

# The Society for Poole



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Executive meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at St George's Small Church Hall at 7pm. (from Jan 2018 meetings will be held at The Royal British Legion, North Road, Poole).

Dates of meetings can be found inside the back page.



## Chairman's Note

Welcome to the latest Newsletter, time seems to fly past and we are now knocking on the door of Christmas! Over the past few months you will have received, either by email or by written letter, a copy of the proposed objectives of the Society. The vast majority of responses have been positive, both to the open approach and to the vision and objectives which have been proposed. With this endorsement of the direction of the Society I hope to be able to put in place the framework to move us forward. This will mean initially establishing 2 new sub committees, Heritage and Green Spaces, whilst boosting our Planning team. In this regard I would welcome anyone with a passion for these areas and a willingness to join the teams to let me know. Once up and running we can then start to move towards playing a more central role as a Civic Society for the whole of Poole.

Meanwhile we are also looking ahead to the summer and after the Sea Bounds of 2017 we are looking to see if we can Beat the Land Bounds. The aim is to restore plaques at each of the bounds and to "inspect" them in a charabang, perhaps with an afternoon tea stop! So, watch this space!

Events this quarter included the boat trip to Wareham. Thanks to Gordon Brown for helping to pull this together. A real shame that the sky decided to fall on us, but it was great to see so many brave the elements and to work together with Poole Maritime Trust to make it happen, we look forward to the next outing. We also hosted the open day at the Guildhall which was attended by about 60 people. I am sure that with our Heritage Committee next year's presenter can do a better job!

Meanwhile I hope to see everyone at the annual lunch in November (I hope everyone has their ticket) and the Christmas event, also a reminder that the Christmas event and all talks in 2018 will be held at the Royal British Legion hall in North Street Parkstone where there the facilities include a large room for talks and presentations as well

as a bar serving drinks and coffees where we can sit down and catch up after the events. Have a happy Christmas to all and a wonderful 2018.

**Chairman**  
**Mike Pearce October 2017**

### **Fringe benefits of membership**

I was recently asked about the fringe benefits of belonging to our Society and thought that I would put pen to paper on the subject. Naturally these are in addition to the expanding role that the Society is having in influencing the growth and development of the town.

As a Society we subscribe to The friends of Upton House and The Wessex Newfoundland Society and members are therefore invited to attend their meetings.

In addition to the above benefits, members receive a discount of £1 for each meeting they attend and also receive the periodic newsletters including articles of historical interest.

Members also have access to a library of Poole Historical Trust publications which were donated to The Society by Jenny Loftus in memory of John Hillier and are held by the Chairman.

**Colin Hinwood**  
**Treasurer**



### **The Organizational of the Society for Poole**

Over the past 6 months the Executive has been discussing the shape of the Society for Poole and how we can provide a structure which will complement the direction which we want to go. The Vision and Objectives document that everyone received outlines how the Executive considered that we should be organized and the role that we could play to shape and promote the good things in Poole.

The overwhelming response was positive, you, the members of the Society would like us to play an active part in the development of Poole and to work towards the position of being a Civic Society. We therefore will look to move forward to create the Heritage Sub Committee and the Parks and Green Space Sub Committee. These sub committees will not however work without the leadership and drive that must be in place to make things happen and whilst the Executive can work to create the opportunities we hope that there are people who can step forward to help us – either presently within or we can recruit from outside the Society, to join us and the committees.

Going forward, as was mentioned in our plans, we hope to work with local organizations to provide a Poole wide Society, bringing in young people as well as businesses via the Chamber of Commerce. We hope to work closely with other organizations, resident associations and forum groups to be able to raise issues from across the Borough in a coordinated way.

We will also be working to structure the Society as a charitable incorporated organization (CIO). This should allow us to establish ourselves in a structured way with a constitution and trustees. There is much to do behind the scenes to make this happen, but this will enable us to grow with a firm base, laying the foundations for the organization and building upon the heritage of our past.

Thank you to all those who responded and contributed to the debate and the Executive look forward, with everyone's support, to growing the Society in the future.

***Mike Pearce Oct 2017***



## **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE CURRENT REFLECTIONS**

This is to record a very big ‘thank you’ to those of our Members who have been able to help us, one way or another, to respond to the issues that have been raised over recent months. The contributions from those with such ‘in depth’ knowledge of Poole are particularly useful. We are certainly looking forward to more of the same as Members realise that our Society can (and does) express their concerns about planning for improving the built environment of Poole and the way in which it should be maintained to benefit residents and visitors alike.

Over recent months we have checked through some 300 planning applications and expressed our views, from a civic perspective, on eleven of them. It was good that we have been able to support several desirable proposals, largely because of increasing respect afforded by some developers to the considered and adopted planning policies applicable to our town and as clarified in certain neighbourhoods by the emerging neighbourhood forums that we support. Would that there were more.



