

# THE DEVON NEWFOUNDLAND STORY

A celebration of historical & cultural connections



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 3rd – 16th April 2017



# The Devonshire Association

Exploring and celebrating all aspects of Devon

## THE DEVON-NEWFOUNDLAND STORY

### Introduction

Devon has strong historic links with the Canadian Province of Newfoundland dating back to the 16th-century, with boats from local ports sailing annually to waters off Newfoundland to fish for cod. Initially men left Devon in April and returned in the autumn, but gradually land bases were established and they began to overwinter. In 1583, the Devon mariner, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, claimed Newfoundland as the first English overseas colony.

This celebration, organised by the **Devonshire Association** working with the **Devon Family History Society**, marks nearly 500 years of contact and interaction between the two communities. Whilst people in Newfoundland are very aware of their Devon connections, Devonians are less well-informed about the historic importance of Newfoundland to the economy of the county. Through talks, visits, concerts and displays, the celebration aims to develop both existing and new links between the two communities and to celebrate our shared heritage. Events will take place throughout the county, but particularly in the county town of Exeter and in the north Devon port of Bideford.

A timetable of events is given on page 4.



**TREE HOUSE - DEVON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY'S RESEARCH CENTRE**  
Unit 1, 7-9 King Street, Exeter, EX1 1BQ  
Call into Tree House for help with family and local history research, including Devon and Newfoundland connections. Free access to Devon parish registers, the Society's indexes and subscription sites, including FindMyPast, Ancestry, British Newspaper Archive and The Genealogist.  
Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:30am to 4:00pm  
[www.devonfhs.org.uk/treehouse.htm](http://www.devonfhs.org.uk/treehouse.htm)

## ABOUT US

### Devonshire Association

(Registered Charity No 252468)

The Devonshire Association (DA) is a non-profit-making body which was formed in 1862 and is dedicated to the study and appreciation of all things Devonian. It is the only society concerned with every aspect of the county and is one of the oldest of its kind in Britain. Membership is about 1,300.

The organisation consists of an Executive Committee; seven regional branches – Axe Valley, Bideford, East Devon, Exeter, South Devon, Plymouth & District, Tavistock & West Devon; and nine specialist sections – Botany, Buildings, Entomology, Geology, History, Industrial Archaeology, Literature & Art, Music and Photography.

Over 100 activities are organised each year throughout the county – talks, exhibitions, excursions, field trips, concerts and symposia. There is also an Annual Conference held each year in a different town and a President's Symposium on a subject of his or her choice.

### Devon Family History Society

(Registered Charity No. 282490)

The Devon Family History Society (DFHS) was formed in 1976 and is one of the largest of its kind in the UK with a worldwide membership in excess of 3,500. The Society is a member of the Federation of Family History Societies – an international body which has over 200 member societies throughout the world.

The Society's objectives are to promote the study of genealogy and history, especially of Devon families and places; to educate the public through advice and instruction; and to encourage the preservation and transcription of relevant documents and records. The Society has an active programme of transcribing and publishing Devon records, including indexes of Devon marriages, burials, baptisms, census and other local records.

The Society's Research Centre – Tree House – is based in Exeter. Groups meet in Plymouth, Kingskerswell, Exeter and Bideford.



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## TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

This timetable of events includes dates, topics and page numbers (the latter indicating where full descriptions of the events may be found in this booklet). Note that some events do not require booking; others require booking by telephone or email; and several require completion and submission of the inserted booking slips. Please refer to individual descriptions for guidance.

Should certain events be over-subscribed, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Early booking is therefore advisable to avoid disappointment.

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## Contact

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## RECEPTION

**Friday 7th April**

**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

### PROGRAMME

The formal opening of the Devon-Newfoundland Celebration will take place at the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery (RAMM). Mr David Fursdon, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Devon, has accepted our invitation to attend. Drinks will be served and musical entertainment will be provided by Newfoundland's Jim Payne and Devon's Paul Wilson and Marilyn Tucker of Wren Music (see pp. 14-15).

### DIRECTIONS

- The Museum is located on Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3RX, about halfway between High Street and Exeter Central Station
- Extensive parking facilities are available at the nearby Guildhall Centre and Harlequins Shopping Centre car parks.

