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Local Studies Day Saturday November 8th 2008

This event was held in the music room at Exeter Central Library and was a great success. Westcountry Studies staff exhibited a collection of maritime maps which are held in the libraries collection. These covered the period 1500 to 1900 and contained some early charts of Exmouth, Dartmouth and Plymouth Haven; drawn in the Reign of King Henry VIII (The originals are held in the British Museum). It also contained two charts of the estuary at Exmouth which were produced for a court case between Lord Courtenay and Lord Rolle in a dispute over the oyster fishery there. Larger maps of the South Devon coast and Plymouth sound were also on display.



DEVON SHYRE [and] CORNWAL (sic) by Michael Drayton 1613

Also on show were a series of images representing artists in Devon, these included engravings by Samuel Prout and William Spreat, and some fine watercolours by Edward Ashworth and William Payne. The exhibition covered art in Devon from the mid 1700's up to the 1900's and was a fine example of the illustrator's art.



Brentor by William Payne

To celebrate the centenary of the birth of WG Hoskins Lucy Browne and Wendy Klein showcased part of the special collection of his work held in the Westcountry Studies Library. This was supported by additional materials loaned by Susie Hewitt.

An exhibition of materials about the Courtenay family was put together by Clare Scott and Jackie Paxman. This showed the types of materials held in the Westcountry Studies Library which related to the Courtenay family.

The day was supported by colleagues and members of various societies including the Devon Gardens Trust, Devon Record Office, Friends of Devon Archives, Mint Press, Peter Thomas, The Devonshire Association and Devon Archaeological Society. Thank You all for your support. Todd Gray and Simon Timms gave very informative talks which were well attended.

Devon Book of the Year

Cllr Sheila Hobden presented the awards to the winners of the following as decided by The Devon History Society.

Local Society Book Award

Lest We Forget: the Tavistock Fallen of the Second World War by Alex Mettler and Gerry Woodcock (Tavistock and district Local History Society)

Devon Book of the Year Award

Brunei's Hidden Kingdom by Geoffrey Tudor

And a special award to commemorate the centenary of W G Hoskins

Ancient Country: the Historic Character of Rural Devon by Sam Turner was presented by Susie Hewitt

Exmouth Library

Work on the Exmouth collection continues and many of the illustrations have now been catalogued. Scanning will start shortly.

A Week in the Life of Exeter Central Library November 1st to November 8th

This was a very successful event which was supported by all of the staff in the Central Library. The idea was to capture in drawings and photographs a typical week in the life of the library with a view to adding the images to the existing collection held in the Westcountry Studies Library. The images include sketches done by Harold Murray who was a journalist who came to Exeter after the second war world. His drawings capture the 1930's building where the Westcountry Studies Library is based. The collection also contains a number of black and white photographs which show the building and opening of the existing 1960's building. So from 1st - 8th November 2008, Exeter Central Library was the place to be as staff, students and the general public recorded in paintings, drawings and photos a typical week at the library.

Students from West Exe Technology College, St Peter's C of E VA School and Exeter College joined our residence artists, Tim Burton and Carys Wilson, to capture the time and place. The results were a stunning collection of photographs and charcoal drawings which will be added to the Westcountry Studies Library's archive (and are decorating the foyer of

ECL for the rest of the month). A Home Education group of young children also joined in the fun.

Staff were not to be outdone - they photographed behind the scenes, concentrating especially on staff footwear (very important when you're on your feet all day!), methods of arrival and all the little oddities that make up the Exeter Central Library that we know and love.

And for the professional touch, some students from Plymouth University's Journalism Degree course interviewed staff and public.

The public were invited to enter their pictures in a competition. A particular staff favourite among the entries was "The Golden Ticket" by Mark Barrett - it says it all!



An enormous thank you to all the staff who participated with such enthusiasm, making the week such a great success - we've got about 4,000 photos as well as the paintings and drawings. So it's now over to the Westcountry Studies Library staff to process these pictures for their archive so that future generations will know just what a library in November 2008 was like.

List of recent and forthcoming publications.

