

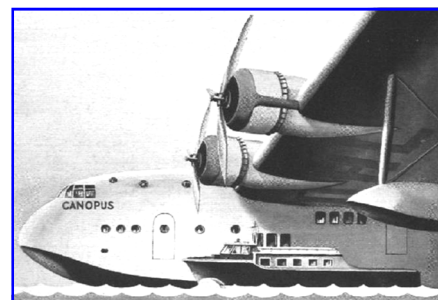
Sabine writes... Dear Poole Flying Boats,  
 " I'm Cabin Crew with British Airways and somewhat of a geek when it comes to aviation: So earlier this month I had the very special pleasure of getting married aboard the 'City of Cardiff', an ex BOAC Flying Boat in Oakland, California.

\* "Thank you so very much for your lovely email and super news...and the photos of your wedding on board G-AKNP:  
 What a pleasure to hear from a fellow 'geek'...and what a fantastic role you have as Cabin Crew with British Airways !

## Poole Flying Boats Celebration

Charity No. 1123274

Trustee Newsletter: Easter 2015



# THE 'OPUS

\*\* PFBC progresses Aye Ma'am & other projects during 2015

With best wishes to You for Easter from the PFBC Trustees...

Easter is for Reflection, Joy and Prospecting the Future; and for the Christian Church it is the oldest Celebration. A Springtime Wedding truly encapsulates the feeling of joy... so PFBC sends the happy couple our best wishes!

[ \*For this marvellous uplifting story please see Col. 5 ]



G-AKNP City of Cardiff...  
 Oakland Aviation Museum

A short extract of our reply about G-AKNP

### 'The Happy Couple'

Sabine Bogensperger - Crowther, with her very happy husband Dr. Johnathan Crowther pictured with G-AKNP on their wedding day at Oakland Aviation Museum, California: First to marry on board!

As far as I am aware G-AKNP never appeared at Poole...so missed the decade of Flying Boats here by just a short nose ! 10 of the Solent 2s were trialled by BOAC Poole...but had significant teething problems, so their intro. along with the Mk 3s is associated mainly with Southampton's Berth 50... They operated from there to Middle East & South Africa for a brief period (often called a Last Hurrah for BOAC's Flying Boats) of just 2½ years before all BOAC FB ops finished !!!

Twelve 2s + six 3s Solents after then were stored for sale... but this took up a significant number of costly moorings in several sites... so most were brought ashore & scrapped !\*

### PFBC Honorary Positions & Life Members

Foundation Trustees: Ken Sanson, Harry Alexander, Bertie Bowman, + Aimée ( now Coordinator for PFBC Projects ); Archivist: John Gully

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The team at Oakland Aviation Museum

[www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org](http://www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org) were thrilled to have us... for we were the first ones to actually have a wedding ceremony and reception on this Flying Boat... We are keen to find more enthusiasts, former BOAC / flying boat crew(s), passengers or anyone else who were involved with these beautiful machines.

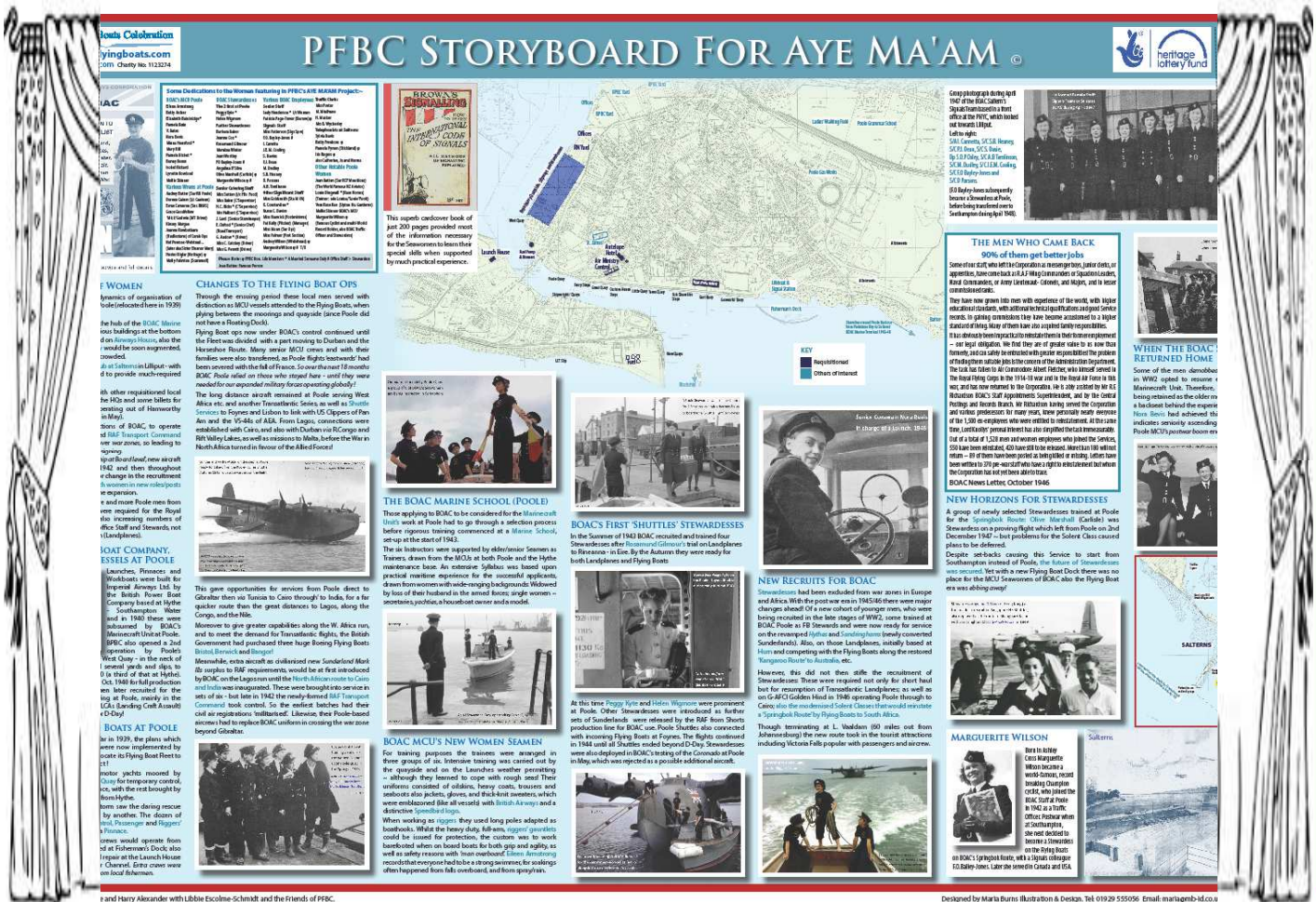
Ian Wright, the Director of Operations at the OAM and Frank Wilson, a volunteer and guide for the Flying Boat tours at the OAM were most helpful in making my wedding celebration a possibility. I am hoping you'll be able to assist me in finding any more info. or pictures of G-AKNP from its time in service or could now point me in the direction of where to look next."



