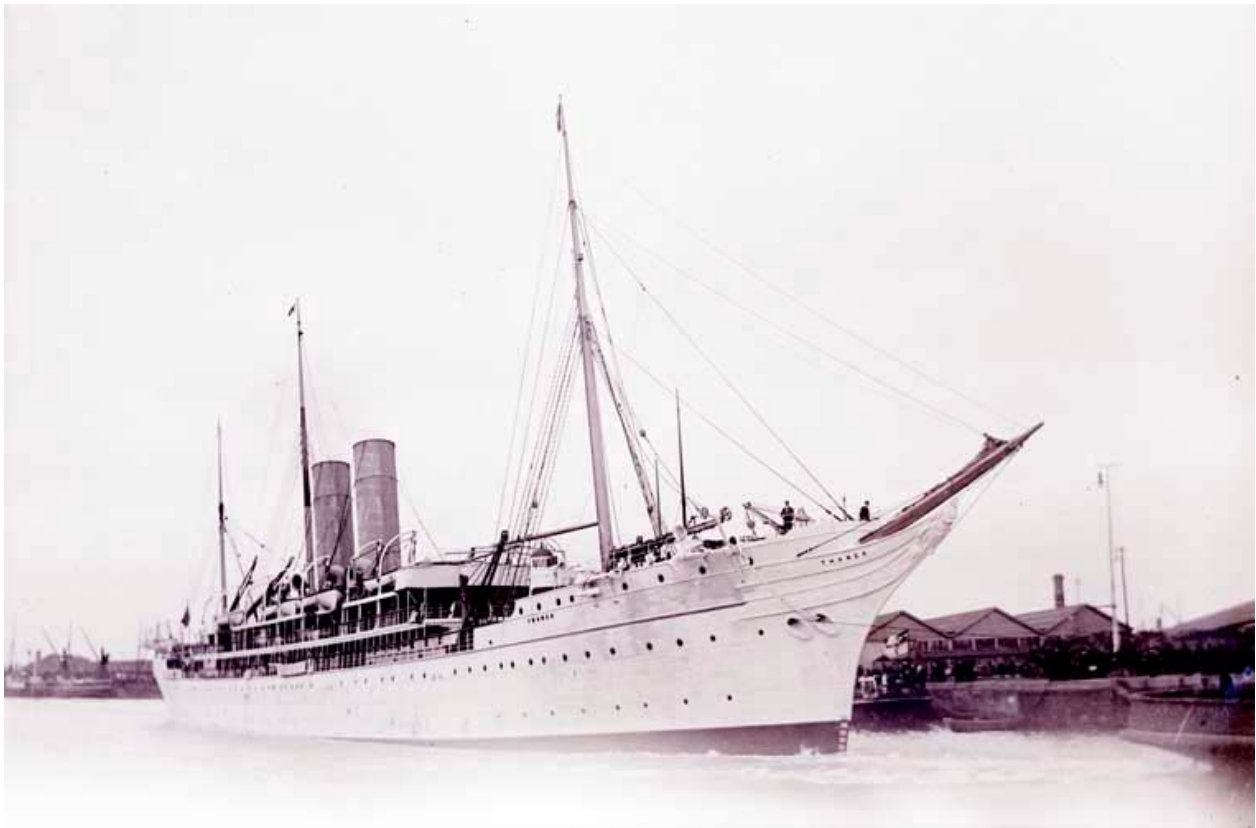


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A Busy Year so far

Visit from Newtown School

Earlier this year the Westcountry Studies Library hosted a visit from Years 5 and 6 from Newtown School. The children were able to find out about the neighbourhood around their school using ordnance survey maps, street directories and census records. It was a very enjoyable morning and great to see how the children were really interested in how Exeter may have looked one hundred years ago

Family History Fair Plymouth

This was a very busy event and staff had a hectic but enjoyable day assisting those doing their family history. Many were surprised to hear that all Devon Libraries have access to ancestry library edition and to the British Library 19th century newspapers which includes the Exeter Flying Post.

April and May saw us at **Tiverton and Honiton Libraries** where the **Family History Workshops** that we have run from Exeter for a number of years were very successful.

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June saw the third annual Location? Location? Location? exhibition. As in former years, this took the form of displays of unidentified illustrations in both the foyer of Exeter Central Library and the Westcountry Studies Library. Staff were on hand to welcome visitors to the exhibition, encouraging suggestions as to the location of the mystery images.

An online version was available for members of the public who were unable to visit the library in person, and this year – for the first time – some pictures were posted on Flickr.

BBC Spotlight and Westcountry TV both featured the project on their local news programmes which resulted in a really excellent response. This year, we have already solved more puzzles than ever before. So it is a big big thank you to everybody who helped contribute to this success.

If you have missed this exhibition, don't worry – you can still see the online display at www.devon.gov.uk/localstudies - or you can see some of the pictures (and comment on them) at Flickr – www.flickr.com (search for *Where in Devon?*). You will also be able to see the actual exhibition as it travels round libraries in the county – check out the Local Studies website for further details.

And there'll be more mystery pictures to follow next year! Watch this space!

Pictures from Bideford Library

Staff have been busy scanning and cataloguing a collection of photographs belonging to Bideford Library. By the time you read this the originals should be back at Bideford but you can still see them by logging on to the Local Studies website at www.ldevon.gov.uk/localstudies.



Greens Pot Shop Bideford 1887? P&D48265

Exmouth Library

We have started to collect together the large number of photographs and illustrations based in Exmouth Library. Staff in Westcountry Studies Library is hoping to start scanning and cataloguing these shortly.

SOME DIARY DATES

Tuesday September 9th

Family History Workshop Sidmouth Library

Saturday September 27th 2008

Put that Light out Stories of the Exeter Blitz

As part of the National Year of reading "You are what you read, celebrating personal, cultural and local identities theme Westcountry Studies Library and RAMM are working with storyteller Steve Manning to recreate the nights of the Exeter Blitz. Join us in the RAMM in the library gallery from 10:30.

Saturday October 4th 2008 Rewrite History Day

Exeter Music Room. Join the Westcountry Studies Library and Devon Record Office for a day of writing with calligrapher Daphne Murphy. See how many documents you can read and identify and have a go at writing some yourself.

Saturday November 1st to Friday November 7th

Join our two resident artists to capture in photography and drawing a **Week in the Life of Exeter Central Library**. Competition entry forms and further details will be available soon.

Saturday November 8th 2008 Devon Local History Day

The music room Exeter Central Library Come along to see a selection of maps, illustrations and materials from our collection. There will be a display of materials about and by the late W G Hoskins whose centenary was in May and an exhibition about family crests We will be joined by Devon Record Office, Exeter Memories, Devonshire Association and the Devon History Society. There will be lots to see and hear and in the afternoon will be the presentation to the winner of the **Devon Book of the Year**.