

16th October

60 years farming on Dartmoor

An evening of reminiscences with Colin Pearse, the well-known local farmer & author.

20th November

AGM followed by Metal Detecting in the Moretonhampstead area

A talk by John Smith, an enthusiastic local metal detector, who will bring along some examples of his historic finds in & around the local area.

11th December

Christmas Dinner

Date & venue to be confirmed



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history society

**PROGRAMME 2013**

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.



**16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Chairman's Address:  
'Moretonhampstead is a town  
with a particularly intriguing  
religious history'. (Mark Stoye)**

Bill Hardiman will consider some of the issues that he and Ian Mortimer discovered when writing their new guide to St. Andrew's Church.

**20<sup>th</sup> February**

**A fact stranger than fiction**

An illustrated talk by Andy Powell on the mysterious fate of the early American colony of Roanoke Island set up by Sir Walter Raleigh.

**20<sup>th</sup> March**

**John Clare 'peasant poet'**

'Born in poverty, died impoverished – but what a life in between!' Brian Spittles, one of our members, will discuss the life and works of this acclaimed rural poet.



**17<sup>th</sup> April**

**The Courtenay family of  
Powderham Castle**

Felicity Harper is the archivist at Powderham Castle & an authority on the Courtenays, lords of the manor of Moretonhampstead for over 500 years.

**(See September trip)**

**15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mardon Down**

A guided walk on Mardon Down to interpret its archaeological remains and features with Andy Crabb, Dartmoor National Park Authority archaeologist.



Giant's Grave Mardon Down

**19<sup>th</sup> June**

**'The Green Lanes of Devon'**

Valerie Belsey, an ardent enthusiast and archivist for our countryside, has written several books on the green lanes of Devon and the stories they have to tell.

**17<sup>th</sup> July**

**Guided walking tour of Lydford**

Meet at the car park opposite the Castle Inn at 3pm for a walk of about 2 hours led by Dr Tom Greeves, Chairman of Dartmoor Society and well-known cultural environmentalist.

**4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Guided tour of Powderham Castle**

A follow-up to our April meeting. Start at 2.30 pm. Other details to be confirmed.

**18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Devon Roof Bosses**

An illustrated talk by Dr Sue Andrew, a leading authority on this fascinating topic.



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