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EDITORIAL

The covers of the magazine are always appreciated by our readers and I thought it might be a good idea to invite readers to send me their photographs of our area. We will then look at using a selection of these for our future covers. So get your Kodak Brownies out and discover the David Bailey/Lord Lichfield within you. It would be helpful if you could email me your photos.

I do hope you enjoyed the summer and managed to catch the occasional hot day we had. Recently we've experienced something of an 'Indian Summer' and I was interested to find out that this refers to the American Indians and not India. Whatever the weather, we are really lucky to live in this area, and cycling along the promenade to work I frequently ask myself 'is there a better commute anywhere?'

Enjoy this edition of the magazine and I am grateful to all the contributors. Terry Stewart is very concerned that Poole will be going to hell in a handcart if we don't wake up and look at what is proposed for Poole; and, on a lighter note, David Reeves roars his approval of the recent pride of lions seen throughout Bournemouth. The crème de la crème of the magazine is, as always, John Sprackling's Chairman's report and I urge readers to take time to read about what your Residents Association has been doing.

Included in this edition is a short story, 'Eavesdropping' that comes from a relative of one of our members, who lives in Africa. A most interesting tale! Early Christmas greetings to all members of the Association. Only yesterday a young lad of nineteen told me it was going to be a very hard winter. 'How do you know that?', I asked. 'I just do', he replied. Ah, for the certainty of youth!

John Gunton

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Association's magazine and, thank you, once again, to the Committee and members for their continued support. I am also grateful to our Canford Cliffs Ward Councillors who attend the Association's monthly meetings.

I believe that one of the significant factors as to why we are listened to by the Council is the size and representation of our membership. Critical Mass is very important, so we need to keep our numbers up. In this connection, may I particularly draw your attention to the Treasurer's Report elsewhere in the magazine.

1. **Borough of Poole - Local Development Framework (LDF).**

1) The Poole Site Specific Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) & Delivering Poole's Infrastructure Development Plan Document (DPD)

These DPDs were submitted to the Secretary of State on 02/08/11. The Public Examination will commence on 14th November 2011 and last for one week and adoption expected in Spring 2012.

The Poole Site Specific Allocations and Development Management Policies

Development Plan Document sets out the policies for sites and areas that will contribute to meeting Poole's housing, employment and other development needs that will help deliver the spatial vision, strategic objectives and key outcomes of Poole's Core Strategy (adopted 2009), over the period to 2026.

Delivering Poole's Infrastructure Development Plan Document sets out the Council's planning framework for development to contribute towards delivering Poole's infrastructure required to accommodate growth over the period to 2026. The DPD will also underpin a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule, which is being brought forward through a separate procedure.

2) Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - The Borough of Poole's amended SPD on Affordable Housing has been published for consultation, following further discussion with the development sector and work undertaken on viability. Affordable housing is sought to meet local needs on all developments of 6+ dwellings.

The consultation ran for a 6 week period, commencing on 27th July 2011 and ended on Friday 9 September.

2. **Community Working Group (CWG)** - The Community Working Group was formed in 2009 and its objective is to improve the engagement and communication between the Planning and Regeneration Service and the community of Poole. The Association's representative is Wayne Hancock.

More details of the Group's activities are set out in the Minutes of the Group which are published on the Borough of Poole website. [<http://www.boroughofpoole.com/planning-and-buildings/planning-information/planning-working-group-meetings/>](http://www.boroughofpoole.com/planning-and-buildings/planning-information/planning-working-group-meetings/)

The Planning & Regeneration Unit produce a Quarterly Newsletter and this can be accessed via [<http://www.boroughofpoole.com/planning-and-buildings/planning-information/planning-news/>](http://www.boroughofpoole.com/planning-and-buildings/planning-information/planning-news/)

3. **Planning Enforcement, Tree Preservation Orders/Tree replacements**

Whilst the Association acknowledges the hard work of the Planning Enforcement Team Manager, and his team, it is disappointing that the Council has failed to take action to preserve the character of the area in relation to certain planning contraventions. It seems that it has decided that it is not in the public interest to pursue the boundary treatment at **55 Canford Cliffs Road** and **2 Compton Avenue & 93 Lilliput Road**. Other current Planning Enforcement issues include:

1 Cliff Drive (Addition of four additional windows where there was one large one before) - revised retrospective application granted on 06/07/11. An outstanding s106 contribution of £5,363.22 is subject to dispute.

24 Ravine Road (Overhang on right hand side of garage is 800mm but should be 200mm) – An application to retain the building as constructed was registered on 17/03/11 and is still a 'current' application.

Land adj to 20A Chaddesley Glen (Land be reinstated) - An appeal against the Enforcement Notice was dismissed and the land has now been re-instated..

17 Over Links Drive (Non material amendment following approval of 07/28353/002/F to allow additional high level window to dormer serving the bathroom. Plot 1 & 2 side elevation)- application granted on 30/08/11.