*Attendance is free but will be by invitation only. Please apply for an invitation using the separate form.*

**THE ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY** arose from a suggestion by Sir Stafford Northcote of Pines (later the 1st Earl of Iddesleigh) that a fitting memorial should be erected to the memory of Prince Albert. Designed in Gothic revival style by John Hayward, building work began in 1865 and the museum first opened in April 1868. The building has undergone several extensions and modifications during its history, including a major development completed in 2011 at a cost of about £24 million. Since then, the museum has received a number of prestigious awards – not least the accolade of 'Museum of the Year 2012'. *(Photo: © 2016, Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter City Council)*



# DEVON-NEWFOUNDLAND HERITAGE FORUM

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April  
9:30am – 5:30pm on both days

## Location

County Hall, Topsham Road,  
Exeter, EX2 4QD (free parking)



**Booking is required using the separate form.**

County Hall Reception

## THEMES AND REPRESENTATION

Speakers from both sides of the Atlantic will explore aspects of shared history and trade, dialect and folklore, music, mumming and dance.

Alongside these presentations there will be an informal programme in which family history interests can be shared and discussed. The presentations will take place in the Council Chamber, while the heritage displays will be set up in the Committee Suite.

The following organisations will be represented in the Committee Suite: Devon Family History Society (FHS); Devon Heritage Centre; Plymouth & West Devon Record Office; South West Area Group of FHSs; Guild of One Name Studies; Torbay U3A/Teignmouth to Newfoundland Connection; All Hallows (Honiton), Exmouth, Sidmouth and Topsham museums; Topsham History Group; and the Devonshire Association.



There will be a sale of unique souvenir mugs and jugs created by Bideford Pottery.

Photo: courtesy of Bideford Pottery

## DEVON-NEWFOUNDLAND HERITAGE FORUM continued

### PROVISIONAL TALKS for Saturday 8th April

(Listed below in alphabetical order of speakers)

#### **The Newfoundland mummering tradition**

Chris Brookes (Battery Radio, Newfoundland)



#### **Newfoundland, Dartmouth and the triangular trade**

Professor Richard Cooke (Liverpool University and Dartmouth)

#### **Devon's coastal fisheries and the Atlantic expansion to Newfoundland, 1500 – 1650**

Dr Todd Gray (University of Exeter)



#### **Devonshire, Iberia, and the logic of the trade in Newfoundland saltfish**

Professor Olaf Janzen (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's)

#### **Leaving West Country shores in 1590: the men who went fishing**

Dr Jenny Moon (Bournemouth University)



#### **Closer to the floor: an illustrated look at the evolution of Old World folk dance traditions in Newfoundland**

Jim Payne (SingSong Inc., Newfoundland)

#### **Keynote address: West Country fishers at Newfoundland, 1500-1700: five myths and a theory**

Professor Peter Pope (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's)

#### **The Old World and the New in one Newfoundland singer's repertoire**

Dr Jonathan Roper (Tartu University, Estonia)

#### **Over there and back again: Devon and Newfoundland songs, with musical illustrations**

Marilyn Tucker & Paul Wilson (Wren Music, Devon)

## PROVISIONAL TALKS for Sunday 9th April

(Listed below in alphabetical order of speakers)

**Aspects of the pottery trade between Devon and Newfoundland**  
*John Allan (Exeter) & Sadie Green (Bideford)*

**The place of Devon in the writing of Newfoundland history**  
*Professor Jerry Bannister (Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia)*

**Revisiting home medicine: the Newfoundland experience from a Devon perspective**  
*Professor John Crellin (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, and Totnes)*

**Pirates of the North Atlantic: the Devon captives**  
*Jill Drysdale (Totnes)*

**Keynote address: Exploring Devon-Newfoundland connections through 25 years of archaeology at Ferryland**  
*Professor Barry Gaulton (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's)*

**Whitbourne, Crout and Berry: three Devonians in early modern Newfoundland**  
*William Gilbert (Bacalieu Trail Heritage Corporation, Newfoundland)*

**'We are as near to Devon by sea as by land'**  
*Simone Parkyn (Torre Abbey, Torquay)*

**Admiral Preedy and the Victorian Internet**  
*Trevor Waddington (Fairlynch Museum and Arts Centre)*

**Some West Country lexical elements in Newfoundland English**  
*Professor John Widdowson (Sheffield University)*

**HERITAGE FORUM DINNER** The Heritage Forum dinner will be held on Saturday 8th April at the Mercure Exeter Southgate Hotel, Southernhay East, Exeter, EX1 1QF (T 01392 412812). There are ample car parking facilities at the hotel, along Southernhay, and the nearby Magdalen Car Park. Entry from 6:00pm with dinner at 7:30pm at a cost of £27 per person, excluding drinks.  
*Booking is required using the separate form.*

**Accommodation:** Until 8th February, the hotel is holding 20 rooms for the night of the dinner (8th April) at a special B&B rate of £130 for a double room and £120 for a single room. If you wish to make a reservation, please telephone 01392 412812 quoting DEVON080417.



