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Welcome to the Spring 2017 Newsletter

A lot has happened since the last edition of this newsletter. I'm sitting here at my desk in Moretonhampstead wondering exactly where to begin. Do I start with a resumé of the different ways in which we are changing how we operate? Or maybe I should mention first the decision to work in partnership with the Devon History Society? Or perhaps our expansion of the number of repositories on which we aim to report and with which we hope to foster links? Being a historian, when all else fails, I instinctively resort to chronological order. So here begins.

I must begin way back in September of last year, when the committee had an in-depth discussion about FoDA and what we do. A number of things prompted this, not least that the running of the organisation was falling on too few shoulders, and no one stepping forward to take on the role of treasurer despite us mentioning the vacancy several times over recent years. We started with the basic questions, such as why does the organisation exist? Do we have a unique purpose? And, are there different ways of pursuing that purpose? As a result of that discussion, we widened the debate to include all those attending the AGM in Plymouth.

The discussion at the AGM combined with the committee's deliberations resolved a number of issues. First, there is a clear role for FoDA as a voice for archives. No other organisation is dedicated to supporting the provision of archive services in the county. FoDA's part in nominating the SWHT as Record-Keeping Service of the Year – which was formally awarded on 7 November at an event at the Devon Heritage Centre, by the way – shows just how effective a supporting Friends organisation can be. Advocacy is therefore at the core of what we should be about. However, the current way of doing things is not necessarily always in support of this prime role, and there are areas in which FoDA's activities overlap with some of the other heritage

organisations in Devon. For instance, do we need two conferences every year? Speakers on archival themes are thin on the ground and we are perhaps setting ourselves up to fail or, at best, repeatedly ask the same few people. Also, we spend £130 just on printing each newsletter; including envelopes and postage to all members, we spend about £500 – almost half our subscription receipt – just on this one publication. In an internet age, this is hardly justifiable.

As a result of these discussions, the following was agreed:

- That the newsletter will continue to be published twice a year but in A4 format, available freely online. A copy will be emailed to all paid-up members. This will save us a considerable sum in printing, stationery and postage; it will also save time in editing too.
- That we will set up an email account to notify all members of points of interest and activities in addition to the newsletter. This has now been done, if you have not yet received an email from chairman@foda.org.uk, please email that address to inform of your correct contact email.
- That those members of FoDA without email will receive by post a printout of the online newsletter (as at present) but that this will be the limit of hardcopy contact. Any new communications sent by email to members will not be printed out and posted specially for those who do not have email.
- That while we will endeavour to have at least two events per year, these do not necessarily both have to be formal conferences but can take other forms, including tours or visits to historic buildings and repositories, and one-off lectures.

Spring meeting

Our next event will be a meeting on **Monday 3 April 2017**. It will be a FREE event for members (£4 for non-members), and will just take up the afternoon. The programme is as follows:

13:00-13:30: gather at Devon Heritage Centre

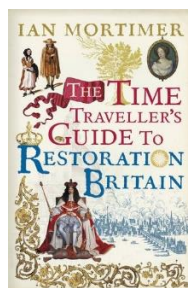
13:30-14:30: Prof. Robin McInnes OBE, on historic imagery and coastal heritage management.

14:30-15:30: Deborah Phillips, SWHT chief conservator, on how to look after your historic documents at home.

15:30-16:00: tea or coffee.

16:00-17:00: Dr Ian Mortimer, on *the Time Traveller's Guide to Restoration Britain*. This will be the talk to launch the third book in this series. A table run by Waterstones will be selling advance copies afterwards and if you wish to have a copy signed this will be your chance.

The number of seats available is limited so although there is no charge, it is highly advisable to book a place. You can do this by telephoning our Secretary, Mr Stuart Tyler, at Devon Heritage Centre (01392 384253) or by emailing him at Stuart.Tyler@swheritage.org.uk.



More repositories involved

In January we were pleased to welcome Ellie Jones, archivist at Exeter Cathedral, to the committee. Ellie immediately asked, which repositories we were *for* – because we only ever reported on the accessions to the three local government repositories. Excellent point, and one that we could attend to immediately. As a result, we contacted more organisations. Four responded with lists of accessions for this newsletter and staff at a fifth promised that although they could not meet the deadline, they would write an article for the next one. Thus this newsletter includes accessions details from seven organisations: the Devon Heritage Centre, the North Devon Record Office, Plymouth and West Devon Record Office, Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives, the University of Exeter Library, the Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life and Totnes Archives. We look forward to hearing from Torquay Museum too in due course.

Agreement with Devon History Society

Andrew Jones, chairman of the Devon History Society, contacted me in December to suggest a closer working relationship between FoDA and the DHS. We met and agreed that our societies could benefit by a closer relationship and that we should pursue this. In particular, three points emerged:

1. Programme. Andrew suggested that we effectively develop one programme for both societies. In future, FoDA would contribute to the planning, so the content reflected the archival as well as the historical.
2. Membership. FoDA members would have access to DHS events as if they were DHS members; equally, in so far as FoDA plans its own events, DHS members would have access to FoDA events as if they were FoDA members.
3. FoDA would take the lead role in any representations made concerning the county's archives and thus to speak on archival matters on behalf of both societies.

The committee of FoDA and the council of the Devon History Society both welcomed this initiative and endorsed the proposal. For this reason, the dates of Devon History Society events are included in this newsletter, together with links to enable FoDA members to book places (see the last page).

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank Andrew Jones for this initiative. If members of both organisations are as keen on the idea as our respective committee and council, it will greatly reward members.

Ian Mortimer, Chairman

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Recent purchase by FoDA

The eagle-eyed Peter Towey, our Membership Secretary, recently noted the forthcoming sale on EBay of a number of items relating to Totnes dating from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Attempts to buy the whole collection were frustrated by the vendor's reluctance to sell prior to the auction, and so I bid on behalf of FoDA for five printed items (and won four of them), and Peter valiantly bid for thirteen manuscript items, and won them all. The majority of the manuscripts related to an 18th century Churchward family probate case, as listed by Peter below:

- Subpoena by Arch Ct of Totnes for Robin (sic) Churchward to appear at Totnes Parish Church on Sat, 1st August 1789 and evidence that the subpoena was served [in Plymouth?]
- Subpoena by Archdeaconry Court of Totnes for Robert Churchward to appear at Totnes Parish Church on Sat, 26th Sept 1789 and evidence that the subpoena was served on 19th Sept [in Plymouth?]
- Inventory of goods & chattels of John Churchward, signed by Charity Churchward. Exhibited 12 Sept 1789.
- 15 August 1789: Interrogatories on behalf of Charity Churchward, in respect of will of John Churchward of Totnes, miller, dec'd.
- Answers of:
 - First Witness James Cornish of Totnes, surgeon
 - Second witness Samuel Heath of Totnes blacksmith
 - Third witness Thomas Salter of Totnes, innkeeper.
- Interrogatories on behalf of Robert Churchward (undated).
- Answers by Robert Churchward to Charity Churchward's Interrogatories.
- Instruction from Consistory Court of Exeter calling in the case 6th Feb 1790.
- 23 August 1790: Sentence & Final decree in favour of Charity Churchward.

In addition there were two unrelated items:

- A deed indented of 1747 relating to the sale of a messuage & tenement called Holsombe in the parish of Dipford by Peter Foss of Dipford, yeoman, to Richard Cranch of Totnes, dyer.
- An Archdeaconry Court of Totnes subpoena in the cause of the probate of John Full, late of the parish of Ugborough, yeoman, deceased, & whether administration with will annexed should be granted to the widow, Grace Full.

