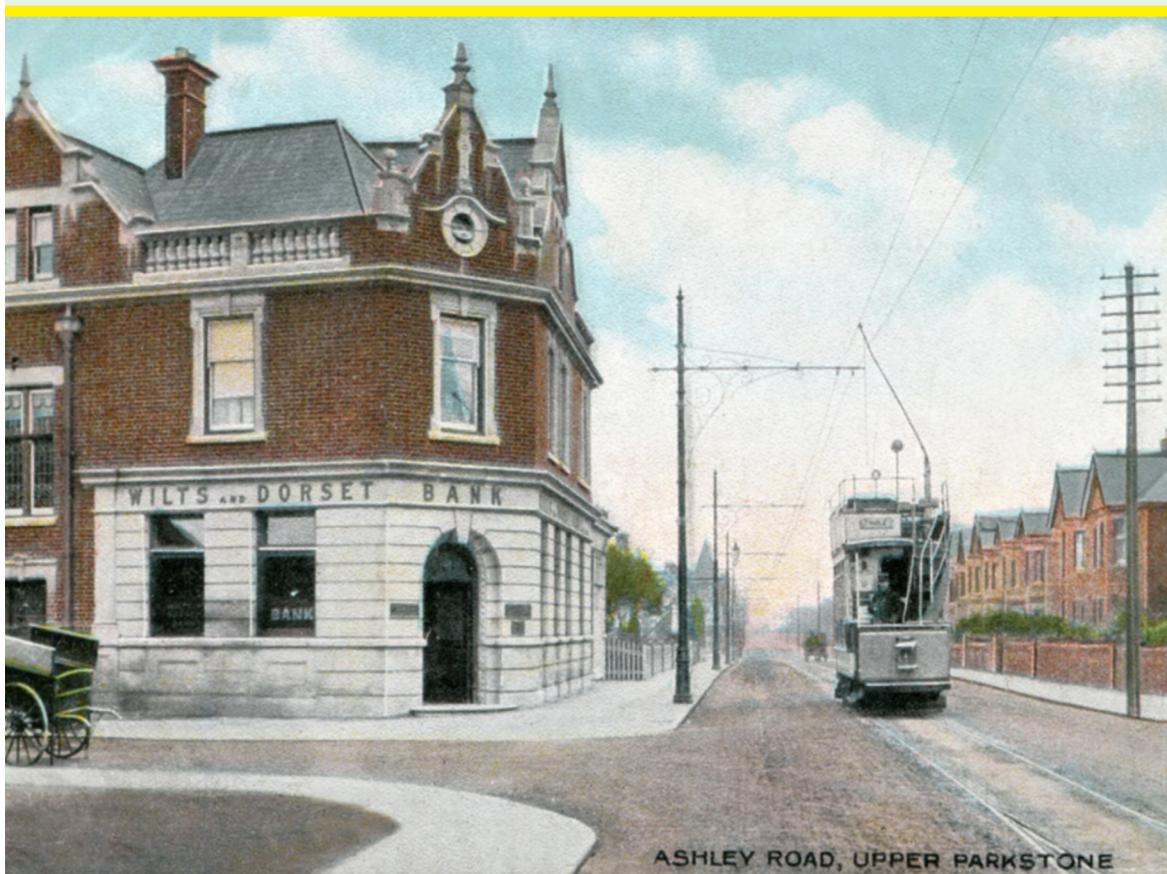




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# *View* from Poole

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# Chairman's Note

It's back to the dark evenings however there is a lot going on at the moment both within the Society and in Poole in general. The Annual lunch will be over again this year by the time this magazine gets to you but I'm sure it will be a great success as it was last year. We are also pressing ahead with our Then and Now project and we have some very exciting initial images emerging from Dan Julian and we hope to work closely with Poole Camera Club who have expressed a keen interest to work with us on this project throughout the winter.

