

19th October

**Annual General Meeting
followed by Annual Quiz on
Moreton & Devon history.**

16th November

Horses & History

Bob Pigott, for many years the local vet, reflects on his career in what promises to be a highly entertaining talk.

14th December

Christmas Dinner

Date & venue to be confirmed



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PROGRAMME FOR 2011



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history society

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Stables Room at *The Union Inn*, Ford Street, Moretonhampstead starting at 7.30 p.m. unless stated otherwise. See programme for details.

19th January

President's Address: 'The President's Tale- a personal contact with Dartmoor'

Professor Ian Mercer, former head of the DNPA, is a leading authority & entertaining speaker on all aspects of Dartmoor.

16th February

600 years of the Greenway Estate

A fully illustrated talk by John Risdon that takes us from the Gilberts' participation on the world stage in Tudor & Stuart times through to this beautiful estate's association with Agatha Christie.

16th March

Thomas Hardy: Wessex Man

An illustrated talk by Brian Spittles, a Moreton resident, who was Head of Humanities at Ruskin College, Oxford.

Thomas Hardy's novels are still highly popular; several of them have been adapted to the television and cinema screens, including possibly the two most controversial novels of the Victorian period. He wrote very strong women characters who partly reflect his own experience with powerful females. The novels also express Hardy's own fascination with history.

13th April

Archive Films of the South West & Moretonhampstead

South West Film & Television Archive will show archive film covering a variety of West Country subjects with about the last 20 minutes dedicated to Moretonhampstead.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN THE PARISH HALL



18th May

Alfred the Great

An illustrated talk by Derek Gore, lecturer at Exeter University, who takes a balanced view of this notorious ruler. The written and archaeological sources for his reign are fuller than for any other Anglo-Saxon king. He was ruler of Wessex, a kingdom south of the Thames, which included parts of the south-west. His achievements in war, administration, art and Christianity were considerable, but may be magnified because we lack information about other rulers of the period.

15th June

Visit to Plymouth Historic Navy Base & Museum

Details to be confirmed.

20th July

Visit to Vitifer and Golden Dagger tin mines

Meet at Bennett's Cross at 2pm. Local expert, Dr Tom Greeves will lead a tour that should last about 3 hours.

21st September

Parole Prisoners in Ashburton & Moretonhampstead

There has always been a lot of anecdotal evidence about this fascinating topic. This illustrated talk by Barbie Thompson draws upon our society's archive materials as well as newly available documents in the National Archives to explore who the prisoners were and what impact they had on the towns they stayed in.

