

The eagle-eyed amongst you, may will have already noticed that the markings upon the definitive map as the centrepiece, such as the locations *eg* RAF Hamworthy, with the Moorings and the alignment of the Runways etc., are positioned slightly off the true line: This has been done so that those fine details within the 1944 Map are not obscured by PFBC information.

This map will now be used for all such purposes as the basis when describing the whole [twenty year period, 1939 to 1959](#). In the nine years that the Flying Boat operations were centred on Poole, the number and lay-out of the Runways changed - so as to provide variations which have been used in books ! Even in the 1944 Map the dedicated Seaplane Runway No.5 had already been discontinued, leaving the remaining five... Runways No.1; No.2; No.3N. and No.3S; with Runway No.4 - the first to be instated [Nos.1 and 2 as the last to be used].

A definitive map will be placed in due course on our website allowing for your personal copies to be printed off (©PFBC). This will be referred to by the PFBC Task Force working on stages of the [Flying Boats & Seaplanes Poole Harbour Trail](#).



BoP Mayor: Cllr. Joyce Lavender, with Special Invitees

To steer a project through an extended and exacting period is 'no mean achievement', and so Harry kept us all on tracks, also organising the sponsorship and the unveiling ceremony. Leslie and others provided the expertise, and Douglas Cook copiously checked and re-checked the accuracy of our text, - whilst Ian Andrews provided an overview of the project ! We record congratulations to all their input & achievements.

With more Task Forces and projects underway or now *getting going* there are so many opportunities for those who would like to be involved (*in whatever capacity, and your interest*) - whether you live locally to Poole, further away, or abroad ! So look out for these opportunities when they are referred to and please do not hesitate to be in touch with us right way: So watch for our next initiative titled: "POSTCARD FROM..."

PFBC was *blessed* with good weather for this historic event, as BoP Head Area Ranger John Marter recalled the day when the group of Trustees ~ Ken, Adrian, Peter, Harry & Aimée joined him at one 'plinth' positioned above Whitecliff Rec. amidst an un-seasonal howling gale on the 25th. June 2008. It took a great deal of effort to view a full-scale interpretation of the Storyboard, as PFBC took the opportunity to suggest the design to fill those vacant places on three of the plinths ! John's approval paved the way for our plans to bear fruition...

Adrian and Peter's skills as engineers had been focussing on ambitions to potentially have a PFBC plinth constructed at a suitable spot, but this opportunity gave a more viable option.

However, it remains within our prime objectives that further Storyboards (*and with adaptations*) and a range of locations be considered as possible projects to support Poole Tourism. So we welcome any suggestions from all supporters of PFBC; please let us know your opinions and your recommendations. PFBC always looks to improve upon what has already been achieved, and we are so keen for all of you to get involved !

In June, we will be sending out the first set of renewals for [Friends of PFBC](#) - which encompasses the group that joined as Founding Friends over a year ago now, and will be actively recruiting more members from those who express an interest: PFBC is determined to be successful & good value for money.

In his speech at the Mezza Luna Restaurant (in Poole Park) Bertie Bowman - who is now guiding the Friends of PFBC, expressed the drive and enthusiasm, through his commitment to inspire us all and to reach out to new horizons in our quest.

So we all tucked in to teas /coffees and choices of gateaux (in another inspiring venue), excitedly talking to one another about what we can look forward to achieving in the future !

Ken Sanson: PFBC Commodore

April 2009



Poole Flying Boats Celebration

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PAIR**

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A great welcome to our [Special Edition Friends' Newsletter](#).

On Friday 24th. April 2009, at precisely 11am - our Charity took a very significant step forward in reaching a Milestone that is a gigantic leap for PFBC in terms of public awareness.

The 'Poole Flying Boats & Seaplanes Storyboard ©' had its unveiling ceremony - held on the Promenade at Whitecliff, one of three sites specially chosen for this stunning artwork.

The Mayor of Poole, Cllr. Joyce Lavender called upon four special invitees to join with her in drawing back a Union Flag to reveal the design which has taken over a year to finalise ! [Vic Pitcher](#), the Navigator on BOAC's three Boeing 314As, - all of which flew from Poole Harbour in the period 1941-46; [Dave Rose](#) of BOAC Marinecraft Unit - a Poole Coxswain, who later set up the station at Cape McClear on Lake Nyasa; [Bernie Wills](#) - BOAC launch hand in immediate postwar era - representative of more than 1,000 Poole Families who have a long & proud association with *their* Flying Boats at Poole; and [John Whitcomb](#) (RAF) who was on RAAF 461 Squadron when based at RAF Hamworthy 1st. August 1942 - May 1943.

Many cameras clicked away to record this unique celebration as the 50+ guests gathered around to admire the Storyboard, and then be grouped by the photographers for various shots. [So this very special occasion was then marked for posterity!](#)

It had taken over a year starting with the concept prepared by Aimée, with input of a dozen members of the first PFBC Task Force, and 14 proof stages with graphic illustrator Maria Burns to achieve this significant Milestone for PFBC and for Poole, where such support from [Borough of Poole Leisure Services](#) and sponsorship from [Barclays Commercial](#) made it happen! *Many thanks to all those who supported, and to MezzaLuna.*