



**Langton Matravers Local History and Preservation Society**  
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**Surprise Yourself !**

Have you ever had a look around the Society's small, but perfectly-formed museum? Sadly, the museum has remained closed since the pandemic, in 2020, but we are proud to announce that we will be opening again on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> and would be very pleased to welcome you between 10am -12noon or 2pm - 4pm, every day except Sunday. Come and find out more about the area's historic stone industry, and other aspects of the life of the village over time. Plans are afoot for a display about Coronations past, and/or the role of radar in winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The museum is conveniently situated at the heart of the village, in St George's Close, behind the church, BH19 3HZ and parking is available outside. The museum is staffed by volunteers: if you think you might be able to spare a couple of hours to join us on a regular basis, or as a 'reserve', we'd love to hear from you.

We had another fascinating talk in February by Nick Reed on the East Indiaman wrecks of the Dorset coast, and on March 23<sup>rd</sup> Mary Sparks will explain about the sales of Worth Matravers in 1919. Plans are already in hand for a further series of talks in the Autumn: dates to be announced later.

The Management Committee has agreed to start work on accreditation for the museum: anyone who can help with the task of digitising and rationalising the archive, please contact the archivist (Collections Manager), Mary Sparks on [marywdsparks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marywdsparks@hotmail.co.uk) It is hoped to have regular weekly sessions on the archive at 'Barton', on a 'drop in when you can' basis.

Dates for your diary:-

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, from 10am.** (and ongoing) Museum open for the season.  
**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm.**, LMVH. Society's AGM (members only).

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