Also with Easter, our hopes & concerns focus upon many 'very troubled' parts of the world... some of which were at one time were reached by Flying Boats out from Poole: ~ Djerba in Tunisia; overflying regions of Libya; Egypt; Khartoum in Sudan & South Sudan (its capital of Juba); as well as Banjul (ex-Bathurst in The Gambia); Nigeria; plus of course Iraq, Pakistan & Myanmar (Burma); etc. ! Even Argentina's likely purchase of 12 Russian bombers.

May these places achieve a more peaceful existence for all of their inhabitants with the end of dreadful conflicts, and work together towards a safer & more secure world.





News: 'Hot off the Press'

In the evening of Tuesday, 17th. March at the Parkstone YC, PFBC's Hon. President **Jeremy Waters** gave his revised Talk, on behalf of *Poole Maritime Trust* to an appreciative audience that was well-entertained by the 'Flying Boat Ops at Poole'!

Meanwhile, the first print-run of Jeremy's marvellous book ~ *Parkstone-on-Sea (Saltersns, Sandbanks & Seaplanes)* has now been quickly sold-out, so that a new printing has been ordered.

PFBC is very grateful for the wonderful 'input' recently from various sources (- in particular from *Peter Gibson*) regarding *Poole Flight Movements*.. which is a PFBC ongoing, longterm project gradually coming together within a significant database. This is endeavouring to give a comprehensive listing with its additional info. to cover 1939-48 and the later decade 1950-59:

When giving PFBC Presentations a frequently asked question has been: 'How many FBs & Seaplanes operated at Poole?' To date as a *quick reckoning*, there is an overall total of **252+** individual Poole Flying Boats and Seaplanes through this era including Civil Air & Military types: RAF & RFTC, also FAA (which sometimes involved limited occasions operating here). *Whereas RAF Mount Batten had approx. 112 inc. 105 Sunderlands.*

Considering our illustrious history this is a **remarkable number!** [This total does not yet account for those under 'foreign flags', such as the *Bermuda Sky Queen* that were turned-around here.]

In turn this research is opening up many more lines of enquiry for all those wishing to get involved with PFBC Task Forces + in a specific instance prospecting another Community Project.

Our Very Good News... PFBC's Commodore **Ken Sanson** is recovering well from his lung operation in Southampton: Ken sends his best wishes to you all, and a big thank you to all well-wishers for their messages of encouragement to him. *He wants you to keep on working for the success of PFBC, + looks forward to meeting-up again soon at a Celebration!*

**ALL CONTACTS PLEASE** and please mark clearly who you are contacting...

**Pooler Flying Boats Celebration**  
 For the attention of:- - - - -  
**Parkstone Library Buildings**  
 1 Britannia Road Parkstone  
 Poole Dorset BH14 8AZ  
 For membership of Friends... and renewals contact **Bertie Bowman**.  
 For bookings of tickets for PFBC Celebrations contact **Ken Sanson**,  
 and all other general enquiries - PFBC's Office registered address.  
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Remember Friends' Library Afternoons on 1st and 2nd. Tuesdays of each cal. month

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PFBC proudly presents its Storyboard for AYE MA'AM...

This is the fourth of our Storyboards to have been completed: and follows on the Poole Harbour Flying Boats & Seaplanes; 'RAF Hamworthy'; and also PFBC's Storyboard for Salters (a private commission still to be unveiled & to be dedicated).

Each Storyboard takes many months and much work to create involving various PFBC task force members, before the final draft passes to our graphic designer **Maria Burns** to prepare it for printing as A0 size + outdoor quality with UV protection.



Maria has also been enjoying national recognition for her Illustration & Design for the campaign **Shaun in the City** with 50 *ewenique* lovely artwork sculptures displayed along the trail within London + next, in the Summer 70 sites in Bristol!

Now our quest is on to locate some suitable sites around the Harbour shoreline, which will be appropriate for this board!

So we will be delighted for any input & assistance with this... despite our status as a not-for-profit organisation/UK charity there is a cost implication but this is to cover our out-goings.

To our certain knowledge there is no other dedication to the unique roles that our first modern Civil Air Stewardesses and Poole's MCU women Seamen fulfilled in very difficult times, + also the significance to Poole's Past & to Aviation History.

**BOURNEMOUTH AIR FESTIVAL**  
 Thurs 20th.- Sun 23rd. August 2015  
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