Whilst we do try to publicise the details of our views by Society web entries (to supplement Borough information), one of the desirable proposals we recently sought to support related to the Sydenham's site at the Quay. We considered the proposals to have architecturally exciting merit in providing 374 extra housing units and attractive public open spaces likely to enhance the appearance and use of an important part of our Borough. However, since we know that moves are being made to reduce the Community Infrastructure Levy (The CIL payment) to 0 % and our infrastructure services and facilities will be sorely affected by 100 % occupation of the proposed development (that only includes 6.4 % 'non-market' housing units) we have stressed (for the benefit of the decision-makers) that appropriate 'mitigation' of the effects upon **all** infrastructure elements (not just transport) will be required to ensure an entirely successful project that the proposal for the Sydenham's site deserves.

We have also participated in the public consultation of the proposed Local Plan for Poole and, in accordance with statutory requirements, submitted some 30 pages of comments on the proposed plan: a plan that runs to very many volumes of documentation and which The Planning Inspectorate will be reviewing together with our comments in order to prepare advice for Government. Details of our comments are readily available, upon request to the writer, but in essence we sought to stress the overdue need to provide truly affordable housing for local working people supported by an adequate infrastructure. We also stressed the need to improve our environment and public open spaces and sought controls that would deal with the needless and insatiable demand for yet more expensive apartments – possibly only for occasional use.

We do appreciate that our Green Belt land is ensuring that existing derelict / unused / underused properties are being reviewed for possible redevelopment to serve the next generation or more: a primary function of governmental Green Belt controls that should

assist well planned regeneration of our Borough without the risk of more urban sprawl that does complicate all infrastructure issues, not just transport.

We are currently looking forward to joining the consultation over the redevelopment of the area around the bus station that we all know has been the subject of much discussion over recent decades and so any refreshed views from Members will be appreciated by the writer, as we await the promised and imminent invitation.

Having supported the Port Master Plan we are pleased to see that plan being implemented.

We remain convinced that methods of more effective “public engagement” in planning are required (to minimize mistakes and maximise support) but in their absence, will continue to try, with your help, to express relevant views to Councillors for use in their decision-making relating to relevant policies and expectations.

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

***Gerald Rigler: Sub-Committee Chairman (2017/18):  
gerald.rigler@gmail.com***



## From the pen of Len Way



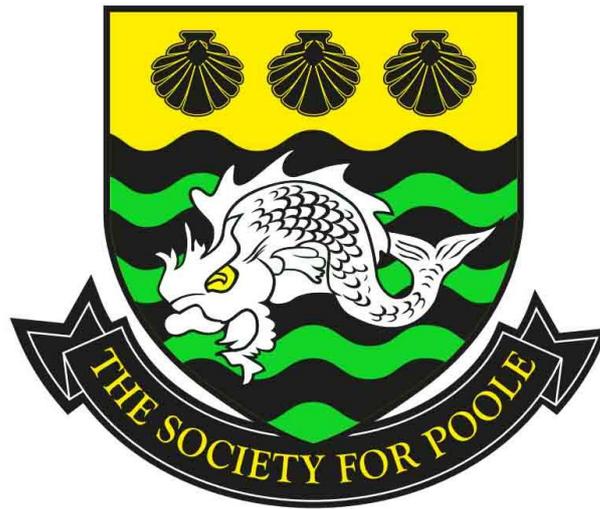
THE FISHMONGER

When he cried Fresh Fish, most of it was caught that morning! and what a good meal it made!, Poole Bay was a good providing ground, and many families took up fishing for a living, Cockles, Winkles, and Whelks were firm favourites for the "old mans tea"

# **Application to join the THE SOCIETY FOR POOLE**

*Founded 1924*

***REALLY CARING ABOUT POOLE, ITS PEOPLE  
AND ITS PLACES***



**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AS FROM**

**1st JANUARY 2017**

**FULL MEMBERSHIP £ 16.00**

**SENIOR MEMBERSHIP 65+ £ 10.00**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP 20 X Appropriate annual subscription**

# Application to join the THE SOCIETY FOR POOLE

Formily Society of Poole Men

First name

Mr /Mrs /Ms Surname

Address

Post Code

Date of Birth

Occupation

E Mail

I wish to apply to join as a Full / Senior/ Life Member and agree to abide  
by the Society rules. Delete as nessesery

Signed ..... Date ...../...../...20....

**Please complete and return this form to =**

**REGISTRAR**

**10 Manor Avenue**

**Poole BH12 4LD**

The information on this form is stored on a computer for dealing with you as a member. The society respects your privacy and does not make such information available to third parties. Acceptance of this is agreed in submitting this application .