We are also working hard to develop the posters for VE/VJ day down the High Street. In the absence of BCP marking the day and with Poole's unique contribution to the war effort the Society aims to bring together a campaign of information about the town's contribution to the war effort. It's still being drawn together but the first drafts of the posters have been developed with the aid of Earthstorm, a local media company keen to help with the graphics.

We also have the recent unveiling of the Blue Plaque at Poole's new hospital entrance. The Plaque marking Lady Wimborne's efforts to establish hospitals in the town was unveiled in



September and marks the first of the plaques with our new logo.

Meanwhile our Planning Committee continues to call out poor schemes and strategies. We are naturally alarmed that BCP want to create a new coordinated strategy for the conurbation as only last year Poole's own strategy was signed off and there are fears that a new one will erode what has already been agreed. In addition the Society remain sceptical of the original Poole Centre North scheme and will continue to push for a major museum for the town as well as retaining the pool. As ever we will continue to raise a voice for Poole and to press ahead with our exciting projects.

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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/talks can be found on page 16.

## WARTIME CHRISTMAS 1917

Europe bitterly divided, war in Iraq, controversy over Jerusalem, suspicions over developments in Russia – is this 2017 or 100 years ago? Browsing the local newspaper in the run up to Christmas 1917, there are clear parallels with the situation today but also massive differences.



The year 1917 had been momentous, with the loss of over a million tons of shipping to U-boats, disasters for the French on the battlefield and terrible casualties at Passchendaele. One ray of hope for the allies was the U.S. declaration of war on Germany in April. The British were using new destructive tactics such as the detonation of huge mines at Messines Ridge and a mass tank attack at Cambrai. In Russia, the Tsar had abdicated and a Communist government was installed under Lenin. Jerusalem had been captured by the British, General Allenby entering

the city on foot out of respect.

After three years of a terrible war, Poole people had become used to shortages, fear and loss. They were familiar with the names of distant places where their husbands, sons and brothers were serving and were eager for any scrap of war news. One grim feature of every edition of the Poole and Dorset Herald was the weekly Roll of Honour column, reporting injuries or deaths in action of local men. In contrast, up-beat letters from servicemen writing home were frequently printed. In early December, the newspaper contained a letter from the son of Mrs. Whitley of West Street serving with the Dorset Regiment in Mesopotamia who was having a rest after being in action. He had had 'a warm time' but he and another Poole man, Herb Rigler, had managed to get through without a wound although three or four Poole men had been killed or injured.

Not all the news was about the war. The Poole

Sanitary Committee was debating the condition of houses in Old Orchard and Church Street in response to a report from the Medical Officer of Health. The owners had been served notices to give good reason why the defective premises should not be demolished. The Committee was also concerned about the White House Laundry which was emitting black smoke, and sceptical over the owner's claim that he was having great difficulty obtaining smokeless coal. The laundry was not the only offender. Councillor Stevens complained that people were sometimes unable to see each other in East Street because of smoke from the gas works.

A pleasant weekend had been spent by the soldiers at the Poole Soldiers' Home. As one of them remarked when 'taking a hot cup of coffee prior to starting out for a 16 mile cycle ride to camp', "Whatever we fellows would do without this place, I can't think." The Sunday night social consisted of selections on



A community-wide effort to entertain the soldiers.



Scene from 'The Heart of Norah Flynn'



Blake's butchers

the piano by Mr. Benboe of London and songs to the accompaniment of the auto-harp by Miss C. Reed and Miss Senior. The audience sang 'O God our Help in Ages Past' in memory of Lance Corporal Arthur Gritten of Maple Road, Poole. Donations to local hospitals for the benefit of wounded soldiers included socks, gloves, mittens, biscuits, apples and even bottles of pickles. Entertainment was also on offer at the Amity Palace of Variety with Miss Evelyn Brewster and Co. in a novelty all lady sketch entitled 'The Real Lady Raffles' and 'star pictures' including *The Heart of Norah Flynn*, a dramatic silent film starring Marie Doro and directed by Cecil B DeMille.

