

21st October

**AGM and excerpts from
Moreton's film archives**

AGM business will be followed by excerpts from local film and video collections recently digitised for Moreton archives.

18th November

**The Art of the Devon Garden – a
historical tour**

Gardens are a little-considered aspect of our local history; Dr Todd Gray's illustrated lecture provides a visual history of how they have changed over the last 800 years.



Buckland Abbey

9th December

Christmas Dinner

Date & venue to be confirmed

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**PROGRAMME
2015**



The Mary Rose

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

21st January

Eden Phillpotts and Dartmoor

Phil Page, the former NCC/English Nature Site Manager on Dartmoor, will give an illustrated talk that explores some of the places and also the issues raised in Phillpotts's Dartmoor novels.

18th February

From Domesday to Dartington – a human history of Fingle Woods

Bill Hardiman's illustrated chairman's talk will show how our local woods have been influenced by their successive owners, the Courtenays, Smiths and Elmhursts. And how have they provided a livelihood for generations of Moretonians?



18th March

Devon and World War One

Dr David Parker's talk is based on his recent award-winning book, *The People of Devon in the First World*. He challenges some of the conventional views of the attitudes and roles of the civilian population during the war.

15th April

The Mary Rose

Peter Marsden, a professional archaeologist, will give an illustrated talk based on his work on this exciting project which there is an opportunity to visit in June – see below.

20th May

Mutiny on the Moor – the 1932 Dartmoor Prison Riot

Simon Dell, a retired local policeman, will use rarely seen photos and film to illustrate his talk. He will give us a fascinating insight into life and conditions in our infamous local prison.



1-5th June

Trip to the Portsmouth area

Based for 4 nights at a Southsea hotel, we will visit historic sites in the area, including the Mary Rose, Fishbourne Roman Villa, Arundel Castle, Wilton House, Salisbury and Winchester. A few places are still available – contact Judy Hardiman if you are interested, including non-members.

15th July

Guided tour of Cothay Manor and Gardens

Cothay, a 15th century manor house, is surrounded by twelve acres of magically romantic gardens. All day visit, including lunch. Details and booking form will be sent out a month before.



19th August

Guided Tour of Great Torrington

Travel back to the English Civil War to learn of the Battle of Torrington and seventeenth century life with local historian, Dr Janet Few. All day visit, including lunch. Details and booking form will be sent out a month before.

16th September

North Devon Savages

Peter Christie, chairman of Torridge DC, tells the true story of a strange family who terrorised their local community over many decades. What was the truth behind the stories that made headlines in the national press?