



## Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society

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[www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org](http://www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org)

We were all very sad to learn of the passing of Jim Bradford, a founder member of the Society, who over the years gave so much to Langton Matravers. With Reg Saville and others, he was instrumental in the Society's foundation and in the setting up of the Museum. He has left a wonderful legacy, for which we are all very grateful.

Jim Bradford's funeral will be held at St George's Church, Langton Matravers, on Monday 29th January at 1.30pm.

Our second afternoon talk, on the Sale of Worth Matravers, proved popular, so we are already making plans for more afternoon talks next season: watch this space for dates and topics.

The last 2 talks for this season are:

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024: Purbeck during the Civil War, by Anthony Moore: see posters and the website for further details nearer the time.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. You don't have to be a member to attend, though we welcome 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](http://www.langtonmatraversmuseum.org)

The Museum will re-open on April 1<sup>st</sup>, featuring in the 'Local History' room displays on Radar and WWII in time for the D-Day Anniversary in June. We also have plans to launch small displays on a rolling basis: April/May will feature (limited) 'Domestic Interiors'. In June/July we hope to feature some of the extensive collection of blacksmith-made artefacts (locks, farm tools etc), and in August/September we will be giving some of the wonderful collection of Textiles an airing.

We are 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.

The 'Dorset Diggers', a community archaeology group, have been in touch, and we are planning to work with them on a project in the local area: members of the Society will have the opportunity to get involved and take an active role in exploring our local heritage.

We hope to see you at February's talk.

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