

OCTOBER

TUESDAY 4th 10:45 - 11:45

The Politics of James Bond

Professor Jeremy Black locates James Bond in the 'New Elizabethan Age' of the early 1950s, showing how the plots of the novels (and, subsequently, the films) reflect the politics of a changing world.

WEDNESDAY 5th 10:45 - 11:45

An 1851 Holiday in Torquay

Local Historian, Phil Badcott, unveils the holiday journal of a wealthy Victorian family.

TUESDAY 11th 10:45 - 11:45

The Power and Limits of Science

Neuroscientist Martin Coath challenges the audience to consider what science is and what questions it can and cannot address.

WEDNESDAY 12th 10:45 - 11:45

Cosmology for Beginners

TV presenter, writer, scientist and historian, Adam Hart-Davis outlines what modern science can tell us about the origins of the universe.

TUESDAY 18th 10:45 - 11:45

The Three Hares: a Curiosity worth Regarding

Art Historian Sue Andrew reveals the mysterious medieval motif found in sixteen Devon churches and across the ancient worlds of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and the Mongol Empire.

WEDNESDAY 19th 10:45 - 11:45

Kents Cavern: its Testimony to the Antiquity of Man

As a curtain-raiser to the 'Capsules of Time' celebrations at the weekend of the 140th anniversary of the founding of Torquay Museum, Tony Deyes re-enacts William Pengelly's famous 1875 Glasgow lecture.

TUESDAY 25th 10:45 - 11:45

Legends of Torquay Museum

Through image and song local historian and author, Mike Holgate, conjures up some legendary local characters.

WEDNESDAY 26th 10:45 - 11:45

Turn-of-the-Century Torquay: a snapshot

Drawing on the pioneering work of local photographer James Charles Dinham and the diary of visiting Canadian, Isabelle Cowan, Chris Nicholls evokes the highs and the lows of fashionable turn-of-the-century Torquay.

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 1st 10:45 - 11:45

English Riviera Global Geopark: where next?

Kents Cavern owner Nick Powe discusses the future implications of the International Geopark Conference held in Torquay in September this year.

WEDNESDAY 2nd 10:45 - 11:45

Prehistoric Dartmoor: new discoveries and new ideas

Devon-born writer and environmentalist, Dr Tom Greeves, talks about recent breakthroughs in our understanding of Dartmoor's prehistory and suggest some new lines of enquiry.

TUESDAY 8th 10:45 - 11:45

Garden Moths

Barry Henwood, Devon's Moth Recorder, shares his knowledge and experience.

WEDNESDAY 9th 10:45 - 11:45

A Career as a Textile Artist Inspired by a Torquay Museum Exhibit

In this highly visual and colourful talk, textile artist Jackie Wills tells of the impact a Torquay Museum exhibit had on her life and career.

TUESDAY 15th 10:45 - 11:45

How to Read a Church

Conservation Architect, Sue Spackman, shows how the story of the English parish church, from Saxon times to the Edwardian era, is embedded in its design, layout, fixtures and fittings.

WEDNESDAY 16th 10:45 - 11:45

A Local Roller-Coaster Ride

Rod Tuck draws on his fifty years in local government in this fascinating and amusing account of the formation of Torbay County Borough Council.

TUESDAY 22nd 10:45 - 11:45

What did Women do all Day in Tudor and Stuart England?

Research Fellow, Dr Mark Hailwood, draws on the University of Exeter's research project, *Women's Work in Rural England, 1500-1700*, to suggest surprising conclusions about the scale of the contribution made by women to England's emergence as an economic superpower.

WEDNESDAY 23rd 10:45 - 11:45

Daphne du Maurier: too successful for her own good?

Professor Helen Taylor challenges the view of the famous Cornish author as a writer of 'romances for women' and makes a powerful case for du Maurier as a complex and versatile novelist.

TUESDAY 29th 10:45 - 11:45

Paignton Picture House: the oldest purpose-built cinema in Europe

Paul Hawthorn, Chair of the Paignton Picture House Trust, talks about the cinema and the Trust's plans for its future as a multi-arts community resource.

WEDNESDAY 30th 10:45 - 11:45

The Work of the Devil: teetotalism in Devonshire

Dr James Nicholls, Director of Research at Alcohol Research UK and author of *The Politics of Alcohol* will draw on W.Hunt's 1842 work *A History of Teetotalism in Devonshire* to explore the wider social implications of the dramatic rise of teetotalism in Victorian Britain.

DECEMBER

TUESDAY 6th 10:45 - 11:45

Brutish Savages or Compassionate and Complex? Dispelling Neanderthal Myths

Felicity McDowall, re-assesses the traditional view of the Neanderthals in light of their care for the sick and the elderly, their artistic expression and their symbolic funerary practices.

WEDNESDAY 7th 10:45 - 11:45

The Wildlife of Dartmoor

In this talk, ecologist, lecturer and wildlife artist, John Walters, discusses the extraordinary range of wildlife to be found in the Dartmoor National Park, including bee hawk moths, cuckoos, roe deer and leopard slugs.