N.B. This booklist is partly intended for circulation within Devon Library and Information Services for the purpose of stock selection and current awareness. Orders cannot be placed through the Library by external recipients of this list.

Local Studies October 2008 Booklist

1. Axminster Community Enterprise. Vision of Axminster 2030: community plan. Axminster: ACE, 2008. 14p: col ill, map; 30cm. ISBN 1855220814. Booklist 2008-10 Donation.

2. Belsey, Valerie R. Exploring green lanes in South and South-east Devon and the stories they tell / Valerie Belsey. Totnes: Green Books, 2008. 192p: ill, maps; 21cm. ISBN 1900322293 : £9.95. Booklist 2008-10 Bks 3.10.08.

3. Blair, Emma. The Emma Blair omnibus : A most determined woman ; When dreams come true / Emma Blair. Sphere, 2008. ; 18cm. ISBN 9780751540062 : £7.99. Booklist 2008-10 BNB 10.9.08.
4. Devon Buildings Group. The register [of members] 2008. [Crediton] : The Group, [2008]. 46p ; 21cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.
5. Devon County Council. Devon County Council's response to the Boundary Committee's draft proposal for unitary local government in Devon, September 2008. Exeter : The Council, 2008. 37p : maps ; 30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.
6. Devon County Council. Finance, IT and Trading Directorate. Revenue and capital outturn 2007/2008. Exeter : The Directorate, 2008. 40p : tables ; 30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.
7. Devon and Cornwall Police Authority. Local policing summary 2008/2009 / Devon and Cornwall Police Authority and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary. Exeter : The Authority, 2008. 10p : col ill, ports ; 21cm. Booklist 2008-10 Free distr.
8. East Devon AONB Partnership. East Devon AONB management strategy : consultation draft, 2008. Honiton : The Partnership, 2008. 65p : ill, maps ; 21x30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.
9. Edwards, Richard A. The geology of the Jurassic coast : the red coast revealed : Exmouth to Lyme Regis / Richard A Edwards. Wareham : Coastal Publishing, 2008. 128p : col ill, map ; 21cm. ISBN 9780954484545 : £9.95p. Booklist 2008 -10.
10. Exmoor Society. Annual report for 2007-2008. Dulverton : The Society, 2008. 40p ; 21cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr Includes the Autumn 2008 newsletter.
11. Germon, John. Cheers me boodies! : a celebration of Devon dialect / John Germon; with illustrations by Richard Scollins. Newbury : Countryside Books, 2008. 80p : ill ; 21cm. ISBN 9781846741203 : £6.99. Booklist 2008-10 Donated by publisher.
12. Government Office for the South West. The South West regional spatial strategy : schedule of the Secretary of State's proposed changes and reasons - for public consultation, July 2008. Bristol : The Office, 2008. 284p : maps ; 21x30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.
13. Government Office for the South West. The draft regional spatial strategy for the South West incorporating the Secretary of State's proposed changes - for public consultation, July 2008. Bristol : The Office, 2008. 292p + CD-ROM : maps ; 30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.
14. Gray, Denis Pereira. Sir. The history of Holmedale 1879-2008 : family home and family practice / Denis Pereira Gray. Exeter : The author, 2008. : £4.00. Booklist 2008-10 Publisher.
15. Hale, Jennie. The nature diary of an artist / Jennie Hale. London : Herbert, 2007. 128p :

chfly col ill ; 23x29cm. ISBN 9780713686524 : £19.99. Booklist 2008-10 BNB22.10.08.

16. Hardy, Thomas. Selected poems / edited by Harry Thomas. Penguin, 2008. 304p ; 20cm. ISBN 0140424482 : £6.99. Penguin classics. Booklist 2008-10 Bks 26.9.08.

17. Heard, R.M. Kilkhampton before us / R.M.Heard. Kilkhampton : R.M.Heard, 2008. 28p : ill ; 21cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.

18. Hotten, Elizabeth. Cornwall at war / Elizabeth Hotten. Stroud : History, 2008. : ill ; 25cm. ISBN 9780750950978 : £14.99. Booklist 2008-10 BNB 22.10.08.

