



Lympstone History Society Newsletter, Spring 2023

Lympstone History Society maintains the village's historical archive.



Planned talks and events

We have been working in collaboration with Lympstone's Historic Houses Group (which produced the books about Lympstone's Shops and Houses) to bring you some live talks in the coming year. We will be holding these talks in the Village Hall (Main Hall) and they will be more social in nature. There will be a bar so that you can buy a drink on arrival, and there will be an interval to give people time to chat. Some dates for your diary!

Saturday 22nd April, at 7.30pm at Lympstone Village Hall

Ray Balkwill: *The River's Voice*

Ray's celebration of the Exe Estuary in words and pictures. It covers his four decades of painting the river's many moods, as well as his love affair with Exmouth's Camperdown Creek and his close associations with the boat builders there. It is a mixture of art, humorous stories and history. He will also introduce us to his recent project *In Search of the Picturesque*, which follows in the footsteps of the Georgian artist the Reverend John Swete around the Exe Estuary.

(Bar open from 7pm). Members £3.50, non-members £5

Monday 23rd October, at 7.30pm at Lympstone Village Hall

Ollie Creighton: *The Archaeology and History of the Medieval Warhorse*

(Bar open from 7pm). Members £3.50, non-members £5

Saturday 6th May: *Book stall* at the Coronation event on Candy's Field

Wednesday 7th June at 7pm *Annual General Meeting (Redwing, Loft)*

There will be a simple agenda: Minutes of the last AGM (May 2022); Chair's Report; Treasurer's Report and Election of Officers and Committee. This year the role of Chair is up for election. Jenny Moon is willing to stand for a further 2 year term. Any other nominations should be submitted in writing, with the permission of the nominee, at least 14 days prior to the meeting. We will also confirm two new committee members Tony Day, and Dick Francis.

This year we are proposing some small **amendments to the constitution** to make the running of the society a little more manageable. These require approval at an AGM:

a) Currently, the date of annual meeting currently must be in April or May. Proposed change of wording to **'within 15 months of the previous AGM'**

b) Currently the Quorum at an AGM is 10 members. Proposed change to **'3 members'**

We are always keen to welcome new members on to our committee, so please let us know at or before the AGM if you would be interested in getting more involved.

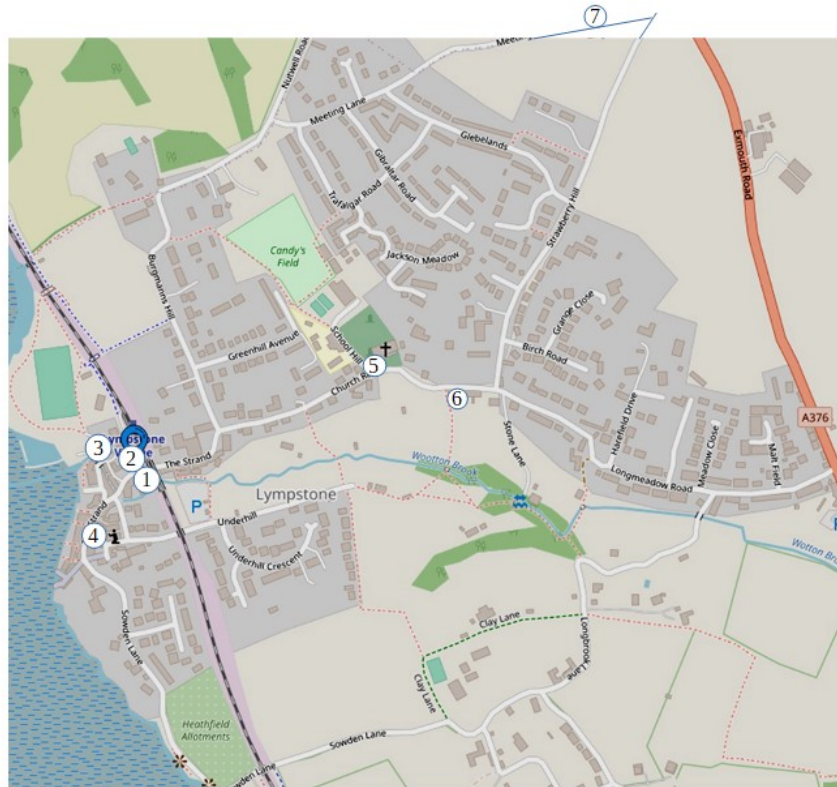
Lympstone History Points (map overleaf)

These are now live around the village.

