



Shilstone Trip

Back in June during the blisteringly hot weather a party from the Local History Group paid a visit to Shilstone Manor House near Modbury. Besides being well worth a visit, it also is the venue of the Devon Rural Archive. We were fortunate to have the services of Abigail Gray as our guide. Abigail is the curator of the archive, and she was able to take us through the chequered history of the Manor with its significant rebuilds. Starting off as a medieval manor house the building was acquired and much developed by the Savery family in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. As part of the tour, you are invited to appreciate the changes in architectural styles from 1600 to 1730 and the loving restoration work carried out over the last twenty years under the auspices of the current owners, the Fenwick family. The formal gardens provide an elegant background for wedding parties and a special feature is the only known and nationally important water theatre in the United Kingdom.

Carnival

In the village we are looking forward to the Carnival Procession and festivities which always occur on the second Saturday of August marking the climax of Carnival week which starts on August 6th. In our online archive the History Group has many hundreds of pictures of past carnivals, and the pictures speak volumes of the whole community pulling together. The 1948 Carnival has some of the most evocative pictures and we welcome any excuse to include one of these images.



Lanterns

It may be summer, but I would just like to remind everyone that the Lanterns procession will be returning this November. Please look out for more information in future editions of the magazine and on social media. Plenty of work is going on behind the scenes to prepare for this event so now might be the time to start giving it some thought. Once again you can see some splendid pictures of previous Lanterns processions on the History Group website.

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