

Wednesday 18th January

'A god-forsaken town called Moretonhampstead & a tract of rough pasture on the edge of Dartmoor'

For his chairman's talk, Bill Hardiman will assess Lord Hambleden's immediate & lasting impact on his north-east Dartmoor estate.

Wednesday 15th February

The Dissolution of the Monasteries in Devon

Professor James Clark will show how fresh archaeological & archival research means the story of the fall of Devon's religious houses can be traced more fully & in sharper focus than in previous generations.



Buckland Abbey

The last abbot, John Toker or Tucker, is thought to have been a native of Moretonhampstead.

Wednesday 15th March

Manors, Mounds & the Mesolithic: Recent Archaeological Investigations on Dartmoor

Lee Bray of DNPA will discuss the results of archaeological fieldwork in the National Park in recent years, present some of its results & explore some of the questions it has raised.

Wednesday 19th April

Glimpses of Elizabethan Exeter: The evidence for the lives of 'ordinary' people in the later sixteenth century city

Dr Kate Osborne worked in museums for 26 years, including leading the refurbishment of St Nicholas Priory in Exeter as an Elizabethan town house. She works now on Exeter University's 'Hidden Cities' project.

Wednesday 17th May

The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters

In 1890 the Pinwill sisters established an ecclesiastical woodcarving business in Ermington & went on to be ranked among the best in the Westcountry. Dr Helen Wilson has studied the Pinwill sisters for over 10 years & written an award-winning book.

Tuesday 30th May

Pinwill Sisters Field Trip

With Dr Wilson to see their work in 3 Dartmoor churches. Details tbc.

Wednesday 14th June

Buckfastleigh: Caves, 'Valiant Soldier' Pub-Museum & Town Tour

An all-day trip. Details tbc

Tuesday 4th July

Totnes Town Tour

Details tbc



Totnes

England's second oldest borough has fascinating museums, a picturesque riverside with steamer quay & a multitude of ancient buildings. This historic & eccentric town even has its own currency, the Totnes Pound. (Don't worry, national currency is also accepted!)

Saturday 19th August

Lundy Island

Guided tour with Simon Dell & another accredited guide.
Details tbc.

Wednesday 20th September

History of Exeter Hospitals

Mike Richards is a retired local police officer who is now an Exeter Cathedral & City Redcoat guide.

Wednesday 18th October

AGM & Yule be surprised

Mark Norman, an accomplished folklorist, will examine some of the customs, traditions & beliefs surrounding the festivities of Christmas, Yule & the Winter Solstice.

Wednesday 15th November

Moor To Shore: The Devon Aerial Archaeology Mapping Project, 2018-2020

Bill Horner is Devon County's Historic Environment Manager & Archaeologist.



Outline of a Roman farm at Bicton seen in a heatwave in 2018.

December

Christmas Dinner

Date & venue tbc

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PROGRAMME 2023



Viscount Hambleden & his family at The Manor House. (The subject of January's talk.)

Meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Stables Room at The Union Inn, 10 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead TQ13 8LN - unless stated otherwise.

Non-members welcome - £4 on the door (free if in full-time education).