

Monday 26th Jan
Dr Jenny Bennett

The River Exe, Untangling Its History



Detailed research and field work compiled by Dr Bennett for her geology masters on the subject of the River Exe. Her talk will be on untangling its history and its changing course over time, through to the many influences of geology, man and climate.

Monday 23rd Feb
Tony Gale

The Prayer Book Rebellion



The Prayer Book Rebellion, was a popular uprising in Devon and Cornwall in June 1549, fuelled by resistance to the new, English-Language Book of Common Prayer.

Tony Gale will reflect on the 16th August 1549 when the royalist army stayed overnight in Crediton. They were pursuing the remnants of the rebel army crushed in a battle near Exeter. Thousands of defeated combatants had fled west as the royalists were hunting them down.

Monday 23rd March
Dr Todd Gray

Devon's Home Front Writers, 1937-1945



Renowned historian Dr Todd Gray of Exeter will talk about his research on the intimate stories, and view of Devon life and its people during WW11, including those told by people who'd been evacuated to the county and took part in the Mass Observation, Anthropological Project.



Monday 27th April
Thomas Cadbury – RAMM

The Roman Coin Hoard and what it tells us about Roman Devon

In November 2013, a metal detectorist found a hoard of 22,888 Roman coins near Seaton Down in Devon. It is by far the largest coin hoard found in Devon dating back to 350 AD. Assistant Curator of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum of Exeter, Thomas Cadbury counted and categorised the coins and his talk tells us what we can learn about Roman Britain

Monday 18 May
James Downs

History of Photography in Devon

James Downs from the University of Exeter, will give a talk on the development of photography in Devon and the Crediton area.



There will be a range of old cameras and daguerreotypes to look at

Monday 22nd June
Elizabeth Shakespeare

'The Ordeal of Miss Lucy Jones'

Elizabeth Shakespeare is an author who has written seven books set in the North Devon Countryside. Her books have a sense of a strong historical identity of the area and reflects past lives and her interest in social history



Her talk will be about her novel 'The Ordeal of Miss Lucy Jones' a novel based on a true story, set in Torrington in the nineteenth century.

Monday 27th July

Visit to Fursdon House, Cadbury, EX5 5JS

The home of the Fursdon Family since 1259. An afternoon tour of an historical Georgian Manor House, The garden can also be visited.

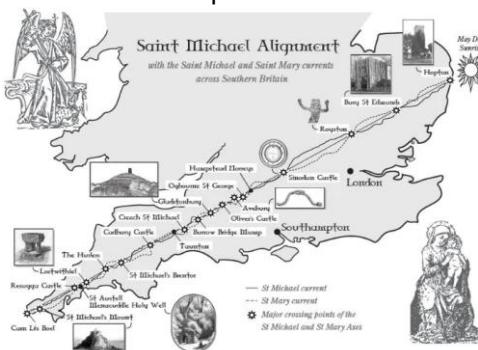
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Monday 28th Sept

Peter and Sue Knight

The St Michael Line

The Saint Michael Line is a Pilgrimage Route and Song Line which crosses southern England, including Devon. The talk will look at all aspects of the Line, including the pilgrimage aspect, astronomy, dowsable energies and will include local Devon places on the line.



Peter and Sue Knight will also compare the line with the song-lines of the Australian Aborigines and how the line links with others around the earth.

Monday 26th Oct

Alan Endacott

The Stone Circles of Northern Dartmoor

Alan Endacott was born on a traditional Dartmoor Farm, founder Curator of The Dartmoor Museum of Country Life in Okehampton, former acting chairman of The Dartmoor Society and an archaeologist.

We will hear how Alan found Sittaford Stone Circle in 2007 and more recently, unearthed two more stone circles near Taw Marsh, Belstone and carried out excavations on them in 2024. We will learn of Alan's theory of a "sacred ring" of stone circles around the central uplands of northern Dartmoor which challenges previous understandings of the Dartmoor circles as isolated monuments



Monday 23rd Nov
AGM and Social Evening



A light supper followed by a Musical Presentation
By Adrienne Hesketh



BOW AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



PROGRAMME OF TALKS

January – November 2026

Meetings held 4th Monday of each month

Venue Bow Village Hall, EX17 6HU

Car Parking available

Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 pm start

Membership £15 per annum
£5 Admission for non-Members
Tea and Biscuits included with admission

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