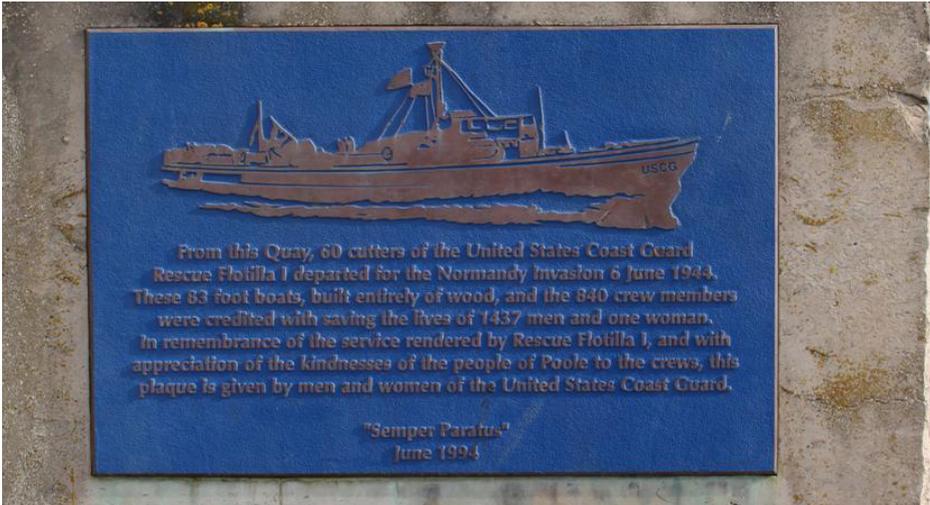
our Royal Navy based at HMS Turtle. The US Army Transportation Core stationed on Poole Quay serviced the US troops.

In anticipation of a bloody battle the Americans built 3 hospitals designed to accommodate 10,000 casualties, including the one still existing at St Leonards, however they proved to be inadequate.

Infrastructure was upgraded, for example, fuel oil storage was improved a major depot at West Moors and new storage



Moored in Holes Bay, Landing Craft Assault (LCA's) built by Bolsons. These craft carried 35 troops each



Top: United States Coast Guard Cutters memorial plaque - Poole Quay
 Left: Motor Torpedo Bats returning at dawn from Anti-E Boat patrol off Cherbourg
 Right: D-Day Landings France

facilities in Hamworthy and Poole Park with a new rail siding at Hamworthy Junction.

So that the harbour could hold some 500 vessels involved in the invasion fleet, the military and civilian flying boats were moved elsewhere.

The invasion vessels included 10 minesweepers including HMS Poole, barges carrying water, Post Office telephone barges to lay cables to Normandy, barges to prepare hot food, HMS Tadpole's coastal gunships, etc etc.

From D-Day onwards to April 1945 Poole Garrison provided essential services in maintaining the troops that landed in Normandy and shipping more troops to reinforce the valiant men driving back the Germans occupying France.

Landing craft and the US Coastguard Cutters returning to Poole brought back disabled men. HMS Turtle received some 250 survivors whilst the US Coastguard Cutters brought back some 1400 troops they had rescued at sea. In the 6 weeks following D-Day some 900 craft were restocked

and refuelled and an average of 15 craft a week needed repairs.

The 25 vessels of the Royal Marine Support Group basis at HMS Turtle had to be made ready for the assault on Walcheren Island in November 1944, a battle won to secure the Port of Antwerp necessary to service the Allied Forces advancing in Germany.

In helping to gain this victory, the Royal Marines suffered many casualties.

Poole and the Press

In 1759 it was reported in the Annual Register that Captain Nickleson of Poole, master of the *Thomas and Elizabeth* had been awarded the sum of £1,000 with costs in a court case against Captain Fortescue of the *Prince Edward* man of war. Acting for the impress service, Fortescue had taken so many men from Nickleson's ship, as she sailed back to Poole that she foundered and was lost. This was just one of the more extreme incidents involving the infamous press gang and the port of Poole.