19. Jordan, Joan. The history of Dunster Church and Priory : the Mohuns, the Luttrells and their castle. Wellington : Halsgrove, 2007. . ISBN 9781841145693 : £19.99. Booklist 2008-10 BNB 15.10.08.

20. Leigh, Lisa. Portrait of Westcountry racing / Fiona Crawford. Wellington : Halsgrove, 2008. 144p : chfly col ill ; 22x24cm. ISBN 1841147982 : £14.99. Booklist 2008-10 Bks

21. North Devon District Council. 2008 annual statement of accounts : year ended 31st March 2008. Barnstaple : The Council, 2008. 83p : tables ; 30cm. Booklist 2008-10.

22. Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service. North Devon's biosphere reserve : our strategy for sustainable development 2008-2012 / Northern Devon Coast and Countryside Service. Bideford : The Service, 2008. 2 vols; 25p & 8p A4 folded sheet : col ill, map ; 30cm.

23. Passmore, Mike. Royal Air Force air-defence radar stations in Devon : the second world war and beyond / Mike and Andrew Passmore. Exeter : M.J.Passmore, 2008. 106p : ill,maps ; 30cm. ISBN 0955069033 : No price. Booklist 2008-10 M.J.Passmore, 50 Southbrook Road, Countess Wear, Exeter, EX2 6JE.

24. Pollard, Chris. The Book of Gerrans and Portscatho : From Churchtown to Luggers End / Chris Pollard. Wellington : Halsgrove, 2008. 160p : ill ; 31cm. ISBN 1841146269 : £19.99. Booklist 2008-10 Bks 31.10.08.

25. Powell, John. Poole Town Football Club 1890-2005 / John Powell. Greenford : J.Powell, 2006. 139p : ill, ports ; 30cm : No price. Booklist 2008-10 BNB 15.10.08.

26. Powys, Llewelyn. Still blue beauty : Wessex essays of Llewelyn Powys / Llewelyn Powys. Sherborne : Sundial Press, 2008. . ISBN 9780955152375 : £9.99. Booklist 2008-10 Publisher.

27. Powys, Llewelyn. Durdle door to Dartmoor : Wessex essays of Llewelyn Powys / Llewelyn Powys. Sherborne : Sundial Press, 2008. . ISBN 9780955152344 : £9.99. Booklist 2008-10 Publisher.

28. QT International. Quicktide south west 2009/2010. QT International, 2008. 4p ; 21cm. ISBN 1902830407 : £7.99. Booklist 2008-10 Bks 17.10.08.

29. Raymond, Stuart. Irish family history on the web. Family history partnership, 2007. . ISBN 1906280010 : £7.95p. Booklist 2008-10 TSO.

30. Sisman, Adam. Wordsworth and Coleridge : the friendship / Adam Sisman. London : Harper Perennial, 2007. xxv,480p,plates : ill, ports ; 20cm. ISBN 9780007160532 : £9.99. Booklist 2008-10 BNB 15.10.08 Originally published as: The friendship, London: HarperPress,

31. South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Annual report 2007/2008 : strengthening care, removing waits. Torquay : The Trust, 2008. 41p : col ill, map ; 21x30cm. Booklist 2008
32. South West of England Regional Development Agency. Annual report and financial statements 2007/08. [Exeter] : The Agency, 2008. 49p : tables ; 30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.

33. Teignbridge District Council. Annual report and statement of accounts 2007/08. [Newton Abbot] : The Council, 2008. 199p ; 30cm. Booklist 2008-10 Distr.

34. West Country lightweight single-decks. Fifeild : West Country Historic Omnibus & Transport Trust, 1977. : £9.50. Booklist 2008-10 Contact Colin Billington WHOTT 07990 505373

35. Wickstead, Helen. Theorising tenure : land division and identity in later prehistoric Dartmoor, south-west Britain / Helen Wickstead. Oxford : Archaeopress, 2008. 242p : ill,maps ; 30cm. ISBN 9781407303116 : £43.00. B.A.R. British series; 465. Booklist 2008-10 BNB