19 Mornish Road (Tree replacement) – Two directors pleaded guilty and accepted a caution plus the Council's costs (which included a new tree. £3,500) following a S210(1) prosecution in July/August 2008. Action still pending.

Illegal tree work at 147 Banks Road – The defendants are due to appear at Bournemouth Magistrates Court on 17-19th October 2011.

4. **Conservation Area reviews** - The first part of the Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal (combining The Quay, The Old Town and The High Street Conservation Areas and amending boundaries) is due to go to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee and then to public consultation in November

The Ashley Cross Re-Appraisal is drafted and should go to Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee and then to public consultation in January.

There is also a concern about the loss of Local Plan policy BE23 (Residential development should take the form of single household detached dwellings on sites of a size consistent with that existing in the area) and consideration is being given to prioritising the conservation areas covered by this policy, namely The Avenue, Branksome Park, Brunstead Road, Canford Cliffs and Evening Hill Conservation Areas.

5. **Fortifying boundaries** - There appears to be a trend towards fortifying boundaries around the area covered by the Association and the Local Planning Authority is taking enforcement action

This has been a problem for many years. The former Head of Planning Design & Control Services wrote to a resident as long ago as **27th February 1998** in relation to Branksome Park and said:

"...There are numerous instances of boundary treatments being altered without planning permission, especially within the Article 4 Direction area. The local Ward Councillors and my colleagues are very conscious of the potential to erode the character of the conservation area and do, by and large, take a fairly tough stance. There may be exceptional circumstances as to why a much "harder" boundary treatment has been allowed and if you would like to quote any particular examples I would be happy to follow these up for you. By and large, the green edges to the roads in Branksome Park are as much a part of the character of the conservation area as the buildings themselves and I think that point is now well recognised, which is perhaps as well given the increasing wish to harden boundaries both for privacy and security."

Poole's beaches and coastal defences – Roy Pointer, on behalf of the Association, continues to keep a watching brief over the Poole & Christchurch Bays Shoreline Management Plan.

Compton Acres – There has been no further news about the sale of this site. Because Compton Acres has a Grade II listing from English Heritage, it has legal protection from the Council to prevent any new owner changing its use, and to ensure it remains open to the public.

Sunken Gardens at Pinecliff – The Association in conjunction with Leisure Services (BoP), have taken on a licence to maintain and enhance the Pinecliff Sunken Gardens. Every Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., a group of volunteers, under the leadership of Wayne Hancock, is working to clear the eastern rockery area ready for replanting around October. The Association is having assistance from Victoria Education Centre on this project. The Association will be providing some funding towards a planting scheme. I believe that this is a good example of the Big Society in action.

If you think you could spare some time to lend a hand or would like to make a donation towards some drought-tolerant plants please call Wayne Hancock on Tel. 765 993

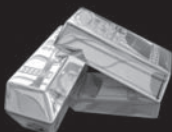


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9. **Canford Cliffs Play Area** – Poole's mayor, Cllr Graham Wilson, officially opened the new £85,000 Treasure Island playground on 11/08/11.

This is one of the most heavily themed and innovative Borough of Poole play areas and has the town's first combined toddler swing-seat that allows parents or older children to sit alongside.

Pupils of Lilliput First School voted for the Treasure Island name and the equipment was funded by developer contributions, skull and crossbones timber seating by the Canford Cliffs Land Society and outdoor fitness equipment by the Primary Care Trust.

10. **Public Rights of Way:**

Westminster Road end of Dalkeith Road – No new developments

Buccleuch Road to Lakeside Road – ditto

Bessborough Road – ditto

Footpath 82 (Off Panorama Road) – An application by the Royal Motor Yacht Club to construct an extension to the existing marina basin. Removal of part of hardstanding and provision of public footpath to foreshore was registered on 05/08/11.

11. **Quayside (former Dolphin Quays) development, former Poole Pottery & Swan Inn, Old Orchard House, Quay Thistle Hotel & former Poole Pottery factory buildings in Sopers Lane** - The Association continues to take a close interest in these properties (two of which are on Borough-owned land), which were formerly owned by Orb Estates or its subsidiaries.

The Quay Thistle Hotel site is one of the sites referred to in Terry Stewart's report on the key Regeneration sites, elsewhere in this magazine.

Old Orchard House. 39-61 High Street – At the time of writing this report, the 3rd instalment of the Employment Contribution of £150,000 due on 1st January 2011 is still outstanding. I have put down an open question about this for the Cabinet meeting on 11th October 2011, bearing in mind that the final instalment of £200,000 is due on 1st January 2012

Former Poole Pottery Site, Land at junction of Sopers Lane & York Road (Development of an 80 bed care home with associated facilities) - The planning application was granted on appeal on 18th May 2011.

