



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

February 2023

We had a very successful and well-attended talk from Ben Buxton in January on the mysteries of Creech Barrow. We welcomed friends old and new, and there was an opportunity to buy a range of the Society's publications.

We are excited to be able to report that our new website www.langtonia.org is now live ! Do visit and find out more about the Society, its plans and activities.

The Museum at the Coach House in Langton will be re-opening on April 1st: more details next month.

Mary Sparks is the new archivist, and is making links with the Swanage Museum team and the Dorset Museums Advisor to work out how to take forward the process of digitising and rationalising the archive. She is hoping to find a group to help her with this task: if you think you might be able to help, please contact her on marywdsparks@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for your diary:-

Tuesday, 28th February at 10.30am. OPEN meeting for museum custodians and 'interested others' in the Events room at Langton Village Hall. ALL are welcome to attend: do come along to find out more about the Society, about volunteering and getting involved. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday 23rd March – 'For Sale: Old World Village' - Mary Sparks will explain about how the entire village of Worth Matravers came to be sold (twice !) by auction in 1919, and about the changes which followed. She will also give a short talk about how and why the little Victorian village school at Worth came into being, and what happened after it closed.

Doors will open from 7pm, talks begin at 7.30pm. £3 members, £4 non-members. You can join the Society or renew your membership on the door. Society brochures and a selection of books from Reg Saville's personal library will be available for sale.

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