Legalised by a series of Acts from 1664 onwards, the press had been set up to help supply the Royal Navy with the large numbers of seamen it needed in time of war. Service in the navy was unpopular with many sailors because conditions were poor, discipline harsh and pay usually less than

in the merchant service. There was also a policy of paying the men six months in arrears to discourage desertion. The answer of the authorities was a system of forced recruitment, targeting seafaring men between the ages of 18 and 55, (although non-seamen were sometimes taken). It was an offence in

law to resist the press, which was therefore both hated and feared. For the merchants and ship-owners who stood to lose their best seamen it was a cause of great resentment.



St James old church

Poole merchants were known to allow their men to disembark before the ships reached port or to hide them on their country estates to escape the press. Local magistrates sometimes delayed signing the Impressment Certificates authorising the press men to operate in the town, so as to give seamen a chance to make themselves scarce. They also issued men with 'Protections' or certificates of exemption on various pretexts. In the case of a 'hot press' however, these might count for little especially as the press gang members were recruited more for their brawn than for their finer scruples. In February 1762, it is reported that one unfortunate young man was carried off from the door of St. James' church where he was about to be married. The press also took men from merchant ships at sea, encircling the coast with their tenders and particularly targeting the main trade routes including those taken by the Newfoundland ships. Sometimes a ship might be

dangerously depleted of crewmen. In 1741 the *Joseph and Mary* was so late in returning to Poole that she was given up for lost. When she finally limped into port it was discovered that she had lost 15 crew members to the press. It was in this context that the disastrous loss of the *Thomas and Elizabeth* occurred.

The actions of the press also affected the work of the Customs Service. In 1770 local customs officers reported to their superiors that, hearing there was 'a very hot press' in Poole, four men took a boat from the *Elizabeth* and went ashore to avoid being pressed before the ship entered quarantine. Later the same month, five men went on shore from the *Nancy* to escape the press and could not be traced. The 'terror of falling into the hands of the impress officers' seemed likely to undermine the quarantine system to the danger of the public. Customs men themselves were not exempt from being pressed. After one such incident in 1779, local

customs men wrote to their headquarters: 'We waited on Captain Scott to know whether he would release these men which he refused & said he would impress even Extra Tidesmen who was fit to serve in His Majesty's Navy, that was not on actual duty, which if he persists in doing we are certain the Service must suffer greatly & therefore humbly pray Your Honours' Speedy Directions what is to be done.' In 1780 they reported that customs officers could not go into the country to search for run goods without an escort from the military.



Benjamin Lester

Believing that the press was essential to the navy, the national authorities continued to support the system in spite of the antagonism raised in the country. It was this resentment that led to the worst incident of all involving Poole and the press. In 1794, the brig *Maria* belonging to leading merchant Benjamin Lester was returning to Poole from Newfoundland, having on board a number of passengers, mainly fishermen returning to their homes in Dorset. On the night of Saturday 29th November the brig's master George Randall anchored

in Studland Bay, where the pilot Thomas Allen came aboard around midnight. A tender of the impress service was in the area, commanded by Lieutenants John Glover and Nathaniel Phillips with Midshipman Arthur Oliver. Glover sent a boat loaded with men to board the brig but the passengers and crew of the *Maria* refused to allow the press on board and continued to resist when the tender also came alongside. The tender anchored near to the brig for the night.

The following day the *Maria* with Thomas Allen at the helm entered Poole Harbour, closely shadowed by the tender which had on board 20 soldiers besides the impress men. It was 'between *Brownsea and Jack-in-the-Basket*' according to later testimony that Lieut. Phillips told the pilot to come to and anchor, but Thomas Allen replied that the passengers would not allow him to do so. Shortly after, the impress men and soldiers succeeded in getting on board. Captain Randall and some of the passengers including Captain Stephen Pack were confined below decks while the Lieutenants and their men impressed all they could find and took them on board the tender. Hearing shots, Captain Pack *'broke out of the cabin where he had been confined and went on Deck & cry'd for Quarters & desir'd them to bring the boat for that many people were killed or wounded'*. When Captain Randall reached the deck he found that Thomas Allen and two others, Peter Rake and John Housley had been shot dead and several others

badly injured, two of whom later died.



