

## Monthly Meetings and Events Programme 2017-2018

### 18th April "Horse Logging" - Mike and Eleanor Paddock,

**Mike Paddock** was the first apprentice at British Horse Loggers CT and has worked at Highgrove for HRH Prince Charles and also in the USA using heavy horses for logging. His talk covered the use of real horsepower in farming, using slides to illustrate the different tasks for which horses have been used over the years, not only on the farm but also in many aspects of everyday life.

### 16<sup>th</sup> May A Day Visit to Morwellham Quay.

Set in spectacular landscape in the Tamar Valley, Morwellham Quay is a 'lost' Victorian village, port and copper mine.  
Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled.

### 6th June A Special Visit to Locks Park Farm, Hatherleigh

**Dr Robert Wolton**, took us on a walk round his farm.

Locks Park has a diverse mixture of habitats ranging from culm pasture to mixed woodlands that the owners manage in a sustainable way that encourages wildlife of all kinds - from the largest of animals to the smallest of insects. A particular feature of the farm is its hedgerows, its wild flowers and the wide variety of insects and minibeasts which the environment supports. This was a wonderful experience for all!



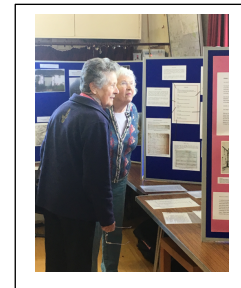
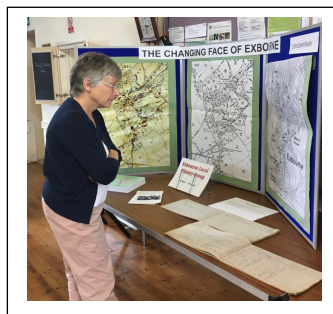
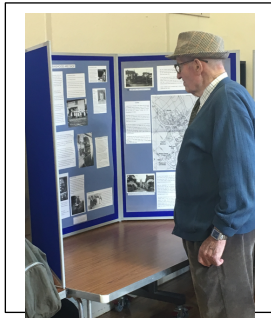
### 18th July "The Manor of Hatherleigh"

The Lord of the Manor of Hatherleigh was the guest speaker at our July meeting. **Deborah Laing-Trengrove**, who inherited the title from her father in 1989, gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the Manor and Borough, tracing its origins from the tenth century to the present day.



## 17<sup>th</sup> Sept House Research Exhibition

The second project on house histories in Exbourne culminated in our Sunday afternoon exhibition. The Group also showed additional exhibits reflecting additional research carried out over time by the Group's researchers, including Carnivals, Sport, Post Office Rounds, Guys Bakery, There was also a wide range of photographs on show, which form part of the ELHG Archive. The aim being to interest both long serving members and those unfamiliar with the Group's work.



## 17th Oct "Water from the Moor" Paul Rendell

We get a lot of rain on Dartmoor and this flows into river, leats and reservoirs. Paul's talk looked at the history of taking water from the moors including Burrator and Meldon Reservoirs, the Plymouth and the Devonport Leats as well a river or two!



## 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. "Dartmoor Life in the First World War" Peter Mason

Peter gave an interesting and informative talk looking at the impact of the War on the people of Dartmoor. How life continued as normal for many, how farming changed and women came to work on farms. It covered the recruitment marches, requisitioning of horses, returning wounded soldiers, VAD Hospitals, collecting and packing moss for wound treatment, Belgian refugees, the Women's Land Army and the impact on the area of the Conscientious Objectors housed in Dartmoor Prison.

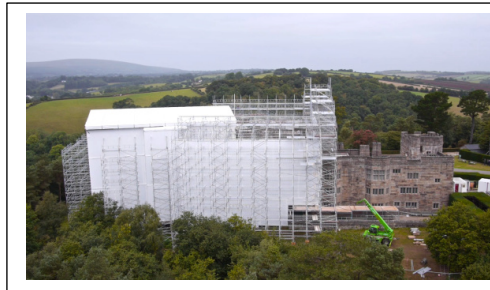


## 19<sup>th</sup> Dec [Our Christmas Celebration](#)

Our members' dinner was held by popular demand at The Railway, North Tawton. It proved to be an excellent choice and delicious food and convivial atmosphere meant that the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all members.

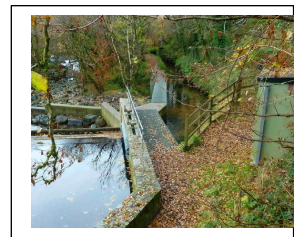
## 16<sup>th</sup> Jan ["Saving Castle Drogo" Paula Clarke](#)

Paula, Community Engagement Officer for the National Trust at Castle Drogo, gave a whistle-stop tour of the history behind the last castle to be built in England and the major conservation work currently underway to save it from an army of wind and rain. The slides she brought showed clearly the problems which had to be surmounted and how they are being solved. Paula has been part of the Castle Drogo team for 12 years and has been able to see first-hand how the work has developed.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Feb ["Peat, Powder and Power" - Tom Soby](#)

Tom gave a fascinating talk about the history of peat cutting, the manufacture of gunpowder and the many types of power used and created on Dartmoor. We were delighted to welcome him now he is fully recovered from the injury which prevented his visit in October.



## 21<sup>st</sup> Mar [The Annual General Meeting](#)

Following the AGM there was a short talk about the [Museum of Dartmoor Life](#), by the recently appointed manager of [Mrs.Keri Quertier](#) about its exhibits and resources, as well as the plans for its future. She also brought along some of the many interesting items held by the Museum for members to puzzle over.