Some Christmas spirit was appearing in Poole. The newspaper reported that 'the purveyors of the good things of this life, in Poole as elsewhere, are beginning to exhibit their stores in great abundance and variety. The butchers as usual stocked to overflowing, make a most tempting display.' (Although a 21 lb turkey sold in Wareham for £3 6s 0d provoked the paper into mutterings about 'mugs' and 'excessive war profits'.) The International Stores was urging people to drink coffee for breakfast to help the

Food Controller to cope with the shortage of tea, and the Borough Studio reminded customers not to forget the Boys' Christmas: *'have your photo taken now with Xmas Greetings, Special Price 4/- doz'*.

For most shops the theme of their Christmas advertisements was *usefulness*. S. M. Silverman of 60, High Street was offering *'a fine selection of useful household requisites suitable for presents at prices within the reach of everyone'* while H.W. Jordan and Son, general drapers, proclaimed *'Useful Xmas Presents'* and simply advised their readers to *'see our windows'*. Ladies' outfitter, M. Prankard also felt that her coney and musquash coats, fur ties and muffs would be useful Christmas gifts.

On the political scene, the paper reported a



Freddie Guest MP

speech made by Freddie Guest, the M.P. for East Dorset, to the House of Commons on behalf of

the War Aims Committee. The third son of Lord Wimborne of Canford, Freddie Guest had been a regular soldier and returned to active service on the outbreak of war. In 1916 he received a D.S.O. for service in East Africa and then was invalided out with a serious illness. In his speech he defended the activities of the War Aims Committee which had been set up in industrial areas *'where patriotic citizens asked the Government to take the platform from those who were holding it unpatriotically and against the interests of the nation'*. Their work consisted of holding meetings and distributing literature, in fact acting as a propaganda organisation for the Government against disruptive elements. The committee was a cross-party body, not sectionalist and, he argued, did not cost very much considering its effectiveness, although it was not appropriate to disclose exactly *how* much.

In the December 20th edition of the paper, a Christian message was published under the headline *'What shall Christmas be?'* The writer acknowledged the burden of celebrating a fourth wartime Christmas but maintained that the

country had much to be thankful for. Britain had not lost the war and its shores had not been invaded *'by the foot of a foul and murderous foe'*. There was cause to celebrate because the country was fighting, sacrificing and dying for the very cause that *'the Babe of Bethlehem was born to work out and fulfill'*. (Would we see things in quite that way today?) The occupation of Jerusalem had made the story of Christ's birth closer to us than ever before. Merriment might be inappropriate but quiet celebration was not and the paper concluded by wishing its readers all that Christmas means to *'a Christian nation in the grip of war.'*

Reading about the preoccupations of Poole people 100 years ago, it is impossible to ignore the shadow that the war cast over every aspect of everyday life. In contrast, squabbles between politicians over Brexit seem very minor problems!

### Jenny

Main source: Poole and Dorset Herald November and December 1917.

## PLANNING ISSUES ADDRESSED THIS YEAR

Thanks to all our Members who shared with us their concerns about planning issues affecting Poole. We could not have managed without such assistance. It now seems helpful, as the year comes to its end, to outline for you some of the matters that we have addressed on your behalf, as follows:

**1:** Poole received 1274 formal planning applications which were considered by us and which required 175 comments to be made for the benefit of the relevant Councillors. Our comments tried to be supportive when possible but some had to be strong objections. Recently we objected to what appears to be premature and illegal implementation of a large housing project on greener land whilst the town is required to keep living with un-recycled brownfield land – such land being the derelict, underused or misused urban land within our boundaries.

**2:** We commented on the Planning Inspectors report about the proposed Local Plan for Poole (that has now been adopted) and have noted that the adopted plan is based upon governmental guidance that has been supplemented by further and more onerous requirements. This means that what is printed in the originally adopted Local Plan for Poole is not necessarily all that is applicable to any planning proposals: a matter made more complicated by the Habitats Regulations and the UK Bio-Diversity Action Plan, let alone the climate emergency.

