



## **The Friends of Devon's Archives**

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### **Welcome to the Spring 2023 Newsletter**

I am delighted to welcome you to our first Newsletter of 2023. There is a wide breadth of articles, reports and returns from across the historic county; I am sure you will find much of interest. Thanks as ever to our editor Sue Jackson. She would welcome feedback and hearing about any community archives and research projects or private archives which could be featured.

Last November we held a very successful AGM at The Box, Plymouth. The success was in no small part due to Claire Skinner, Archivist at The Box, who following the AGM, gave an in depth "behind the scenes" tour of both the archive and the picture stores, including the SW Film and Television Archive and the Digital Film and Image Service. Huge thanks to Claire.

The Norden Project features much in this issue. As both a community and an academic project It has delivered well beyond our expectations and there are many to thank – the industrious band of volunteers, Des Atkinson who has led the project through thick and thin (including Covid) and brought it to publication, David Stone for initiating the early stages, Richard Knights for sharing his GIS skills, Christina Dixon for invaluable evaluation and Clare Maudling for not only administration but producing a thorough final report for NLHF which earned a special thanks from the lottery with particular praise directed at the volunteer involvement. We thank NLHF for the grant and thank lottery players – I am sure amongst us are both regular and, like me, occasional players who play because even if we don't hit the jackpot we know that most of the ticket sales go to excellent causes. Finally – welcome to SWHT's Cary Project - see Stuart Tyler's first report below.

Katharine Chant, FoDA Chair

## **Dates for your Diary – Forthcoming Conferences**

The Norden Survey: Life in Devon in the time of King James I.  
An illustrated talk by Dr. Des Atkinson on Thursday, 7th September, 2023 at 7pm in The Devon Rural Archive.

Organised in association with Devon History Society & Friends of Devon's Archives

John Norden's survey from the early seventeenth century contains rich and detailed information for the seven Devon manors in the possession of the Duchy of Cornwall. The entire survey can be viewed online courtesy of the London Metropolitan Archives. However, much of the text is in Latin, and the writing can be difficult for the lay reader to decipher. A major project by the Friends of Devon Archives, funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund and staffed by local volunteers, has produced a full translation and transcription of the survey. This talk will discuss the project and will describe the wealth of information that the new translation makes available to the public. The Duchy manors encompass significant settlements such as Ashburton, as well as the deeply rural pockets of Dunkeswell and Heathfield. Each entry contains fascinating detail on the residents, their holdings and their locality, as well as some quite pointed comments by John Norden himself.

Dr. Des Atkinson is an Exeter-based historian with interests in the late medieval and early modern period. He has been working for the last two years as the supervisor for the Norden Survey project. His next project (for the Devon & Cornwall Record Society) will be the publication of the manorial extents of Canonsleigh Abbey in Devon (dating from 1323).

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Tickets are £7.00 each, and must be purchased in advance. To purchase a ticket please visit [www.devonruralarchive.com](http://www.devonruralarchive.com) or call 01548 830832.

Abigail C. Gray, Curator & Resident Archaeologist

FoDA AGM & Conference, November, Torquay – Details in Autumn 2023 Newsletter

## **Update from the Membership Secretary**

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their membership subscription for 2023, it is great to have you with us again.

For those who haven't yet renewed, please complete the Banker's Order or Membership form on our website with your name and address and send with a cheque to:

The Membership Secretary,  
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Membership rates for 2023:

Individual = £10 per year

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Membership runs from 1 January to 31 December each year.

If you have any questions about membership, or would prefer to pay by another method, please contact me at the following email address: [abigail.gray@acgarchaeology.co.uk](mailto:abigail.gray@acgarchaeology.co.uk)

Abi Gray, Membership Secretary, Friends of Devon's Archives

## **SW Heritage Trust Report**



### **Devon Archives and Local Studies Service**

The second half of 2022 and early 2023 have seen one major project come to fruition, another make excellent progress and a third begin.

The first of these, with which Friends' members will be familiar, was the National Lottery Heritage Funded volunteer project to transcribe the Devon sections of John Norden's survey of Crown Lands, compiled between 1613 and 1617. The survey covers the manors of Ashburton, Bovey Tracey, Bradninch, Buckfastleigh, Dunkeswell, Exeter Castle, Heathfield and Ottery St Mary, and is contained in a 400 page manuscript written in a mixture of Latin and English and held by the London Metropolitan Archives. The full transcript is now available via our online catalogue, and this also contains a link to a digitised copy of the original survey, which is on the website of the London Metropolitan Archives. We are extremely grateful to Drs David Stone and Des Atkinson for managing the project, Frances Billinge, whose original idea it was, and all the volunteers who contributed so much time and hard work. A celebration to mark the completion of the project was held at the Heritage Centre in late January, and the transcription will be published in printed form later this year.

Ever since the South West Heritage Trust was formed in late 2014, one of our principal ambitions has been to provide better accommodation for the outstanding Westcountry Studies Library collection. Many readers will recall that until 2014 the library occupied the same building in central Exeter – the old City Library – which the former Devon Record Office was based in until 2005. When the decision was taken to sell that building the Westcountry Studies Library was moved to Great Moor House. The acquisition of the library greatly enhanced the holdings of the Heritage Centre, but we were initially compelled to store it in some areas of the building which were not especially suitable because of their temperature and distance from the archive searchroom. During 2022, the majority of the collection was moved to a specially adapted strongroom which is adjacent to the areas where the Heritage Centre's manuscript collection is stored. We are now able to give this magnificent collection the care and respect that it deserves, in addition to making it more easily accessible to researchers. Our project to catalogue the archives of the Cary family of Torquay began in October 2022. As Stuart Tyler describes elsewhere in this newsletter, he has already discovered a lot of previously unknown material, including some superb architectural plans of buildings erected in nineteenth century Torquay and beyond. We are very grateful to the Friends for their financial and strategic support of the project, and we hope that it will culminate in an exhibition at Torre Abbey in early 2024.

At the North Devon Record Office in Barnstaple, plans are in place for a joint exhibition with the Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, with the possibility of a further exhibition elsewhere in the region later in the year.

Digital preservation and audio-visual archives are areas in which our work has greatly expanded in recent years. In November 2022, after problems with our previous system, we moved to a new digital preservation system provider. Key staff have been trained in using the new system, and a major piece of work is taking place to 'ingest' all of the records which we held in the old system, and then to ingest records which are ready to be processed but which weren't ingested into the old system. This year we will also be continuing work to transfer all the digital records which are still on their original media (CD, USB stick, hard drive, etc.) to our servers. This will take a significant amount of staff time and we expect the appraisal, cataloguing and ingesting part of the project to continue into 2024 and possibly beyond.

One of our archivists attended a conference on 9th February to celebrate the end of the *Unlocking Our Sound Heritage* project. This was a major project, led by the British Library, to digitise, catalogue and promote sound archives from across the UK. Around 600 items from Devon and Somerset were digitised as part of this project.

Across the two counties we still have over 2,000 sound archives which have not been digitised, and time is running out to save them before they degrade and become unplayable. We have joined other archives in the South West to bid for grant funding for further sound archives work, building on the success of *Unlocking Our Sound Heritage* and are waiting to hear whether our initial bid has been successful.

Brian Carpenter  
Community Outreach Officer  
Devon Archives and Local Studies Service

## **Norden Survey**

### Norden Project Summary

The Norden Survey project, initiated by Dr Frances Billinge and supported by the Friends of Devon's Archives (FoDA), reached a significant milestone in January 2023 with the public availability of the translated survey. This document seeks to summarise the project which was supported by a generous grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF).

#### Key Dates

- March 2016: Dr Frances Billinge launched the project, funding digitisation of the manuscript survey at the LMA. After initial struggles by her to raise awareness and support, these eventually came from FoDA (Dr Ian Mortimer) and from John Allan at the Devon Archaeological Society (DAS)
- Initial volunteers' meeting 2 March 2019 at Dix's Fields, Exeter, thanks to the support of DAS
- Next volunteers' meeting at Devon Rural Archive (DRA), 30 September 2019

- The project in its final form was formally launched in March 2020 after the successful funding bid to the NLHF
- The original end date of December 2021 delayed by the impact of the Covid pandemic. A proposed volunteers' meeting on 24 March 2020 at the DRA was postponed
- Volunteers' meeting was held on Zoom with a focus on mapping (our thanks to Dr Richard Sandover), 24 November 2020
- February 2021 – Des Atkinson takes over as project supervision from David Stone
- 9 September 2021 – Volunteers' training & progress update day at DRA
- 24 March 2022 – Volunteers' training & progress update day at DRA
- By 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the online version was drafted, ready for hosting by the South West Heritage Trust (SWHT)

### The survey

The original survey was produced by John Norden and son. Compiled and written up in the period from 1613 to 1617, it was created for Charles Stuart, then Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall. The seven manors (plus Exeter Castle) were all Duchy lands. They were: Ashburton, Bovey Tracey, Bradninch, Buckfastleigh, Dunkeswell, Heathfield (Aveton Gifford) and Ottery St Mary.

The survey volume is held in manuscript form at the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA). It is viewable online thanks to the benefaction of Dr Frances Billinge and can be found at:  
[https://search.lma.gov.uk/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/LMA\\_OPAC/web\\_detail?SESSIONSEARCH&exp=refd%20CLA/044/05/041](https://search.lma.gov.uk/scripts/mwimain.dll/144/LMA_OPAC/web_detail?SESSIONSEARCH&exp=refd%20CLA/044/05/041).

The document reference code in the LMA catalogue is CLA/044/05/041.

### Funding

A NLHF grant of £21,800 was awarded as a 93% contribution to project costs of up to £23,350. The balance was funded by a contribution from FoDA. FoDA are extremely grateful to the NLHF and lottery players for their generous support. As noted above, Dr Frances Billinge had personally funded the digital scan of the manuscript volume, allowing it to be placed online by the LMA.



### Staffing

Dr David Stone was the initial project supervisor, formally appointed in early 2020. He was succeeded by Dr Desmond Atkinson in February 2021.

Ros Palmer acted as project administrator until succeeded by Dr Clare Maudling in March 2022.

Christina Dixon has acted as Evaluator.

All their work was overseen by the FoDA committee, chaired by Katharine Chant.

Dr John Booker's courses on Advanced Palaeography (including medieval Latin and deciphering secretary hand), held at the Devon & Exeter Institution and later at the Devon Heritage Centre, proved very helpful in training the volunteers.

## Volunteers – a contribution to celebrate

The completion and publication of the translation of the survey could not have taken place without the considerable labours of our team of dedicated volunteers working on the various manors:

Ashburton:	Marcia Babington, Ann & Roger Claxton, Pat Watson
Bovey Tracey:	Frances Billinge & Penny Martin
Bradinch:	Marion Hardy, Rosemary Payne & Martin Watts
Buckfastleigh:	Liz Knowling
Dunkeswell:	Richard Knights & Penny Lawrence
Heathfield:	John Farrand, Penny Martin & Robert Rowland
Ottery St Mary:	Sue & Trevor Dymond, Chris Wakefield

They had to develop significant skills in Latin, palaeography, historical interpretation, mapping etc. (they will now be able to apply those skills to future projects). The volunteers' contribution was fundamental to the successful completion of the task, and indeed their involvement was one of the design goals of the project.

Penny Martin's skill in Latin and her mentoring of the other volunteers was a major asset to the project. FoDA is very grateful to Penny for her support.

## Events associated with the project

- Training workshops were held for the volunteers. FoDA is very grateful to Abi Gray and the Devon Rural Archive for their support of these sessions.
- The first public viewing at Dunkeswell (of that manor's translation and index of personal names), September 2022 as part of the *Connecting the Culm* event held at the abbey site.
- The online version of translation was uploaded to South West Heritage Trust (SWHT) website by end of December 2022, ready for public launch later in January.
- The launch of the online copy as hosted by SWHT with a celebration at the Devon Heritage Centre for volunteers and supporters, took place on 27th January 2023.
- Printed copies of the survey translation will be forthcoming in 2023. They will be distributed to copyright libraries, local institutions such as the University of Exeter, Devon Heritage Centre, the Devon Rural Archive the Devon & Exeter Institution. Complimentary copies will be given as a reward and thank you to the team of volunteers. Some copies will also be offered for sale to the general public.