12. **Council's Budget 2012/2013** – As in previous years, part of the consultation process will be a meeting with Residents' Associations to assist the Council in gaining a better insight into what the people* of Poole want. The meeting is to be held on Monday 10 October 2011 at 2:00pm in the Committee Suite, Civic Centre,

As I mentioned in my last report, the following two important programmes offer scope for producing efficiencies and savings – for the benefit of Poole's council-tax payers.

1) **Poole Council's Efficiency Review Programme (ERP)** – The ERP was first adopted by Council in setting the 2010/11 Budget when the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) incorporated in the region of £3m of planned savings and efficiencies to be expressly delivered through corporate efficiency work over and above the work on-going in every Service Unit to drive out unnecessary cost and make substantial savings on the bottom line. The original programme was reviewed and refreshed last autumn and further extended and enhanced through the budget process for 2011/12. The current schedule of ERP projects now in-hand or otherwise planned over the period of the MTFP is set out below

		(B)	(A)	(B-A)
	Current 3-year Target 2011 to 2014 £000's	Current Amount Anticipated 2011/12 £000's	Amount Delivered 2011/12 £000's	Amount Remaining to be delivered in 2011/12 £000's
Employee Costs	1,500	0	0	0
Income Generation	1,000	289	289	0
Procurement	629	538	363	175
Revenue & Benefits	263	151	151	0
Street Scene	300	0	0	0
Facilities Management	290	0	0	0
Admin Accommodation	250	0	0	0
Training & Development	250	0	0	0
Customer Transport	200	200	55	145
Communications	200	0	0	0
ICT Print Strategy	172	86	0	86
Beach Master Plan	50	0	0	0
Upton Country Park	50	0	0	0
Total ERP Programme	5,154	1,264	858	406
Original In-Year Target		1,710		
Forecast Variance		446		

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2) **Corporate Asset Management Plan 2010-11** – I am advised that Asset Management Plan is undergoing significant review at the moment and will be reported in public to the Council Efficiency and Effectiveness Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November

13. **Localism Bill:** When peers return from recess in September, they should be able to consider the Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) together – and the Government's intentions should be much clearer.

The Council has promised to give a presentation on the Localism Bill once it has been enacted. The Association is worried about the implications of the NPPF and is watching carefully.

14. **Future of Grade II* listed Upton House** – I reported in my last Chairman's Report that the Council are subsidising Upton Country Park by around £500k per year. The Council continue to seek an improved in-house management solution for Upton Country Park. I am told that South East Dorset Heathlands contributions are being used to incorporate Upton Farm into Poole's recreation facilities.

15. **Friends of Poole Park** - The Friends of Poole Park, a voluntary group dedicated to preserving and enhancing this park in the centre of our town, continue their work with various improvements/additions to the facilities in the park.

Mezza Luna restaurant has changed its name to Seven's Boat Shed and the lease has been transferred to Black Label Events (Poole) Ltd, a company run by Eddie Mitchell.

16. **Southern Poole Chairman's Liaison Group (Chairmen of nine local Associations)** - We continue to meet a week or so before the Area Committee meetings so that we can present a united front on matters of common concern to all the Associations in our immediate area.

17. **Safer Neighbourhood Team** – The Team covers Parkstone, Penn Hill & Canford Cliffs <<http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=829>> and holds regular events.

The last Parkstone/Penn Hill/ Canford Cliffs Safer Neighbourhood meeting was held on 21st July 2011 at St Luke's Church, Wellington Road and the following two priorities were identified:

- Alcohol related Anti-Social-Behaviour Ashley Cross
- Anti-Social-Behaviour Sandbanks Beach

17. Poole Borough Council - Committee Dates

Members might like to note the following dates for committee meetings in the near future:

Canford Cliffs and Penn Hill Area Meeting*:	26 October 2011 at 7pm, St Luke's Church Hall, Wellington Road
Planning Committee:	20 October
Newtown and Parkstone Area Meeting*:	09 November

**Anyone may attend these Meetings. Please see the Borough of Poole website at www.boroughofpoole.com for Agenda and supporting papers.*

John Sprackling
Chairman

Membership Report

As expected, memberships were recovered with the distribution of the 2011 Spring Magazine- what a Winter!!

Wardens are very much our link with residents and with this in mind, we are once again delivering to non- members our 'Invitation to Join' form. This has been successful in the past and ideally, I would ask Wardens to try to make contact with those non-members.

To keep our membership lists up to date we would be grateful if you could advise of any change of ownership or properties pulled down.

Many thanks
Michael Bond.

THE AIM AND OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The aim of the Association is to protect the interests of residents, and to investigate on their behalf any aspects which could be detrimental to private properties or public services. The Association endeavours at all times to maintain good relationships with the Poole Borough Council and to bring to their notice all matters which adversely affect the amenities of the whole of the District.

It also submits recommendations to the Council concerning any plans, developments or financial matters which would improve the Environment, Community, Safety, Amenity and Cost Effectiveness of the area and the residents' quality of life.