**3:** We have previously expressed our interest in the Town Centre North project (now known as The Heart of Poole project) and understand that the matter is being reviewed

by the Unitary Council that has succeeded the Borough. No doubt relevant consultation procedures are currently being considered.

**4:** We have noted the governmental initiatives for a “**25 year Environment Plan**” and plans for a “**Civil Society Strategy**” and await relevant details since they should affect our evolving local democracy as well as the plans of Poole’s existing and emerging Neighbourhood Forums.

**5:** After contributing last year to the Raynsford Review, it reported that “**planning has been reduced to a chaotic patchwork of responsibilities which is not compatible with promoting health, well-being and civil rights of communities**”. Implying sensible local planning will be challenging.

**6:** We have sought to understand how the reformed local government affects our town and have confirmed our continuing interest in assisting the production of a new more comprehensive local plan. There are concerns about how members of the public can observe relevant meetings when such meetings are not held at venues close to the subject matter that may be the source of concern.

It is recalled that our Society has publicly expressed the wish to see obvious signs of accessible local participation along the

lines of Parish Councils that are to be kept / afforded across rural Dorset and in Christchurch. It is hoped that the Unitary Council’s consultation on “**priorities**” will endorse the need for “**connectedness**”, since effective two-way communication should minimise mistakes and maximise support.

**7:** We have sought to ensure the architectural quality of the Civic Centre is respected by Historic England as well as by local people.

**8:** We have advised our General Executive Committee of our concerns for local infrastructure services and facilities associated with plans for Poole hospital. It is noted that concerns still exist, particularly related to the many extra journeys required from the public on our roads and associated with the wider catchment areas being created by the proposed reduction of relevant venues.

If at all possible, I look forward to further prompts / queries from Members next year, to ensure that our Society does assist our various elected decision-makers as they consider how best to plan the future of our conurbation of which Poole is such a significant part. Such action should help ensure the welfare and progress of Poole as a valuable and respected partner in our region.

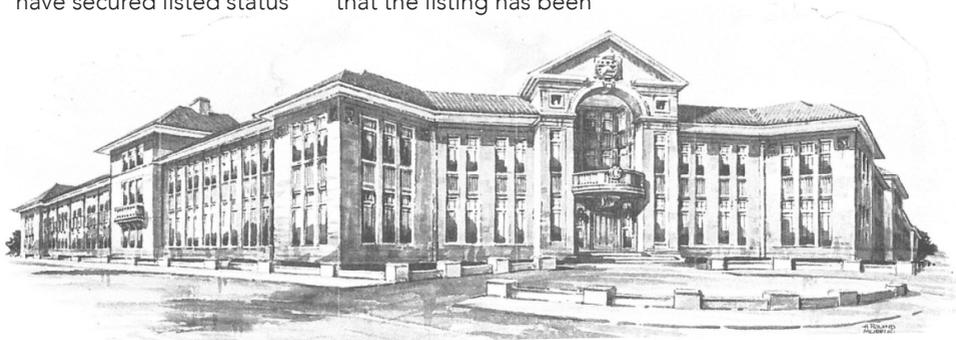
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## The Listing of the Municipal Buildings

Although the official press release has yet to be issued we are delighted to confirm that through the efforts of the Planning Committee and Robin Moy the Society for Poole together with the Council have secured listed status

for the Municipal Buildings in Poole. This naturally means that there is greater protection of the building itself and some of the interiors. The full details will be listed in the next issue but we are pleased that the listing has been

achieved now, before any alternative use for the building is considered by BCP. We trust with this listing the building itself will continue to be a landmark adjacent to our beautiful park.



## Unveiling of Blue Plaque at Poole Hospital

**On 12th September 2019 a Blue Plaque commemorating Lady Cornelia Guest, founder of the Cornelia Hospital was unveiled at Poole Hospital.**



The plaque was commissioned by the Society for Poole. The unveiling was part of the hospital's 50th anniversary celebrations and was included in the Opening of the New Entrance ceremonies. Several members of the Society for Poole attended and after an introduction by **Debbie Fleming**, Chief Executive of Poole Hospital, the Mayor of Poole, Councillor **Marion Le Poidevin**, together with the President of the Society for Poole, **Andrew Hawkes**, unveiled the Plaque which is located to the right of the new entrance.