## **Cary Archive**

The Cary family - owners of Torre Abbey from 1662 to 1930, Catholic recusants, prominent Devon landowners and instigators of much of Torquay's urban development. Thanks to a grant from The National Archives the Cary collection is now being catalogued at the Devon Heritage Centre.

The value of the Cary archives has long been recognised by Devon's archivists and historians. A schedule of the earliest Cary deeds was compiled by J. S. Atwood in 1889, and then later published in the Transactions of the Devonshire Association in 1901. In the 1950s Miss Olive M. Moger (who we also have to thank for much of the cataloguing of the Diocese of Exeter's records) visited the Cary estate offices in Torquay and carried out a more extensive survey, compiling useful notes although not producing anything amounting to a catalogue. In 1986 around 50 boxes of archives (largely the same items Moger had viewed) were deposited at the Devon Record Office, and archivists attempted some preliminary sorting and identifying their contents, but the scale of the task meant only a dedicated project could realistically see the collection catalogued.

In Spring 2022 a second, larger deposit (adding what will probably amount to an additional 350 boxes) was received, and the South West Heritage Trust made a bid, supported by FoDA, for an *Archives Revealed* cataloguing grant from The National Archives. Successful in this bid, cataloguing started towards the end of last year and, supported by both existing and newly recruited DHC volunteers, we have already made significant progress.

As is to be expected for any estate collection, a substantial proportion of the documents are deeds. Whilst Torquay property naturally makes up the largest single portion of these, much of Devon is represented here with significant numbers of deeds for North Devon and the South Hams in particular, stretching back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. There are also some estates beyond Devon, including the Cary's holdings in Pewsham, Wiltshire, property in Westminster, and coal mines near Gateshead. For the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, deeds are supplemented by associated correspondence, plans, insurance papers and the like in a well-maintained run of estate management files.

Similarly there are also the typical manorial records we would expect to see in estate collections – court rolls (going back into the 14<sup>th</sup> century), accounts, rentals and surveys. Again North Devon is well represented here, the Carys counting North Lew, Meeth, Bradford and Ashwater amongst their manorial lordships, alongside the manors of Torre Abbey, St Marychurch and Stokenham in the southern parts of the county.

Financial records and correspondence has yet to be explored in detail, but there is a nearly hundred-year run of copy letter books, indexed by correspondent, covering 1855 to the 1940s, and a shorter run of day books from the 1890s to 1930s.

A notable strength and highlight are the Cary collection's maps and plans. A particularly early (16<sup>th</sup> century) and distinctive map of North Lew within the original deposit was already noted by Margery Rowe and Mary Ravenhill in their *Early Devon Maps* (FoDA's first publication, back in 2000). This has now been joined by dozens more maps, including substantially annotated Ordnance Survey maps of Torquay detailing the tenants of individual buildings.

There are also hundreds of architectural plans, covering from the 1850s to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. These are mostly in excellent condition, having been pasted into fourteen volumes, arranged by date. These are mostly private houses, or associated structures like stables, but there are also many civic

buildings and public spaces including Torbay Hospital, Torquay's Old Town Hall (formerly headquarters of the Borough Council and having multiple different occupants and uses since, including prison cells, a synagogue, public toilets and a bar), shop fronts in Fleet Street, Park Hill's Masonic Hall, the Lyceum Assembly Rooms (originally a theatre, then for many years the Central Cinema, now restored to a theatre once again) along with numerous churches, schools and drinking fountains.

Whilst the collection does consist primarily of estate material, there are of course some personal family papers as well. On top of the expected probate and marriage settlement records, notable highlights are depositions and other legal documents relating to the 1561 divorce of John Bury and Wilmot Giffard (a case which ultimately changed English law) and the elopement of Ann Cary with Anglican solicitor Samuel Izacke in 1717. There are at least some legal papers surrounding the Carys status as Catholic recusants, hopefully more on this topic may emerge as cataloguing continues.

The Cary Project is funded to run through until the end of January 2024, at which point the collection will be searchable through our online catalogue, and the documents will become accessible to researchers.

In the meanwhile, we hope to give FoDA members a chance to be among the first to see some of these Cary documents, and hear more about what has been discovered in the collection, as part of this year's AGM and Conference in November. This will be held in Torquay, also offering FoDA members an opportunity to see some of the local area featured in the Cary collection.

The project has also fostered further partnership between the Devon Heritage Centre and Torre Abbey. Brian Carpenter is already visiting Torre Abbey four times a year\*, running an off-site searchroom where researchers based in Torbay or the southern part of the county can pre-order documents from DHC collections for viewing there, rather than travelling to Exeter (once catalogued, researchers should be able pre-order and view Cary documents in the same way during 2024). We are also in the early stages of planning a joint exhibition based on the Cary archives, to be held at Torre Abbey in early 2024.

*\*In 2023, these Torre Abbey sessions (11.00am-3.30pm) will be held on: 10 March, 9 June, 8 September, 8 December*

Stuart Tyler, Cary Project Archivist





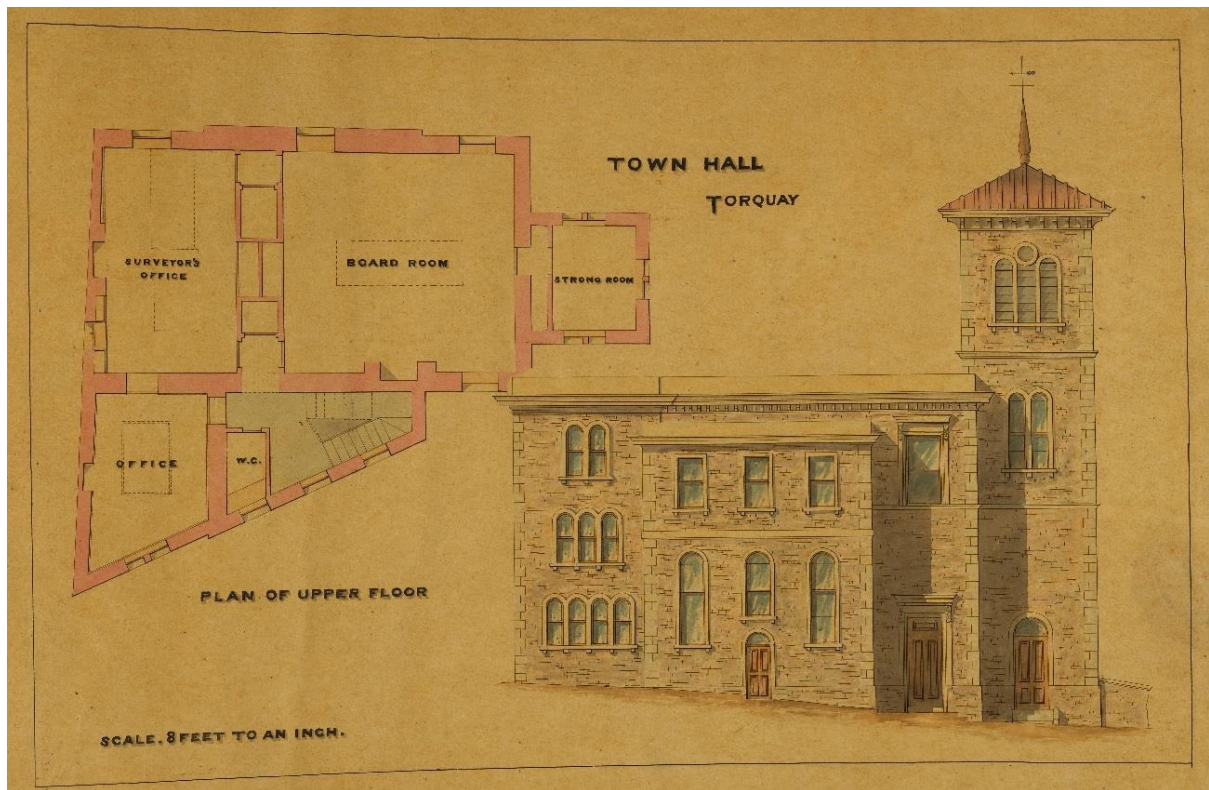
Map of North Lew, 16<sup>th</sup> century

Deposition of witnesses taken at the house of Robert  
 Giles the Son of the Land within the parish of St  
 Martin within the City & County of London on Tuesday  
 the 7th Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1717 before Nicholas Wolborgh  
 Edw. Kellwell Esq<sup>r</sup> & Giles Inglett Esq<sup>r</sup> by virtue of a  
 Writ issued out of his Majesty's High Court of Chancery <sup>to them</sup> also  
 to Francis Oliver Esq<sup>r</sup> directed for the examination of  
 witnesses in a cause there depending between Sam<sup>l</sup> Izacke  
 Ind. Esq<sup>r</sup> & Ann his wife Compt<sup>ess</sup> & Edward Cary Esq<sup>r</sup> Def.

John Izacke of the City of London aged Nineteen  
 years or thereabouts a witness produced  
 on the parte & behalf of the Compt<sup>ess</sup>  
 to the first interrogatories only & therunto sworn  
 & examined deposes that he hath known the  
 Compt<sup>ess</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Izacke (who is his Brother) from  
 his this Depts childhood & hath known the Compt<sup>ess</sup>  
 Ann Izacke for the space of abt three  
 last past & the Deft Edward Cary for  
 four years last past.

J. Izacke  
~~Witness~~

Depositions relating to elopement and clandestine marriage of Samuel Izacke and Ann Cary, 1717



Plan of the Old Town Hall, Torquay, c. 1850s.

## Devon Bibliography

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**Norden revealed!**

**17th century communities in Devon, people and their landscape in the Norden Survey of 1613.**

I was pleased to be able to attend the event at the Devon Heritage Centre on 27 January 2023, along with about forty other people, to have a preview of the transcript of the original manuscript, [CLA/044/03/004/041](#), now part of the London Metropolitan Archives.

Des Atkinson, the project director, outlined the nature of the project, which covers eight manors in Devon which are crown lands (Ashburton, Dunkeswell, Bradninch, Ottery St. Mary, Bovey Tracey, Exeter Castle, Heathfield and Buckfastleigh) each with a detailed survey but, apart from the Castle in Exeter, the smallest of the estates, without the detailed maps which accompany other of Norden's surveys, for example in Hertfordshire.

It forms part of the Corporation of the City London archives which also holds several other Westcountry surveys by Norden in its Royal Contract Estates collection:

CLA/044/03/004/003 J. Norden's survey of certain manors lands and tenements ... in ... Dorset (Langton Hering, Long Breedie, Sturminster, Ryme extrinseca or Out Ryme; and Hermitage Woods and St Johns Lands parcell of Fordington) ... Feb/Mar 1615/6. 17 folios. Former reference: R.C.E. Rentals Box 4.3

CLA/044/05/042 John Norden's survey of the manors of Portland and Wyke, Co. Dorset, Limpsham Co. Somerset; and Newbury Co. Berks. 1622. ca 75 folios

CLA/044/05/054 John Norden's perambulation of the manors of Steeple Ashton and Cheriel Co. Wilts. 1615. 83 folios.

The text of the survey was transcribed by an enthusiastic team of volunteers in each parish and, before I had to resign as treasurer for FODA and the Norden Project because of personal commitments, I was able to attend several meetings to observe the training, which covered such matters as deciphering the handwriting, interpreting the terminology, identifying place-names, and grappling with geographical information systems. We were able to have a preview of the transcript as it would appear in the printed volume, together with an introduction, and Irene Andrew was able to demonstrate how the surveys could be accessed online through the South West Heritage Trust's website. Unfortunately I could not stay for the second half where Richard Knights spoke on applying geographical information systems to Norden's surveys, but I am sure fuller details will be given on the SWHT's and FODA's websites.

John Norden was much appreciated in Devon, even in the remote northern parts of the county in the parish of Alwington, near Bideford where in the 1680 Richard Coffin was building his extensive library at Portledge.

On or around 21 November 1687 Richard Laphorne bid on behalf of Richard Coffin at the auction of William Cecil, Lord Burleigh's books (Munby and Coral 1687/22) for at least three lots:

- Page 88 MSS Eng fo 9. Wicklif's Book of Postils or Sermons in old English upon vellum. £7 - 02- 6.
- Page 89: MSS Eng fo 24. Norden (Jo.) His Speculum Britanniae, with a Topographical and Historical Description of Cornwall.
- Page 92: MSS Her fo 29. A book of Visitation of the Arms and Genealogies of the Gentry of Devonshire]. £1 - 10 - 00.

