



Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society September 2024

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The Museum closes for the winter at the end of September, and we are starting to make plans for the new blacksmithing display when we re-open in April. Thank you to all the volunteer custodians who do such an amazing job in welcoming our visitors during the summer. If you think you might be able to spare a couple of hours a week (or fortnight) to join our merry band next year, we'd love to hear from you.

We are very much looking forward to the opening of the exhibition at the Russell-Cotes Museum in Bournemouth shortly. The exhibition, which will run from 12th of October to 16th March 2025, is called '**Artists in Purbeck - The Spirit of Place**' and will feature many important works inspired by Purbeck landscape and people, including two from our very own museum. The Russell-Cotes are planning to make cards of one of our paintings, Alfred Palmer's 'Two Quarrymen at Seacombe' available to purchase. LMLHPS members can obtain reduced entry fees to the exhibition: for further information, contact the Society via the website.

Please note the dates for talks at Langton Village Hall over the winter. We will be holding two afternoon talks in addition to the usual evening events. All evening talks are at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend: £3 for members, £4 for non-members.

Thursday, 24th October: Mary Spencer Watson, Sculptor – the last of a creative trio by Ilay Cooper.

Wednesday (NOT Thursday, as previously listed), 30th October: Purbeck, the Spirit of Place by Gill Clarke, Curator of the exhibition at the Russell-Cotes Museum (see above).

Wednesday, 6th November, AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. Local Farming – Artefacts, Photos and Tales with Alan Smith, Farmer.

Thursday, 21st November: Then and Now – Photographs of Corfe Castle Village by Louise Haywood, Historian.

Wednesday, 11th December. AFTERNOON talk – 2 for 2.30pm. John Mowlem by Audrey Pembroke.

Thursday, 19th December: LMLHPS Christmas Party – more details later.

Thursday 23rd January, 2025: Ball Clay Mining and the Railway, by Peter Sills.

Dates and subjects for Feb/March will be announced shortly: watch this space !

Membership fees were due for renewal on 1st September. Annual Membership is £10.00 for individuals or £15.00 for family/joint membership. To find out more about the benefits of membership, which currently include the chance to get involved in a local archaeological dig, come to the talks and ask our friendly committee, or contact us via the website. You can download the application form at: <https://www.langtonia.org/membership.html>

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