The Antelope Inn

That night Benjamin Lester noted in his diary that when the brig was brought to the Quay there was such an outcry that it was only through the presence of soldiers garrisoned in the town that the magistrates managed to save the Lieutenants from harm. Two inquests were held in the following week, the first at the Poole Arms on Thomas Allen and the other at the Antelope Inn on Rake and Housley. With feelings running high, verdicts of murder was found against Glover, Phillips and the Midshipman Oliver, who was alleged to have shot Housley through the head. Believing that the three could not receive a fair trial in Poole, the Admiralty intervened and they were tried instead at the Old Bailey. In June 1795 they were acquitted of the charges.

Following this tragedy, feelings must have hardened even more against the press in Poole but there were times when even service in the navy was better than



the alternatives on offer. In 1800, with famine in the countryside, young men flocked into Poole and were pressed in large numbers. Washed, cheaply clothed and given a knife, spoon, comb and a piece of soap each, they found themselves on board where they could

at least be sure of avoiding starvation. Four years later in 1804, Captain Walbeoff and Lieutenant Osmer, with a midshipman and eight press gang men broke into the house of mariner William Trim to press him. Trim tried to escape, hitting the midshipman with a red hot poker, but was overpowered and disarmed. His sister going to his aid was also assaulted and when his father, a man of around 70, came rushing in, he was stabbed in the back and beaten.



Following this incident an Admiralty inquiry was held into the conduct of the impress officers. With no signs of an end to the long war with France, the demand for men to supply the navy was unrelenting. In 1805, the local impress men complained that the

customs officers showed an *'unjustifiable'* inclination to obstruct them in their duty. The customs officers were refusing to inform the press when a ship was released from quarantine and stood on their dignity when asked to explain: *'We beg leave to observe that we are not aware of its being customary at any of the out-ports for the Office of Customs to give such information to the Office of the Impress Service'*.



A couple of incidents involving Robert Gillet, landlord of the Lion and Lamb in Salisbury Street, were more farce than tragedy. On one occasion Lieutenant John Marshall of the impress service had pressed a seaman in the taproom of the inn. Gillet's wife and daughter assaulted Marshall and then followed him out into the street shouting abuse. A crowd quickly gathered and Marshall escaped with difficulty. Another time an impress midshipman, Michael Ryan, was passing the inn

when Gillet grabbed hold of a gig which was standing in the yard and tried to run Ryan down. According to the court report: *'on being asked why he did it, defendant said "If you don't like it you may kiss my arse" which he frequently repeated and used many other opprobrious and insulting expressions.'* For a long time the impressment system had been justified by the authorities on the grounds that it was supporting Britain's freedom by helping to maintain naval supremacy. By the end of the Napoleonic wars the system was seen as clearly unjust and oppressive and was at last discontinued.



Jenny

Main sources:

Poole Custom House Letter Book, Hutchinson The Press Gang Afloat and Ashore, Beamish and others The Pride of Poole 1688-1851 and the Poole archives – Coroner's



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Enhancing protection

Gerald Rigler, Planning Sub-Committee Chairman

It is a joy to be able to see the respect given to our countryside by so many and to appreciate that they take great pleasure in seeing wildlife flourishing. Therefore, it was good to see Poole and Purbeck planners consulting with local people about enhancing the current substantial protections of Poole harbour to mitigate the recreational impact of new housing development upon the harbour.

As with other parts of our County enlightened people and organisations have ensured valued local habitats and views are protected as strongly as may be possible against damage and/or loss. Of course, mistakes do occur but hopefully increasingly less so as everyone understands more about the natural characteristics and ecology that supports everything that matters to a civilised society. Beauty is in the mind of the beholder but often requires 'mother nature' to figure prominently. Consequently,

it does not surprise your planning group that architects are seriously considering green walls, green roofs and yet more trees in urban areas and their clients are warming to such ideas which should help insects and birds to flourish more easily. Hopefully Poole will adopt this greener trend.