Mercure Exeter Southgate Hotel



## RELATED EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE DEVONSHIRE ASSOCIATION BRANCHES AND SECTIONS

### GEOLOGY SECTION

**Saturday 18th March at 10:30am, Teign Heritage Centre, Teignmouth, TQ14 8ST**

**The rocks of 'The Rock': Geology in Newfoundland**  
*Tom Sharpe (Lyme Regis Museum & Cardiff University)*

The close links between the island of Newfoundland and the British Isles run much deeper than the historical and cultural. We share much of our geological histories, so much so that identical rocks and even fossil species are common to both sides of the Atlantic.

*No booking required. Further information from: dageolhonsec@devonassoc.org.uk*

### LITERATURE & ARTS AND ENTOMOLOGY SECTIONS – a joint meeting

**Saturday 1st April at 2:30pm, The Boniface Centre, Crediton, EX17 2AH**

**The David Attenborough of his day: Philip Henry Gosse, Victorian naturalist, artist and writer in Newfoundland and Devon**  
*Dr Robin Wootton (Devonshire Association & University of Exeter)*

P. H. Gosse was the pre-eminent populariser of natural history in 19th-century Britain. His scientific enthusiasm developed during eight years as a young clerk in Newfoundland, where he wrote and illustrated a book on Newfoundland insects, surviving only in manuscript.

*No booking required. Further information from: R.J.Wootton@exeter.ac.uk*

### BUILDINGS SECTION

**Tuesday 4th April at 10:30am, Harry's Restaurant, 86 Longbrook Street, Exeter, EX4 6AP**

**Harry Hems (1842-1916): The controversial career of a Master Carver**

**Morning:** a talk at the former workshop of Harry Hems where thousands of artworks were carved, including the Bishop's throne in the Anglican Cathedral of St John the Baptist, St John's, Newfoundland. **Afternoon:** a visit to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum where curator Tom Cadbury will display some medieval carvings from the Hems Collection.

Cost £10 including refreshments.

*Booking required through Lydia Burge 01392 980082 or Lydia.burge@outlook.com*



Harry Hems's former studio  
Longbrook Street, Exeter

### EAST DEVON BRANCH

**Friday 13th October 2017 at 2:30pm, Manor Pavilion Theatre, Manor Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8RP**

**Just gone fishing in Newfoundland**  
*Dr Jenny Moon (Bournemouth University)*

An overview of the cod trade between Devon and Newfoundland from 1500 onwards.

*No booking required. Further information from: Philip Wilby secedbda@gmail.com*



# SOUTH DEVON EXCURSIONS AND GUIDED TOURS

A charge of £5 per person will be made for each of the excursions to cover administration and advertising. The cost of lunches and the short trips on ferries and trains however will need to be paid by participants on a pay-as-you-go basis.

## Thursday 6th April – Dartmouth and Compton Castle

A morning visit to Dartmouth will be followed in the afternoon by a visit to Compton Castle, home of the Gilbert family whose ancestor Sir Humphrey Gilbert claimed Newfoundland for England on 3rd August 1583.

The party will assemble at 10am at the Dartmouth Museum (housed in a c.1649 merchant's house) for a 2-hour visit, which will include a tour of old Dartmouth and a viewing of an exhibition on the triangular trade between Newfoundland, Dartmouth and Continental Europe. The proceedings will be led by John Putt and other museum volunteer staff. Following lunch in Dartmouth, the party will proceed to Compton Castle, a dramatic fortified manor house in the care of the National Trust.