The Association is a member of the National Organisation of Residents' Associations and the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

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At present:

- We have two bank current accounts, one more than we need
- our records do not accurately represent all paid-up members
- we are unable to identify several of our membership receipts
- many of our subscriptions are below the current minimum rates of £3 p.a. or £5 per couple

To resolve these issues we need to:

- Close our Santander bank account
- Update and transfer all standing orders and other payments to our Barclays account
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Thank you

Paul Fearnley- Treasurer

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Planning Report

I have been contacted about very few planning application during the course of the past six months. Contentious applications dealt with or currently being dealt with to which the Association has raised objections include:

3 Ravine Road (a) Application for a new planning permission to replace extant permission 07/01169/006/F to erect three storey block of flats) & (b) Application for a new planning permission to replace extant permission 08/01169/007/F to erect two storey extension to rear. Erect dormer to front. Erect dormer to side with additional rooflights - Letters of objection lodged on behalf of the Association on 20/06/11 but applications granted on 14/07/11.

5 Excelsior Road (Demolish existing buildings and erect 1 No 4 bed house with integral garage (as amended plans received 31.08.2011) - Application registered on 11/05/11 and still a 'current' application. Latest letter of objection lodged on behalf of the Association on 25/08/11. Subsequent revised plans submitted.

6A Dalkeith Road (Demolish existing property and erect a replacement new dwelling (revised scheme) as per amended plans received 27/01/11) – Appeal allowed by Planning Inspector on 14/06/11.

Keith Alcroft
Planning Officer

Chairman's Note: there is a concern that the Poole Site Specific Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document will result in a loss of the Local Plan policy BE23 (Residential development should take the form of single household detached dwellings on sites of a size consistent with that existing in the area) and consideration is being given to the prioritising of the review of the Conservation Areas covered by this policy, namely The Avenue, Branksome Park, Brunstead Road, Canford Cliffs and Evening Hill Conservation Areas.

YOUR POOLE WILL CHANGE DRAMATICALLY

As you know, your Poole Council has agreed to the policy of building 10,000 extra homes in the Borough, which is changing the Character of your Area substantially. You have already seen the pattern of large houses with large gardens being demolished so blocks of flats can be erected, clashing with their neighbours – or 2 or 3 houses being squashed on to a single plot. On top of this there are now 12 massive development sites that together are 3.5 times the size of the Poole Old Town. See the attached Plan.

The Vision for Poole Group of four Poole Conservation bodies has been fighting to ensure that this sprawling development will meet the rules of the approved Core Strategy, with truly outstanding architectural designs that meet our slogan : “Poole – It’s a Beautiful Place.” We have had rather a mixed response from developers and our Councillors. On Hamworthy there are three development sites. The developers of the Pilkington Tiles site have had several constructive meetings with us, but are planning rather a narrow road for the Ferryport juggernauts to exit to the Twin Sails bridge. A recent meeting with the developers of the old Power Station site showed they were open to good suggestions. Following the supermarket fire, the 14,000 inhabitants of Hamworthy have a serious retail shortage and do not want to have to travel into central Poole to shop, so are pressing for a supermarket on the site – against the wishes of the Planners. Gallahers’ architect has produced an excellent palette of building materials, house shapes and rooflines that match the Old Town and will provide a distinctive Guide for architectural development. Sydenhams Timber are not planning to develop their site next to the Lifting Bridge for at least five years - so we are worried that the spatial planning and community benefits of the three sites are not being adequately coordinated.

If only Neptune, the developer of the West Quay Road site next to the bridge, had the same sympathetic architectural Guide as Gallahers. Although the Core Strategy demands that the design should be compatible with Poole Quay, with the block next to the bridge no higher than nine storeys and the other buildings lower along the Quay – the proposed designs are terrible. They include a 13 storey tower, dominating the St. James Old Town Parish Church, and blocks up to nine storeys. The architectural designs are a complete contrast to our heritage Quay, flat-roofed, square, hard – which some call 1960s Leggo design. The Council said there should be some 250 flats on the site, but the developer wants to squeeze on 373 to maximise their profits. Although a prime objective of the Regeneration was to provide Affordable Housing, the developers are refusing to provide any Affordable Housing Contributions. The site nextdoor South of the RNLI College is also refusing to pay for Affordable Housing.

Developers are meant to conduct Community Consultation, but since Neptune submitted their revised Application, they have not done this, solely doing a presentation to a limited restricted audience, followed by questions. There was no attempt to elicit suggestions or concerns from residents. So our Vision Group conducted three public exhibitions showing the designs. Some 300 detailed questionnaires were completed by residents. They massively rejected the proposals as not meeting the guidance laid down by the Core Strategy. 97% of the respondents stated that the 13 storey Carbuncle Tower and the other blocks up to nine storeys were too high. 97% also said that the architectural designs were not compatible with the neighbouring Old Town. The design does not provide enough Open Space.