In an undated letter, but probably about Saturday 17 December 1687 Laphorn wrote to Coffin: The manuscripts being sold this weeke there [is got for] you only The Vissitation for Devonshire

don by they say a man of fame. It cost 30s. A Dorsetshire gent bid 28s. The manuscripts [went at ?] an excessive rate there being a throng [?] of quality to buy. I bid 51s. for Norden [ ? ], a thin booke wch as I take it went [at ?] 5li.

So Coffin was unsuccessful there, but in 1801 the Portledge library contained at least three works by Norden:

1113. The surueiors dialogue, very profitable for all men to peruse, but especially for gentlemen, farmers, and husbandmen, that shall either haue occasion, or be willing to buy, hire, or sell lands: as in the ready and perfect surueying of them, with the manner and method of keeping a court of suruey with many necessary rules, and familiar tables to that purpose. As also, the vse of the manuring of some grounds, fit as well for lords, as for tennants. Diuided into sixe bookes by I.N. Now the third time imprinted. And by the same author enlarged, and a sixt booke newly added, of a familiar conference, betweene a purchaser, and a surueyor of lands; of the true vse of both, being very needfull for all such as are to purchase lands, whether it be in fee simple, or by lease. London : Printed by Thomas Snodham, 1618. - [14], 174, 179-226, 217-256 pages ; 4<sup>0</sup>. ESTC S113326.

1141. Speculum Britanniae. The first parte an historicall, & chorographicall discription of Middlesex. Wherein are also alphabeticallie sett downe, the names of the cyties, townes, parishes hamletes, howses of name &c. With direction spedelie to finde anie place desired in the mappe & the distance betwene place and place without compasses. Cum priuilegio. By the trauaile and vew of Iohn Norden. Anno 1593. [London] : [Printed at Eliot's Court Press], [1593]. - [8], 48, [4] pages, [3] folded plates : maps, coats of arms (woodcuts) ; 4<sup>0</sup>. ESTC S113229.

1142. Speculi Britan[n]iæ pars the description of Hartfordshire by Iohn Norden. [London] : [printed by Thomas Dawson], [1598]. - [8], 31, [1] pages, [1] folded leaf of plates : coat of arms, map ; 4<sup>0</sup>. ESTC S113233.

Of the devotional texts that Norden also wrote, I have so far found no trace among the 5,000 or so works listed in the 1801 sale catalogue.

### **Coffinloads of books**

The library at Portledge, built up over two centuries by generations of the Coffin family is an important example of the transmission of knowledge and ideas across Europe in the era of the wooden handpress.

The historian John Prince in his *Danmonii orientales illustres, or, The worthies of Devon* (1701) wrote of Richard Coffin: 'He hath a noble library and knows well to make use of it'.

I have already placed transcripts with indexes of the sections relating to books in the letters from Richard Lapthorne to Richard Coffin from 1683 to 1699 on the [Exeter Working Papers](#) website, but I am now directing my attention to the manuscript shelf list of the library (DRO: Z19/8/5) drawn up around 1684, probably shortly after Lapthorne began to act as Coffin's London agent. It is very much a library in course of rearrangement, with comments such as "The bookes on this 7th shelve shew right some order as they are placed here but they should have been otherwise with from Mr Howes Discourse Cr and then otherwise placed but now they stand in the order they are writt". There are also many entries struck through, presumably because they have been moved to another shelf.



Richard Coffin lists his library in 1684  
 Columns 45-46 which includes the note mentioned above

I have legible images of the catalogue and am making good progress on transcribing it. Inspired by the Norden project, I hope to be able to mount the page images and transcription on the *Exeter Working Papers* website, and then to match entries against the 1801 sale catalogue of the library, mentioned above, and expand the description by reference to ESTC, USTC and other online union listings, a long term project that can be accomplished without stirring from home.

### The Bovey Tracey giant

Bovey Tracey is one of the manors covered by Norden and coincidentally I have been contacted by Mike Steer, a former resident of Bovey Tracey, now living in Australia, who had been pointed in my direction by Brian Randall of Genuki - word gets around.

Just before the Devon Record Office moved from Concord House, South Street to Exeter Central Library in 1977 Mike Steer 'surfed the stacks', searching for literature on Bovey Tracey history. He writes:

During the search I found a note or short report in a journal that mentioned a discovery in the parish church, back in the late 1850's, of the remains of a 'giant'. The discovery occurred while a new north aisle was being added to the medieval fabric [in 1858]. The Church was being extensively renovated at the time and the journal might have had something to do with diocesan architecture reports.

Apparently, the enormous skeleton was clutching a silver coin, and when the hand was opened, the coin was found to be a Swedish thaler from the early 1600s. Whoever submitted the article suggested that the 'giant' skeletal remains were those of a Scandinavian mercenary hired by Charles to fight for him in the Westcountry during the Civil War."

I have searched *Transactions* of the Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society from 1858 to 1862 and the report of the visitation in 1892 (series 2, vol. 5, pages 242-3), but not their church notes or the EDAS papers in the Devon and Exeter Institution. It is not mentioned in church guides, but I have not been able to check Beatrix Cresswell's typescript church notes (Moreton Deanery). Mike Steer writes:

"The story doesn't appear in any of the several Bovey histories, although as a boy growing up in Bovey in the 1940-50s there were rumours of a 'giant's' body having been 'dug up' at the Church. One of my long deceased local historian friends (Lance Tregoning) searched for it among DRO records, but without success. I've since searched the online copies of TDA, also Notes and Queries, but without success."

To this I can add unsuccessful searches in the British Newspaper Archive, the Exeter Flying Post card index and the massive Burnet Morris index at the Devon Heritage Centre, but it is now difficult for me to embark on extended searches. Is there anybody out there who can shed any light on this local legend?

### **After Norden what next?**

The next project that FODA is involved in is the cataloguing of the Carey papers and that will take some time, but there is an important area that should be urgently addressed - **recording the present**. The last decade is a black hole as far as recording and acquiring a wide range of local Devon publications is concerned.

For example, the latest *Exeter plan*, published at the end of 2022, is listed neither in the SWHT Local Studies catalogue, nor in the Devon Record Office on-line catalogue, nor in the Devon Libraries, nor the University of Exeter catalogue (which includes the Devon and Exeter Institution), although a hard copy is available for public consultation in most public libraries in the city. The same holds true for the more than sixty neighbourhood plans that have been published by communities in Devon over the past decade. The SWHT and DRO list none. Devon Libraries lists only:

### [Buckfastleigh and Buckfast draft neighbourhood plan 2015 -2025 :](#)

**Author:** Buckfastleigh Town Council.

**Year:** May 2015.

**Media class:** Paperback

**Publisher:** Buckfastleigh Town Council,  
held in the reference section of Buckfastleigh Library.

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### [Exmouth neighbourhood plan : referendum documents, 2018-2031](#)

[Exmouth Town Council.](#)

 PRINT | 2019.

Available at Devon and Exeter Institution (AD/EXM 711 EXM X)

The [Wayback Machine](#), American based, only lists:

<http://paigntonneighbourhoodplan.org.uk/>

*paignton neighbourhood plan 158* [capture\(s\)](#) from **2012** to **2016**

As for the [UK Web Archive](#) there are 22,898 results for "devon and neighbourhood and plan" but just try to drill down to the PDF document itself. Also there seem to be no captures later than 2017 and many items are for consultation in the BL reading room only (do they have a virtual reading room?). However they are all listed in the *Devon bibliography*, but only with links to the PDF files, which were valid at the time I accessed them but may now have changed or refer to later versions. We also keenly await the arrival of the on-line catalogue of the Devon Rural Archive to see whether they have put other local studies collections to shame.

There may be some excuse for such local authority publications. Public libraries have handed over the management of Devon local studies publications to the Record Office, assuming that they will pick them up eventually as part of the archives of the local authorities. The Record Office may not receive them as modern records until long after they have lost their current interest, and the public library does not pass outdated community plans to the Record Office. The local authorities may consider the printed plans as publications rather than archives and so not feel that they form part of the archives. Certainly it is difficult to locate copies of earlier published planning documents in the on-line Devon archives catalogue.

However the same is also true for a range of other local publications, for example tourist guides. The library service used to contact local tourist information centres for these, to provide community information resources in branches, and copies were passed to the local studies libraries for permanent retention. Increasingly copies are available on-line, but web archives do not always include the relevant links, and current website links are frequently only to the latest issue. There is a severe risk that many resources are born digital and die digital, even though we are assured that the ever-growing cloud will house them for ever in some remote corner of the dark web. Also digital resources are capable of regular revision, which is not always evident when accessing a site, and there is also the ever-present problem of changing software, or apps as we now have to call them.

There should be a drive to gather together as much of this [grey literature](#) as possible, before it disappears without trace and, where this is not possible, to download a PDF or similar copy. It is ironic that, when we are drowning in a sea of digital data, we have entered an information dark age where there are no lifeboats to rescue us from the whirlpools of misinformation and general ignorance. That's what local studies librarians used to do for the region's local communities.



To adapt an old adage, look after the present and the past will look after itself.

### **Baring-Gould yet again**

Since my mention that I had published *The Baring-Gould library : the books at Lewtrenchard* in [newsletter 26 \(July 2022\)](#) a number of things have happened. At the Special Collections at the University Library several boxes of books have been released from quarantine after they had been transferred from Killerton, and these will be added to the on-line catalogue in due course. There are also a few books that have been put aside for transfer from there to the Devon Heritage Centre, mainly books on folk songs, which will join the manuscript and popular literature collections there.



*Some of the books at Lewtrenchard.  
Those on the top shelf are part of the Bibliothèque universelle des dames  
see my earlier report in [issue 18](#), November 2020.*

More significantly, I was able on Valentine's day to use a bursary to allow me to stay at Lewtrenchard overnight, to make significant progress in sorting the sequences into better order and identify the shelves on which individual items are relocated, both in the Baring-Gould family library and the recently received collection of David Shacklock. A number of additional items were also catalogued and I was able to photograph all the shelves, in order to produce back at home an annotated version of the shelf list to be kept at Lewtrenchard Manor Hotel. While I was there I was able to introduce local author and teacher Kathryn Aalto to the collections and to Baring-Gould and his writing desk, on deposit there from Exeter City Library (not on the SWHT local studies catalogue). She is considering Lewtrenchard as the location for one of her writers' retreats - highly appropriate.

### *The Library: a fragile history*

Reading this book by Andrew Pettegree and Arthur der Weduwen (Profile Books, 2021, paperback edition 2022) I was fascinated to see how the fate of the various libraries I have been involved with, including the Baring-Gould family library, the library at Portledge, the [Rochehouart Collection in Bayeux Cathedral Library](#), the [medieval Exeter Cathedral Library](#) and the Westcountry Studies Library echoes that of innumerable libraries across the millennia and across the world. The authors are both linked to the [Universal Short Title Catalogue](#) at St Andrews University, inheritors of the tradition of the Scottish Enlightenment, whose team has ransacked libraries across Europe and beyond to track the spread of printing to 1650, discovering evidence of the creation and dispersal of libraries along the way. Like the USTC itself, their coverage is international and, while libraries in Devon receive no mention, their broad canvas does place the rise and fall of the various types of library in different periods into context. All the libraries I have studied have moved their location, merged with other collections, had their highs and lows of acquisition and disposal of stock, suffered periods of neglect, in one case has been entirely sold off and another lost 100,000 volumes during a war.

This magnificent survey has given me a sense of perspective and, against the mighty rolling tides of history, these local collections become insignificant ciphers and my long involvement with them the twinkling of an eye. This old bibliofool will potter on as far as his changing circumstances will permit, but has become stoical about the impact his endeavours is likely to have.

While the University Library, Devon and Exeter Institution and Devon Heritage Centre do not seem to have acquired this book, there are copies in the public libraries in Barnstaple, Exeter and Tavistock - or of course you could always buy a copy - I recommend you do so.

