



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society June 2023

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The Society have been having a busy time in the last couple of months. We re-opened our Museum at the Coach House, Langton Matravers, just behind the church (BH19 3HZ) on the April 1st. Do please come and pay us a visit when you are next passing, or make a special plan to come! Custodians will be very pleased to welcome you, and the museum is open 10-12 and 2-4 every day except Sunday. There is an exciting new display about the role of radar in winning the war, and also, on loan from the Swanage Pier Trust, a rare relic, the brass name letters from the 'KYARRA', sunk off this coast by a German U Boat in WW1. The Purbeck Stone museum exhibits now have some excellent interpretation boards and new lighting.

We held our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th May in Langton Village Hall, and this was well-attended. We said goodbye to our outgoing Chairman, David Selman, thanking him for many years of splendid service. Daryle Pearson was elected Chair, and other key officers were appointed. The museum is working towards Accreditation status, and there will be lots of work to do. It was agreed that we need to encourage people in the wider community to take an active role in exploring the history of the area, and make links with local schools and other organisations to help us to do this.

Membership fees, payable in September, are £10.00 for an individual, £15.00 for a couple. Please do consider joining us if you are not already a member. We are planning a couple of summer outings; guided walks in the area in August and early September, and a 'Show and Tell History Day' at Langton Village Hall – watch our website for further details. We also intend to hold another series of talks leading up to Christmas: updates when plans are in place.

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