

If you weren't there, this is what you missed!

Roger Wright reports on the last few meetings

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### October 2024

Our October meeting was an illustrated talk on the Welsh island of Flat Holm, situated in the Bristol Channel, 6 km from Lavernock Point. It is the most southerly point of Wales. Steepholm, the island just next to it, is part of England!



Bridget Box of the Flat Holm Society focused on the history of the island from the earliest known visitors dating at least from the Bronze Age, through two fortifications, farming, the lighthouse, communications (Marconi transmitted the first wireless signals over open sea to it from Lavernock), to its current operation as a nature reserve.

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### November 2024



In November Professor David Whittaker gave us a talk called *Forensic Dental Science – an Insight into History*. The talk briefly covered the role and expertise of the basic problems faced by a forensic dentist in assisting the police and the courts in solving serious criminal activity such as rape and murder.

David went on to link the methods used in how modern medical science can help anthropologists and archaeologists to discover more about the people of history. It ranged over a period in the life of mankind from the Egyptian civilisation to the modern day. Cases worked on included Fred and Rosemary West and Adolf Hitler!

A surprisingly interesting subject well presented by David.

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### December 2024

The December meeting continued the format adopted over previous years. By charging a small extra entry fee, we were in a good position to provide drink and light refreshments.

Lyn Owen devised a quiz based on the theme 'Back to School' covering a variety of subjects, for example:

Which opera is the aria *Nessun Dorma* taken from? Answer: *Turandot*

Name two French verbs which use the verb *être* to conjugate the perfect tense.

Answer: *aller* and, *venir* amongst several others

Where are the next summer Olympic Games being held? Answer: Los Angeles

Where was the last (unsuccessful) French invasion of Great Britain? Answer: Fishguard.



Lyn projected all the questions and answers onto a big screen; when giving the answers she also gave us some interesting information on the topics.

Well done Lyn – same again please next Christmas!