Our Councillors MUST be strong in standing up to developers and demanding designs that we can all be proud of. What do YOU want for the future appearance of our heritage Borough ?

Terry Stewart. *Chairman Vision for Poole Group.*

Development Sites in Poole



Do You Want 180 Giant Turbines All Over Dorset?

Dorset County, Poole and Bournemouth Councils have published a draft Renewable Energy Strategy evaluating how our County can contribute to the Government's questionable target of achieving 15% of our electricity from Renewable Energy by 2020. They have considered a number of options, but their main scenario is that 180 on-shore wind turbines should be erected across the County – excluding the 50% of Dorset that is designated as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The assumption is that these turbines should be taller than Salisbury Cathedral – over 400 feet tall!

The Strategy assumes that these turbines would not be erected in the Green Belt, SSSIs or other environmental designations – but could be as close as 600 metres from a residential home. We have had 6 applications for on-shore windfarms in Dorset so far, and ALL of them have been rejected by Planning Committees or withdrawn because of the visual impact and dominance of the turbines on the Dorset countryside – they would be twice the height of the Cornish turbines, if you have seen them. Some turbines, like those proposed for near Wool, have been rejected because of the noise impact on nearby Scouts and residents. I have submitted medical reports to Purbeck Council showing that turbine noise can damage human health. For instance, one farmer in Norfolk was forced to move out of their farm because they could not sleep at night – and now the farm is unsaleable.

Dorset CPRE is strongly in favour of Renewable Energy but we advocate the other fourteen methods, rather than on-shore winds, because wind is unreliable and intermittent, so you always have to have a conventional power station operating as a stand-by backup. So not saving much CO2. Do you remember last Christmas when we had two weeks of bitter cold with a High over the country ? There was no wind just at a time when we needed maximum energy. A trial is going to be conducted of a tidal generator at the South of Portland Bill – have you seen the tidal rip there ? Much more predictable power. ➡

⇒ Since the publication of the County Strategy, the Government have published a new Energy Roadmap which indicates that we probably do not need all these on-shore turbines. The problem is that the planned off-shore turbines in Poole Bay are not being credited to Dorset, and there is additional potential from a biomass plant dealing with imported materials. So we have recommended that the Strategy should be re-written.

Do you realise that You pay for all these turbines ? The average household now pays about £150 from their electricity bills each year as a subsidy for the developers. This Stealth Tax contributes over £1 BILLION for the developers this year alone – they are rubbing their hands, and landowners get £15,000 average rent per turbine per year. On top of this our country faces heavy Carbon Taxes when energy-greedy China and India refuse to contribute. There is an EU edict that one quarter of our conventional power generation must close by 2018, while the first nuclear station will not be operational until 2022. We need a realistic power strategy.

Terry Stewart. President Dorset CPRE.

Seelions...near Branksome Park

We live in an increasingly virtual world. From television, to computers, with their virtual reality gaming, to the gismos that started out as portable telephones, but which are now virtual mini-computers, with a digital camera thrown in. I did not experience The Great Bournemouth and Poole Flash Flood at first hand (or foot, even). No, the sensational pictures of Bournemouth gardens underwater, and flooded bus stations came to me via the internet (and probably through someone's eye-phone, or whatever they're called).

An enduring image is of the statue of a lion, painted in patriotic colours, surrounded entirely by water. 'Britannia', was 'set in a silver sea'¹(hence the awful pun of the title), in what had previously been Bournemouth gardens. Not quite deep enough to warrant the business of an ark rescue, with the shore on either side being too close. Or as they m words of Stanley Holloway: 'There were no wrecks, and nobody drowned/'Fact, nothing to laugh at, at all'² ⇒ P.25

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⇒ We first came across the concept of ‘The Cow Parade’ in Manchester. (You haven’t heard? Go Google!). The same basic shape is provided, a life-sized statue of a cow, then each is one painted differently, and often amusingly, and the collection dotted around the city. It has taken place in various cities of the world, as a short-term tourist attraction. Bournemouth took the idea, and exchanged the cow, for the king of the beasts. A change enabling them to pun with their campaign title, using the slogan ‘Pride of Bournemouth’. A pride of some fifty lions, with a dozen or more strung along Bournemouth gardens. Using a lion as the blank canvas to decorate or elaborate seems to lend itself to more variety of punning. The best pun was ‘Bullion’, both painted in gold, and with a ring through its nose. Two separate puns, on the part and the whole of the word: a ‘triple entendre’, if there is such a phrase (There is: I’ve just made it up). My favourite lion perhaps is ‘Dandilion’ (sic: if you’re going to annoy the spell check, DandyLion might have been a better pun). It’s a lion painted sky blue, full of dandelion clocks, an elegant dandy of a lion. A ‘dandelion’ which I would have welcomed in my garden.