The printed items FoDA acquired are as follows:

- A poster dated 9 January 1847 advertising for medical gentlemen to tender for services to attend the local poor (see illustration below).
- A poster advertising the duties payable at Totnes quay, 1830s.
- A Bridgetown, Totnes, election poster for 1832.
- A Bridgetown, Totnes, election broadside including a speech by John Russell, 1832.

Totnes Union.

TO

MEDICAL Gentlemen.

The GUARDIANS of the Totnes Union are desirous of receiving PROPOSALS for the Medical care and treatment of the Poor, in the several Districts of the Union, for ONE YEAR, from the 25th day of March 1847, to the 25th day of March 1848, at the undermentioned Salaries, and subject to the general regulations issued by the Poor Law Commissioners.

DISTRICT.	SALARY.
No. 1. Brixham and Churston Ferrers	£37 16 0
2. Paington	£13 13 0
3. Stoke Gabriel	£10 10 0
4. Totnes, Berry Pomeroy, and Marldon	£44 2 0
5. Littlehempston	£4 0 0
6. Dartington and Rattery	£15 15 0
7. Harberton, Ashprington, Cornworthy, Halwell & Morley	£48 6 0
8. Diptford, North Huish, and South Brent	£29 18 6
9. Ughborough	£12 12 0
10. Dean Prior	£5 15 6
11. Staverton, Buckfastleigh, and Holne	£29 8 0
12. Dittisham	£10 10 0
13. Kingswear, St. Petrox, St. Saviours, and Townstal	£24 13 6
The UNION WORKHOUSE, at TOTNES.	£44 2 0

All the appointments will be made subject to the approval of the Poor Law Commissioners.

PROPOSALS in writing, to be sent (*post paid*) to the Clerk, on or before Twelve o'Clock at noon of Saturday the 23rd day of JANUARY 1847, when the appointment of Medical Officers will be made.

By order of the Board,

W. F. Windeatt, Clerk.

TOTNES, 9th. January, 1847.

Martyn, Printer Totnes.

Poster recently acquired by FoDA through ebay for medical gentlemen to tender for services

This is perhaps an opportune moment to remind members that, if they see a collection of Devon-related manuscript or unique printed material, to let the committee know. Any member can suggest FoDA acquire an item for deposit in a publicly accessible archive: up to £500, only the agreement of two members of the committee is required. (Beyond that sum, the committee needs to be consulted as a whole and for there to be a majority in agreement.)

Ian Mortimer, Chairman

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Up-date from the Membership Secretary

2017 will be the first year, since our re-organisation in 2015, when our year starts on the 1st January and lasts 12 months. We are strong on tradition!

It has taken a while for the system to settle down and we are grateful for those members, the great majority, whose subscriptions have come through on time and in the correct amounts. Many thanks to you.

As of 10th February we have the following numbers of paid-up members: 102 ordinary members, 16 family members, 10 Institutional members and 16 life members. The banks of 4 members, despite having been sent up-to-date Standing Orders, have paid at the old rate on the new date! I will write to those members asking them to remonstrate with their banks. Assuming that those issues resolve themselves, that would make our total number of ordinary members 106.

My hope is that, when we have put these teething troubles behind us, next year the subscriptions will be much simpler to process.

Peter Towey

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South West Heritage Trust Report, February 2017

A major activity during the autumn of 2016 was the preparation of our **Accreditation** application for the Devon Archive Service. The National Archives are managing the new Accreditation Scheme, which looks at all aspects of services, with particular emphasis on governance, collections care and management and public access. Separate applications for the Devon and Somerset services were submitted on 21 October 2016. An onsite assessment by The National Archives took place on 31 January (Somerset) and 1 February (Devon). The results of the applications are expected to be known in early March.

Our other main focus in recent months has been the redevelopment of the **North Devon Archive Service**. As a result of widespread financial support from Barnstaple Town Council and many North Devon organisations, as well as from Devon County Council and the South West Heritage Trust itself, we have introduced a number of changes. Colin MacDonald, for many years the Archives Assistant at the North Devon Record Office, retired on 30 September 2016 with the best wishes of his many friends and colleagues. Tyler Pollard has taken up a newly-defined role as North Devon Heritage Assistant from 12 October.

The North Devon Record Office was closed from 17 October to 1 November to enable extensive refurbishment work to take place. The premises were decorated, the searchroom was completely re-ordered, a data projector and screen were installed in the searchroom, new shelving was erected in the strongroom, a photographic store was created and a volunteer project room was set up. This involved a great deal of work by 13 members of staff from Devon and Somerset and enabled the new public service to open on 2 November. A successful event to thank the North Devon funders of the service took place 18 January.

There have been a number of IT and online initiatives taking place. We are working towards a new independent **ICT system**. Cabling work for the North Devon Record Office took place in January and cabling work has been on-going at the Devon Heritage Centre over several months. The system is due to go live in Devon during February.

The **Local Studies online catalogue** went live on 30 September. It covers local studies libraries in Devon and Somerset, including the Westcountry Studies Library, and gives access to about 200,000 catalogue descriptions (see <http://library-cat.swheritage.org.uk/home>). Editorial work on the database which runs the catalogue is continuing.

Devon archive information went live on the Trust's website during December as part of ongoing work to move content from the Devon County Council sites. A plan has been developed to rationalise and move the remaining large quantities of local studies content. The newly-populated Trust site can be seen at <https://www.swheritage.org.uk/devon-archives>

We have hosted or attended a number of events in recent months. The Trust was represented at several AGMs, including those of the Friends of Devon's Archives, Devon Family History Society and the Devon History Society. The award ceremony for the Archives and Records Association's Record-Keeping Service of the Year took place at the Devon Heritage Centre on 7 November. An event to thank our many volunteers for their essential contribution during the year was held on 14 November, and Devon County Council's Scrutiny Committee visited the Devon Heritage Centre on 15 November and was very impressed with the Trust's achievements.

We also continue to be involved in a range of projects. On 7 October a lecture was given at the Devon and Exeter Institution, Exeter, as part of the **Devon Remembers Heritage Project**. The lecture examined the remarkable life and achievements of Stephen Reynolds, who helped to sustain the West Country fishing industry during the First World War. The occasion also reflected the recent productive co-operation of the Trust and the Institution. Ciaran Stoker recently began working as a researcher for the Devon Remembers Heritage Project. He has recently installed a display in Exeter Central Library looking at the subjects that interested Devon writers and readers during the First World War. A further exhibition is also currently on display at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital of colourised medical photographs, depicting ways in which soldiers were cared for in Devon.

We are working in partnership with Beaford Arts on their **Hidden Histories Project**. With support from the Heritage Lottery Fund this project will conserve, digitise, catalogue and publish around 10,000 unseen images that illustrate the social history of rural North Devon during the late 20th century. Many of the images were taken by the renowned photographer James Ravilious. Much of the conservation and digitisation work will take place at the Devon Heritage Centre.

The 31 January marked the end of the two-year **Devon Manorial Document Register Project**. During this time Scott Pettitt, the project archivist, has created a comprehensive index of over 11,000 manorial documents held in Devon and further afield, as well as compiling information about all 1,330 Devon manors. The index will be made live as part of The National Archives' online index. The Devon index is currently being prepared to go online, and we expect it to be fully available by May 2017.