After this ceremony there were refreshments before the main event of the day – **Harry Redknapp** unveiling the stone plaque commemorating the new entrance. It was an enjoyable morning and the hospital made us very welcome.

It is hoped to commission another plaque in the coming year.

## Dorset Architectural Heritage Week

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In September the Society again supported the Dorset Architectural Heritage Week with the opening of the Guildhall. The session was led by Jan Marsh who did an excellent job of presenting a talk on the history of the building every 30 minutes as people came in and looked around the exhibition set up by the Society and the Poole Flag Trust.

The Guildhall has a fascinating history and has been an integral part of the town since it was constructed in 1761. The Society for Poole was pleased to open the building for the one day when people can attend without having to get married.



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## Contraband & Corruption

**Late one night in March 1682 shipwright Charles Daw was awakened by strange noises in Poole High Street.** Putting his head out of the window, he saw men manoeuvring bundles and barrels into the next door George Inn, now known as Scaplen's Court.

Clearly this was no legitimate operation. When the men spotted Daw watching they told him to shut the window and mind his own business. The bundles were tobacco, illicitly landed from the *Robert* of Poole whose captain, Robert Bennett was also keeper of the George. What is more, even while the contraband was being brought in, Bennett was in the George drinking with merchant William Orchard (co-owner of the cargo), Thomas Barney, Surveyor, Thomas Miller, Collector and John Emerson, Deputy Controller of Customs.

This was one of many cases which came to light



Scaplen's Court, once the George Inn. The former Plume of Feathers is to the right.

later that year in a survey by William Culliford into the conduct and integrity of the customs service. Culliford came from Encombe near Corfe Castle and knew the local ports well. In fact his father was a burgess of Poole and he himself a Poole Justice of the Peace. In his career with the customs service, he had become something of a specialist in rooting out corruption. He was therefore a natural choice by the Board of Commissioners of Customs for their investigation into the ports of the South West and Wales. By the time he arrived in Poole in July 1682, he had already carried out a survey of Bristol and ports in South Wales and Somerset,

leaving a trail of dismissed officers behind him. The Poole merchants and customs men must have viewed his arrival with trepidation since, as soon became clear, they had plenty to hide.

Culliford was knowledgeable, energetic and not afraid of confrontation. He was also probably primed by the Commissioners about which officers were suspect. At Poole he found inefficiency, the reappointing of dismissed officers and connivance in fraud on a vast scale by merchants, ship-owners, masters and customs officers of all ranks. His main method of investigation was to use informants, many of them



lower ranking customs officers. On arrival in Poole, he quickly identified William Vincent and Thomas Keeping as key witnesses. The two were employed as tidesmen whose job was to inspect the cargos of incoming and outgoing ships, search for concealed goods and make sure that nothing was unloaded illegally.

Vincent's evidence revealed several examples of fraud involving tobacco from Virginia. Cargos from the colonies intended for re-export had first to be landed in an English port and the customs dues paid. If such goods were re-exported within a certain time, the merchants could apply for certificates known as debentures allowing them to reclaim most of the import dues. Vincent related how on

24th July he had witnessed 12 hogsheads of tobacco being secretly reloaded from the *David* about to sail for St. Malo, and rolled into a cellar belonging to William Orchard, 'which this informant offering to seize was beaten off by persons disguised and unknown'. William Orchard was a leading merchant, three times mayor of Poole. While pretending to export the tobacco, he had in effect imported it without paying customs duties.