Unfortunately, I shall be in an off-shore tax haven when the mid-September auction takes place. I could of course, make a telephone bid, as they do in the best auction dramas³. Alternatively, if I were a high-powered, multi-tasking tycoon, with many irons in the fire, I ‘d make a sealed bid. That would make it (wait for it...) a ‘seal iron’.

¹ Richard II, Act II scene I, line 46. But, you knew that, of course.

² Marriott Edgar: the title (apt for this piece), ‘Albert and the Lion’.

³ There’s one at the climax of my latest novel, ‘The Stag @eBay’ available at www.lulu.com

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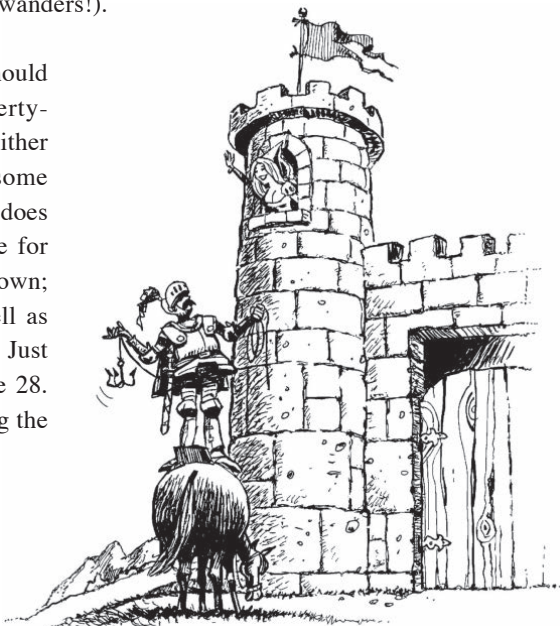


“Are You Sitting Comfortably? Then We’ll Begin”

Remember those comforting words from your childhood. 1.45pm each weekday afternoon on the “Home Service”. Quite often they presaged the tale of the arrival of a wicked witch in a hail of thunder, or a dragon to scare you out of your reverie, before the tale unravelled with the hero riding to the rescue of the damsel through the rainbow of sunshine at the end of the story, all within 15 minutes, by 2pm.

Well, the bad news is that the hurricane (the property crash) is still raging intensely and the damsel (the property market) is thus still distressed – and it’s well past your bedtime, now. Plus – as we’ve all seen and complained about – there hasn’t been much sunshine this “Summer”, even within the micro-climate of BH13. So, where is – even who is? – the knight in shining armour? Certainly not George Osborne, who doesn’t appear to know where to find his spurs to stroke the damsel back to life; nor is it Ed Balls, who doesn’t appear to have any either (spurs that is, before your imagination wanders!).

Which way therefore should the embattled property-seller turn, faced with either destitution and, in some cases, decrepitude. How does he achieve the best price for him? Volumes are way down; in Canford Cliffs, as well as the rest of the market. Just look at the chart on page 28. We’re still bumping along the bottom: ➡

