



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society December 2023

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It's been a busy month, with Tom Cousins' talk on 30th November, followed by the Society's Christmas Event, on 7th December. Tom's talk, on a thirteenth century shipwreck found just outside Poole harbour, was fascinating, with amazing graphics and information. What made it very special for many of us was that Tom had brought several of the artefacts found on the sea bed to the talk, and we were able to handle real 13th Century objects. There were several stone mortars (as in 'pestle and mortar') and it was possible to see the tool-marks on the mortars, as fresh as if they had just been finished, all preserved by the silt on the sea bed. You can see some of them at https://sketchfab.com/bu_maritimearch/collections/mortar-wreck-8683b880ce4f464f885ab7273242b727

The Christmas party was a cheerful occasion, and participants were well-fortified with mulled wine and other refreshments. Thank you to all the entertainers, both musical and verbal, for your contributions, which were much appreciated by those present. We'll hope to make this an annual event, so do pass on any suggestions/requests you may have for next year.

Talks for Spring are as follows:

Monday 15th January, 2024, at **2.30pm**: For sale: Old World Village: the 1919 sale of Worth Matravers (first heard at Langton in March 2023) by Mary Sparks. This will include display material (photos and map), and hopefully, tea.

Thursday 29th February 2024: Purbeck during the Civil War, by Anthony Moore.

Thursday 21st March 2024: Life, Death and Feasting : 7000 years of Occupation at Football Field, Worth Matravers, by Lilian Ladle.

All talks are in Langton Village Hall at 7.30 (doors open 7pm.) EXCEPT Jan.15th's, which is at 2.30.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events. You don't have to be a member to attend, though we always love to sign up new members. It's only £10 per year for single membership, £15 for joint members, and you can find further details and an application form on the website at www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

We have exciting plans for new displays when we re-open in April – watch this space !

Happy New Year to you all,

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