

**21<sup>st</sup> October**

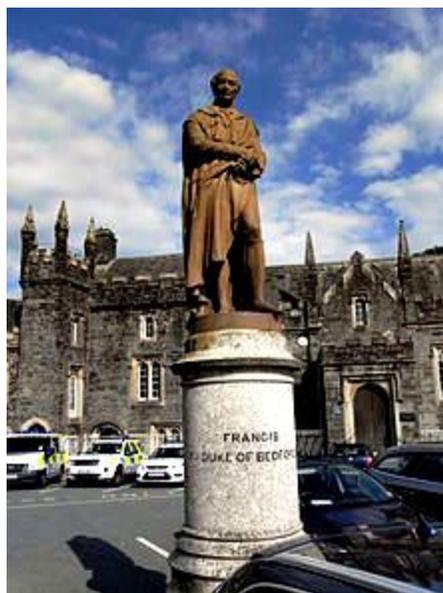
**Annual General Meeting**

The society's AGM followed by a talk on **James Ravilious Devon photographer** – Robin Ravilious will discuss her late husband's evocative images of rural Devon life.

**18<sup>th</sup> November**

**"Mad, bad and fascinating to know"**

An illustrated talk by Dr Geri Parlbly on the Russels of Tavistock - colourful ancestors of the Dukes of Bedford.



**16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Dinner**

Date & venue to be confirmed. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

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**PROGRAMME 2020**



A Devon farmer (*James Ravilious*)  
See October's meeting

Meetings are on the third Wednesday each month in the Stables Room at The Union Inn, 10 Ford Street, Moretonhampstead TQ13 8LN & start at 7.30 p.m. *unless stated otherwise*. Non-members welcome - £4 on the door (free if in full-time education).

**15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Who were the rightful heirs to the throne in the 15th century – York or Lancaster?**

We all know about the fatal conflict between the houses of York & Lancaster in the Wars of the Roses - a political struggle for the throne - but how come it arose, & can we say either side was in the right? Dr Ian Mortimer's Presidential talk explores the historical context of this real 'game of thrones'.

**19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Haytor Granite – a Celebration**

Stuart Drabble's talk celebrates the opening of the Haytor Granite Railroad on Dartmoor in 1820.



*Haytor Granite Quarry in 1827  
(James Cartwright)*

**18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Dartmoor songs with jig dolls, spoons etc.**

An evening of entertainment by Bill Murray, the acclaimed local folk singer & collector, & friends.

**15<sup>th</sup> April**

**North East Dartmoor & the Black Death**

Dr David Stone's illustrated talk will describe the impact of the plague on our area and assess its longer term effects.

**20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Aethelred the Unready & the South West**

The Anglo-Saxon king Aethelred the Unready is considered to be inscrutable, irrational & poorly advised. Dr Levi Roach reassesses this reputation in his actions in the West Country.



*Aethelred the Unready depicted in the Abingdon Chronicle c1220.  
(British Library)*

**12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Saint Katherine's Priory Exeter**

An evening tour with John Allan, the renowned local archaeologist. The monument includes much of the surviving remains of a Benedictine nunnery founded before 1159 & dissolved in 1539.

**10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Buckfastleigh**

A morning tour of Joint Mitnor Cave, lunch in the Abbey, afternoon tour of the Valiant Soldier Museum Pub & other historic parts of the town.

**12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Fulford House, Dunsford**

An afternoon guided tour of this historic house (once trashed by Moretonians!) with the owner followed by optional cream tea.



*Tudor wood panelling at Fulford House.  
(J Hardiman)*

**16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Sittaford Stone Circle & my other Dartmoor discoveries**

Alan Endacott was brought up on Dartmoor & has spent his life exploring & trying to make sense of its world-famous prehistoric landscapes, especially the Neolithic & Bronze Age ceremonial or ritual monuments.