In June, Thomas Keeping told Vincent that he had seen several hogsheads landed from the *Claire*, due to sail for Rotterdam with a cargo of Virginia tobacco. The next night, about midnight, Vincent also saw about 5 hogsheads landed from the *Claire* at

William Orchard's quay. Attempting to seize the goods he was driven off by men wearing 'Vizard Maskes'. He said that he did not try to inform his superior, Thomas Barney because he had refused to search for run goods before and when making a seizure based on information supplied by Vincent 'would never give this Informt one farthing for his pains, but have put the whole profitts in his own Pockett'. As a result of this testimony, Culliford went to the Custom House and put a stop to the payment of debentures for the *Claire* and the *David*.

The case of the *Robert* was one of Culliford's most telling pieces of evidence. The main witnesses were again William Vincent and Thomas Keeping, appointed tidesmen on board the ship. They related how they had been induced to leave the ship 'upon the importunity of John Penny, the King's Searcher, & the Master of the shipp who earnestly solicited this Informant to consent to the running some Tobacco, by giving this Informant severall hints, that Mr Barney was willing thereto . . . & there was that night run out of her 17 hhds of Tobacco & severall Baggs and Bundles.' Vincent and Keeping each received £2 for keeping silent. The



Alley alongside the George

next day more tobacco was brought round by boat, landed near the church and carried through the alleys to the back door of the George in broad daylight. With the inducement of backhanders and all-night drinking sessions, William Orchard and Robert Bennet were able to reland a large part of the cargo. They also claimed that some of the tobacco was damaged and not eligible for customs duties, even

though it had not been inspected or certified.

Thomas Keeping and tidesman Robert Checkford described another corrupt device apparently used by Barney. At the end of each day on board a vessel unloading at the Quay Barney would demand the tidesmen's books and then alter the figures and accounts 'as he pleased himself'. He also often removed tidesmen from a ship and gave their

books to others 'that no perfect acc't might be kept of the said shipp's delivery'. Checkford described one occasion when the John was at the Quay, laden with linen and Barney ordered the hatches to be opened in the absence of Samuel Wetwang, the landwaiter appointed to the ship. He then called for 8 rolls of 'broad Hanovers' to be put in the Town Cellar and 15 more rolls to be loaded on to the Winchester Waggon 'that drove away immediately'. None of the rolls was opened or examined.

Another with a tale to tell was mariner John Tombs. He described how the *Vine* ketch of Poole came into Studland Bay in September 1681 with a cargo of salt, wine and brandy. The *Vine* was owned by George Lewen, a partner of William Orchard. During the two days that the ketch was anchored in the bay, the customs smack was at Brownsea but did not approach the ship. Meanwhile, several tons of wine and brandy 'upon Mr. Lewen's acco't' were taken off by 'Dragger boats' belonging to John Thompson, Thomas Bennett and others and carried to Poole. As a seaman employed on the *Vine*, Tombs had helped to load some of



Private jetties or 'piles' extending from Strand St. from a map c.1634

the boats himself. The dragger boats were fishing boats built to operate drag nets and in Poole used extensively to run contraband. On other occasions the *William* of Poole and the *Mary* hoy came into the bay and unloaded their cargos into dragger boats 'without any notice taken of it by the officers, who this inform't cannot but believe must be privy thereto'.

Unloading vessels before they reached the Quay seems to have been common practice, sometimes even in daylight. Goods were then brought to be unloaded at private quays or 'the Piles in the Strand'. In February 1682, according to William Vincent's account, Thomas Barney and Dudley Hopper, master of the customs smack, were sailing to Brownsea and passed within a stone's throw of three boats deep

laden with wine without seizing them although they must have seen them as it was bright moonlit night. Later that year, Vincent saw the John at anchor against Brownsea Quay. Between 10 and 11 pm., more than 20 packets of cloth were unloaded into 2 boats and brought to Poole. Vincent informed Thomas Barney of the incident and also that he believed the goods belonged to Mr.

John Carter, one of the magistrates of Poole, but Barney never searched for the goods.