*Numbers are limited to 40.*

*Booking is required using the separate form, which includes travel information.*



## Friday 7th April – Exeter and Topsham

The *morning walk* will begin at the Custom House on Exeter Quay at 10am, thereafter exploring the warehouses and leats of the waterfront area before working uphill through the city, reaching the Central Railway Station on Queen Street at around midday. From here trains run every 30 minutes or so to Topsham and the *afternoon walk* will begin from Topsham Station at 2pm, finishing with a cream tea (for those who wish) in Topsham Museum at 3:45pm. No formal lunch arrangements are being made but cafés and pubs abound in both Exeter and Topsham. Both walks are led by archaeologist John Allan.

*Numbers are limited to 25.*

*Booking is required using the separate form.*



## Monday 10th April – Plymouth

### PLYMOUTH WALKS WITH HISTORY

A morning walk around the Barbican and Hoe; an afternoon walk around Royal William Yard.

The *morning walk*, of about 2.6 km, will start from Plymouth and West Devon Record Office (PWDRO) at 10:30am (Unit 3, Clare Place, Coxsidge, Plymouth, PL4 0JW). The walk will visit Sutton Harbour, the Barbican, Blackfriar's Lane, Citadel Road, the Hoe ('Smeaton's Tower') and the Citadel, ending at the ferry pontoon at the Barbican at about 12:30pm. Participants can either take the ferry to Royal William Yard or transfer independently. No formal arrangements are being made for lunch but cafés and pubs abound in the Barbican area.

The *afternoon walk*, of about 1.6 km, will be through the Royal William Victualling Yard in East Stonehouse, looking at the historic buildings and how they were used to keep the Royal Navy fed at sea. The walk will begin at 2pm and end around 3:30pm.

*Numbers are limited to 40.*

*Booking is required using the separate form, which includes travel information.*





# NORTH DEVON FESTIVITIES IN BIDEFORD

## Tuesday 11th April – The Bideford connection

Bideford emerged as an important market and agricultural centre during the Elizabethan age and rapidly developed close maritime links with the New World colonies. Importing tobacco was initially a major source of income, but the town also gained a large share in the lucrative Newfoundland cod trade by the end of the 17th-century, sending out more ships than any other English port except London and Topsham. The fish were sold in southern Europe in exchange for fruit and wine. Bideford pottery for export and provisioning ships was also renowned for several centuries.



One of two terracotta relief panels depicting Bideford's former maritime prowess. The panel is attached to the side of the Port Memorial celebrating Bideford regaining its official port status in 1928, which it had lost in 1882.

## PROGRAMME

### Procession

A procession through the town in the presence of the Mayor of Bideford will start at 10:30am from the eastern end of Bideford Bridge (Barnstaple Street) and finish at the Port Memorial outside Learn Devon on Bideford Quay (opposite the Burton Art Gallery & Museum, EX39 2QQ). The Mayor will give the opening address at 11am. Everyone is welcome.

**NOTE:** The procession may be cancelled if the weather is wet. The Mayoral address will then be given inside Learn Devon, again at 11am.

### Guided tours

One-hour guided tours by *Peter Christie* of historic buildings in Bideford that have a Newfoundland connection. The walking tours, which include some stairs, will begin from Learn Devon at 11:30am and 2pm.

*Advanced booking is required through Learn Devon or on the day if space permits, T 01237 472462.*

### Displays and talks based at Learn Devon, Bideford Quay

- Informal talk and an information display about Newfoundland by *John Bradbeer* between 11am and 4pm
- The 'Way of the Wharves' project information display, 11am to 4pm
- A pop-up café by *Felicity Sylvester* of Brilliant Fish with cookery demonstrations and tastings. Salt cod and other fish dishes will be featured from 10:30am to 12:30pm and from 2pm to 4pm.
- Devon Family History Society helpdesk and information display, 11am to 4 pm
- Family-friendly workshops will be available through the week – call Learn Devon for more details – T 01237 472462.



### Pottery workshop

*Sasha Porter*, a PhD student from the University of Bath, will present up-to-date research on the R J Lloyd's ceramic collection in the Burton Art Galley & Museum. Drop in at any time between 11:30am and 3:30pm.

### Folk music events

There will be a lunchtime talk with music on April 11th at 1pm and an evening folk music concert at 7pm, both in Bideford (see pp. 14-15 for details).