Janet Tall,

Head of Archives & Local Studies

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Accessions at the Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter

The following is a 'selected highlights' of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- **Tillman Family:** research papers, photocopies, family history correspondence, printed family history (3 volumes), photographs of villages and towns, 2 rolled pedigrees. all relating to the Tillman family history (ref: 1157M (acc D2016/158))
- **Exeter-Plymouth turnpike road,** built in 1819: John Doughty's photocopies of documents, with small photographs of map of route of turnpike road, 20th century; photographs, building of Jacobstowe Bridge, 20th century, roadmen's dinner, Christmas 1964, photographs of snow clearing at Sourton, Devon, 1978-1979, colour transparencies, snow clearing, 20th century (ref: ZAIB (acc D2016/160))
- **Exeter City Football Club:** minute book, 1930-1935, club records relating to legal cases and other administrative matters, including digital records on floppy disc and CD-Roms, c. 2000-2010 (ref: EFC (acc D2016/161))
- **Exeter City Supporters Trust:** records including scrapbooks created by supporters, 1957-21st century, press cuttings, 1 box, n.d., supporter handbooks, c. 1960s-1970s, files of newspaper cuttings and marketing materials created for sponsors, n.d., club magazines, n.d., folder of material relating to match against Manchester United, 2005 (ref: EST (acc D2016/162))
- **Anne Wilson, (later Dorne)** of Babbacombe: Second World War memoirs, covering 1943-1945, of Anne Wilson, photocopy (ref: ZAIC (acc D2016/165))
- **Kempe family:** rentals and presentments, Manor of Cudlippstown, 1809-1830, rental and account, the Reverend E. W. Kempe, 1917 Addition to collection 6386M (acc D2016/168)
- Conveyances and abstracts of title, relating to plots 8 and 9 of the Tunnel Estate, subsequently No 9 Mansfield Road, Exeter, 1893-1972 (ref: ZAIE (acc D2016/169)) [*donated by FoDA*]
- Conveyances, mortgages, transfers of mortgage and other property documents for Holbrook, Ilsington. Those dated prior to 1864 refer to lands known as Olditch and Woodwalls in Ilsington. Documents from 1864 onwards refer to the Holbrook Estate, 1831-1914 (ref: ZAIF (acc D2016/170)) [*donated by FoDA*]
- **Trist and Prowse families:** *Trist Family Muniments (Devon, 1523-1788): Calendars & Index* (2016); Disc 'DHC Trist Family Muniments Calendars & Index'; 33 documents relating to acquisition of property in Devon, leases, releases, bonds to perform covenants, fines of recovery, survey and others, 1579-1774. Includes 2 unidentified documents (ref: ZAFU (acc D2016/171))
- **Society of Friends:** records of various meetings, including East Devon Monthly Meeting, Devon Area Meeting, Barnstaple Meeting, Exeter Meeting and South Molton Meeting; photographs, Exeter Meeting, 20th-21st century (ref: 874D (acc D2016/172))
- **Devon County Council:** analysis of the Survey, Devon County Council Development Plan, with 2 printed maps inserted in back, March 1952 (ref: ZAIG (acc D2016/173))
- Deeds and will, property at Landscope, Staverton, 1821-1921 (ref: ZAII (acc D2016/175))
- Printed, audio-visual and photographic material relating to the Second World War, including printed book, 'One Man's War in Exeter', calendars by Charles Lane Vicary, 1939, photographs, Exeter Blitz, 1942, other Exeter photographs, videocassette containing photographs taken after

- the Blitz, and of VE and VJ celebrations, 20th century, three DVDs, 'The Bombing of Exeter', 'One Man's War', 2010; Order of Service, funeral of Kenneth Jackson (ref: ZAIJ (acc D2016/176))
- Two lists of soldiers serving in the 8th and 9th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment killed at the Battle of the Somme 1916 (ref: DRP (acc D2016/179))
 - **Teignmouth and Shaldon United Reformed Church:** additional records of Sion [Zion] Chapel, comprising register of births, baptisms, deaths and burials, with indexes, 1804-1871, and chapel record and meeting book, including lists of members, with recording of deaths and removal of members to other places including overseas, indexed, c. 1816-1857 (ref: ZAHZ (acc D2016/182))
 - **Exeter Coast and Country Methodist Circuit:** three account books for Cheriton Cross Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Cheriton Bishop, 1907-2003 (ref: 8229D (acc D2016/183))
 - Deed, conveyance of land of Richard Dyer of Malborough, 1571 (ref: ZAIK (acc D2016/185))
 - **West Putford Parish:** overseers of the Poor rates valuation book, 1898-1899 (ref: 2969A (acc D2016/186))
 - **Dancing Club, Buddle Lane, Exeter:** photographs, black and white, of attendees at dances for charity, comprising Balls for the Devon Flood Relief Fund, November 1960 and November 1961, and Balls for the Blind, December 1960, November 1961, November 1962. Participants signed their names on the reverse of the photographs, which were all taken by Western Times Co. Ltd. Exeter (ref: ZAIL (acc D2016/190))
 - **Trist and Prowse Families:** 40 documents relating to property in Devon, additional to that deposited in accession D2016/171, 1579-2016 (ref: ZAFU (acc D2016/194))
 - **Ferers of Kingston, Devon:** grant by John Ferers to Thomas Ferers, estates in Kingston, with handwritten and typed translations, 1384 (ref: ZAIN (acc D2016/204)) [*donated by FoDA*]
 - Bargain and sale, Morchard Bishop, 1649, recovery, lands in Exbourne, with seal, 15 George II (1741), marriage settlement bond, 1751, photocopy of photograph of Mrs Margaret Tattershall of Hayes, Exmoor, original owner of documents, taken circa 1930s (ref: ZAI0 (acc D2016/205))
 - Black and white negatives of photographs taken after the bombing of the city of Exeter in the second World War, 1942 (ref: ZAIP (acc D2016/207))
 - Deeds and papers relating to properties at Sticklepath (including Sticklepath Mills), including conveyances, mortgages, schedules of deeds, insurance policy, handwritten pedigrees, 1779-1994 (ref: ZAIQ (acc D2016/208))
 - **West Devon Methodist Circuit:** records of Beaford Methodist Chapel [previously Bible Christian Chapel], comprising: deeds, 11 August 1838, 25 September 1838 and 13 April 1853. abstract of title, 1838-1852, agreement, 19 February 1869, declaration of Trustees, 19 May 1939, original drawings of chapel exterior and pulpit, 1988, Chapel history booklet, 1988, enlarged photograph of early 20th century photographic postcard of chapel., n.d., Methodist West Devon Circuit September - November 1988, notes on the 150th anniversary celebration of chapel, 1988, and 50th anniversary of North Devon choir, notice of events for 150 year celebration, 1988 (ref: 4861D (acc D2016/216))
 - **East Devon Conservative Association:** minutes, East Devon or Honiton Division, Conservative Unionists Association, two volumes, October 1919-1938, typed extract, minutes of 4 July 1936, electoral register, Honiton Division, 1911 (ref: ZAIT (acc D2016/217))

