



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society February 2024

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The committee have been very busy working on updating our constitution, following advice from the Dorset Museums Advisor, Vicky de Wit, and the Charity Commission. Membership is slowly growing: please consider joining us if you aren't already a member (see website for further details). www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org

The last 2 talks for this season are:

29th February 2024: "Purbeck and the English Civil War in Dorset, 1642 - 1646" (note enhanced title !), by Anthony Moore. Mr Moore explains: "Purbeck, with its two fortified sites of Wareham and Corfe, was strategically important to both sides in the English Civil War for control of the coast, ports and economic resources of the area. The talk puts local events in Purbeck in the context of what was happening in Dorset and nationally. It will identify local leaders and families on both sides and explain their motivation and roles. It will then go on to describe the key events and outcomes and how they related to the ebb and flow of the war across Dorset and the rest of the kingdom. The English Civil War was a very bloody conflict and killed more people per capita than the Great War (1914 -1918) and inevitably left its scars on every community including Purbeck."

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

Both talks are in Langton Village Hall at 7.30 (doors open 7pm.).

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

The Museum will re-open on April 1st, featuring in the 'Local History' room a display to commemorate the D-Day Anniversary in June. There will be the Radar exhibit, and documents and artefacts which show a little about what life was like for Langton people in WWII, including gas masks and an ARP warden's tin hat, as worn by Bill Pertwee in 'Dad's Army'. We are planning to display some of the extensive collection of blacksmith-made artefacts (locks, farm tools etc) in late June/July, with demonstrations by a local blacksmith outside the Museum, and hope to encourage school parties to attend: see website and posters for details of dates nearer the time. August/September is earmarked for a Textiles exhibition.

We are still looking for temporary dry storage space for some of our collection: if you think that you might be able to help, please get in touch through the website contact form, or speak to Daryle or me.

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