

**18<sup>th</sup> January**

**A factious place of backside and dung heaps – the lyves and tymes of 17<sup>th</sup> century**

**Moretonians**

Bill Hardiman's illustrated chairman's address is based on recent transcriptions and translations of local archives by members of the society.

**15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Medieval illuminated manuscripts**

Dr Claire Donovan will give an illustrated talk on the role of illuminated manuscripts in medieval culture.



*Illustration from the Winchester Bible*

**15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Crime and Punishment in the 17<sup>th</sup> century**

Dr. Janet Few will consider how crime was dealt with at this time. What were the punishments and how could you avoid them?

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

**South-west secret agents in World War Two**

Laura Quigley will reveal to us the hitherto unknown story of espionage and clandestine activities in Devon in the Second World War.

**17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Devon country houses**

Hugh Meller will share with us his expert knowledge and slides of some of Devon's most significant country houses.

**21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Guided tours of Dartmouth and the Royal Naval College**

Morning walking tour of the town with a local guide. After lunch, we will be shown the historic highlights of Britannia Royal Naval College. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



*Dartmouth town with the college in the background*

**19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Guided tour of Sand Elizabethan Manor House, Sidbury**

Afternoon guided tour by the owner of this historic property that is rarely open to the public. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



*Sand Manor House owned by the same family since 1560*

**16<sup>th</sup> August**

**Guided tour of Princetown**

Simon Dell, a retired local policeman, will show us around the town, church and historic American and French graves in the prison. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

**20<sup>th</sup> September**

**History and historical fiction; how can we tell the truth about the past?**

A conversation between our president, Dr Ian Mortimer, and Michael Jecks based on their experience and reflections on writing historical fiction. How can we tell the truth about the past?

**18th October**

**AGM and Quiz**

After a short annual general meeting of the society, most of the evening will be devoted to an illustrated quiz.

**15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Devon's Medieval Wood Carvers and Renaissance, Gothic and Bestial designs**

Dr Todd Gray's entertaining and informative talk will show us some fabulous examples of Devon's unique collection of wood carvings.



*Medieval Wood carving in Higher Bickington Church, Devon*

**13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Dinner**

Date & venue to be confirmed.

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*Where is Woolcomber's Cottage?  
AGM and Quiz 18<sup>th</sup> October*

Meetings are on the third Wednesday each month in the Stables Room at The Union Inn, 10 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead TQ13 8LN & start at 7.30 p.m. *unless stated otherwise*. Non-members welcome - £4 on the door (free if in full-time education).