- **Elizabeth Knight:** notebook 1667, with additional accounts, etc., added by later family members, 1667-1739 (ref: 1905M (acc D2016/220))
- **Challice, Architects,** previously of Exeter (1904-1984) and Sidmouth (1984-2016), now of Marsh Barton, Exeter: records, 20th century (ref: 3739B (acc D2016/222))
- Black and white photographs of Devon countryside, coastal towns and beaches, including Anstey's Cove and others of Torquay, 1932, Sidmouth, 1935, Plymouth, Doone Valley in Exmoor, Ilfracombe, Lynmouth, 1920s-1930s (ref: ZAIX (acc D2016/224))
- **Exeter and District Tin and Iron Plate Workers Society:** minute book, Exeter and District Tin and Iron Plate Workers and Gas Meter Makers Society, 1912-1915 (ref: ZAJA (acc D2016/227))
- **Exeter City Council:** tenancy agreements, leases, deed of assignment, properties in Exeter, Heavitree and Alphington, 1878-1923 (ref: 5200C (acc D2016/228))
- **Exeter City Council:** slides, plans and other documents relating to building and development of various Exeter properties, 1920-2006 (ref: 8791A (acc D2016/229))
- Colour photographic image printed on paper, Charter of King Edgar, original dated 962; digital photographic images of the Charter of King Edgar, recto and verso (ref: ZAJB (acc D2016/231)) [*donated by a FoDA member*]
- **W. H. Reed,** paper mill owner: deeds and other papers relating to paper mills owned and operated by W. H. Reed, including Silverton Mill, Stoke Canon Mill and Buckfastleigh Mill in Devon and Wansbrough Mill, Watchet, Somerset, 19th-20th century (ref: WHR (acc D2016/232)) [*donation arranged by a FoDA member*]
- **Exeter Hebrew Congregation:** register of marriages performed at Exeter Synagogue, Synagogue Place, St Mary Arches Street, Exeter, and at other places, according to the usages of the Jews, by Certificate, 10 February 1909-26 June 2014 (ref: 7002D (acc D2016/235))
- **Pamela M. Daymond,** Second World War evacuee to Exeter: letter describing a bombing raid she experienced during the Blitz in May 1942, 3 sheets. Appears to be a very good copy of a letter written in pencil, 1945 (ref: ZAJC (acc D2016/238))
- **Andrews and Bellincz** (also spelt Bellincky) families: photographs of the families from World War 1 and 1960s (acc D2016/240))
- **Walter Kent, jeweller,** Exeter: family documents and photographs relating to the Walter Kent family, of Kent's Jewellers, Exeter, including correspondence from Britain and America, newspapers and newspaper cuttings, photographs, miscellaneous papers. An addition to collection 8395M (acc D2016/247)
- 116 original telegrams with a summary of World War 1 war news, 1914-1918 (ref: DRP (acc D2016/252))
- **American Women's War Relief Hospital, Paignton:** album belonging to Sergeant Jesse Martin, First Officer, St John's Ambulance Brigade, completed during his work at American Women's War Relief Hospital, Paignton, 1914-1915 (ref: ZAEK (acc D2016/253))
- **Hemyock Parish:** militia records and associated papers, 1798-1803; photocopy, part of typed draft of "Hemyock v. France", published in July 1974 on occasion of Hemyock Church Flower Festival, by Local History Group of Hemyock Leisure Centre (ref: 3137A (acc D2016/255))

- **Shobrooke Parish:** highway Weekly Accounts books, 1852-1853, 1855-1856, and one loose sheet of accounts, undated (ref: 1048A (acc D2016/258))
- **J. E. Sparrowe, organist,** Torquay: bound copy of musical score, "Salvator Mundi", music by J. E. Sparrowe of Goldthorne, Avenue Road, Torquay, organist at Belgrave Congregational Church, Torquay, three other musical scores for solo voices by J. E. Sparrowe, newspaper cuttings and musical programmes, 1921-1940 (ref: ZAJG (acc D2016/259))
- Eleven black and white photographic prints of women munitions workers at Willeys and Company works, Haven Banks, St. Thomas, Exeter, during the second World War, c. 1939-c. 1945 (ref: ZAJH (acc D2016/260))
- Deeds and papers relating to Smallridge Mill, 1833-1865 (six documents); several other properties in Smallridge, 1795-1923 (six documents); Forboys, Smallridge, 1924-1980 (c. 21 documents); Terrace Lodge Cottage (later The Secret Garden), Axminster, 1901-1997 (c. 10 documents) (ref: ZAJJ (acc D2016/262))
- **Chardstock Parish:** plan of 1840 relating to the new parish of All Saints, Chardstock, particulars of the parish and part of a plan and elevation of the new church, with photocopy of the latter (ref: 2590A (acc D2016/263))
- Title deeds and other documents relating to properties in Devon, including conveyance, Bowdell, Cheriton Fitzpaine, and property in Pilton, 1707, family settlement, land in Winkleigh, South Tawton and North Bovey, 1738, fine, land in Orley Rutter, Torbryan, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Pilton and Orley, 18th cent, lease and release, moiety of Bowdell and other land in Cheriton Fitzpaine, 1756, lease for 99 years, part of property in Cheriton Fitzpaine, 1760, lease for a year, moiety of Bowdell and other land in Cheriton Fitzpaine, 1799, reconveyance and assignment of mortgaged estates, land in Halberton, 1818 (ref: ZAJL (acc D2016/265))
- Various papers, mostly deeds relating to Dawlish, 18th-20th century (ref: ZAJM (acc D2016/266))
- **Earle Family:** correspondence, papers, books, photographs and other material relating to the Reverend Alfred Earle, Archdeacon of Totnes, Bishop of Marlborough and Dean of Exeter and his family, 19th-20th century (ref: EAF (acc D2016/267))
- **Midshipman Herbert 'Bertie' Riley,** Britannia Royal Naval College: digital copies of 101 photographs in a 64-page scrapbook; includes papers and correspondence between Midshipman Herbert 'Bertie' Riley, aged 15, and his mother. Also of Riley's mother and various members of the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Riley drowned after a torpedo struck the vessel he was serving on, HMS Aboukir, on the 22nd September 1914 (ref: DRP (acc D2016/268))
- **George Henry Discombe:** 5 Photocopies concerning George Henry Discombe: 1. original letter from the Record Office of the Devonshire Regiment in respect of medal awarded. 2. photograph of the metals. 3. Photograph of George Henry Discombe. 4. a copy of newspaper article dated Saturday 3rd May 1969, of his death. 5. A brief history of George from the Kingsteignton History Society (ref: DRP (acc D2016/269))
- **Cook family of Appledore:** 'A Mothers Sacrifice: The Cook family of Appledore'- an account of the losses suffered by the Cook family of Appledore; photocopied image of the 6th Devonshire Regiment in 1914, all Appledore boys, taken in India, 1914-1918 (ref: DRP (acc D2016/270))
- Six Victorian photographs of beaches at Paignton, Torquay and Teignmouth; Souvenir pictorial guide book of Exeter and Neighbourhood undated; Tourist guide book to Exeter 1940; Book

of Exeter Blitz 1942; Album of Exeter views undated (19th century); "Any Gum-Chum" booklet 1944; auction notices of old playing cards of Devonshire, Cornwall, Dorset, Essex and Norfolk; map of Exeter Local Plan 1993; map of Cowick Lane, Exeter area undated; map of Devonshire 1774; folder of Bill heads for Somerset 1838 - 1965; folder of Bill heads for Frome, Somerset 1904 - 1917; OS Maps comprising Devonshire Sheet C11.8 scale 1:2500 dated 1905; Plan SX 9778 scale 1:2500 dated 1954; Plan SX 9779 scale 1:2500 dated 1954; Land Use Survey Map of Exeter and Surrounds SX89 and SX99 scale 1:2500 dated 1965; John Speed's Map of Devonshire with Excester inscribed 1676 in frame. Twenty-eighth additional deposit to 4110Z (acc D2016/276)