Ian Maxted

## **Other News Items**

### **From Exeter Dissenters' Graveyard Research Group**

#### **Researching the Departed - the Exeter Dissenters' Graveyard Research Group**

The first impression that a visitor has when passing through the iron gates of the Dissenters' graveyard on Magdalen Street, Exeter is that it is a small, neat but not manicured, burial ground with a few upright headstones, several chest tombs, a couple of simple obelisks and a handful of large flat ledger stones. There are no flamboyant 'weeping angel' monuments, no elaborately carved memorials and no polished marble. Such edifices were not preferred by the protestant dissenters – principally Presbyterians and Unitarians – who were buried in the graveyard between 1748 and 1854. The more observant visitors will notice a couple of interpretation boards and small plaques on elegant metal stands, bearing 'QR' codes. We are used to seeing QR codes on adverts and in shop windows, but what use could they possibly be in a graveyard?



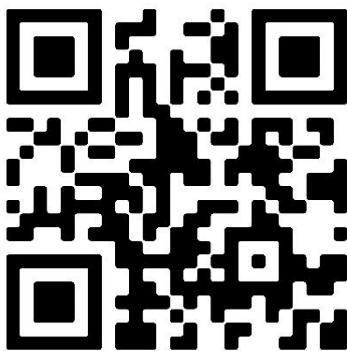
*The graveyard in 2021 © Clive Chilvers.*

When the Exeter Dissenters' Graveyard Trust was formed in 2014 the founding Steering Group expressed the intention to restore, maintain and conserve the graveyard and “*to promote public interest in the graveyard and an understanding of the history and heritage of the graveyard*”. A Research Group was convened under the leadership of Beryl Coe who was a descendant of a person buried in the graveyard. The role of the Research Group is to uncover the lives of the individuals and families buried in the graveyard over the period from the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the enforced closure of the site in the middle of the nineteenth. One member of the group Anne Amosford, a textile conservator and artist, had partly transcribed the Dissenters' Graveyard Account Book (DHC 3693D-B1 [1748-1832]) and merged this information with burial records kept by the dissenting Meeting Houses in Exeter – mainly Bow (probably located on Smythen Street in the West Quarter), Mint (on the site of the current Mint Methodist Church on Fore Street) and George's (opened in 1760 on South Street and now a J.D. Wetherspoon public house). Anne's methodical study became the key document for the group to base their research work.

The physical conservation work in the graveyard was carried out following a comprehensive survey of the memorial stones conducted under the supervision of archaeologist Martin Dyer. Engravings on the stones were recorded in 2014 and compared to transcriptions made 30 years earlier. We later discovered a handwritten document in the DCRS collection at DHC by W.H. Hamilton Rogers who recorded memorial inscriptions from several burial grounds, including ‘*the Magdalen Street burial ground*’ in 1894.<sup>i</sup> The names on the commemorative stones became the first to be intensively researched. It is perhaps of no great surprise that the majority of the 1500+ people buried in the graveyard left little information in the written record – many were infants under the age of five years and the adults were mainly engaged in local industries, retail, various professions and domestic duties. Some, however, have allowed us to get a glimpse of Georgian and early Victorian life in Exeter. The parents of Samuel “Iron Sam” Kingdon – the first non-conformist Conservative Mayor of Exeter, and of George Parker Bidder, the “calculating prodigy” – presented at Court to Queen Charlotte when aged only 8 years, are buried in the Dissenters' graveyard. There is John Lake (d. 1848) who served in the Navy as Purser's Steward on HMS Neptune at the Battle of Trafalgar. After the battle HMS

Neptune towed HMS Victory, which was carrying Lord Nelson's body, to Gibraltar. Philip Gove served as School Master at the Tucker's Hall School for over fifty years and published word puzzles and poetry in a number of newspapers and periodicals. Cousins Micaiah and Stephen Towgood were nationally regarded as influential Unitarian Ministers in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and both are buried in the Dissenters' graveyard. Hartley Wood, a son of General Abiel Wood of Wiscasset, Maine (though in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century it was located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), and brother of Abiel Wood, Republican member of the US House of Representatives, died in 1810 aged 26 whilst visiting Exeter, presumably on business. He did not return to his young wife in the USA. Last, but certainly not least, members of the Bowring, Milford, Gifford and Glyde families have their final resting place in Magdalen Street burial ground.

The Research Group has written over 120 biographies and most of these appear on the graveyard's website ([www.edgt.org.uk](http://www.edgt.org.uk)) and can be viewed in real time by scanning the QR codes in the graveyard.



*QR code for memorial 18 – Milford family.*

The Research Group meets four times per year and shares its findings by publishing biographies online and writing articles that have appeared in a variety of newsletters and journals. Members of the group give regular talks and we are always looking for new members to join us. Much of our work is gained from internet resources (sites like Ancestry, Find My Past, British Genealogy, British Newspaper Archive *etc.*) and from the SW Heritage Trust centres in both Devon and Somerset. The group has also answered enquiries from descendants of those buried in the graveyard and welcomed many visitors to the site.

<sup>1</sup> DCRS, Parish Information Files, Copy inscriptions of Unitarian Burial Grounds, 1894.

**Ian M. Varndell**

## **From Julia Neville**



**Project Highlights Autumn 2022**

## **Our Autumn Symposium :Vegetable, Flower and Fruit Cultivation in the 1920s – Continuity and Change**

Our second Devon in the 1920s live event, a joint event hosted by both Devon History Society and Devon Gardens Trust, took place on Saturday September 10 at Exeter Central Library. This was a symposium on *Vegetable, Flower and Fruit Cultivation in Devon in the 1920s: Continuity and Change*. Whilst we struggled with technology and lost our keynote speaker who was laid low with Covid, the 30-plus participants appreciated contributions on market gardening, in the Bere Peninsula, in Plymstock and in Topsham, on the development of smallholdings after the First World War, on an Exmouth nurseryman, and on the growing of violets and ferns.

### **Expert Witness Seminars**

Our thanks go to this autumn's speakers at our evening Zoom seminars. Bill Tupman explained some of the 1920s challenges to policing and the evolution of the service, all illustrated with photographs from the Museum of Policing in Devon and Cornwall. Paul Brassley challenged us to think about the 'shock of the new' in Devon, suggesting that what resulted was 'modernisation' rather than 'modernism'. And Tim Lomas took us through the planning, politics, funding and construction of the final piece of Devon's railway network from Torrington to Halwill Junction.

### **Progress on Research**

The inflow of family histories has slowed down, but we are optimistic that the greater availability of the 1921 census may rekindle interest amongst those with Devon ancestors. If you've looked up your Devon family, do share the information about who they were and what they were doing in 1921.

As some of the research projects begun in the early days of the project draw to their conclusion, the project's archive is building up. Over the past six months we've received contributions on topics as varied as Sidmouth pioneers; the County Council's Horticultural Adviser, Miss Gunnell; housing in Newton St Cyres, Plymstock, Thorverton, and Torquay; the University College of the South West

### **Do you live in a 1920s house? Or know a 1920s building?**

We are actively looking for people who can contribute materials to the project. At the moment we'd particularly like to hear from anyone who lives in a house built in Devon in the 1920s who would be willing to share information about it – and a picture! In fact, if there is a 1920s building in your community why not send us a picture and any information you have about it. We know many village halls or institutes were built then and it would be great to build up an overview of that sort of community enterprise.

Julia Neville, [j.f.neville@btinternet.com](mailto:j.f.neville@btinternet.com)

Devon in the 1920s Project Manager

## **Accessions & Reports from Archives around Devon**

## Devon Heritage Centre

DEVON HERITAGE CENTRE EXETER – NEW ACCESSIONS: 19 August 2022 to 7 February 2023

Accession no.	Coll. ref.	Title of collection	Description of contents	Date Range	Date of deposit	Extent
D2022/138	ZBFA	Devon Documents and Ephemera	Documents and ephemera relating to Tiverton and other places in Devon, including lithographs, plans, sale catalogues, reports, photographs	19th-20th cent	19-08-2022	0.5 box, 1 roll, 1 flat oversize folder
D2022/139	ZBFB	Witcombe Lantern Slide Collection	Magic lantern slides, mainly of Devon, Cornwall and Dorset		03-08-2022	1 large case
D2022/140	NS	Norden Survey	Transcription of John Norden's survey, [1613-1616] original in the LMA. FODA project; to be added to DHC catalogue and made available online. Word and PDF files.	21 <sup>st</sup> century	06-09-2022 First batch - further files sent later.	55 PDF files
D2022/141	7558 D	South West Baptist Association	First additional deposit of records relating to Devon and Cornwall Baptist Associations and individual Baptist chapels in Devon.	19th-21st century	31-08-2022	11 archive boxes, volumes, 1 roll, negatives, photographs
D2022/142	ZAPD	Devon Ephemera	Annual report and statement of accounts, Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, Ward of the Incarnation, Torquay, 1927, 1929, 1931; postcards; church booklet and magazine	20th century	01-09-2022	1 file (16 items)
<a href="#">D2022/143</a>	GBG	Greenberg Collection	Documents and architectural plans - Chamberlin, Powell and Bon, Honiton, founded by Charles B. Greenberg; deeds and plans of Devon properties formerly owned by the late Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg.	1809-late 20th century	06-09-2022	3 boxes, 2 shelves rolls, 1 photographic file, 1 flat oversize map

D2022/14 4	6742 A	Feniton, Buckerell and Escot Parishes	Parish magazines, Twelfth additional deposit to collection 6742A.	2018- 2021	12-09- 2022	4 bundles
D2022/14 5	ZBFC	1st Feniton Scout Group	Minutes and papers	1973- 1984	12-09- 2022	1 file
D2022/14 6	ZBFD	Pinhoe Road Baptist Church, Exeter	Marriage registers, Pinhoe Road Baptist Church, Pinhoe Road, Exeter.	1935- 2020	13-09- 2022	7 volumes
D2022/15 3	ZBFE	Gunn of Eastington, Lapford	Slaughterhouse cash book; "Breeding 10 Million Cattle", Milk Marketing Board, 1959.	20th century	28-09- 2022	2 volumes
D2022/15 4	2021 A	Lapford Parish	Overseers of the Poor account book	1848- 1868	28-09- 2022	1 volume
D2022/15 5	1618 G	Tedburn St Mary Women's Institute	Record books, committee minute books, annual reports, attendance registers, scrapbook, photograph albums competition notebooks, Jubilee memorabilia, news cuttings and photographs	c.1984- c.2019	03-10- 2022	1 box, 1 volume (binder) ; photographs
D2022/15 8	ZBFF	Jean Purnell Collection	Photographs, Holloway Street School, Exeter, 1943; Whipton School, 1949, 1950; Burnthouse Lane Day Nursery early 1950s; Royal West of England Residential School for the Deaf, Exeter, 1954; postcards, photographs, Exeter Speedway riders, 1947- 1951; school exercise books, Episcopal School, Exeter, 1946- 1947.	mid- 20th century	04-10- 2022	4 files
D2022/15 9	ZBFG	<u>Chips Barber Collection</u>	Research materials and photographs, colour slide transparencies, postcards etc., for use in planned books which were not published	20th- 21st century	10-10- 2022	4 large archive file boxes; 1 tub
D2022/16 1	ZBFI	Wood Family of Exeter	Records, letters and photographs, Private Frank Wood of Exeter, 1st Battalion	1908- c.1929	10-10- 2022	2 volumes, 2 photographs

