

# *Dorchester Association For the Research into Local History and Archaeology 2023/24 Programme*

**2023**

**Thursday September 28th**

History of Snooks Hat Shop, Bridport.

*Sue Outhwaite*



**Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Georgian Child from Birth to Indenture.

*Gordon Le Pard*

An exploration of the life of a Georgian child from birth through the games of early childhood to school, and the beginning of adult life.



**Thursday November 30**

Smuggling and the Dorset Connection.

*Trevor Ware*

**2024**

**Thursday January 25th**

The Dorchester Company

*David Cuckson*

A remarkable effort by a small community to found one of the earliest English settlements in North America (400th anniversary in 2022)

**Thursday February 29th**

The Transported Prisoners

*Mike Randall*

Mike has researched every transported prisoner from Dorset. He is particularly keen in establishing what happened to families left behind.



**Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sir Henry Edwards 1820-1897

*Stuart McLeod*

He was Weymouth's former M.P. from 1867 until 1885. One of the town's greatest benefactors to charities.



**Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

J.S.W. Sawbridge Erle Drax, Victim or Villain?

*Luke Moulard*

An eccentric, he built his Byzantine mausoleum located beside Holnest church, he included a letterbox into which he arranged "The Times" to be posted daily, and rehearsed his own funeral.

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

It's a Grave Business: Dead Interesting Dorset

*Rob Curtis*

The Dorchester Association for Research  
into Local History and Archaeology

The Association was formed in 1982 with  
the co-operation of the Dorset Natural  
History and Archaeological Society, but is  
an independent, charitable, non profit-  
making organisation. Its primary aim is to  
promote public interest in the local history  
and archaeology of Dorchester and its  
surrounding area

**Talks will commence at 7.30pm**

They will be held at the Dorford Centre,  
Bridport Road, Dorchester. DT1 1RR

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If you are not already a member, why not join to  
keep in touch with our events. The cost is only  
£10 per year. Meetings are free to members, a  
£3 donation is suggested for non-members.  
Other events are arranged during the year.  
Contact the Membership Secretary if you are  
interested, download a membership form from  
our website or join at a meeting.



*Tim Loasby guides members on a Kingston  
Maurwood landscape walk in 2022*

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# **The Dorchester Association for Research into Local History & Archaeology**

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**Programme  
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