- **Frost Family:** rent receipt book, John Frost, Houndaller, Burlescombe, 1868-1874; typed family history summary of the Frost family and the life story of Enid Amy Vera Frost, (born 1909, died 2005), by John Frost, 21st century (ref: ZAJQ (acc D2016/285))
- **Devon Fire Services:** documents and photographs relating to fire brigades in Exeter, Plymouth and other parts of Devon collected by the late David Rumble and the late Roy Yeoman, 19th-20th century (ref: ZAJR (acc D2016/287))
- **Royal British Legion, Sampford Peverell Branch Women's Section:** records comprising 11 Minute books 1947 - 2016; 3 Secretarys Note Books 1947 - 2016; folder of stationery; 8 Cash Books and Attendance Registers; photographs and records of Silver Jubilee collection 1977, Millenium Garden Beer, Larcombe Cup 1996 and other photographs; embroidered pouch; various publications relating to the Royal British Legion Women's Section; folder of certificates; folder of membership forms; folder of branch receipts and payments; folder of miscellaneous notes and correspondence (ref: ZAJU (acc D2016/295))
- **Brampford Speke Parish:** tithe map and tithe apportionment, 1843 (ref: 305A (acc D2016/297))
- Lists of persons from five parishes in the Hundred of North Tawton qualified to serve on juries, with typed transcriptions, 1738 (ref: ZAJW (acc D2016/298))
- Two framed Exeter Theatre Royal posters, 1868-1869, three framed drawings of Exeter, 1932-1945, file of circus programmes and flyer, various circus company visits to Exeter, 1950s; school certificates, 1883-1884, musical score, 'Semper Fidelis' March, composed by H. Martin Guest, Exeter, undated, 1 box of assorted Exeter Theatre Royal memorabilia. Twenty-ninth additional deposit to 4110Z (acc D2016/299)
- **Exeter Camera Club:** records of Exeter Camera Club, including Council/Committee minutes, outings book, financial accounts, records of miscellaneous payments and receipts, membership lists, records of applications, centenary celebration records, time capsule material, 125th year celebrations, and associated photograph book, other miscellaneous archives, 19th-20th century (ref: ZAJX (acc D2016/300))

Information supplied by Stuart Tyler, Archivist, SWHT

Edited by Ian Mortimer

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Accessions at the North Devon Record Office, Barnstaple

The following is a 'selected highlights' of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- **The Manor of Bishops Nympton:** title deeds, leases, rentals, accounts and surveys, 1613-1872 (ref: B1277 (acc ND/2016/68))
- **Sutcombe School:** admission register, 1886-2003; School Board/Manager's minutes, 1889-1987; log book, 1976-1995; papers re Sutcombe history, late 20th century-2016; 3 aerial photographs of the school, late 20th century; 1 display card with a copy photograph of the school [c1914] and a short history of Sutcombe, 20th century (ref: B1254 (acc ND/2016/69))
- **Thomas & Sons, Jewellery and Watch Company,** Bideford: wages and analysis books, 1959-1978 (ref: B1279 (acc ND/2016/73))
- **Holywell School, Tawstock:** School Managers' minutes, 1948-1965; Exeter Diocesan Inspection Reports, 1932-1946; copy examination certificate [1896]; miscellaneous correspondence, 1903-1953; The Use of Controlled Schools booklet, 1947; WW2 celebratory victory notice, 1946 (ref: B455 (acc ND/2016/77))
- **Barnstaple Freemasons,** Loyal Lodge no. 251: minute books, 1954-2008; attendance books, 1971-1988; annual returns ledger, 1959-1982; declaration book, 1956-1990; receipts and payments ledger, 1790-1815 (ref: B709 (acc ND/2016/82))

Information supplied by Stuart Tyler, Archivist, SWHT

Edited by Ian Mortimer

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Accessions at Plymouth & West Devon Record Office

The following is a 'selected highlights' of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- **Dunterton Parish:** Register of marriages, 1929-93 (ref: 544)
- **James L Palmer** of Mannamead, Plymouth, editor of *The Western Morning News*: nature diary, with details of weather, flora and fauna. Also contains part of a typed recollection of Second World War King's Shropshire Light Infantry action in Tunis, Pantelleria, Constantine, Algiers and Italy, 1946-7 (ref: 1709)
- **Plymouth City Council, Engineer's Department:** City Engineer's plan of the city centre area, with new road layout superimposed on the original streets, showing Armada Way, Royal Parade and other new roads, 1950s (ref: 1703)
- **Plymouth City Council, Library Service:** Broderick Index of Devonport and South East Cornwall consisting of index cards of historical information relating to the Devonport area, including Royal Naval ships, streets and buildings, with some cards relating to villages in South East Cornwall (ref: 1706)

- **Plymouth City Council:** Efford Cemetery burial registers, 1907-2000; duplicate cremation registers, 1978-1998; Weston Mill Cemetery: burial registers, 1977-1998 (4120)
- **Dr Roger Meyrick:** documents and papers relating to Peter Tavy, 1849-late 20th century (4122)
- **Plymouth City Council, office of Chief Executive** [formerly Town Clerk]: Plymouth War Plan containing correspondence and plans giving emergency procedures for the city during a time of war, 1985-9 (4121)

Information supplied by Alan Barclay, P&WDRO

Edited by Ian Mortimer

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Accessions at the University of Exeter Library

The following is a 'selected highlights' of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- **Malcolm Elwin**, biographer: additional papers (EUL MS 423 add 1)
- **Powys Society Archive** (EUL MS 444), currently closed for processing. These papers mainly relate to the Powys family collection deposited at Exeter (EUL MS 443). Please ask for finding aids relating to (EUL MS 443) which is available for research.
- **Professor Jeremy Black**, historian: papers. Currently closed for processing and DPA (EUL MS 446)
- **Sir William Golding**: small collection of manuscripts to complete a deposit of Golding papers (EUL MS 429), item-listed on the archives collection description, with an entry on the website here:
<https://as.exeter.ac.uk/heritage-collections/collection-highlights/#William%20Golding>
- **William Maxwell ('Max') Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook**: small collection of papers (EUL MS 441), currently closed for processing – of note, found amongst the papers of Cecil Harmsworth (EUL MS 435) and separated when identified as a separate collection.
- **The 'Hudson' transparencies**: internal departmental transfer to archive, originally listed by Robin Wootton for the Devonshire Association (EUL MS 442)
- **Eden Phillpotts**, novelist: small collection of papers rel. to Phillpotts donated by biographer Kenneth Day (EUL MS 443)

The online catalogue is available by selecting the Archive catalogue search tab on the library website here:

<https://as.exeter.ac.uk/library/>

In addition, FoDA members might like to know that two significant cataloguing projects are currently ongoing:

- **Syon Abbey Archive** (EUL MS 389) – Bridgettine Foundation dating back to 15th century (founded by Henry V in 1415) with archives dating back to 16th century and currently being catalogued by Archivist Annie Price
- **Ronald Duncan**, writer and librettist: papers currently being catalogued by Caroline Walter, archivist, as part of a project to catalogue the archive and create a digital resource.