## RELATED EVENTS

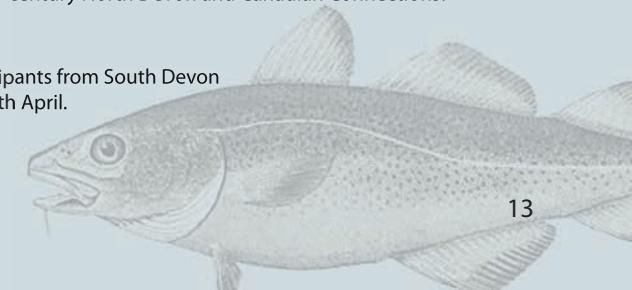
Other North Devon activities include:

- An information display in Barnstaple Library foyer promoting the programme of activities and events, plus a themed display outside the Local Studies Centre on the 2nd floor
- A themed display at the North Devon Maritime Museum in Appledore (see p. 16)
- Devon Family History Society Newfoundland Day, Saturday 15th April, Pollyfield Centre, Avon Road, East-the-Water, Bideford, EX39 4BL. A Newfoundland display will be available from 11am, followed by a talk by *Dr Janet Few* entitled 'Nineteenth-Century North Devon and Canadian Connections'.

### COACH TRANSPORT

A coach from Exeter will be laid on for participants from South Devon wishing to visit the Bideford festivities on 11th April.

*Booking is required using the separate form.*





# DEVON-NEWFOUNDLAND FOLK MUSIC EVENTS



## 'Shore to Shore Revisited'

'SHORE TO SHORE REVISITED' is a lecture, recital and concert tour given by Newfoundland's Jim Payne and Devon's Paul Wilson and Marilyn Tucker of Wren Music. Together they will be exploring songs they have shared for over thirty years – songs that demonstrate the cultural and musical links between the county of Devon and the former Dominion of Newfoundland. Many people in Newfoundland, who took the Devon songs with them, can trace their ancestry to Devon. In this series, the three performers compare and contrast various versions from both sides of the Atlantic.

**WREN MUSIC** runs choirs, orchestras and youth groups throughout Devon and provides opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to make music, including those with special educational needs and disabled adults and children. In 2016, Paul and Marilyn received the prestigious Gold Badge from the English Folk Dance and Song Society for their work in general, and for their contribution as performers and song collectors, notably their work with the Baring-Gould collection. Paul is chairman of the Devonshire Association's Music Section.  
[www.marilynandpaul.com/](http://www.marilynandpaul.com/)      **Wren Music** [www.wrenmusic.co.uk](http://www.wrenmusic.co.uk)



Photo: courtesy of Dave Green

## LUNCHTIME LECTURE RECITALS

By Jim Payne & Wren Music

Wednesday 5th April at 1pm  
**NEWTON ABBOT TOWN AND GWR MUSEUM,**  
 9 Devon Square, TQ12 2HN  
 Free entry / donation

Thursday 6th April at 3pm  
**EXETER CITY LIBRARY,**  
 Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ  
 Free entry / donation

Tuesday 11th April at 1pm  
**BURTON ART GALLERY & MUSEUM,**  
 Bideford, EX39 2QQ  
 Free entry / donation

Wednesday 12th April at 1pm  
**SIDMOUTH LIBRARY,**  
 Blackmore Drive, EX10 8LA  
 Free entry / donation

**JIM PAYNE** is a renowned Newfoundland folk singer who is best known for performing Newfoundland's traditional sea shanties. He was born in Notre Dame Bay in Newfoundland and plays many instruments, including the guitar, violin, accordion and mandolin. Besides being a singer, he is a storyteller, actor and writer. He also teaches Newfoundland square and step dances. He has been inducted to the Arts Newfoundland Hall of Honour.

## PERFORMANCES AND CONCERTS

By Jim Payne & Wren Music

Thursday 6th April at 7:30pm  
**CYGNET THEATRE,**  
 Friars Gate, Exeter, EX2 4AZ  
 Tickets £10  
 Booking through Cygnet Theatre please  
 T 01392 277189

Friday 7th April at 7:30pm  
**BRIXHAM FOLK CLUB,**  
 Brixham Theatre, New Road, Brixham, TQ5 8TA  
 No tickets in advance – £6 on the door

Tuesday 11th April, 7pm to 9:30pm  
**PALLADIUM BIDEFORD,**  
 1 Lower Gunstone, Town Centre, Bideford, EX39 2DE  
 Tickets £8  
 Booking through Wren Music: E [info@wrenmusic.co.uk](mailto:info@wrenmusic.co.uk)  
 T 01837 53754 [www.wrenmusic.co.uk](http://www.wrenmusic.co.uk)