			Worcestershire Regiment, died of wounds 30 December 1917 at Passchendaele			
<i>D2022/17</i> 2	5646 M	Sowdon Family Probate Material	Fourteen copy wills, Sowden of Whitestone, originals dated 1583-1788, one copy will, Henry Howard of Crediton, original dated 1774, all copied 1911; list and notes	20th - 21st century	12-10-2022	15 documents, 1 small file
<i>D2022/17</i> 3	3032 A	<u>Stokenham Parish Council</u>	First additional deposit of Stokenham Parish Council records, including minutes, 1894-2017 and other volumes and files	1894-2017	17-10-2022	5 boxes, 2 shelves of volumes, file photographs, disc
<i>D2022/17</i> 4	ZBFJ	Salvation Army in Torquay	Colour print of painting showing jailed Salvationists returning to Torquay after being imprisoned in Exeter.	21st century	20-04-2022	1 item
<i>D2022/17</i> 5	ZBFK	Colaton Raleigh and District Ploughing Association	Records of the association, comprising six minute books 1948-2010, and one attendance book, 1973-2013.	1948-2013	20-10-2022	7 volumes
<i>D2022/17</i> <u>6</u>	ZBFL	Devon Radio Stations	Papers relating to radio stations in Devon and their licensing applications	1987-1993	19-10-2022	0.5 box
<i>D2022/17</i> 7	ZBF M	Motoring in Devon	Papers, publicity material and programmes, Devon Motor Shows, 1992-1994; papers, information packs, booklets, on driving, roads, accidents, Devon Country Mile Project.	1992-21st century	19-10-2022	2 files
<i>D2022/17</i> 8	2985 A	Stoodleigh Parish	Records of Stoodleigh Parochial Church Council, comprising minutes, accounts; records of Beckett Charity, 1908-1991, Carew Charity, 1937-1991	1908-2013	18-10-2022	7 volumes



D2022/18 5	ZBFO	Rolle College, Exmouth	Photocopy of prospectus, photographs, copies of news cuttings	1959-2022	25-10-2022	1 file photocopies, photograph album, photograph
D2022/18 6	ZBFP	Sir Eric Dancer, Lord Lieutenant	Papers and other material accumulated through the official duties of Sir Eric Dancer, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., K.St.J., Lord Lieutenant of Devon from 1998 to 2015, and official material accumulated to 2022	1998-2022	26-10-2022	3 boxes, 3 volumes, 6 discs
D2022/18 7	ZBFQ	Lunatic Asylum, Exeter St Thomas	Printed report on the Lunatic Asylum near Exeter, [Bowhill House, Exeter St Thomas]	1823	24-10-2022	1 document
D2022/18 9	DHS	Devon History Society	Administrative and other records created by the society, including minutes, agendas, reports	1970-2020	31-10-2022	7 ring binders, files
D2022/19 1	ERF	Exeter Rugby Football Club	Additional records including minutes, financial records, letters, tickets, passes, fixture cards, programmes, menus, handbills, scrapbook, match results books, team records book, lease of county ground, trustees' papers, photographs, map of old county ground grandstand extension and other miscellaneous records.	1893-1990s	3-11-2022	3 archive boxes, shelved volumes, 1 oversize flat item
D2022/19 8	874D	Society of Friends	Minutes, Devon Area Meeting Trustees, February 2008-December 2021; papers, former Bideford Quaker Meeting House, with Bideford Meeting accounts, 2000-2005.	2000-2021	08-11-2022	2 files
D2022/19 9	1618 G	Devon Federation of	Records of the following Women's Institute branches: Cofton W.I. ,	c. 1933-2019	09-11-2022	5 boxes

		Women's Institutes	Kenton and Powderham W.I., Starcross W.I. and Exminster W.I. Group			
D2022/20 0	ZBFR	Devon Deeds	Devon deeds relating to Burlescombe, Ottery St Mary, Cullompton and other parishes.	18th - 20th century	03-11-2022	1 box
D2022/20 1	ZBFS	Plymtree Manor and Hayne Estate	Deeds, 1867-1884; copy schedule [inventory] of furniture at Plymtree Manor, 1855; copies of 18 <sup>th</sup> century inventories of Plymtree Manor typed transcript, will of John Harward of Hayne, original dated 1724, typed notes on Harward family, 4 plans of alterations to Plymtree Manor house, 1970.	19th-21st century	11-11-2022	9 documents, 4 plans
D2022/20 2	ZBFT	Reverend Trelawney-Ross Notes	Notes on Paignton and East Teignmouth parish churches, c. 1904-1938, printed booklets, 1911 and c. 1920s. typed notes	c.1904-2022	10-11-2022	3 files, 2 loose sheets
D2022/20 3	ZBET	Tiverton and District Round Table	National Round Table Directory, 1952-1953, programmes, menus, reports, accounts, agendas, members' list etc.	1952-1986	10-11-2022	1 file
D2022/20 4	ZBFU	Tiverton and District 41 Club	Minutes, members' lists, attendance records, correspondence	1959-2022	14-11-2022	1 large file
D2022/20 5	CAP	Caroe and Partners, Architects of Wells	Photographs of Devon properties for which work was carried out by the architectural firm. Includes hard copy photographs and digital images.	20 <sup>th</sup> century	10-11-2022	4 boxes
D2022/20 6	TBH	Torbay Hospital	Plans, Continuing Care Unit at Torbay Hospital	1979-1980	15-11-2022	1 carton [1 roll and 1 file]
D2022/20 7	ZBFV	Adventure Trust For Girls	Records of the charity, including trust deeds, 2 minute books.	1987-2020	16-11-2022	1 box file, 1 volume
D2022/20 8	ZBF W	Barley Mow Public	Architectural drawings relating to the fitting out of the former Barley	1962-1963	16-11-2022	1 roll

		House, Redhills	Mow public house, Redhills, Exeter St Thomas			
D2022/209	8568F	Crediton Area History and Museum Society	Miscellaneous 'out of area' material from the CAHMS archive, including:- sale particulars, posters, leaflets and plans; deeds, 1923; theatre programmes; marine archaeology article, etc.	c.1905-c.1961	16-11-2022	1 box, 1 oversize box (posters)
D2022/211	ZBFX	Middle Corndon Farm, Chagford	Deeds and papers, Middle Corndon (also named as Higher Corndon) in Chagford		25-11-2022	0.75 box
D2022/212	ZBFY	40A Polsloe Road, Exeter	Deeds and papers, 40A Polsloe Road, Exeter	c.1910-2004	16-11-2022	1 file
D2022/213	ZBGC	Endsleigh, Milton Abbot	Sepia photograph of the house and gardens. Photographed by H. Hayman, Launceston, Cornwall.	c. 1865	17-11-2022	1 photograph
D2022/214	ZBGA	Exwick Parish Hall	History of Exwick Parish Institute, now called Exwick Parish Hall, by Julia Sharp. Typed manuscript, unpublished.	2009	23-11-2022	1 volume
D2022/215	DUN	John Dunn of Torquay Collection	Records created during the tenure of John Dunn as first Chairman of Torbay Council	2006-2007	25-11-2022	2 boxes, 2 scrapbooks
D2022/216	ZBFZ	Upottery Festival Project Archive	Oral history recordings, photographs, paperwork for interviews related to the Upottery Festivals of 1979, 1980 and 1982; BBC radio broadcasts from or related to the Festivals.	2022	15-11-2022	53 files, 31 folders [digital records]
D2022/217	ZBGB	Exeter Rugby Football Club Photographs	Photographs of First XV teams, 1933-1934, 1934-1935, 1935-1936, 1936-1937, 1937-1938, 1938-1939.	1933-1939	26-11-2022	6 large photographs
D2022/218	EFC	Exeter City Football Club	Minutes, Exeter City Football Club Board, 1955- 1967; minutes, Exeter City Football	1955-2006	30-11-2022	3 volumes, 2 files

			Club Directors, 3 July 2006; list of season ticket holders, 2002-2003.			
<i>D2022/21</i> 9	EFM	Exeter City Football Club Museum Trust	Match programmes, 2008-2009, 2018-2022 (4 bundles); brochures, corporate and youth, 2014-2018; fixture poster, 2015-2016.	2008-2022	30-11-2022	6 bundles/files, 1 poster (3 boxes)
<i>D2022/22</i> 0	6656 M	Youings of Exeter	Additional deposit to papers held by the late Joyce Youings, including records & photographs on history of Thorverton; papers, Mr. Hancock of Topsham, university historian; correspondence, Miss Eleanor Carus Wilson, mediaeval historian; cousin Chesterfield at Bradly Hall to Hassell, 1813-1815, Stanhope to Hassell, 1816, Miss Goodwin of Thorverton, WW2 WVS; deeds, wrecks in Devon; papers relating to Jack Rattenbury, smuggler, 1860s, sepia photographs, labelled William Rattenbury, smuggler, 1862; black and white photographs of Brixham fishermen, c. 1950, other miscellanea	1610-20th century	30-11-2022	0.8 box
<i>D2022/22</i> 1	ZBG D	Haldon House, Kenn	Watercolour sketch of Haldon House by Thomas Allom, a preparatory image for the drawing engraved by William Le Petit; also print of engraving of Haldon House by William Le Petit, 1831.	19th century	06-12-2022	2 items
<i>D2022/22</i> <u>5</u>	ZBGE	Family Links to Slavery	Research notes on British family links to slavery in the West		08-12-2022	1 box

			Indies, particularly the Colleton family.			
D2022/22 6	4421 A	Talaton Parish	Register of services, 1972-2007, minutes, annual church and vestry meetings, 1928-1960, 1961-2000, minutes, Parochial Church Council, 1920-2000 (5 volumes), accounts, Friends of Talaton Church, 1947-1967.	1920-2007	10-12-2022	c. 1 box
D2022/22 7	ZBGF	Stoke Gabriel Summer Fayre	Minute book, meetings of committee	1990-1991	08-12-2022	1 volume
D2022/22 8	ZBG G	Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church	Records of the charity	1996-2015	08-12-2022	1 file
D2022/22 9	ZBG H	Stoke Gabriel Horticultural Society	Minute books, information on prize winners, schedules, annual shows, history of society and World War II poems, newspaper cuttings	1941-2010	08-12-2022	4 volumes, 2 files
D2022/23 0	ZAV B	Old Heleans Rugby Football Club	Additional deposit comprising minutes, fixture cards, programme, tickets, news cutting, poster, black and white photographs (undated).	c. 1962-1980	13-12-2022	1 volume, 1 poster, 1 file, photographs
D2022/23 1	RHR	Roy Hough Rugby Collection	Additional deposit of papers, correspondence, programmes, posters, news cuttings, photographs, and other ephemera relating mainly to Exeter Rugby Football Club.	20th century	13-12-2022	1 box
D2022/23 2	6923Z	Scene in Exminster	Parish magazine	2021-2022	14-12-2022	15 magazines
D2022/23 3	4110Z	White Collection	Billheads, photographic postcards of Exminster, 1904-1950s, Exeter news cuttings 1940s-1970s, sale catalogue, Bishops Court, August 2022 other ephemera.	1904-2022	14-12-2022	0.75 box

<i>D2023/1</i>	ERF	Exeter Rugby Football Club	Records including ledgers, account books, volume recording members and season ticket holders		12-12-2023	10 volumes
<i>D2023/2</i>	ERF	Exeter Rugby Football Club	Minute books, accounts and other additional records		04-01-2023	c. 17 archive boxes, volumes
<i>D2023/3</i>	ZBGI	Devon Ephemera	Sale particulars, "Braddon Tor" and "Newstead", Torquay, 1901, watercolour sketch of Otterton, by Berenger Benger, (born 1868–died 1935) undated; postcard.	c. 1900-1910	10-01-2023	3 items
<i>D2023/4</i>	ZBGJ	Saint Luke's College Sports	Sporting memorabilia relating to Saint Luke's College, comprising fixture lists and match news reports, Saint Luke's College Association Football Club, 1920s, Saint Luke's Club year books, 1957, 1978, 1983-1986, 1988-1996; programmes, black and white photographic postcards, photographs, football and hockey, undated; school tie, cloth badge.	20th century	10-01-2023	0.25 box
<i>D2023/5</i>	ZBGK	Wolborough Hill School, Newton Abbot	Black and white photographs of pupils and teachers of the school, circa 1965 and 1967	c.1965-1967	10-01-2023	2 photographs
<i>D2023/8</i>	ZBGL	Victorian Photograph Album	Album, probably dating from the 1860s to the 1890s. Persons in photographs not identified, but possibly linked to Plymouth.	19th century	17-01-2023	1 volume
<i>D2023/9</i>	TUC	Tucker, Solicitor of Ashburton	Fourth additional deposit of deeds, accounts, and miscellaneous papers	18th century-19th century	20-01-2023	c. 2.5 boxes
<i>D2023/10</i>	ZBGM	Ashburton Museum	Account, voyage of an Ashburton resident to U.S.A., 1842, Standing	19th century-2005	20-01-2023	1 box, volumes