Christine Faunch
Head of Heritage Collections,
University of Exeter

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Accessions at Exeter Cathedral Library and Archives

The following is a ‘selected highlights’ of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- Records of the Cathedral Flower Arrangers (ED 309)
- Records of the Deanery (now Old Deanery) refurbishment in the 1970s (ED 310)
- Anna Hulbert’s photographs of paintings in the St Gabriel Chapel (ED 311) and slides of the cathedral (ED 317)
- Various postcards showing cathedral clergy and the cathedral itself (ED 312 etc.)
- List of subscribers to the memorial window to Rt Hon Hugh, 4th Earl Fortescue (d.1932), with photograph of window [destroyed in 1942] (ED 313)
- Collection of portrait engravings, mostly of bishops of Exeter, but also Prince Henry and John Harington (ED 314)
- Collection of photographs, slides and negatives showing Exeter Cathedral Library manuscripts [transferred from Cathedral Library] (ED 315)
- Digital photographs of bosses, corbels and other carvings, 2003 (ED 316 & ED 320)
- Volume of “Articles to be enquired of by the church wardens and sworne-men within the archdeaconrie of Exeter annon dom MDC 37” [temp. Archdeacon Wilson], ex libris Arthur Huxley Thompson, Archdeacon of Exeter. Inserted are also notes of C20th sermon, extract from will of John Moore, archdeacon of Exeter (1832) and inventory of goods in archdeaconry house (1776) (ED 321)
- Limited edition (25/500) print of watercolour illustration of part of north side of Close (no 9) by G.R. Bradford (ED 325)
- Bundle of press cuttings, primarily relating to the Cathedral Campaign (1967-1968) (ED 326)
- Vinyl recording of the installation of Marcus Knight as Dean of Exeter (Dec 1960) (ED 328)
- Choir photograph, 1933 (ED 329)
- Collection of papers relating to the Harold Arthur Bolley, chorister in the 1890s. Including correspondence, school reports, school magazine, exam papers etc. (ED 330)

Visitor numbers to the Cathedral Library and Archives continue to be very healthy, and include the usual range of individual researchers and groups. Probably the biggest improvement to our service delivery was the launch of the new catalogue which went online at the start of 2016. The catalogue includes both the Dean and Chapter's library and archival holdings, and from the user point of view there is little difference between the two. It is perhaps worth noting, however, that although the Library portion is largely complete (although subject to improvements by the librarians) there is still much content to be added for the Archives. A small team of volunteers is making valiant progress on this, at present focusing on the records of the Vicars Choral. The catalogue can be found by navigating to the Library & Archives section of Exeter Cathedral's website (under the Learning tab).

There are several research projects underway but, to keep things brief, this report will be limited to just two of them. 2016 saw the *Conqueror's Commissioners* project (aka the Exon Domesday project) reach the half way stage. The research phase of this major three-year long AHRC-funded project is due for completion in autumn of 2017. The manuscript has been digitised and will be made available in a powerful searchable database including images of the manuscript, transcriptions, a new translation and full codicological and palaeographical analyses. Further updates will be released during 2017. Visit www.exondomesday.ac.uk for more information. The Archives also joined the *Imprint* project (an AHRC-funded collaboration between the universities of Aberystwyth and Lincoln), as one of five partner archives. A number of documents from the Archives are the subject of a forensic and historical investigation of the finger and palm prints found on seals. The project is investigating ideas around social constructs and legal practices in the 12th-14th centuries and contributing historical data to help advance finger mark identification as a science. For more information see imprintproject.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk.

It is hard to believe that three years have already passed since the Cathedral Archives was awarded Archive Service Accreditation. The Cathedral Archives was one of the pilot services for the new scheme, and in the first round of six successful applicants in December 2013. In order to maintain Accredited status, archive services must 'check in' with their assessor body after three years to confirm that the archive service continues to meet the standard. The application was submitted in December 2016, and results should be heard in March 2017; we are cautiously optimistic that Accredited status will be renewed.

Ellie Jones

Archivist, Exeter Cathedral

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Accessions at the Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life

The following is a 'selected highlights' of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- **GWR Bristol and Exeter Railway** branch survey plan 1896, with pencil notes on leases and areas of land later purchased. (2016.24)
- **Grand Western Canal:** report of the committee, 1830 (2016.28)
- Deeds and documents relating to People's Park (C19th), swimming baths (1960s & 1970s), Back Lane and Brick House Lane (C19th & 20th) (2016.35)

- 18th-century papers relating to Holcombe Rogus (Poor Law etc) (2016.37)
- **Grand Western Canal:** papers relating to the preservation committee (1960s) and the Old Grammarian Association (2016.42)
- Large collection of slides of the Mid Devon Show. (2016.43)

FoDA members might also like to note that the museum's Research Library is open Monday afternoons and all day on Wednesdays with a range of unique resources for undertaking research (booking is advisable).

Pippa Griffith
Director and Mid Devon Museum Development Officer
Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life

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Accessions at Totnes Archives

The following is a 'selected highlights' of archival items for the period 1 July – 31 December 2016:

- Seven deeds re. land at Totnes and the will of Sally Adams (acc. 2016 .027-2016.034; E1182)
- Two maps showing rights of way near the River Dart, Dittisham and Totnes (acc. 2016. 036; E1184)
- Letter to Mrs Hore Courtisknowle dated 1817; franked letter 1824 from Mr Burt MP for Totnes (acc. 2016.038; E1184)
- Letter from inhabitants of Totnes to Sir John Maynard, 1671 (acc. 2016 .040; E1185)
- Recipe 1680x1700 'The Lady Allin's Water' (acc. 2016.045; E1189)

We have also worked on WW1 projects (WW1 Soldiers from Totnes, Red Cross nurses V.A.D. Hospitals, Womens Work in WW1---all local studies). Tracing and documenting Totnes Boundary Stones.

Sue King,
Totnes Archives

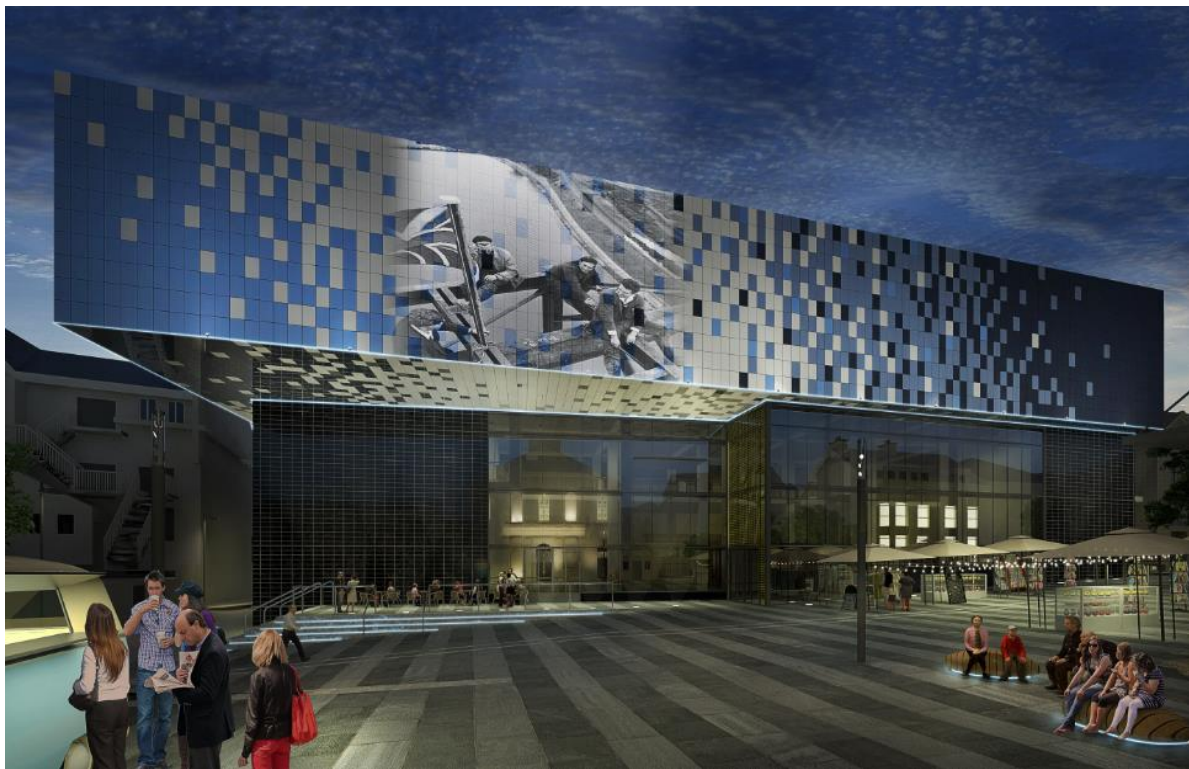
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The Autumn 2016 Plymouth Conference

