



DAWLISH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

PROGRAMME for 2019-20

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Tuesday April 2nd 2019

‘Newton Abbot Union Workhouse’ by John Ellis.

Workhouses were where poor people who had no job or home lived. The Newton Abbot workhouse was built in East Street in 1837 for 350 inmates. It was enlarged in 1875 to include an infirmary, and later the buildings became part of Newton Abbot Hospital. John is a local historian and the author of ‘Newton Abbot's Great War: Forgotten Times, Forgotten Men’.

Tuesday May 7th 2019

Outing to Tiverton Castle and Church.

A guided tour by Alison Gordon, owner of the castle, which has over 900 years of history, and a beautiful garden. It was captured in the Civil War and features a collection of arms and armour from that time. The church dates from 1073 but is mainly 15thC; the ornate Greenway chapel contains some of the finest carvings of any English parish church. A light lunch and/or cream tea can be arranged.

Tuesday June 4th 2019

**‘History of the Bishops’ Palace at Bishopsteignton’
by Ken Dawe.**

The remains of the palace built by Walter de Bronescombe were in use from the second half of the 13th century until 1550. Ken is the owner of the nearby Old Walls Vineyard, the name inspired from the palace. The Dawe family have farmed in the village for over 90 years.

Tuesday July 2nd 2019

Visiting Ugbrooke House and Chudleigh.

A guided tour of the house, which has ancient origins, and was remodelled by Robert Adam in the 1760s. The property has been owned by the Clifford family for over 400 years and the guide will delve into the history of the family and the house. Light refreshments will be available. A short guided walk around Chudleigh town centre will follow.

Tuesday August 6th 2019

‘Life on Dartmoor in World War I’ by Peter Mason.

This talk is based on two years painstaking research undertaken with local history societies and individuals on the impact WW1 had on residents of Dartmoor’s towns and villages. More recently Peter co-curated the ‘Dartmoor: a Wild and Wondrous Region’ exhibition at RAMM in 2018.

September 13-22, 2019

Heritage Open Days: Visit/s to Historic Places

Historic places not normally open to the public. Visit/s to be arranged when opening information is available.

(Suggestions welcome.)

Tuesday October 1st 2019

‘History of Devon’s Orchards’ by Michael Gee.

Although we often think of Devon as a county of orchards and cider making this historical exploration contends that this was not always the case. Author of a recent book on the subject, Michael has been involved in saving the county’s orchards since 1990.

Tuesday November 5th 2019

‘The Victorian Garden’ by Suzanne Jones.

Exploring the effect of the Industrial Revolution and the British Empire on the gardens and gardeners of Devon in the 19th century, and their lasting legacy. Last year Suzanne presented a popular talk on the Ferris Brewery and Dawlish pubs, and returns with a subject very close to her heart.

Tuesday December 3rd 2019

‘Christmas Quiz’ by Dave Strawbridge.

A third outing of Dave’s popular quiz format. Featuring questions focussing on Group activities and others with a general historical bent. Seasonal food and drink provided.

Tuesday February 4th 2020

‘3000 years history from under the sea’

by Ronald Howell.

Exploring the finding of four historically important shipwrecks off the South Devon coast, dating from the bronze age to the 17th century. Ronald has dived for over 40 years and is currently Hon. Sec. of the South West Maritime Archaeological Group.

Tuesday March 3rd 2020

‘Dowsing – it’s not all about water’ by Charlie Palmer.

Charlie will offer an explanation of why dowsing can be used for archaeological searches, and looks at the importance of ley lines. There will be an opportunity to try practical dowsing for the curious. Charlie was born in Bridestowe and has been dowsing for nearly 20 years.