			Orders for 5th Battalion Devonshire Regiment, 1913, Midland Gun Company catalogue, 1932 news cuttings on Devon parishes , 1870s & 1880s, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, 1937- 1962, newspaper clippings, Ashburton Council, 1940-1945, Ashburton Carnival Programmes, 1955, 1956, other ephemera			
<i>D2023/11</i>	ZBG N	Champernowne Estate	Letter to the Reverend Robert Hurrell Froude of the Parsonage, Dartington, executor, re London property of the late Mr. Champernowne of Dartington, 1819. Transcription of letter by Sue King of Totnes Museum, c. 2022.	1819- c.2022	16-01- 2023	2 documents
<i>D2023/13</i>	ZBG O	Bellchambers and Moreton of Newton Abbot	Old company volumes for the following businesses:- Barnes Confectioners,; Harold Cox and Company of Kingsteignton; Babbacombe Film Services Ltd.; W.E. Burrell and Company (Surrey) Ltd.; G.H. Wheaton Ltd.; Southwest Builders (Torquay) Ltd.; W. J. Horwell,; Gowers Antoine Coiffure (hairdressing) etc.	1923- 1971	23-01- 2023	volumes, papers (0.75 shelf volumes, files)
<i>D2023/14</i>	4472 A	Mary Tavy Parish Council	Third additional deposit to 4472A, comprising: original signed parish council minutes, 2003-2017 ; rolled ordnance survey map of Mary Tavy parish, 1st edition 25" to 1 mile sheets of 1884-1885, annotated up	1880s- 2017	20-01- 2023	4 ring binders, 1 volume, 1 large rolled map

			to 1897 (1 roll, 11 ft x 7 ft); sales ledger, Buller Estates sales of lands in Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy, November 1891 (1 volume).			
<a href="#">D2023/15</a>	ZBGP	Pearson Collection	Research papers and colour photographic slides, the mermaid in art, locations of mermaid images in Devon, other parts of the UK and abroad. Newspaper article, on researcher, 2007; research on the Three Hares (Tinnors' Hares) and the Green Man. Box of research notes, church guide booklets and architectural drawings on Devon churches collected by D. Wilson	20th century	23-01-2023	2.5 boxes, 2 slide boxes
<a href="#">D2023/16</a>	ZBG Q	Stone and Swain	Copy will, George Stone, upholsterer of Axminster, 1897, with codicils, 1902 and 1906; birth certificate, Thomas Francis Stone (born 19 April 1881), administration of will, Mr Reuben Swain, farmer of Axminster, 4 May 1899; certificate of temporary appointment, Thomas Francis Stone, as 2nd Lieutenant, Army Service Corps, 21 May 1918; appointment of new trustees, under will of George Stone deceased, regarding an estate at Le Hill Membury, 3 October 1921.	1897-1921	24-01-2023	5 documents
<a href="#">D2023/17</a>	ZBET	Tiverton and District Round Table	Papers, membership cards, booklets and membership lists, papers relating to dinners,	1952-2001	25-01-2023	0.5 box



			events, accounts and balance sheets, events held by other Round Table branches, organisational magazines and newsletters.			
<i>D2023/18</i>	ZBFU	Tiverton and District 41 Club	Accounts, Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs Directories, 1973-1980, Club 41 International Directory, other papers relating to events, meetings, correspondence	1950s-2021	25-01-2023	0.5 box
<i>D2023/23</i>	ZBGR	Woodbury Research	Summary history of Ballyman's (Barn Cottage); research on Woodbury War Memorial, First World War	20th century-21st century	27-01-2023	2 files
<i>D2023/24</i>	874D	Society of Friends	Devon Area Meeting minutes, 2020-2022 (4 files), papers, Kingsbridge and Salcombe meetings (2 files).		27-01-2023	6 files (0.9 box)
<i>D2023/29</i>	ZBEP	Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council	Minutes, including annual parish meetings and committees, 4 December 1894 - 5 March 2002 (9 volumes), 'Parish Executive Committee'. 5 November 1963-22 January 1964, annual parish meetings, chairman's reports and related correspondence, 1974-1993; declarations of acceptance of office, 1953-1979, 1983-1987, papers relating to precepts, 1968-1979.	1894-2002	23-02-2023	3.5 boxes
<i>D2023/30</i>	WWA	Wessex Water Authority	Roll of plans relating to Honiton, Devon		19-12-2022	1 large roll
<i>D2023/31</i>	ZBGS	The Abbey School,	Memorabilia including exercise books containing schoolwork,	c. 1959-1963	19-01-2023	1 bundle

		Babbacombe, Torquay	project, drawings and school reports			
D2023/32	ZBG K	Wolborough Hill School, Newton Abbot	Memorabilia relating to Wolborough Hill School; "Newton Abbot Excerpts", by Clive Marks, taken from his "Musical Memoirs", 21st century.	c.1963-21st century	19-01-2023	1 box
D2023/33	ZBGL	"Musical Memoirs"	Memoir and compendium of the musical life of Clive Marks, including eleven appearances at the BBC Proms and a Grammy award. Unbound copy.	21st century	19-01-2023	1 file
D2023/34	ZBG U	Seaton Infant School	Log book, 1876 to 1880, with summary School Inspector's report of 1877; "Some Account of The Manor or Lordship of Northleigh in the County of Devon" compiled by the Reverend William Henry Baptist Proby M.A., clerk in holy orders, copied into book.	1876-early 20th century	26-01-2023	1 volume
D2023/35	ZAPG	St David's Players	8 <sup>th</sup> additional deposit to ZAPG - programme, production of "H.M.S. Pinafore"	2022	07-02-2023	1 booklet

Also an additional 35 accessions of books of condolence [or sheets removed from books of condolence] compiled by Devon parish churches and 2 district/town councils following the death of Queen Elizabeth II

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ACCESSIONS SEPTEMBER 2022-FEBRUARY 2023

ND/2022/39	B955	Appledore Book Festival programme	2022	02/09/2022	1 booklet
ND/2022/40	B1467	Marks Bros. Barnstaple: Sales ledger, cash book, loan book and library card	1879-1896	31/08/2022	3 volumes, 1 card

ND/2022/41	2099A	Parracombe Parish: Vestry minute book	1813-1854	07/09/2022	1 volume
ND/2022/42	B1468	Geneva School, Bideford: Photograph albums	1948-1952	07/09/2022	5 volumes
ND/2022/43	B1469	Barnstaple and North Devon: Miscellaneous bill heads, receipts, borough guides, handbooks, bypass plans, prints, OS maps etc.	1904-1998	09/09/2022	1 bundle
ND/2022/44	B1472C	Chittlehampton School: Photographs, log books, admission book, minute book, punishment books, school magazine, letters etc.	(1790)-2022	15/09/2022	1 box
ND/2022/45	B1470	Bideford and Putsborough postcards	19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> cent.	14/09/2022	1 bundle
ND/2022/46	B1471	Bideford: Athletics Club certificates, programmes, postcards, photographs; Coronation celebration programmes	1898-1925	15/09/2022	1 bundle
ND/2022/47	B1473	Photograph of Barnstaple Charter (1445) taken prior to conservation work	20 <sup>th</sup> cent.	27/09/2022	1 large photograph
ND/2022/48	B1474	Lundy title deeds and associated documents	1893-1938	23/09/2022	1 bundle
ND/2022/49	2979A	Yarnscombe Parish: Book of condolence re death of H M Queen Elizabeth II	2022	07/10/2022	1 file
ND/2022/50	B955	Appledore Book Festival programme – annotated to show cancelled events due to the death of H M Queen Elizabeth II	2022	07/10/2022	1 booklet
ND/2022/51	2558A	Great Torrington Town Council: Minutes and accounts	1992-2016	16/09/2022	2 boxes
ND/2022/52	3361A	Heanton Punchardon Parish: Book of condolence re death of H M queen Elizabeth II	2022	14/10/2022	1 volume
ND/2022/53	2405D	Ringsash Methodist Circuit: Coppleshon Methodist Church book of condolence re the death of H M Queen Elizabeth II	2022	06/10/2022	1 file
ND/2022/54	B606	Beaford Photographic Archive: Copies of images from various North Devon parishes	(19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> cent.)	11/11/2022	39 volumes
ND/2022/55	B1472C	Chittlehampton School: Headteacher's reports, log books and photographs	1860-2022	25/11/2022	1 box
ND/2022/56	B1475	Bideford: Torridge Bridge construction plans	1970s-1980s	25/11/2022	1 bundle

ND/2022/57	3966A	Torrige District Council: Minutes	1974-2010	01/12/2022	175 volumes
ND/2022/58	3398A	Marwood Parish: Book of condolence re death of H M Queen Elizabeth II	2022	14/12/2022	1 file
ND/2022/59	3760A	North Devon District Council: Minutes	1974-2011	01/12/2022	180 volumes
ND/2022/60	B1349	North Devon Healthcare Trust: Minutes	1998-2005	01/12/2022	15 volumes
ND/2022/61	B234	South West Water Authority: Minutes	1974-1983	01/12/2022	1 volume
ND/2022/62	B1477	North Devon Partnership South Molton Area Committee: Minutes	1997	01/12/2022	1 volume
ND/2022/63	B197	West Down Parish Council: Minutes, receipts and payments books, miscellaneous documents	1894-2017	15/12/2022	4 boxes
ND/2022/64	B1479	North Devon Health Authority: Minutes	1983-1993	16/12/2022	3 volumes
ND/2023/01	B1476	Appledore: Deeds re no. 1 the Quayside	1820-1984	11/01/2023	1 bundle
ND/2023/02	B1478	Photographs of Lenwood House, Northam with notes on the Wren, Bennett and Dampier families	21 <sup>st</sup> cent.	11/01/2023	1 bundle
ND/2023/03	B1480	Sale agreement re nos. 30 & 31 Joy Street, Barnstaple	1902	18/01/2023	1 paper
ND/2023/04	B1481	Notebook of articles relating to Pilton Priory. Pilton Parish, Bull Hill House; Northam, Frithelstock, Buckland Brewer, Monkleigh, Weare Giffard, Landcross and Morthoe	1846-1892	17/01/2023	1 volume
ND/2023/05	B1482	Devon County Council: North Devon Social Services Committee minutes	1975-1988	31/01/2023	1 volume
ND/2023/06	B1483	Devon County Council: North Devon/Torrige Highways Sub-Committee minutes	1974-1997	31/01/2023	4 volumes
ND/2023/07	B489	Devon County Council: Education Committee (Selections)	1992-1994	31/01/2023	2 volumes
ND/2023/08	B1484	Devon County Council: Amenities and Countryside Committee minutes	1975, 1982, 1984-1988	31/01/2023	3 volumes
ND/2023/09	B1480	Promotional poster, Edward Thomas, draper and milliner, Joy Street, Barnstaple	1922	03/02/2023	1 paper
ND/2023/10	B1485	Reports on the Grenville family and 1-5 Bridge Street, Bideford	2012	03/02/2023	3 volumes

ND/2023/11	BC	Barnstaple Town Council: books and cards of Condolence re the death of H M Queen Elizabeth II	2022	08/02/2023	2 volumes, 1 bundle
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## THE BOX

4424: Ward Chowen, Commercial, of Tavistock and its predecessors: Ward and Chowen, estate agents, auctioneers and surveyors. Printed wartime ephemera, 1940s; correspondence files mainly relating to property sales and valuations but also Commons' registration on Dartmoor, mainly 1950s-1970s; sale particulars, 1950s-2000s; accounting records, 1950s-1970s; valuation notebooks, 1950s-1970s, diaries, 1950s-1990s; newspaper cuttings, 1950s-1970s; valuation notebooks, 1950s-1970s; and an index of clients, 1950s-1990s.

4425: Gunter Beyer of Plymouth, former German Prisoner of War. Papers relating to the military service of the donor's father, Gunter Beyer (born 1924 in Chemnitz, Germany), his time as a POW in Devon and Cornwall, and his naturalisation after the Second World War, when he married Barbara Hocking and settled in Plymouth. Also a photograph of Prince Philip's visit to Bickleigh Camp in 1954.

4426: The Plymouth Magicians' Club. Multum in Parvo, Volume 1 No 2, newsletter for members of the Club produced by Henry Goad of Devonport. Includes an article 'The Skull and Crossbones of Magic' by Fred Culpitt, vice-president of the Club, as well as news and reviews. 1935.