Culliford ordered that any dragger boats found to contain smuggled goods should be seized and condemned and 'openly & publicly to be burnt upon the Key... this being in my Judgement the most Effectuall way to affright them from persisting in their accustomed trade



The old cottage on the corner of Carter's Lane probably belonged to John Carter

## View from Poole

*of delivering (with these Dragger boats) a whole shipp's loading in a night'.*

Two members of the customs smack crew, mate Edward Cummings and seaman William Jordan had more information to disclose about Dudley Hopper. One incident occurred in June 1681 when a ketch came into Swanage Bay and Hooper sent some men on board where they found many anchors of wine and bales of goods without proper documentation. Hooper threatened to take the vessel in to Brownsea but the master offered him £5 instead. The men were sent to search an incoming collier and when then got back, they found Hooper and his wife in the cabin with the captain of the ketch and heard *'some money Gingle upon the Table'*. Hooper said that the master had now satisfied him and so left the ship. The informants described Dudley Hopper as *'a very carelesse, negligent man & is seldome sober, when he is any where that he can come at drink.'* He was also believed to have pilfered various items from the smack including rope, tallow, a musket, tongs, a boat hook and a water bucket.

Another local man believed to be involved in smuggling

was John Carter, merchant, shipowner, former mayor and magistrate. He owned several properties in the High Street, near the corner of what is still called Carter's Lane, and some of his premises were said to contain secret stores where run goods could be hidden. He was also believed to use the Baiter windmill and its stables to hide contraband before it was moved inland. To deter curiosity and intimidate the customs men, he employed *'men armed with Clubbs and Swords, Vizards on their faces'* when moving goods through the streets of Poole. It is likely that Carter had inside information about the progress of the enquiry. When Culliford carried out a raid on Carter's property many hiding places were discovered but no illicit goods.

As a result of Culliford's findings procedures were tightened up. For instance he ordered that both landwaiters and the King's searcher should *'attend the king's beam & take an exact acct of all tobacco weighed for export, with the particular marks and numbers thereof'*. The custom house was relocated to a better position with a view of the Quay. Culliford also protested against the



Replica of the king's beam or scales

re-employment of John Willie, a former Collector of Customs dismissed for fraud. Willie was acting as Deputy Customer although as a magistrate he could not officially serve as a customs officer.

Thomas Barney, John Emerson and Dudley Hopper were dismissed from the service. Others were rewarded for the information they had provided. Thomas Keeping and William Vincent were judged basically honest and allowed to keep their posts but were dismissed a couple of years later. Robert Daw was appointed as a tidesman and later became the landlord of the Plume of Feathers,

next door to the George Inn. John Tombs was made assistant boatman to Robert Corbin, the Waiter and Searcher at Studland. One dragger boat was publicly burnt as threatened but three other condemned boats mysteriously disappeared before they could be destroyed.

In 1691, George Lewen's *Vine* fell prey to Barbary pirates and the crew of six were taken to Sallé in North Africa and sold into slavery. Appeals for their ransom reached Poole but what happened next is unknown. In 1697, another ransom appeal showed that at least one of the crew, Henry Hart, was still held in *'the most horrid and crewell bondage and slavery'*, and it is doubtful that any of them saw their old smuggling ground of Poole Harbour again.

Over the long term, it is unlikely that smuggling was greatly reduced in Poole. Culliford had no powers to act against the merchants involved in the frauds he uncovered which must have reduced the effectiveness of his investigation. There is another chapter in his relationship with the leading men of Poole. On November 14th 1683, he attended the Poole Town House for a formal

ceremony, his election and swearing in as a free burgess of the Corporation of the Town and County of Poole. Among the members signing (probably with gritted teeth) the record of his election in the Corporation Record Book were John Willie and William Orchard.