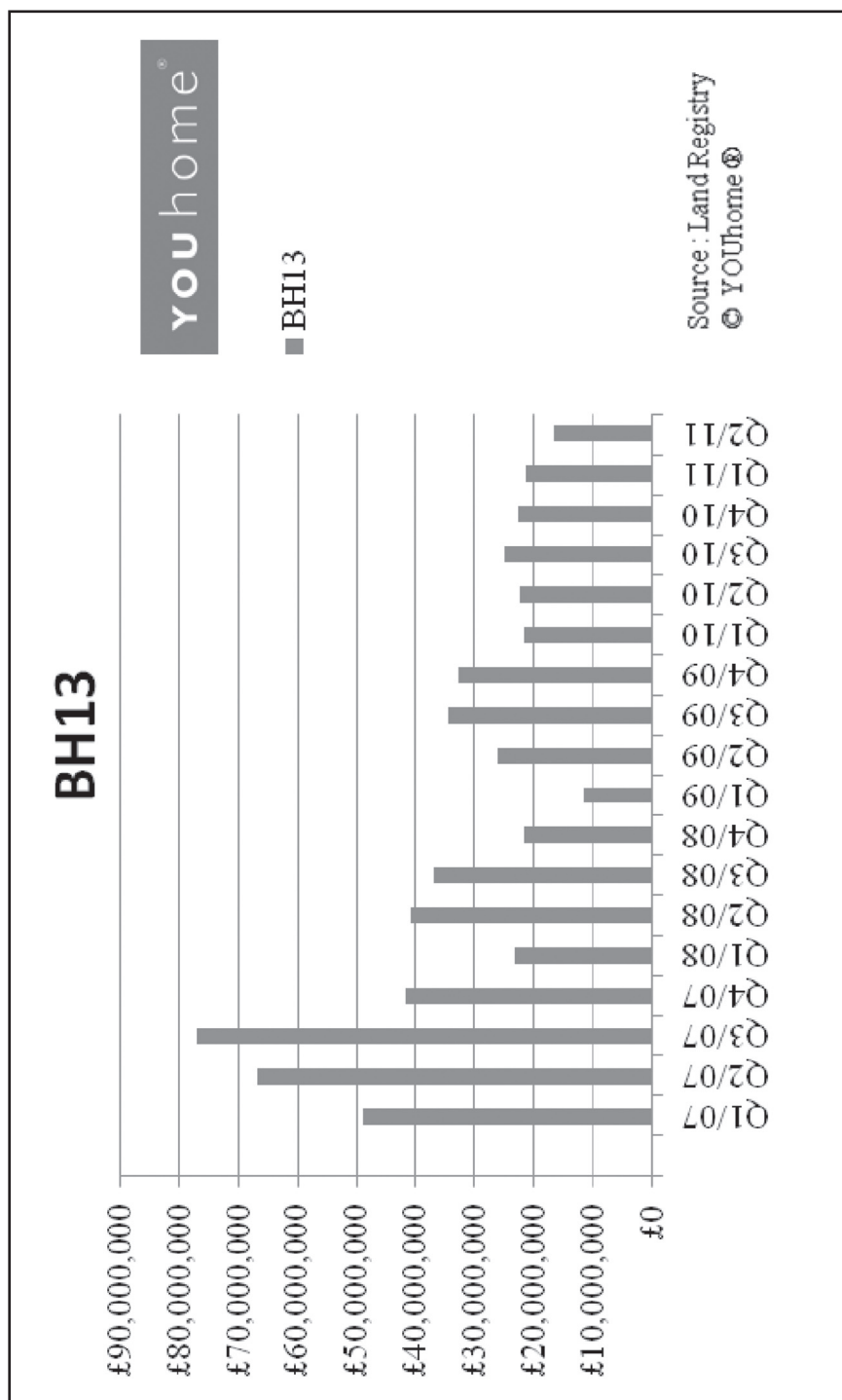




- ⇒ But, as ever, those who really need to sell will act entirely logically. No white flag for them. Because, there is a market out there. We can all see it, if only we look. But—hey, you know what—it’s a buyers’ one. Cannier CCRA members know this; they recognise that competitive bidding starts only once there’s more than one buyer sniffing. So, sellers need to know that their agent is working really hard for them, as hard as they did to accumulate the money when they bought the property now for sale, so many years ago. They demand expertise, research, pace and marketing; and then the recipe of tact, diplomacy and intelligence to secure the best deal. The market will return. But when ? For those who need to sell now, the message is clear. Make sure you don’t sit waiting for your agent to get off his “proverbial”. Even if you’re a developer, you must sell – you want the cash. Don’t accept second best – whatever the other agent has told you.

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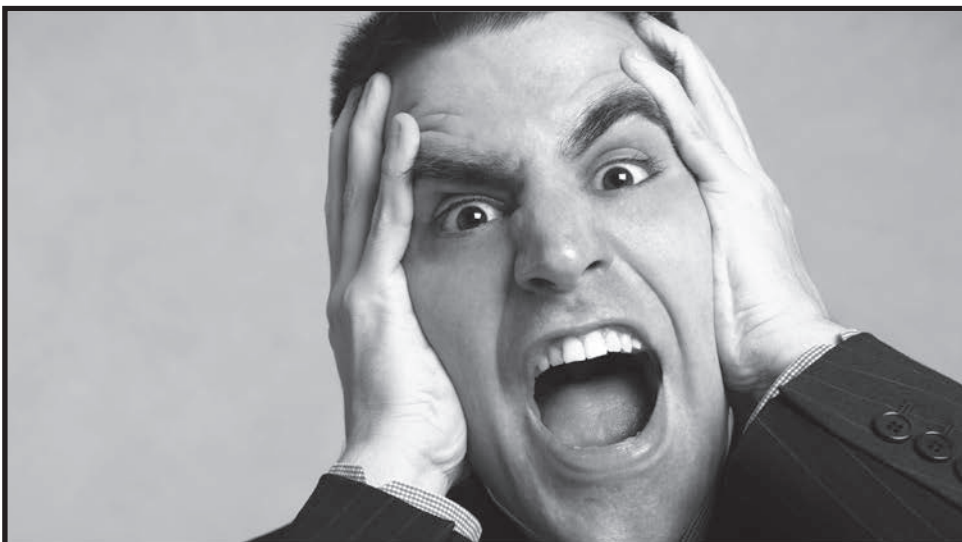
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Well I think it's funny

An elderly man in Louisiana had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator...'
Some old men can still
think fast!!.



I knew a man who had a very good watchdog. He called it Rolex.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR". What's my mother going to do?

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name, is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

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EAVESDROPPING

If you have ever been to the coastal town of Mombasa and passed by Malaika Home for the Elderly, a place which is named after angels, you would have seen two lonely figures sitting under a tree, each sipping a cup of hot steaming tea just freshly replenished by the Matron of the home. If you see these two women, do not stare for too long.