4427: Drake family. Letter from William Drake to 'Harry', 1782; copies of baptism and burial entries for members of the Drake family, 18th century; copies of notes of a Chancery Case about the estate of Sir Francis Henry Drake, [1819-1820]; letter from Thomas Deman to Sir Francis Drake (so-called 6th Baronet), c1824; copy of a Drake family tree, covering 16th-19th centuries; and a partial typescript history of the Wakeman, Maltby and Drake families, probably written by Mrs Colville of Alfrick, Worcestershire. 18th-20th century.

4428: Theatre Royal, Plymouth. Original photograph of the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, dated June 1878 showing it following a destructive fire on 13th June 1878; commemorative brochure for the opening of Smeaton's Tower on The Hoe, 1884, published by R Risdon, baker; programmes for Hiawatha and Tales of Hoffmann performed at the Theatre Royal, early 20th century; and a brochure for a ceremonial parade on Plymouth Hoe and march through the city by 45 Commando, Royal Marines, June 1969.

4429: Robert Sibley of California, United States. Manuscript of a play about Sir Francis Drake's visit to America in 1579, entitled "Ollin" designed for a potential outdoor pageant. 1932-1937.

4430: Plymouth: Bickleigh Parish. Register of marriages. 10 May 2008-20 Dec 2020.

4431: Shaugh Prior Parish. Register of marriages. 6 Jul 2014-28 Dec 2019.

4432: Buckland Abbey, Devon. Extract from a mainly blank volume, which contains the signatures of only two visitors: Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, dated 29 Oct 1952 and Jiri Hajek, Ambassador of Czechoslovakia to the UK, dated 28 Sep 1955.

4433: The Box, Plymouth. Brochures for awards' ceremonies relating to construction, for which The Box was short-listed or won prizes. (The competition involved other premises in Devon and the south-west.) The awards were: the Michelmores Property Awards; the Constructing Excellence South West awards; and the Abercrombie Awards. 2021.

4434: Plymouth Business Records. Menus for dinners of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club, Nov 1971 and Nov 1974; Institute of Directors, Devon and Cornwall Branch, 21 Mar 1974; Plymouth Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, 1974 and 1987; and dinner given by the Lord Mayor, R Ramsey Thornton, May 1977.

4435: John Beresford. The Manor Street Free Speech Controversy of 1906: How the Plymouth SDF Broke a Pernicious Circle by John Beresford. Paper published by the Department of Economic History, University of Exeter, as part of Education and Labour in the South-west, number ten. 1975.

4436: Gunter Beyer of Plymouth, former German Prisoner of War. Letters from Gunter Beyer to Barbara Hocking of Devonport. Love letters from a former German POW to his English girlfriend. The couple married in 1954. See 4425 for other papers relating to Beyer. 1951-1952.

4437: Plymouth, Salisbury Road Infants' School. Log books 1903-1941; 1941-1964; 1964-1983; history booklet, Salisbury Road Infants' School, 1903-1983, printed 1983. [Log books post 1922 are restricted access. Please enquire].

4438: Covid 19 pandemic papers. Two envelopes with Covid 19 pandemic postmarks, 2020; three letters from schoolfriends to Claire's daughter, Easter 2020; two Covid 19 vaccination leaflets and letters, 2021; sixty-eight newsletters from Riverford Organic Farmers, Buckfastleigh, Devon, Mar 2020-Dec 2021.

4439: Billheads and receipts sent to Simon Turner of Plymouth and Plymstock. Rate demand notice from Plymouth City Council, Jan 1940; receipted bill from John Westcott, Ltd of Plymouth, coal merchant, Apr 1940; bill for gas from Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas, Light and Coke Company, May 1940; receipted bill from Charles Harding Ltd of Mutley Plain, Plymouth, Aug 1940; bill from Herbert Howitt, printer, bookbinder and stationer, Aug 1940; and a bill from Spooners department store of Plymouth, Aug 1940. Sample kept from a larger quantity donated to The Box - kept as examples of the firms' decorative billheads.

4440: Bill Stone of Plymouth. Theatre reviews and programmes. Albums of newspaper cuttings of reviews by the late theatre critic, Bill Stone, with programmes for various theatre productions by the Theatre Royal, Athenaeum, and Barbican theatres, Plymouth. 1987-2012.

4441: Electronic Record: Significant Signs Studio, Estover, Plymouth. Covid 19 pandemic signage. Digital copies of artwork for the NHS, Plymouth Argyle Football Club, Plymouth City Council and others, relating to the Covid 19 pandemic. 2020-2021.

4442: Stoke Damerel parish, Devonport. Book of condolence for the death of HM Queen Elizabeth Including children's drawings, reminiscences about the royal family and individuals' responses to the death of Her Majesty. Sep 2022.

4443: Atkins Ltd, consulting engineers. Plymouth photographs including Album of colour photographs of North Cross roundabout; the Royal Mail sorting office; Plymouth Railway Station and car park, and its environs; and Plymouth City Centre (Armada Way, particularly the sundial and the water feature opposite the Guildhall, including an aerial view.) The album shows photographs of places before work has taken place, so is a useful record of parts of Plymouth in the mid 1980s.

4444: Lord Lieutenant of Devon. Brochure for the ceremony for the proclamation of the accession of Charles III by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon. 11 Sep 2022.

4445: Newton family of Plymouth. Personal papers including photographs, birthday cards, letters and certificates relating to Charles Newton and Muriel Newton, nee Harris, of St Budeaux. 1925-1939.

4446: Wilfred Owen Reynolds of Plymouth. Sketchbook and notebook of Wilfred Owen Reynolds, relating to his time in Egypt and Palestine (while on military service). 1916-1919.

4447: Plymouth, St Paul Parish, East Stonehouse. Looseleaf book of condolence upon the death of Queen Elizabeth II, 8 September 2022. Containing messages from visitors to the church, thanking the late Queen for her service to the country.

4448: Trelawny-Ross family of Ham House, Plymouth. Family and estate papers (described in 2533), a descriptive catalogue by Sheila Himsworth compiled in 1998 as well as plans, maps and pedigree (uncatalogued by Sheila Himsworth). 17th century-20th century.

4449: Caradon District Council. Papers kept by Caradon District Council relating to: HM Naval Dockyard, papers re nuclear waste facilities, 1988-c1992; and nuclear submarine support facilities, c1992 plus feasibility study for proposed Mountbatten Maritime Museum in Plymouth, 1994.

4450: St Budeaux Cycle Club. Minutes of St Budeaux cycling club, 1901-1914; AGMs, 1953-1975; and committee, 1965-1980, Time trial result, 1979; photo, 1980s; committee minutes 1975-2004; AGM minutes, 1978 and 1983-2017; constitution, 2013.

4451: A typescript history of Mount Batten, from pre-history to c1986 written by T Harry and donated to the Plymouth RAF Association in 1998. Includes notes on the history of Mount Batten before and during its use by the Royal Air Force, and a short history of the various squadrons which used it, including the balloon squadron, as well as histories of the meteorological office; Roborough Airfield; Air Sea Rescue Marine Craft Units, Torquay, Salcombe and Mount Batten; a list of units and formations; and a list of commanding officers of RNAS Cattewater and RAF Mountbatten, from 1917-1986.

4452: Kings Tamerton Secondary Modern School, Devonport. Photograph of U12s and U13s rugby teams, 1955-1956 (names given) and under 15s (undated, 1950s); a group of staff, 1956; and a cartoon of the staff, 1957.

4453: Plymouth Corporation Tramways. Reprinted articles, 1925-c1942; conductor's permit, 1929; learner's permit, 1939; and newspaper cutting, 1958.

4454: Theatre Royal, Plymouth. Programme: The Music Man, signed by Alan Hockey, actor (1924-1992). 1984.

4455: Eggbuckland Parish, Plymouth. Including: conveyance of site for school at Crabtree, 1873; altered tithe apportionment, 1879; plans of interior, 1904-1948; plan of Wembury village hall, 1954; rural dean's visitation book, 1957-2008; file re sale of former C of E school, 1961-1970; file re building of church hall, including plans, 1968-1970; PCC correspondence, 1977-1990; PCC minutes, 1988-2016; parish magazines, 1983-2002 (gaps); account books, 1980-1991; banns register, 1996-2008; register of youth club attendance, 1996-2000; register of admission of children to communion before confirmation, 1998-2000; marriage registers, 2001-03 and 2006-8; correspondence about Christ Church, Estover, 2008-2010.

4456: Plymouth Consumer Group. Minutes, 1963-1980; 1990-1993; magazines, 1964-2016; leaflet; publications, 1973-1999.

4457: Railway and bus timetable. Includes advertisements for local businesses including Goodbody's cafes; Williams and Gray, builders of the Torr estate "Plymouth's Garden City"; A W Wright, hair dresser; Plymouth gin; Plymouth Co-operative Society Ltd; Devonia flour and many more. 1936.

4458: The Baring-Gould Library: the books at Lewtrenchard, a shelf list and guide including the Shacklock Collection. Compiled by Ian and Jill Maxted for the Baring-Gould Corporation. Exeter Working Papers in Book History, 27A. 2022.

4459: Diocese of Plymouth, leaflet advertising the times of services at Plymouth Cathedral, St Joseph's Church Devonport and Christ the King, Plymouth. Includes photographs of the three Roman Catholic churches. 2021.

4460: Devonport, Boer War souvenirs of the homecoming of General Pole-Carew, 15 Dec 1900 and the launch of HM Queen Alexandra battleship, Mar 1902, and the visit of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra to Devonport. 1900-1902.

4461: Archie Radmore of Ermington, memoir concerning army service in the Second World War. circa 1999.

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## **University of Exeter Library**

Members might be interested to know that we have acquired two important regional archives since the last newsletter.



In December 2022, we collected the papers of Mark Beeson. Mark lived on Dartmoor for most of his life until his death in 2022 and was the founder of the Manaton and East Dartmoor Theatre (MED Theatre), which he established in 1989. A writer and dramatist inspired by his surroundings, Mark wrote and directed more than 40 plays for the theatre which incorporated both music and dance and were performed and toured in Devon. Mark was also a poet and a researcher. He held an MPhil from the University of Exeter in primate ecology and had a keen and enduring interest in the Dartmoor landscape, its history, ecology, folklore and community. As well as his writing and research activity, he worked for Manpower Services Commission in 1979 on its newly formed Sites and Monuments Record and conducted an archaeological survey of Widecombe-in-the-Moor. His creative output, which won him awards both nationally and locally, reflects the variety and depth of his interests and knowledge.

In January 2023 we collected papers relating to the Cygnet Theatre in Exeter. The collection dates from its foundation by Mary Evans and Monica Shallis in 1980 to the present day and includes the Monica Shallis archive. The collection contains a broad range of papers from education resources, production files and music for specific shows and plays by Monica Shallis, to Festival pieces and correspondence with other theatres. For more information on Cygnet Theatre see <https://cygnettheatre.co.uk/> and <http://www.monicashallis.co.uk/>.

Both these archives contribute to our existing drama collections, which include the Northcott Theatre papers and papers relating to the Devon-based Theatre of Public Works. We are really pleased that the Northcott Theatre papers were recently gifted to the University by the Theatre and now have a secure permanent home.

Please note that the new collections will be closed for research until they can be fully assessed and catalogued.

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## Exeter Cathedral Library & Archives



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This March the Cathedral Library & Archives will submit its latest triennial Archive Service Accreditation review. This round it is very encouraging just how much good news there is to report, not least in terms of staffing. In May 2021 Jonny Scott joined the team, becoming head of the Cathedral's new Heritage & Engagement Department. The department encompasses the Library & Archives, as well as both Learning and Outreach. Ellie Jones continues as Archivist (since 2011), with Emma Laws joining as Cathedral Librarian in January 2022, and Lis Spenser as Community Outreach and Partnerships Officer in August 2022. The team was completed by the arrival of James Cotter as the new Learning Officer in January 2023.