The Autumn conference was held in the Athenaeum in the centre of Plymouth. About twenty stalwart members attended, which was a disappointingly small number, given how much effort

and expense goes into arranging such events. Following the AGM and the discussion about the future of FoDA (for which see the chairman's address at the start of this newsletter), Louisa Blight gave us an illustrated update on the Plymouth Museum Project, also known as the Plymouth History Centre. The money has mostly now been granted, including multi-million-pound grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council. Partners include the City Council (including the Museum and Art Gallery, P&WDRO and the local studies library), the South West Film and Television Archive, the South West Image Bank and Plymouth University.

Louisa showed us some of the designs and artists' impressions of the new building's eventual appearance. It will stand behind the current museum building and have the striking appearance of a glittering rectangular box, improving an area that is somewhat run down at present. The scheme will also incorporate other local buildings, such as the unused chapel of St Luke's. Inside too the design element will be strong, with various sectors highlighting the creative and historical elements of the city's rich history, including the port, '100 Journeys', 'Mammoth Plymouth', 'Plymouth people', and, of course 'Active Archives'. Most interesting for this organisation was to hear that the university is considering running an MA course in archival practice. It is to be hoped that if this goes ahead, we should see students help archivists make some inroads into the backlog of unlisted collections and generally raise the awareness of the importance of archives in the historic county.



An artist's impression of the new Plymouth History Centre

Dr James Gregory, lecturer in modern British history at the University of Plymouth, then rounded off the morning session with a talk on Spiritualism in the South West. Having seen the Space Age designs intended for Plymouth History Centre it was quite a mental shift to hear just how popular spiritualism and séances were in the city and in Exeter four generations ago and even having something of a revival after the Great War. As James pointed out, there was something of a spiritualist 'crusade' in the West Country in late-Victorian times. Plymouth visionaries such as

Charles Ware advocated spiritualism as an alternative or a supplement to ordinary religion; local proselytisers paid for handbills to be handed out to workers; and national publications such as *Medium and Daybreak* found their ways into many Plymouth and Devonport homes.

Following a break for lunch, Professor Mark Stoye from the University of Southampton gave us a talk that was provisionally called 'New perspectives on the Western Rebellion of 1549' but which was really entitled 'Kill all the gentlemen' – misrepresenting the western rebels of 1549'. The reason was very simply the story that the rebels of 1549 shouted as their rallying cry 'Kill all the gentlemen – and we will have the Six Articles up again and ceremonies as they were in King Henry VIII's time'. This of course has led to the idea that the Western Rebellion was principally about class warfare and property ownership. Mark brilliantly showed that this was not the case. Not only could he identify gentlemen among the leaders of the Rebellion – who would hardly have welcomed their fellow rebels shouting 'Kill all the gentlemen' – he sought the source of the story and found it in the official indictments against two rebels who are supposed to have cried 'Kill the gentlemen'. In this light, the phrase seems less to be about class war than about decapitating the leadership of the enemy. However, the indictments were written in London, not in Cornwall. Also, the same words are used of another rebel at the same time in East Anglia. Archival research thus indicates that the source these reports have in common was in London, and probably a matter of propaganda in part at least – not evidence of a widespread class consciousness leading to rebellion under a religious pretext.



Professor Mark Stoye talking to the Friends at Plymouth Athenaeum

Finally yours truly wound up the day with a talk entitled 'Your ancestors' dirty laundry'. The title arose from the fact that, having written a biography of Roger Mortimer (1287-1330), 1st earl of March, I am constantly being asked if I am descended from the Mortimer earls of March. 'No,' I reply, 'my ancestors did *your* ancestors' laundry'. In this illustrated talk based on the archives of the family and business that I inherited from my great aunt, I gave something of the scale of the enterprise that four generations of Mortimers undertook in Plymouth between 1790 and the sale of the company, Mortimer (Plymouth) Ltd, to Millbay Laundry in 1932.

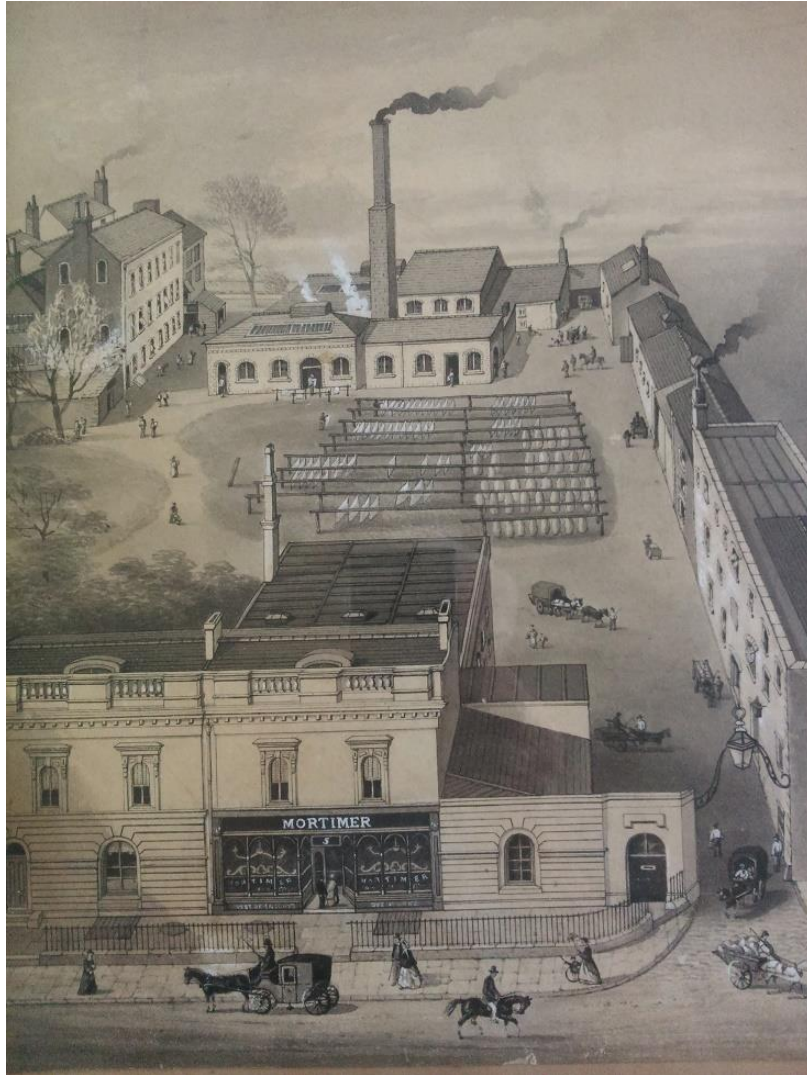


Image of Mortimer's Dyers & Cleaners, circa 1880

This was not just family history, however. The more serious point was to explain how *washing clothes* – a task that for centuries had only ever been undertaken by women had come to be dominated by a man employing almost as many men as women. By inventing a narrative of a long-established company founded in 1773 (er, no), with a coat of arms (also falsely claimed) and some brilliant publicity, the business was given dignity and male-suitable respectability. Coupled with the rise of the railways, it led to John Forrester Mortimer (1827-1900) becoming a wealthy man. However, successors failed to invest in the business. Photographs taken at its sale in 1932 show premises that had hardly been updated since they were built in the 1850s.