In our responses to the above-mentioned consultation we supported the need for enhanced protection measures (*assuming that all avoidance opportunities will be exhausted first !*) if Dorset really must have over 70,000 extra houses during the next ten years or so : a matter that needs careful re-examination when possible since considerable doubt exists over the "need" for such a large number. Poole's current share is 14,200 extra houses.

The thrust of our responses to the Poole and Purbeck planners may be briefly summarised as follows: -

1: The absence of any mention in the consultation documents of the role of The Maritime Management Organisation (MMO) was surprising in view of their Poole office and the considerable interest and powers the organisation has over the harbour and sources of damage to the environment including its flora and fauna. Polluters upstream in the catchment area of the harbour are subject to their powers as well as those damaging the harbour (and its air, water and mud wildlife) much more directly.

2: The public examination of Local Plans should always consider the adequacy of mitigation measures when considering the soundness of necessary extra houses. This is still outstanding for the Purbeck Local Plan and Poole now is trying to avoid building at its margins in order to comply with the new Habitats Regulations (*introduced after the content of Poole's Local Plan was*

of Poole Harbour



approved) or finding practical and affordable mitigation measures.

3: The very special characteristics of the Dorset coast (*that includes the country's only natural World Heritage Site*) will continue to be reinforced by Poole harbour if, following the consultations, effective measures for controlling recreation facilities are implemented. It is hoped that this will be possible given the indications in the consultation documents and the interest of the MMO, Natural England and enlightened local

landowners that include The National Trust.

Amongst the other things that we suggested (*full statement available upon request to the writer*) was the view that the effects of a SANG (*Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace*) are not yet properly addressed. SANGs encourage people to exercise their dogs in areas often occupied by wildlife. During nesting periods dogs not on leads will not only frighten birds but they will also eat the eggs /chicks of ground-nesting birds at such a speed that the owners

will probably not notice but another generation of that bird will have vanished: an unsustainable policy. In other words SANGs are not the whole answer to relevant mitigation and the role of urban parks and playing fields must be strengthened to protect the wildlife in the SANGs and at large : a matter of huge importance if enhanced protection of the natural assets (*unique to Poole*) is to be achieved, to benefit us all including the planned increases in the local population.





The Society For Poole

Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting, 16th April 2019 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 94th Annual General Meeting.

2. In Piam Memoriam

Mike Gale read out the names of those members who had passed away in the last year – Eric Moore, Ray Knight, Wesley Harry, Thomas John Phillips. The members stood for a minute's silence.

3. Apologies for absence received from:

Maryrose Burden, Gillian Kershaw, John Marsh, Brian Galpin, Tony & Yvonne Kellaway.

4. Receive minutes of 93rd AGM:

The minutes were signed as a true record

5. Matters arising:

6. Treasurer's report:

What a difference a year makes! The magazine costs were similar to last year after receiving advertising revenue of £320 and meeting with universal acclaim. The monthly raffle contributed a modest sum of £117 whilst sales of badges and window stickers contributed to the coffers.

Our Charity this year was Forest Holme Hospice and the net proceeds from the raffle at the November lunch and the Christmas social combined to produce a

donation of £150. They were very appreciative and one of their officials came to a meeting to officially receive the cheque.

You will notice from the figures that the organisation incurs very modest expenditure by way of overheads amounting to £128 for stationery and postage costs.

By reducing the meeting room costs we have achieved a surplus from meetings of £338. This coupled with a further modest increase in subscriptions helped achieve a reversal of fortunes in that we achieved a surplus of £726 for the year.

We are continuing to depreciate our new advertising banners over four years. The cash resources are still strong whilst debtors comprise advertising sums due which were received subsequently. Merchandising stock comprises badges and window stickers which are available for sale this evening, as are the last remaining Society of Poole Men ties.

The Balance Sheet shows a very healthy position with the surplus for the year being absorbed into the General Fund creating an overall total value of £9341.

Much thanks must go to our two stalwart internal examiners Tom Buckby and Richard White.

I am happy to respond to any questions you may have and propose that these accounts are accepted by the meeting.

There were no questions.