1. Lympstone Through Time - Railway Arch, The Strand
2. The Railway - Swan Inn, The Strand
3. The Waterfront - Sailing Club, Boat Shelter
4. Fire and Flood - Globe Inn, The Strand
5. Lympstone Buildings - Church Road
6. Lympstone Farms and Farming - Longmeadow Road
7. Gulliford Burial Ground - Meeting Lane

You can also access them from the village website 'about page' menu: History Points at <https://www.lympstone.org/lympstone-history-society-boards>

Email us at: lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com
For details of events see the village website: www.lympstone.org



How to access the Lympstone History Society Archive

The archive of the Lympstone History Society is a collection of records, pictures, artefacts, photographs, press cuttings, event programmes, books and maps relating to the village of Lympstone, its inhabitants and its history. It is securely housed in Lympstone Village Hall.

If you wish to access the archive you can email us at lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com

- A member of the committee will be present while the archive is in use.
- A record will be kept of all visits to the archive.
- A record will be kept of all loans (members may borrow books, and certain other items may be loaned for a limited period, with approval).

Non-members can also access the archive. An initial visit is limited to 30 minutes. If a longer time is required then we recommend joining the Society.

Protocols must be observed when using the archive including:

- If material is used for publication then an acknowledgement of the source must be included (it is the responsibility of the individual to ascertain whether material is under copyright).
- Items may be photographed only with express permission.
- Visitors to the archive may only write in pencil.

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Nearby talks and events

We hope you may be able to take the opportunity to attend events organised by other History Societies in the area. We include here, overleaf, details of their coming events.

For further information, please contact the Societies directly.

Woodbury History Society (2023 programme):

Thursday 2nd March: *The Lower Otter Restoration Project* – an illustrated talk by Kate Ponting and Charlotte Hodgson

Thursday 4th May: *A Curious Look at Devon Churches* – an illustrated talk by Robert Hesketh

Saturday 24th June: *Exhibition:* The large collection of artefacts found by Nigel Tucker, a well known detectorist from Woodbury, will be on display. Nigel, who died in 2021, left his impressive collection and library of reference books to Woodbury History Society – these are held in our Archive and Library Room. The exhibition will be held in Woodbury Village Hall from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm.

Thursday 7th September: *Topsham, Echoes of a Maritime Past* – an illustrated talk by Jan Betteridge of Topsham Museum

Thursday 2nd November: *Dartmoor Prison* – an illustrated talk by Simon Dell
All talks are held in Woodbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm except the November talk which will be at 2.30 pm. Visitors are very welcome to attend any of our meetings and exhibition.

Exmouth Historical and Archaeological Society

All meetings held at Glenorchy Church Hall, Exeter Road at 7.30 p.m.

Monday 6 March: *Exmouth's place within Devon's lace industry.* Speaker: Carol McFadzean.

Monday 3 April: *The Conchies, 1917-18.* Speaker: Simon Dell.

Monday 15 May: *The history of carriage clocks.* Speaker: Leigh Extence.

Monday 5 June: *A midshipman's chest – history through an object.* Speaker: Bill Bailey.

Monday 21 June: Outing to Topsham and The Bridge Inn.

Devon History Society 2023

Tuesday 7 March: (online) *The Remarkable Pinwell Sisters* (7.30-8.30pm).

Saturday 29 April: (online) *Devon's Houses in the 1920s* (with Devon Buildings Group) (10am-3pm).

Tuesday 9 May: (online) *Families Under Pressure. The Curreys and the Stitsons in Wembury and Plymouth* (6-7pm).

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Saturday 17 June: Society Showcase. *Way of the Wharves*. Bideford (10.45am-3.30pm).
A 'Society Showcase', is a live event in partnership with a local DHS group showcasing what they've been doing. This live event will share the interesting work the Way of the Wharves project has been doing over the last few years.
More information: [Www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk](http://www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk)