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Come and see our new exhibit at the museum ! We're featuring finds from the archaeological dig at Afflington, which is supported by the Society and now in its third season. The Dorset Diggers and members of the Society have been meeting regularly at the site of what is technically called a 'Deserted Medieval Village' (DMV), actually probably a hamlet of c.15 houses. We are trying to find out when it was first settled, and when it was deserted, hoping too to find out more about how people lived then. There are photos of the dig site and accompanying information, along with pottery and metal objects which give clues about the age of the settlement. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am - 12noon and 2pm - 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Plans for the exhibition on the 150th anniversary of the re-building of St George's church are also in hand. Items for display include posters, pictures and details from the programme about the Centenary Pageant and Festival from 1976, as well as plans for the projected new church drawn in 1872 which wasn't built as it was too expensive. It would apparently have seated 450 people! There is also a tiny card registering the monthly collection of pennies towards the cost of the church: all the funding had to be raised by parishioners and well-wishers. Despite their best efforts (£5 4s over two years by this collector), there wasn't enough money, and a more modest version of the plans was eventually built. The exhibition will be staged in the church from August.

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