Ian Mortimer, Chairman

Recording the present

The Westcountry Studies Library is a major component of the Devon Archives and Local Studies Service but it differs from the archives service in one important respect – it collects published documents. Unlike archives, which take time to ‘mature’ and be deposited, published items of local significance appear on a daily basis from a wide variety of sources: national publishers, local publishers, local and national government bodies, universities and research organisations, tourist offices, health organisations, charities, local history groups etc. Many can be acquired without cost but they are often poorly publicised and available only for a limited period. The *British National Bibliography* lists few local government publications, for example. If the local studies service is to continue to provide a good representative selection of this wealth of material, both for present users and researchers in the future, it requires constant vigilance but, with limited resources, staff can no longer keep abreast of the printed, let alone the digital output. This is reflected in the numbers of items recorded in the local studies catalogue for recent years. Thought is being given to ways of supporting the work of local studies staff by setting up a network of volunteers to search for material of local interest. This would include:

- Searching on-line bibliographies and union catalogues.
- Liaising with commercial publishers, booksellers, local authorities, tourist offices, local history groups, museums and other publishing bodies.
- Encouraging publishers to deposit copies of their publications with WSL.
- Provision of bibliographical details of items located.

Items identified would be included in the *Devon Bibliography* to assist WSL staff in selection and also to promote local publications. Coverage should initially concentrate on publications since 2011 when the severest cuts occurred. Test files of the *Devon Bibliography* can be accessed at <http://devon-bibliography.blogspot.co.uk> and FODA will be discussing the practicalities of organising such a community project.

Anyone interested in contributing to this valuable work would be more than welcome. In the first instance, volunteers should email me at ianmaxted@hotmail.co.uk.

Ian Maxted, Treasurer

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Members' projects

Following the example of the Friends of the National Archives, I thought that it would be a useful exercise to offer members the opportunity to publish in this Newsletter details of the archive-related projects they are working on. We could also find space on the website to archive that information if members wished.

This would provide an opportunity for members researching the same subjects to get in touch and avoid duplication of effort!

Members who are interested could contact me with an outline of their project and how they can be reached; via e-mail or postal address.

Peter Towey, Membership Secretary

peter@towey.me.uk,

4 Channel Heights, Bleadon Hill, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9LX

A curiosity from SWHT Conservation Studio, Exeter

As it is our custom to de-frame documents as they come in, owing to the fact that most frames are ugly, broken and infested with insects and rarely gilded beauties. Ian was taking some newly accessioned Exeter Theatre Royal posters (late 19th C, from a local historian) apart and found this poster. We frequently find that back boards and enclosed documents more interesting than the ones deposited within the front end of a frame. If you remember the recent Lumberjack poster from a small town in New York State, which Brian sent back to them.



As we are particularly interested in anything WWI, around the ongoing Devon Remembers project, this poster became a puzzle which we have not yet solved.

We have done searches of WWI posters and come up with similar, but not this one. It is unlikely to have a direct Devon link. We have not fathomed who the crouching figure is, who seems to be the subject of interest. In the background you will see three sketches of bi-planes and a semaphore post. It is a coastal scene with the glow of the sun as a backdrop, with sheep and a shepherd in the distance. The main figures are 'Liberty' depicting the USA, 'Britannia', Great Britain, Marianne for France, all three draped in their national flags. Now, who is the kneeling figure and another woman in the white headdress? We have made a stab at Ireland due to the colour of her dress, but really we are at a loss. Marianne holding a dagger at her back is worrying. Britannia seems benevolent

and Liberty is standing off (so often the US stands back until the last minute and wins the war, ha ha....I can say that as I am half Yankee).

Is this a poster commenting during the war or after? We believe, to someone who knows, the story will be clear.

Deborah Phillips ACR,
Senior Archive Conservator, SWHT

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Dates for your diary

For Devon History Society events, click on the link for further information and details about how to book.

Saturday, 11 March 2017, 11:00 – 16:30

Devon History Soc. [Study Day on Early Victorian Schools in Devon at St. Sidwell's Community Centre, Exeter, EX4 6NN](#)

Monday, 3 April 2017, 13:30 – 17:00

THE 2017 FODA SPRING MEETING AT THE DEVON HERITAGE CENTRE, EXETER.

Further details are included with this newsletter. There is no cost but booking is essential. Phone Stuart Tyler on 01392 384253 or contact him by email at Stuart.Tyler@swheritage.org.uk.

Saturday, 29 April 2017, 10:30 – 16:30

Devon History Soc. [From Domesday to Today: How Devon Has Been Governed Over the Centuries: Joint Conference with the British Association for Local History at the University of Exeter, Streatham Campus](#)

Tuesday, 9 May 2017, 19:00 – 21:00

Devon History Soc. [Lecture in conjunction with the Historical Association, Plymouth Branch at Theatre 2, Roland Levinsky Building, University of Plymouth, Drake Circus, Plymouth, PL4 8AA](#)

Todd Gray – Slander and Insults in Elizabethan Devon

Tickets available in advance from Peninsula Arts Booking Office, Roland Levinsky Building (open 13:00 -17:00, Mon-Fri).

Saturday, 13 May 2017, 10:00 – 16:00

Devon History Soc. [Oats, Sprats and Barley Bread: Feeding Devon in World War 1: A Symposium at the University of Exeter, Streatham Campus](#)

Monday, 22 May 2017, 14:00 – 16:00

Devon History Soc. [Lecture at Mint Methodist Centre, Fore St., Exeter, EX4 3AT](#)

John Smith – The Exeter Blitz of 1942: Why did the German Bombers Get Through?

Monday, 5 June 2017, 14:15 – 16:00

Devon History Soc. [Lecture at Mint Methodist Centre, Fore St., Exeter, EX4 3AT](#)

Mark Hailwood – Women’s Work in Devon, 1500-1700

Thursday, 15 June 2017, 14:00 – 16:00

Devon History Soc. [Seminar at the University of Plymouth, Rolle Building, Room 214, PL4 8AA](#)

Angela Smith – Women, the Vote and World War One: Researching Local Stories

Saturday, 17 June 2017, 10:00 – 16:00

Devon History Soc. [Summer Meeting at The Phoenix Hall, St. John’s Lane, Bovey Tracey TQ13 9FF, hosted by Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust](#)

Saturday, 16 September 2017, 10:00 – TBA

THE 2017 FODA AGM AND AUTUMN CONFERENCE IN BARNSTAPLE.

Further details will be circulated to members.

Monday, 25 September 2017, 19:00 – 21:00

Devon History Soc. [Lecture at Devon Rural Archive, Shilstone, Modbury, PL21 0TW](#)

Ghee Bowman – Crossing the Imperial Colour Bar: Muslim Indian Soldiers in Devon in World War II

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Contributions to future newsletters

If you would like to contribute an article to this newsletter, you would be most welcome. Please do get in touch with the chairman via email chairman@foda.org.uk.