## Standing Order Mandate

My Bank:

Bank Address:

Please pay by banker's standing order, cancelling any previous instructions regarding this recipient:

To (Bank) Name:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

Name of Account:

Amount (Figures) £

Amount (Words)

Date of First Payment:

Payment Due Date:

Frequency:

Until further notice and debit my account:

Name of my Account:

Sort Code:

Account Number:

I hereby authorise my bank to set-up this standing order payment from my account:

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Membership no leave blank

Address:

Telephone:

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E-mail:

## **Mission**

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

## **Vision**

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

### **The Objectives of The Society for Poole are: -**

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

## DEFENDING POOLE TOWN

The English Channel was a dangerous place in medieval times but became more dangerous with the introduction of primitive guns first used by the English Crown in Scotland in 1321.

Poole contributed to this dangerous state by being the base of that notorious pirate - Harry Paye. He irritated the Spanish by stealing the gold cross from Finistere's church and sacking Gijon's walled city.

In 1405 a fleet of Spanish and French galleys were pillaging the English coast on reaching Poole, the base of the dreaded Harry Paye, they in revenge successfully sacked Poole. Consequently, much of the structure of our large woolhouse is a hundred years younger than the original. Other attacks were made on 1377 and 1473.

In revenge of this attack Harry Paye and others seized 120 vessels and brought them to Poole.

Henry VI (1422 - 1461) authorised Poole to build defences. In 1433 he made Poole the Port of the Staple, the principal port in Dorset, partly because Poole's defences were superior to the then existing Port of the Staple Melcombe (Regis).

In mid-15th century Poole's burgesses cut a dyke, so that, as Leland (1503 - 1552) tells us, the territory was literally transformed into an island, the waters of the harbour flowed through it. A plan of Poole circa 1640 shows a gate (in stone maybe as at Southampton) and moat. Being virtually surrounded by mud possibly the only defences were necessary at the connection to the mainland.



Poole was held by the roundheads during the 17th century civil war, a raid by the royalists did not penetrate Poole's defences. On the

reinstatement of the monarchy the Town's defences were obliterated.

By Tudor times breach loaded cannon achieved a good range and were in common use on naval and merchant ships. Balls Lake a channel in Poole Harbour is so called because cannon balls from a practice battery in Hamworthy are found in it.

Henry VIII having declared independence from the Pope in 1534 was worried about a revenge attack from Spain, built a chain of gun forts along the English Channel including on Brownsea in 1545-47 later extended to form a castle.

Brownsea, a Royal Castle, maintenance, improvement and manning fell to Poole, guns were supplied from Isle of Wight's Carisbrooke Castle. Charles II inspected his castle.

Speed map (1573) shows forts on Brownsea, Sandbanks and by Old Harry Rocks.

Defence and attack until the 18th century was the responsibility of the Monarch who gave directions by Royal Warrant:

- Edward III -for his siege of Calais Poole was told to send ships, 4 were sent.
- Elizabeth I - ordered Poole to take gunpowder to ships fighting the Spanish Armada.

Gunpowder was generally stored in town or remained on boats as a result of several explosions. For safety from 1775 all gunpowder in the Town and Port of Poole had to be stored in a powder house remotely sited on Baiter peninsula.

The practice of temporarily raising army forces as needed and relying on local involvement as at Brownsea came to an end in Georgian times. Permanent regiments were established the Royal Artillery in 1716, the Dorset Regiment fought in Gibraltar in 1704 and barracks were constructed in Christchurch in 1794.



***G Moy***  
***25 October 2017***

## From the pen of Len Way



### THE "KNOCKER UP"

If you had to get up early, you could always book a morning "Knock" on your bedroom window. Many people were without the "modern" alarm clocks, and most local industries started very early in the day, and if you were late you had no work!

## Poole's Draft Local Plan

Poole issued its Draft Local Plan in the summer, requesting responses by mid-September. The Society for Poole responded with a generally positive note but with concerns about the rush to develop the green belt first, the rate of construction of affordable homes, the need for diversity in our hotels and tourism solutions, and the need for greater for social infrastructure (Doctor's surgeries) as well as hard infrastructure, such as roads etc.

# Poole Local Plan

Pre submission draft



July 2017



The Plan is vital for Poole, it sets out the guidelines within which the planners of the town will operate, as such the plan will be the reference point for new developments. It was also worth noting that it is important for Poole to have a document independent of any changes to the set-up of Poole as a Borough. Poole will therefore can have a plan rather than someone else's.

Poole has been set a target of building over 14,000 new dwellings by 2033. Whilst this appears a lot of homes we should look at the need of Poole and the implications on our children. A shortage of homes leads to higher prices and a strangle on the growth of the town. We need, it is suggested, to revitalize the town centre, to reenergize the quay and high street and to provide affordable homes to those who need them. The Society is therefore keen to work with the BoP to try to identify the best places for development rather than deny development. Although not wholly popular, it is proposed that the Draft Plan does balance the needs between the edge of town and the centre, but we consider that high rise development is essential to be focused upon in the centre of town rather than in no particular zone. We also have highlighted the need to plan strategically for the impact of concentrations of people by providing specific sites for schools and surgeries rather than leaving it to demand in the future, which is considered pushing the problem to others.