The other big news at the Cathedral is the delivery of a major development project supported by a £4m grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The project is working with communities in and around the city of Exeter and beyond to increase diversity and remove barriers to participation wherever possible, to engage with more people through visits, volunteering and more. There will be significant improvements to facilities and interpretation including toilets, sound, lighting, heating and exhibitions. Ground work on the new Cloister Gallery in front of the Chapter House began in November 2022. It is the first new building at the Cathedral since the adjoining Pearson building – which formerly housed the Cathedral Archives – was built in the 1880s. The work has uncovered several features of archaeological interest, including Roman remains and medieval burials which will eventually be marked with new ledger stones. A new interpretation scheme will be implemented to reveal more about the fabulous stories and people that have been part of Cathedral life for so long. Plans are also in development for a new exhibition space which will enable items from the Cathedral's collections to be safely and prominently displayed for the first time.

The monthly programme of Library & Archives "In Focus" events continues, with other events staged throughout the year. Visitors to the Cathedral during February will see Luke Jerram's "Gaia" – a 7m diameter Earth - hanging in the nave. The installation is accompanied by a panel exhibition featuring illustrations of creatures great and small from the Cathedral Library's copies of the works Renaissance naturalists Conrad Gesner and Ulysse Aldrovandi. Further afield, there is just time to visit the showcase "Die Normannen" exhibition at the Reiss-Engelhorn-Museen in Mannheim before it finishes at the end of February. The exhibition on Norman history features quires from the Exon Domesday – the first time any part of the manuscript has been loaned overseas.

Lastly, a reminder that for a weekly highlight from the Cathedral Library & Archives, do consider subscribing to the weekly Cathedral Life newsletter or following the Cathedral on Instagram or Facebook. Something new is featured every week, from a Chaucer fragment to a Great War scrapbook.

Ellie Jones, Cathedral Archivist

## **Devon & Exeter Institution**

### Devon and Exeter Institution – 'Rescue a book' campaign

Each year, the Devon and Exeter Institution looks for donations towards their 'Rescue a book' campaign, raising money to cover conservation work on a selection of books from their special collections. From its foundation over two hundred years ago, the Institution has been a working library, and this means that many of the books are now in desperate need of repair. Typically, the books on the 'Rescue' list have loose or detached boards, damaged spines, weak sewing and torn pages and endpapers. With the help of donations, these are then sent to an expert bookbinder, who is able to repair them with minimal interference to the integrity of the original materials and structure, enabling them to be used and enjoyed by researchers and through the Institution's programme of events and engagement activities.

As the cost of the repair work is usually upwards of £200 per book, the minimum suggested donation is £150. The names of those people who donate will be entered into a Benefactors' Book and a personalised bookplate will be placed inside the book, making them a part of the history of the Institution.

This year's selection has been informed by the Collections Review taking place as part of *The Next Chapter* project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

This year's list includes:

Bowdler, H. M., *Pen Tamar : or, the History of an old maid*, (1830)

Burckhardt, John Lewis, *Travels in Nubia*, (1819)

Edwards, Bryan, *The history, civil and commercial, of the British colonies in the West Indies*, (1807-1819)

Glasse, Hannah, *The art of cookery made plain and easy...: to which are added one hundred and fifty new and useful receipts, and also fifty receipts from different kinds of perfumery*, (1788)

Hobbes, Thomas, *The moral and political works of Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury*, (1750)

Middleton, James, *A celestial atlas*, (1842)

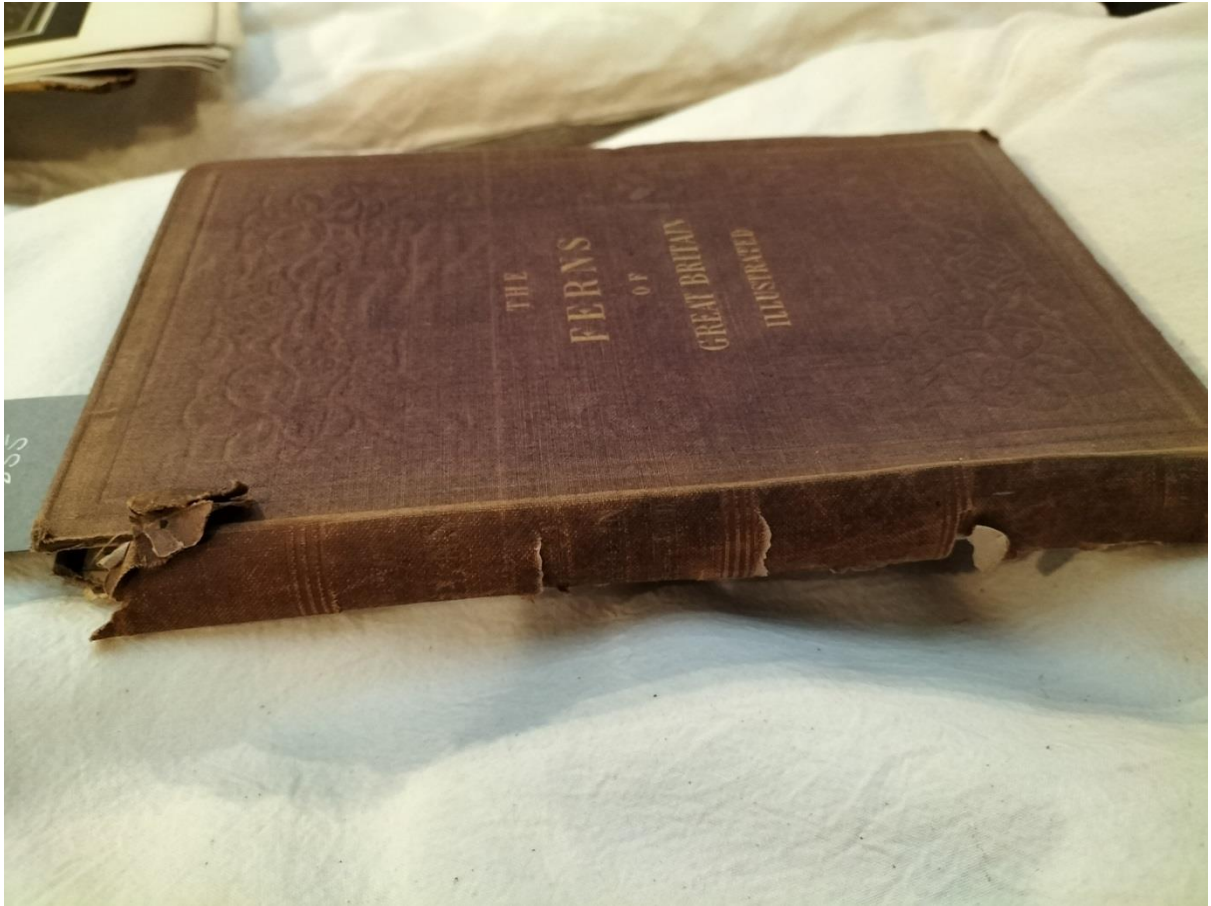
Page, John Lloyd Warden, *An exploration of Dartmoor and its antiquities*, (1889)

Rigaud, John Francis (translated by), *Leonardo Da Vinci : a treatise on painting*, (1802)

Sowerby, *Ferns of Great Britain*, (1855)

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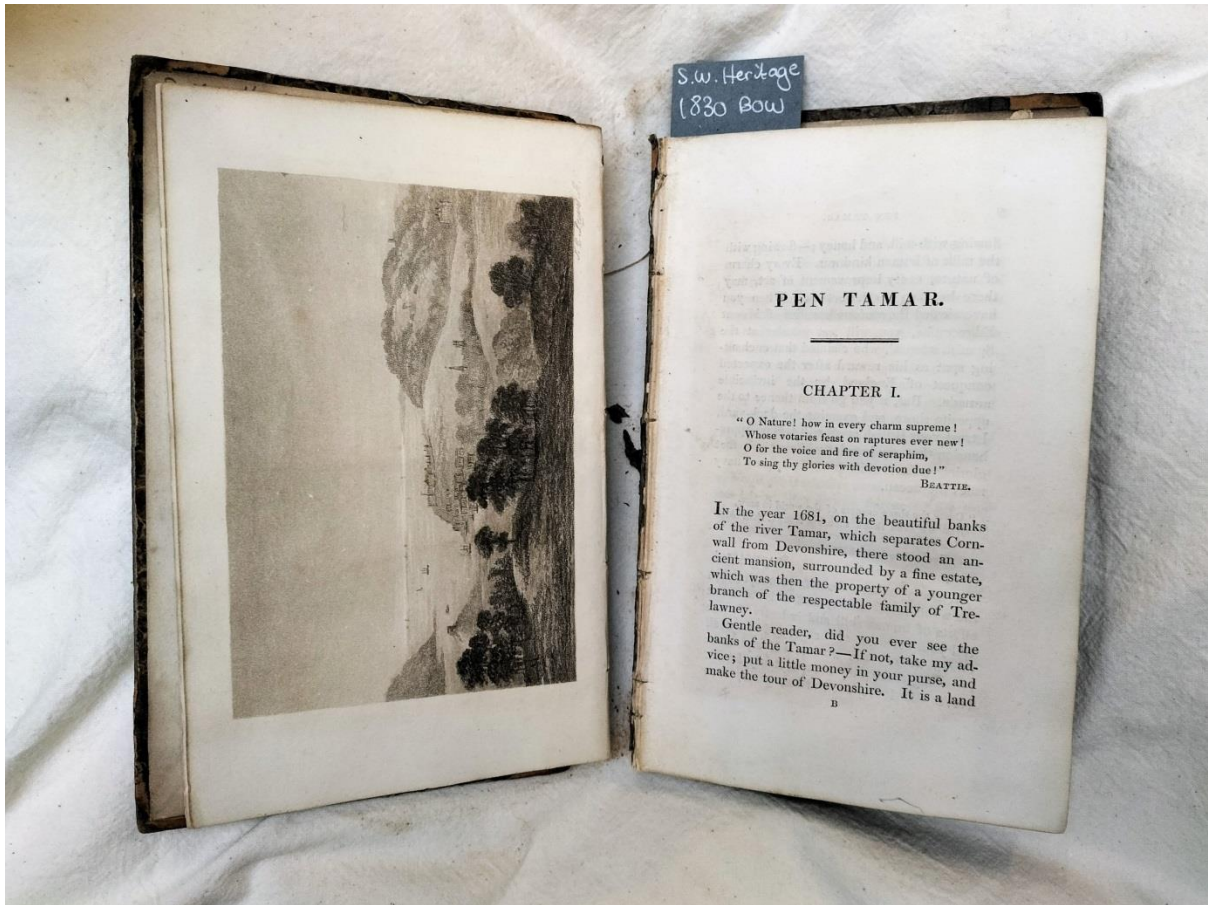
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# EVENING LECTURE PROGRAMME 2023

THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2023, AT 7PM.

*The Anglo-Saxon Mints of Devon.*

John Allan, Consultant Archaeologist.

**THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2023, AT 7PM.**

***The Industrial in the Garden.***

Dr. Dianne Long, Garden Historian.

**THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023, AT 7PM.**

***Wild Days and Medieval Knights: a History of Hacombe.***

Andrew Cooper, Author and Broadcaster.

**THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023, AT 7PM.**

***Sidmouth's Royal Connections.***

Dr. Nigel Hyman, Historian, Sid Vale Association.

**THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023, AT 7PM.**

***When the Judge Shot the Doctor: Devon's Last Duel.***

Professor David Pugsley, Legal Historian.

**THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023, AT 7PM.**

***Dartmoor's Ancient Tracks.***

Emma Cunis, Dartmoor's Daughter.

**THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2023, AT 7PM.**

***A Short History of Salcombe.***

Roger Barrett, Curator, Salcombe Maritime Museum.

**THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023, AT 7PM.**

***The Norden Survey:***

***Life in Devon in the Time of King James I.***

Dr. Des Atkinson, Norden Project Co-ordinator, FODA.

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**THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023, AT 7PM.**

***The Folklore of Devon.***

Mark Norman, Curator, The Folklore Library & Archive.

**THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023, AT 7PM.**

***Torquay: A Social History.***

Dr. Kevin Dixon, Historian and Author.

**THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023, AT 7PM.**

***A Tudor Christmas with the Lady Katherine & her Peasant.***

Rosemary & David Griggs, Historians

**Tickets: £7.00 each**

*or* £55 for a Season Ticket to attend all 11 lectures in 2023.

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