



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society August 2024

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The D-day and Radar exhibition has been extended over the summer period, and there is still a chance to see it before the museum closes at the end of September. We hope to mount two new exhibitions, on blacksmith-made tools and textiles, in the local studies area next year. In July the Archive Team enjoyed a special training event funded and arranged by the Dorset Museums Service especially for us, to learn about how to handle and store textile collections: this training will be invaluable when we come to review our textiles collection in the autumn.

We are excited to announce that two paintings from the museum will be going on loan to the Russell-Cotes Museum in Bournemouth over the winter. The exhibition is called '**Artists in Purbeck - The Spirit of Place**' and will feature many important works painted by artists inspired by Purbeck landscape and people. The exhibition will be between 12th of October and 16th March 2025, and we are hoping to organise a special trip to the Russell-Cotes for members while it is on.

There will be a full programme of talks at Langton Village Hall over the winter: get the dates in your diaries now ! We will be holding two afternoon talks in addition to the usual evening events. All evening talks are at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thursday, 24th October: Mary Spencer Watson, Sculptor – the last of a creative trio by Ilay Cooper.

Thursday, 30th October: Purbeck, the Spirit of Place by Gill Clarke, Curator of the exhibition at the Russell-Cotes Museum (see above).

Wednesday, 6th November, AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. Local Farming – Artefacts, Photos and Tales with Alan Smith, Farmer.

Thursday, 21st November: Then and Now – Photographs of Corfe Castle Village by Louise Haywood, Historian.

Wednesday, 11th December. AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. John Mowlem by Audrey Pembroke.

Thursday, 19th December: LMLHPS Christmas Party – more details later.

Thursday 23rd January, 2025: Ball Clay Mining and the Railway, by Peter Sills.

Dates and subjects for Feb/March will be announced shortly: watch this space !

Membership fees are due for renewal on 1st September. Annual Membership is £10.00 for individuals or £15.00 for family/joint membership. Or for just £100 you can become a member for life. If you aren't already a member of the Society, why not join us ? Benefits include regular e-newsletters and reduced entry to talks. We will also be offering the opportunity for members to get involved in a local community archaeology project. To find out more and sign up as a member, go to <https://www.langtonia.org/membership.html> and download the application form.

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