Colin Hinwood proposed that accounts should be accepted. Mike Gale seconded. Carried unanimously.

7. President's report:

Thank you all for attending this meeting. Also, an especial welcome to those attending for the first time.

Membership has again increased this year and for the first time in 3 years our finance has moved from red to black.

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 the Society attended Harry Paye Day on the Quay with the recruitment gazebo.

Also, in September we hosted an open day at the Poole Guildhall during the Dorset Architectural Heritage Week.

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

In November we also welcomed members to attend our annual lunch at the Quay hotel, where we presented the Mayor the honorary membership with a society

banner. This event was well attended and so we will build on its success by having an extra lunch in the summer.

In December we had Christmas social evening at North Road RBL This event was not well supported by members so we may be changing it.

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 quite a few members of the general public, with a few joining the Society. If anyone has knowledge of local speakers, please let us know.

We have three current projects in hand - the first is another blue plaque this should be in place on Poole Hospital to show Charlotte Guest founded the present Hospital service in Poole very soon.

Second to place a history board explaining the Powder House and the wider history of Baiter. We are providing pictures and text for this and BCP are going to pay for it. We also hope to sponsor the information boards around Hunger Hill and West Quay road.

The last project is the publication was Brian Galpin's History of the first 90 years of the Society. Our member Ian Andrews has kindly agreed to edit this for us and will return it to us for printing this month.

The newsletter the View from Poole has been well received and the advertising in it now pays for a good part of the cost, this has all been down to our Chairman Mike Pearce

and the new printer Shadow Design.

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 committee have examined 1400 applications this year, and made comments on 120 of them, The Planning committee would welcome any comments you have on local planning and will make objections on your behalf. The Planning Subcommittee is also 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.

Last year we voted to become a charitable organization subject to the Charity Commission's approval, this was refused. Our Chairman Mike Pearce has been working very hard with Colin Hinwood at getting a Limited Company up and ready for this meeting using the same rules, more of this later.

Unfortunately, we are still without a secretary for the last year and again our chairman has taken responsibility for this. We are in debt to Jan for stepping in and doing this year's AGM minutes.

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 arranging speakers, advertising in newsletter, organizing raffles sales of regalia, newsletter delivering, heritage and planning.

We will continue to keep you informed by the newsletter,

the web site and Facebook also regularly contact you by email.

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 yet another year.

We have written a Constitution because we didn't have one when we tried to set up CIO. This was refused because we have a Planning Sub-Committee which was classed as political and our social events did not fit the criteria for a charity. We still have a 1924 society but in 2019 we need a 21st century legal framework therefore we will form a limited company to obtain bank account. Discussions held with Honorary Solicitor and decided this was the best way. The limited company will have directors rather than trustees. The Constitution will be adapted from the one written when trying to obtain charity status. The limited company will be called The Society for Poole Ltd.

Peter Johns queried how many directors were needed. We will have 4 directors.

Gordon Brown asked if we only needed to use the Ltd suffix on business and legal documents. Yes - it won't be used on publicity, posters, etc.

Ian Andrews queried whether we had any insurance. Colin pointed out that it is included in expenditure under subscriptions. (British Association for Local History

- £75). We will be a company limited by guarantee. 4 directors each pay £1.

8. To confirm the proposal to adopt the legal status of a Limited Company called "The Society for Poole Limited"

a. To adopt the constitution of a limited company as proposed:

MP proposed Colin Hinwood seconded. Carried unanimously.

b. To move all existing Society for Poole assets into the new limited company called The Society for Poole Limited:

Ian Andrews proposed Gordon Brown seconded. Carried unanimously.

c. To elect the Directors of Society for Poole Limited:

Proposed directors – Colin Hinwood, Mike Pearce, Andrew Hawkes, Mike Gale. Peter Burt proposed Richard White seconded. Carried unanimously.

d. To elect the Executive Committee members who will support the Directors:

The Executive Committee will operate as usual including the directors. Jan Marsh, Gerald Rigler and Robin Moy are Executive Committee.

