



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society August 2023

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We have had a busy month at the museum, not only welcoming visitors old and new, but planning for the future. We have had new flyers printed, bought a new card reader for donations and sales, and are making wider links with other museums locally. We are excited to know that the museum may be involved in an upcoming exhibition on 'The Isle of Purbeck: Spirit of Place' at the Russell-Cotes Gallery in Bournemouth in late 2024: more on this later. We are extremely fortunate that the Windrose Trust, who work with archive film to make it accessible to a wider public, have chosen us for one of their projects: they will be supplying the museum with a DVD of archive film on the stone industry in this area. We will let you know when this is available to view as part of our display material. We have been invited to take part in the National Trust's Festival of Cultural Heritage on the weekend of 16-17th September between 10am and 5pm at Corfe Castle: do come along to support us there and find out more about what we're up to.

Our 'Ailwood' guided walk was well-supported and enjoyed, and by the time you read this, the two village guided walks will have taken place. The programme of talks for Autumn-Winter is shaping up well: here are confirmed dates for your diary, all at 7.30 in the Village Hall:

Thursday 28th September: Langton invades Europe: The D-Day Deceptions, by Phil Judkins.

Thursday 26th October: The History of Swanage Pier, by Nick Reed.

Thursday, 30th November: The Mortar Wreck – a 13th Century Ship, by Tom Cousins.

Thursday, 7th December: Society's Christmas event (more details later).

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

We are also hoping to do a couple of shorter afternoon talks in the Village Hall either in the Autumn or Spring: hopefully a 'sit-down' version of the Ailwood walk for those who couldn't make it, and a repeat of the 'Sale of Worth' talk. See the website www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org and posters for further details and dates.

Society Membership. Subscriptions are due on 1st September: the income from fees is vital to keep the museum and Society going. Please consider joining the society if you are not already a member you can find details on the website, or you can pick up a form from the museum or at events. If you are a member and haven't yet been sent a renewal letter, please contact lmlhps23@gmail.com which is our society's e-mail address. If you would like to send a donation for the upkeep of the museum please send to LMLHPS Barton, The Hyde LM BH19 3HE or via our website.

Our museum is the only museum dedicated to Purbeck Stone, the geology and the history of the quarrying in the local area. Please consider visiting before the end of the season.

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