Should you stare for too long, you will be drawn in by the quiet scene under the coconut tree. If you happen to be drawn in, each step you take will reveal a word that forms part of the hushed conversation between two women sitting in comfortable red folding chairs, their words being carried into your ears by the evening wind that blows gently from the sea, that lies not so far behind the Home.

And if you got close enough to say hello, your greeting will be received with an absent-minded single nod of the head by both women and a finger pointing towards half a dozen whitewashed buildings, one of which could be the Reception. If you hang around in awkwardness wondering which building to go in first, you will hear this conversation. ➡



⇒ "What would you like to come back as in your next lifetime?" the woman with the dyed red hair asked.

"I've told you over and over again Amanda, my answer hasn't changed since we started this game six months ago".

"Just tell me again, I like to hear it".

"O.K. a cat", she paused, then added "because it has nine lives. Then I would have travelled the world and explored all it's wonders. After all, a creature with nine lives can afford to take risks".



The woman burst into excited clapping, her face joyous for the first time since the stranger started looking on.

"You see, you said something you hadn't said before. That that bit about exploring the world" Amanda stammered on.

"Have I ever told you about the time I went on holiday to Egypt with my second husband?"

The other woman, wearing a jumper that matched the colour of her brown eyes, shook her head.

"Well, that is where I first heard the stories about reincarnation. One particular story struck me as odd, yet eerily plausible". ⇒ P.38



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⇒ *"A pregnant woman had been in labour for seven days and unable to deliver her child, because a certain rich gentleman in the same hospital on life support was being prevented from dying. The soul of this said gentleman was destined to be re-born into the body of the pregnant woman's child. The poor child could not be born until the rich man died".*

"How odd," the other woman agreed, urging her on.

"Since then, I have envisioned myself being re-born into a variety of different life forms, mostly zebra, lion, elephant, but yesterday I had a revelation. I know what I would like to come back as in my next lifetime," she exclaimed, her excitement bursting through again. "A snake!" she declared.

"Don't you have anything to say about that, Grace?" she asked, almost disappointed that her friend had not reacted in any way other than sipping her almost diminished cup of tea.

"Yes," she said, setting her cup down, "why?"

"So I can shed my skin, go back and make that old son of a bitch husband fall in love with me all over again. That man dared leave me for a woman young enough to be my daughter."

And if you happen to be the eavesdropping stranger still lingering around, you will realise that you are not going to get any help from the two old lonely souls and you will move on towards the whitewashed buildings in search of the one marked "Reception".

By Nangila Foskett.



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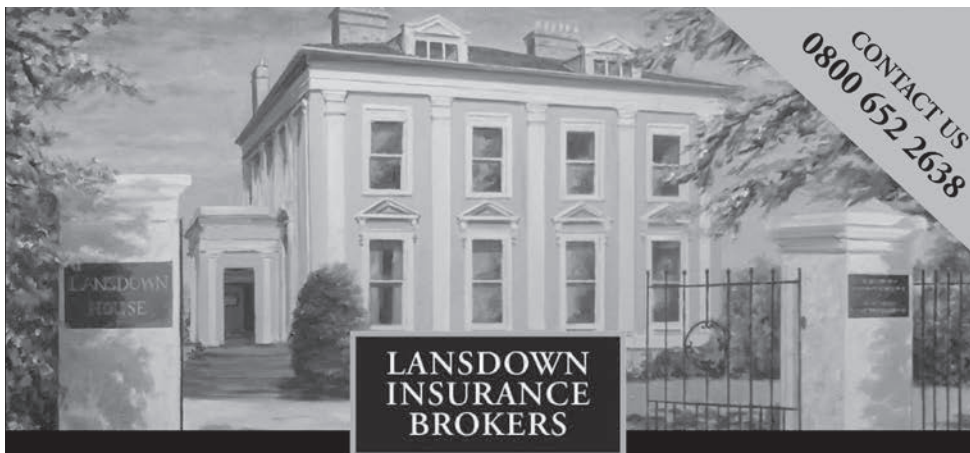
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About 10 years ago, one of the Association's long-standing members, Kevin Goldstein-Jackson, compiled a list of Chairmen/Vice-chairmen of the association from 1984 to 2000 and has recently up-dated this - see below. Mr Goldstein-Jackson says that he cannot guarantee that this is 100% accurate,

The earliest magazine held by the current Chairman is Autumn 1984 (No 21), when the President was Wing Cdr H S Gibbs, Chairman: Robert Wight, Vice-Chairman Canford Cliffs & Sandbanks*: M L Coates & Chairman Links Road & Adjoining Area: Mrs J Eid. It would seem that, at some stage, post-1984, it was decided to exclude Sandbanks Peninsula from the Association's area. Does anyone member have any magazine(s) prior to 1984?

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