Ian Andrews queried if no nominations tonight can we add Directors at any time. Yes, directors can be added at any time and directors can make decisions without the Executive Committee.

Colin Hinwood proposed Gordon Brown seconded. Carried unanimously.

e. To approve the amended Rules (which should be read as a supplement to the Constitution:

The Constitution supersedes the Rules. MP took out all items in the rules that conflicted with the Constitution. The Constitution takes precedence. The Rules outline how we operate.

Honorary memberships– not entitled to vote. Ian Andrews has Honorary membership but pays his fees so is entitled to vote.

Colin Hinwood proposed Mike Gale seconded. Carried unanimously.

9. To appoint:

a. Independent Inspectors of the accounts:

Colin explained the importance of having Independent Inspectors. Tom Buckley and Richard White agreed to carry on for next year.

Colin Hinwood proposed Mike Gale seconded. Carried unanimously.

b. Honorary Chaplain:

Lucy Gale has not replied so appointment deferred.

c. Honorary Solicitor:

Neil Andrews has agreed to maintain his availability.

MP proposed Colin Hinwood seconded. Carried unanimously.

10. To invite new members present to collect their certificates and sign the register:

Vanda White, Rod Whild, David Reynolds and Michael Fisher signed the Register.

The Register is to be preserved. Mike Gale has

had quotes for preservation and will take the Register this week. It was suggested that all the names from 1924 should be recorded digitally. Several members queried the Data Protection aspect of this. Colin assured members that there were no bank details on any of the Society's lists.

11. To outline the goals for the upcoming years:

To exist – we need the participation of the members to go forward. Any planning issues to be sent to Gerald Rigler.

To have fun

- Create regular lunch events
- Christmas lunch special
- Coach trips
- Continue to add events to Facebook and SFP website

To educate

- To work with The College of Poole and Bournemouth to create a "then and now" exhibition building into a fully working cooperation with projects such as
- Photographic capture of Poole
- Capture Memories of Poole
- Run and hold interactive exhibitions of the culture and heritage of Poole in Poole
- No response from Bournemouth University re similar project
- MP/AH have meeting with B & PCFE next week. Project to start in September
- Peter Johns reminded members that we used to have a table in the Dolphin Centre to publicise the Society

To work with Poole Authorities

- To continue with the review of strategies and planning proposals
- Comment on "The Heart of Poole" proposals
- A meeting with new authority is promised as soon as possible
- Work with Poole Museum on heritage exhibitions and initiatives
- Blue Plaques – Cornelia Guest plaque is ready to go on Hospital. (Cost £600). It is hoped to produce one plaque a year
- Sea Bounds – combine with Harry Paye Day so that ceremony is still done in some form. In contact with Pirates. Ian Andrews stated that Borough of Poole should call the Sea Bounds with assistance for Society for Poole. The Land Bounds is not such an interesting event. Either event will need co-operation from the Mayor. Les Burden suggested that we contact Graham Farrant with our suggestions.

To attend events

- Poole Maritime Festival - we will be there on Saturday and Sunday. Help needed with setting up and taking down as well as manning the stand. This applies to all these events.
- Harry Paye (Pirates of Poole)
- Hamworthy Park Fete
- MP contacted Parks but only one response so will forget this action.

View from Poole. Les Burden congratulated us on new magazine but said that some of the print is too small. MP thanked Poole

Museum and Jenny Oliver and other contributors for their contributions. Gordon Brown queried the prices charged to advertisers. MP said that there is a charge for whole, half, quarter page for 4 issues.

Guildhall will be open on 18th September for Dorset Architectural Heritage Week.

Andrew is to produce postcards from some of his images to sell at events. His images will also be used as display in gazebo. In future it was suggested that we have a separate gazebo from the Flag Trust as space is very tight. Flags are being sold in Setchfields, High Street. Hopefully for next year there will be some B&PCFE images for displays.

Rod Whild asked if we would be able to put on our own event e.g. Vintage cars. MP explained that with the lack of support from members and no funds available it would be very difficult. Gordon Brown said that any event should be Heritage based – vintage cars was only an example.