The Green Belt is under threat and should be only used as a last resort. Whilst we are extremely fortunate that we have the wonderful Purbecks to escape into, the use of Green Belt land should be a minimized and only used at the end of the period when brown field sites have been exhausted. We similarly encourage the preservation of our beautiful parks and open spaces. There are many parks in Poole, the large high-profile ones such as Poole Park but also others which can be “picked off”. Potentially with our new subcommittee we hope to have a voice for all and have encouraged the Borough to respect these vital places for all the enjoy.

Overall the objectives as set out in the Draft Plan are considered good. There are many issues that Poole will be faced over the next 16 years but there are also many opportunities that will present themselves. The regeneration of the power stations site and other sites in Hamworthy could dramatically change this area, bringing new life, energy and dynamism to the tired surrounding areas. The redevelopment of the Westquay road sites will again significantly change the area for several generations. The Poole Centre North site, where the swimming pool is located, will be redeveloped and there are opportunities to dramatically improve the links between the Lighthouse and the Dolphin Centre. It reminds me that for forty years people in Birmingham have been saying that when its finished Birmingham centre will be great. Well if you have

visited Birmingham recently you will notice that even though it has not been finished, the place is full of life and a place to be and be seen. Let's hope that the same can be said of Poole but in considerably less time than 40 years. The plan points in the right direction but the proof of the pudding.....

Meanwhile the Planning subcommittee will continue to review and comment on plans and specific planning applications. Should you wish to join the subcommittee please liaise with Gerald Rigby or Mike Pearce

***Mike Pearce Oct 2017***

## From the pen of Len Way



**THE COCKLE SELLER**

Cockles could be scraped up from around Poole shores, and during the season many housewives were busy boiling and bottling, for a small price sellers would collect them and sell at fixed positions around town "Pubs" which were very popular, and so were some of the Cockle sellers!

# Treasures of DORSET

Talk  
by Christopher Legrand

November 21st St Georges Church Hall Oakdale Poole  
Guests £3.50    Members £3.00    Pay on the door

## The Society For Poole

(founded in 1924)

*Really caring about Poole, its people and places*

<http://societyofpoolemen.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1724490384466015/>





# The Society for Poole

**FREE CABARET EVENING**

Come along and join in for the Society Christmas get together

**VOCALISTS**

**“The Swinging Sixties”**

**Shadows hits**

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**BAR**

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**VENUE: ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**66 North Road Parkstone BH14 0LY**

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To book in - Names and Guests to Gordon Brown 01202742049

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- Adult Social Care 01202 633902
- Bin & Street Cleaning 01202 261700
- Birth, Marriages 7 Deaths 01202 633744
- Blue Badges 01202 633605
- Bus Passes 01202 634249
- Children's Social Services 01202 735046
- Council Tax payment line 01202 672932
- Council Tax Enquiries 0345 0344569
- Family Information Services 01202 261999
- Poole Hospital (A&E) 01202 665511
- Housing Benefit Enquiries 0345 0344569
- Libraries 01202 265200
- Parking Penalties & Permits 01202 634240
- Pest Control 01202 261700
- Road & Pavement Maintenance 01202 265255
- School Admissions 01202 261936
- Street Lights 01202 262223
- Toilets 01202 261700

# DIARY DATES

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**ANNUAL LUNCH – Book Now!**

**20<sup>st</sup> February 2018**  
**POOLE SHIPPING**  
 John Smith

**21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**  
**TREASURES OF DORSET**  
 Christopher Legrand at 7.30pm

**20<sup>st</sup> March 2018**  
**PIRATES, CASTAWAYS AND CODFISH**  
 Don Nutt

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**FREE CABARET EVENING**  
 Royal British Legion, North Road at 7.30pm

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**POOLE FLYING BOATS**  
 Jeremy Waters

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**PETER JOLLIFFE**  
 Rev. Bob Mason

**NOTE**  
**All 2018 Meetings will be held at**  
**The Royal British Legion Club,**  
**66 North Road,**  
**Poole, BH14 0LY**  
**Entry is £3 for members**  
**and £4 for guests**



**2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETINGS ARE HELD AT SMALL HALL,**  
**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL, DARBYS**  
**LANE, OAKDALE, AT 7PM**

**2017 SOCIAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD**  
**IN THE LARGE HALL AT ST GEORGE'S**  
**CHURCH, (2017). ALL 2017 SOCIAL**  
**MEETINGS TO BEGIN AT 7.30PM**

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