

Kenton Past & Present Society

Programme for 2021

20 January Exeter in 1743 - a talk by Todd Gray

Exeter in 1743 was in the midst of its two great periods of expansion in the cloth trade and yet was no longer one of England's leading industrial cities. A newly discovered map of 1743 allows us to re-examine Exeter during this time of considerable change.

17 March Kenton, the Courtenays & Powderham Estate - a talk by Exeter University

Representatives from Exeter University will bring us up to date with recent research into aspects of the land around Kenton, Kenn, Kennford and Powderham, aspects that have been revealed through the use of their own innovative Technology.

19 May The Building of Exeter Cathedral - a talk by John Allan

The talk outlines the structural history of the cathedral, placing it in the story of medieval architecture in England in the Middle Ages and describing new insights in our understanding of this much-researched church.

21 July Visit to NT Killerton House - TBC

The Acland Family, from Royalists to Socialists. We shall be hosted by Denis Melhuish, Killerton's House & Collections Manager, for a romp through four centuries of Acland family history, from their roots as supporters of Charles I to their support for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Our visit will include a 45 minute tour followed by a buffet (main course, dessert and soft drink) overlooking the rose garden. Details for advanced booking will be announced early in 2021.

15 September The History of Dawlish - a talk by David Force

From Fishing Village to Seaside Resort - the talk considers how and why Dawlish grew through the 19th Century.

17 November TBC