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## News

### Local History Day

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February the Westcountry Studies Library in conjunction with Exeter Local History Society are holding a Local History Day. The theme of this years event is Crime and Punishment. There will be a series of talks in the morning on executions and witch trials in Exeter, a mysterious murder at Branscombe and Devon's villains. Each talk cost £1.00 or £3.00 for all four. Tickets are available from the Westcountry Studies Library or Exeter Central Library.

As well as the series of talks there will also be exhibitions on Crime and Punishment. Various local history organisations will be present on the day to answer questions on all aspects of local history.

Also on display for the first time, taken from the Westcountry Studies Libraries Black Archive; a book bound in human skin.

This book is *The poetical works of John Milton*, bound in part of the skin of George Cudmore who was convicted of the murder of his wife Grace Cudmore and hanged on March 25<sup>th</sup> 1830.



**City Prison and Almshouses 1860.**

## Location, Location, Location 2011.

The Westcountry Studies Library is once again appealing to the public for their help in identifying some of the un-identified illustrations in their collection.

Between the 31<sup>st</sup> January and the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 an exhibition of 29 un-identified illustrations will be held in the foyer of Exeter Central Library. It is hoped that the public will be able to help with the identification of these pictures so they can be added to the catalogued illustration collection.



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This is one of the many unidentified pictures from the Westcountry Studies Library. For further information please contact the Westcountry Studies Library, Castle Street, Exeter EX4 3PQ Tel: 01392 384216 Email: [westcountry.library@devon.gov.uk](mailto:westcountry.library@devon.gov.uk)

To see more unidentified pictures, visit [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) and check out the library's photostream - Where in Devon? (After 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011).

## Forthcoming Events

**Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**10.00am - 3.30pm**

### **Local History Day**

**Westcountry Studies Library in partnership with the Exeter Local History Society. The Local History Day consists of Exhibitions, Talks, Local History Organisations and Local Booksellers. Refreshments will be available all day.**

## **Programme of talks.**

10.30 am The Exeter Witchcraft Trials -- Frank Gent.

11.30 am Shooting at Branscombe Old Pit -- John Torrance and Barbara Farquharson.

12.30 pm Executions and the sites of the Gallows -- David Cornforth and Sue Jackson.

1.30 pm Devon Villains -- Mike Holgate.

Talks £1.00 per talk or £3.00 for all four.

Tickets available from the Westcountry Studies Library or Exeter Central Library.

For further information please contact

[westcountry.library@devon.gov.uk](mailto:westcountry.library@devon.gov.uk) or call 01392 384216.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

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## **Books on Crime and Punishment at the Westcountry Studies Library**

### **Grave-robbers & Body snatchers in Devon.**

By Patricia Gray (s361.18/DEV/GRA)

### **No Justice for the Poor.**

Four true tales of death and mystery of West Country pauper children.

By Harry Clement (s364.1523/WES/CLE)

### **The Penalty was Death.**

Nineteenth century crime and execution in Devon.

By Grant John Harrison (s364.66/DEV/HAR)

### **The Shooting at Branscombe Old Pits.**

A nineteenth-century Devon mystery.

By Barbara Farquharson & John Torrance (s364.1523/BRA/FAR)

### **Devon Murders.**

By Paul Harrison (364.1523/DEV/HAR)

### **Murder & Crime:**

Devon

By Mike Holgate (s364.1523/DEV/HOL)

### **Dartmoor Prison.**

A complete illustrated history

Volume one, the war prison 1809-1816

*Parcere subjectis*

By Ron Joy (sx365/PRI/JOY)

### **Dartmoor Prison.**

A complete illustrated history

Volume two, the convict prison 1850-present day

*At Her Majesty's Pleasure*

By Ron Joy (sx365/PRI/JOY)



**Dartmoor Prison**