Wednesday 12th April, 7:30pm to 9:30pm  
**SALEM CHAPEL,**  
 East Budleigh, EX9 7EF  
 Tickets £10  
 Booking through Wren Music:  
 E [info@wrenmusic.co.uk](mailto:info@wrenmusic.co.uk)  
 T 01837 53754 [www.wrenmusic.co.uk](http://www.wrenmusic.co.uk)



Photo: courtesy of Jim Payne

*Other folk music events are being planned – keep an eye on the press and listings.*





# DEVON MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

Newfoundland-related exhibitions will be held at the following museums during the entire Devon-Newfoundland Celebration

*NOTE: Some of the museums may charge a standard entry fee.*

## ARLINGTON COURT & CARRIAGE MUSEUM

National Trust, Arlington Court, Arlington, Barnstaple, EX31 4LP

### Exhibition: 'THE OKE CART AND BOUNCER'

The cart was built in 1890 by John C Oke of St John's, Newfoundland, and was designed to be pulled by a large dog. A cart like this, along with a Newfoundland dog called Bouncer, was given to the future George V when he visited Newfoundland in 1901. It is likely that this is that very cart, which is shown alongside an exhibition of children's carriages and prams.

**Open:** From mid-February – see National Trust opening times.



*Photo: courtesy of the National Trust*

## APPLEDORE – NORTH DEVON MARITIME MUSEUM

Odun House, Odun Road, Appledore, Bideford, EX39 1PT

### Exhibition: 'NORTH DEVON SHIPS AND MEN IN NEWFOUNDLAND'

The exhibition brings to life the stories of the ships and men from North Devon involved with Newfoundland over some three centuries. Beginning with the seasonal cod fishery of the 17th-century, contact extended through years of trade and settlement, to the building of strong fast ships into the early years of the 20th-century. Exhibits describe the lives of the sailors and their families and the histories of the ships they built and sailed.

There will also be a special talk and display on Tuesday April 11th at 2:00pm, with tea and cake available at the museum until 4:00pm. Please book in advance through [info@northdevonmaritimemuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@northdevonmaritimemuseum.co.uk)

**Open:** 10:30am to 5:00pm (last admission 4:00pm) every day from April 1st until the end of October.



*Photo: courtesy of North Devon Maritime Museum*

## DARTMOUTH MARITIME MUSEUM

6 The Butterwalk, Duke St., Dartmouth, TQ6 9PZ

### Exhibition: 'THE TRIANGULAR TRADE BETWEEN NEWFOUNDLAND, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE AND DARTMOUTH'

Dartmouth has a long historical relationship with Newfoundland fishing, starting in the 1560s and continuing in a diminished form until 1907. In the 17th and 18th centuries Dartmouth merchants became very prosperous. Each year ships collected salt from France, before setting sail for Newfoundland waters to fish for cod. The salted cod was then taken to Portugal and other countries where it was sold in exchange for wine, which was brought back to England.

**Open:** From April, Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm; Sunday-Monday, 1pm to 4pm.



## DEVON & EXETER INSTITUTION

7 Cathedral Close, Exeter, EX11EZ

### Exhibition: 'THE DEVON NEWFOUNDLAND STORY'

A small exhibition of books from the library of the Institution that illustrate the historical and cultural connections between Devon and Newfoundland.

**Open:** April 3rd to April 28th, weekdays 9:30am to 5pm.



## FAIRLYNCH MUSEUM AND ARTS CENTRE

27 Fore St., Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6NP

### Exhibition: 'ADMIRAL PREEDY AND THE VICTORIAN INTERNET'

The exhibition celebrates the life of former resident Vice Admiral George William Preedy CB (1817–1894), focusing on his naval career and command of HMS Agamemnon which, in 1858, laid the British half of the first successful Atlantic telegraph cable from Ireland to Newfoundland. It will explain the challenges of laying submarine cables and the revolution in communications which this technology brought about to the benefit of commerce and the British Empire.