### **Jenny**

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**Wednesday 27th  
November**

**Society for Poole  
Annual Lunch**

Thistle Hotel Poole  
Quay 12.30 – 2.30



**December  
Happy Holidays!**



**Tuesday 21st  
January 2020**

**Talk - The Formidable  
Women of the Bankes  
Family**

By Dorset  
History  
Centre



**Tuesday 18th  
February 2020**

**Talk – The Plague or  
not the Plague – of  
Poole**

**1645/46**  
By Gary  
Edwards



**Tuesday 17th  
March 2020**

**Talk – Dorset Lakes –  
from the collection of  
Andrew Hawkes**

By Andrew Hawkes



**Tuesday 21st April  
2020**

**AGM – all welcome**  
Please bring ideas and  
enthusiasm



**Tuesday 19th May  
2020**

**A delightful watering  
place: the development  
of Bournemouth as a  
health resort**

Talk by Jan Marsh



All talks are held at the  
Royal British Legion Club,  
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– for enquiries please call **01202 747001**  
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As confirmed that the last AGM, the Society for Poole has now been set up as a limited company. This protects the Executive and you, our members. As a result of this change we have a new bank account and it is kindly asked that all membership fees from January 2020 are taken as a standing order as the attached details

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

From the 1st January 2020

**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)

### Bank Standing Order Mandate Form - Your Name & Address

Mr/Mrs/Ms .....  
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Post Code: ..... Tel No: .....  
Email: ..... By Giving us your email you are consenting us to contact you.

### Account to be debited

Name of Bank or Building Society .....  
Sort Code: .....  
Acc No.: .....  
Acc Name: .....  
Roll No: (Building Societies only) .....  
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### Beneficiary Details

Bank: **HSBC**  
Sort Code: **40-13-07**  
Acc No: **82705591**  
Acc Name: **The Society for Poole Ltd**  
Reference Details: (First Name & Surname) .....  
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### Payment Details

Amount in Figures .....  
Amount in Words .....  
1st Payment **IMMEDIATELY** and then **2nd** January **YEARLY** until further notice.  
Please use the customers name and initial as the reference.  
Please amend any existing instructions to ensure this is the only standing order.

### Your signature:

Please return this form to:

**Registrar for The Society for Poole Ltd, 10 Manor Avenue, Poole, BH12 4LD**

## BOOK REVIEW

### Precious Moments

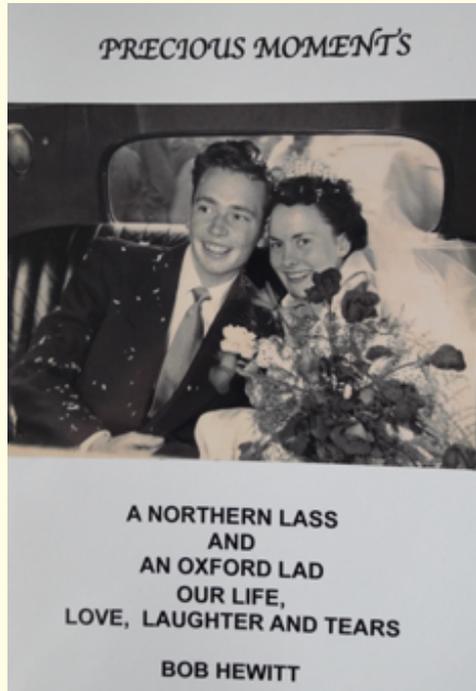
by Bob Hewitt

Available from the author (£14.99 - in aid of The Stroke Association and Royal Osteoporosis Society) 12 Whitby Crescent, Broadstone BH18 8HX, Tel: 01202 696256

Bob Hewitt tells the story of his marriage to Kath from meeting as teenagers just after the end of World War II to Kath's death in 2014. Their story is illustrated by a series of love letters, which are reproduced in the book together with many family photographs.

Bob tells the story of his family who worked on the Nuneham Park estate as gardeners and came to Broadstone in 1948. Kath's family came from Rochdale to Bournemouth in 1946. The couple met at a Boscombe Baptist Church Youth fellowship social evening and after their marriage lived in Broadstone.

Bob worked in the construction industry becoming Dorset County Council Chief Clerk of Works. Kath was a nurse but also worked in Sainsburys and in later life worked as the Secretary of Bob's specialist inspection company. *This a lovely story of a marriage.*



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