Ian Andrews said that one of our goals last year was to link with young people. He suggested that an Open Day at Scaplens Court would bring in children and their parents. MP quoted the last Scaplens Court Open Day when only 6 members turned up that this is not a good idea. He also asked if one of our talks was identified as H P Smith Memorial Lecture.

Robin Moy asked if we are attending Poole Park in August. MP said that the lack of volunteers means that we cannot take on any more events.

Myrna Chave asked how many members we have. Colin said 136 members. She suggested we be more persuasive otherwise the society will come to a sad end.

Mike Gale stated that at the first meeting there were 18 committee members, in 1940 there were 24 and in 2019 there are 7.

MP stated that our finances have been turned around, we have produced a Blue Plaque, we are attending some events, talks are booked to November, so it is not all doom and gloom!

Peter Johns asked what date the Blue Plaque was to be unveiled on hospital. Date not decided yet. He also queried the poor sound at events and speakers. Ian Andrews asked about having a loop system in hall. To liaise with British Legion.

12. Any other business:

Gordon Brown asked about 3 building projects in Poole that will be funded by Bournemouth. Suggested he raise with Gerald and Planning Sub Committee.

Colin Hinwood – as we are becoming a limited company the financial year should change to year ending 31st March. Colin Hinwood proposed Gordon Brown seconded. Carried unanimously.

Peter Johns said that he had seen Doug Cook recently and he is still around and wished to be remembered to the Society.

13. Closing comments:

MP thanked everyone for coming to AGM.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

DATES FOR YOUR

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

May 21
Poole's Air Raids WW2
A talk by David Warhurst



July 6
Hamworthy Park Fete
Hamworthy Park 11am-3pm



June 7-9
Poole Maritime Festival



July 16
Cornelia Hospital Poole
A talk by Sandra Yeoman



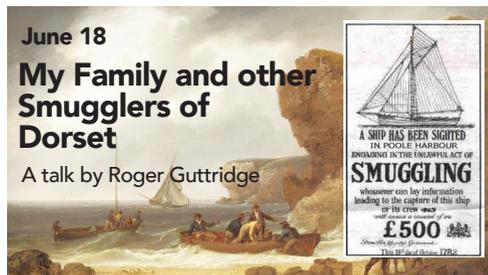
June 15
Harry Paye Day



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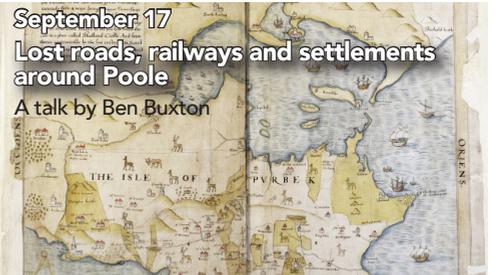


June 18
My Family and other Smugglers of Dorset
A talk by Roger Guttridge



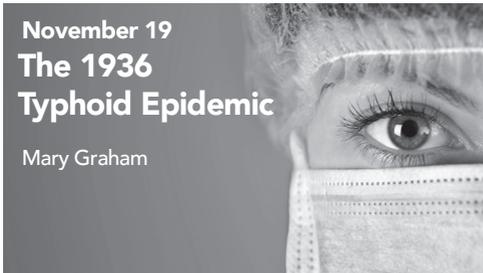
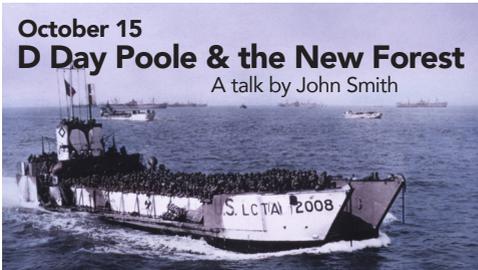
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Whoever can lay information leading to the capture of this ship or its crew shall receive a BOUNTY OF £500
Dorset County Council
This is the last of the 1780s

September 17
Lost roads, railways and settlements around Poole
A talk by Ben Buxton



DIARY

Talks : Members £3 Guest £4.00
pay on the door 7.15 for 7.30pm start



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