**Open:** 14th April to 29th October, daily except Mondays, 2pm to 4pm.



## TEIGN HERITAGE CENTRE, TEIGNMOUTH AND SHALDON MUSEUM

29 French St., Teignmouth, TQ14 8ST

### Exhibition: 'THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONNECTION: THE STORY OF TEIGNMOUTH AND SHALDON AND THE NEWFOUNDLAND COD FISHERY'

This exhibition of photographs, original descriptions and other information tells the story of local men and women who went to Newfoundland over a 300-year period, from the first discovery in the 16th-century to the last connections at the end of the 19th-century. The research has been carried out by members of the Torbay U3A History Group and archivists at Teign Heritage.

**Open:** April 1st to April 22nd, Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10am to 5pm.



## DEVON MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

continued

### TOPSHAM MUSEUM

25 Strand, Topsham, EX3 0AX

#### Exhibition: 'TOPSHAM TO NEWFOUNDLAND: THE SHIPS AND THE FAMILIES'

Ships travelled from Topsham to fish in Newfoundland waters and families settled there. The story of this trade and the families is part of Topsham's history. A booklet on this subject will be available from the museum.

**Open:** April 1st to May 31st, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 2pm to 5pm. Teas available.

#### Special opening and talk:

**Friday 7th April at 2pm**

A talk by Tony Colvin on 'Topsham Newfoundland connections' will be followed by a look around the museum to see the special exhibition, an exhibit on HMS Terror, and a merchant's house of 1700.

Cream teas will be available until 4:30pm.

Please book in advance through  
[info@topshammuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@topshammuseum.org.uk)



# ORGANISING COMMITTEE



### Organising Committee

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**Bridget Gillard:** Devonshire Association

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# THE DEVON-NEWFOUNDLAND STORY

Booking forms for the Reception, Heritage Forum and Bideford Festivities

## Reception – 7th April 2017

(Numbers limited to 150)

Number of invitations requested at no charge:

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Please send this booking slip to: **The Registrar, The Devonshire Association, Unit 10, Chitterley Business Centre, Silverton, Exeter, EX5 4DB**

## Devon-Newfoundland Heritage Forum – 8-9th April 2017

Attendance fee £23 per person per day, inclusive of lunch, tea and coffee breaks

Number attending 8th April

Number attending 9th April

(Please inform us if you require vegetarian or gluten-free dishes).

## Forum Dinner – (Southgate Hotel) – 8th April 2017

(Main special events dining room seats 80)

Tickets @ £27 per person Number attending

Please inform us if you require vegetarian or gluten-free dishes

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Please make out your cheque to **The Devonshire Association** and send it together with this booking slip to:

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## North Devon: Bideford Festivities – 11th April 2017

Coach reservation (Exeter ↔ Bideford) tickets at £10 per person

Number of passengers

The coach will depart from Exeter at 9:15am (pick-up point to be determined), leaving from Bideford at 5pm

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

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## Booking forms for the South Devon Excursions and Tours

### Dartmouth and Compton Castle – 6th April 2017 (Numbers limited to 40)

Participants are welcome to make their own way to Dartmouth Museum (The Butterwalk, Duke Street, Dartmouth, TQ6 9PZ) and then on to Compton (Compton Castle, Marldon, Paignton TQ3 1TA). However, a coach will leave Exeter in the morning for Dartmouth, returning from Compton following the afternoon visit. Please indicate your attendance below and whether you wish to use the coach. There will be a National Trust entrance fee at Compton Castle: members are therefore advised to carry their membership cards.

Number attending at £5 per person

Coach reservation at £10 per person  Number of passengers

The coach will depart from Exeter at 9:15am (pick-up point to be determined), leaving from Compton at 4:30pm

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

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### Exeter and Topsham – 7th April 2017 (Numbers limited to 25)

*Please indicate your attendance below and whether you wish to order a cream tea*

Number attending at £5 per person

Number of cream teas at Topsham Museum, payable at the museum

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

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### Plymouth – 10th April 2017 (Numbers limited to 40)

For those travelling by car, there is a free carpark adjacent to the Plymouth and West Devon Record Office (PWDRO) and a pay carpark at Royal William Yard. For those not travelling independently, a coach will be provided from Exeter to the PWDRO, picking up at Royal William Yard following the afternoon walk and returning to Exeter. Please indicate your attendance below and whether you wish to use the coach.

Number attending at £5 per person

Coach reservation at £10 per person  Number of passengers

The coach will depart from Exeter at 9am (pick-up point to be determined), leaving from the Royal William Yard at 3:45pm

Name(s): .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

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