



### **VILLAGE HALL TALK**

Following our AGM in July we welcomed Phil Badcott to give a talk. Phil has recently had a book published entitled 'The March of William of Orange through Devon', and in this well-attended talk he was able to bring to life this seminal moment in English history.

Replacing an existing monarch with a foreign usurper does, on the face of it, seem like a coup although, as Phil explained, James 11 was not popular, and William did have family ties to the English throne. Importantly, William did have powerful and influential allies among the English gentry who supported him. Right from the outset in Brixham he was welcomed by the Roope family of Dartmouth, the Seymours of Berry Pomeroy Castle, the Mallocks of Cockington Court and the Courtenays of Forde House.

This pattern of support proved crucial politically as he travelled up country. What was more problematical, as Phil explained, were the practical issues including the low tide in Brixham Harbour, the awful November weather and the red muddy un-metalled lanes of South Devon. His route from Brixham took him through Churston, Paignton, Marldon, Compton Castle, Compton Mill, Bickley Mill, Abbotskerswell and Newton Abbot. Various claims have been put forward that he stayed in Paignton or in Compton Castle or at Pitt House in Kingskerswell but what we do know for sure is that he spent the night of the 7th of November 1688 at Forde House in Newton Abbot. The following day he marched on to Exeter via Chudleigh and the rest, as they say, is History.

William did not arrive in London until 17<sup>th</sup> December 1688 and he and his wife Mary were not crowned King and Queen until April 1689. The coronation only took place after William had agreed to have the power of his monarchy limited by Parliament.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Elsewhere in the magazine you will see an advert for our next coffee morning. This will take place on the morning of Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. There will be the usual stalls and a raffle and the archive pictures this time will be on focussing on the Lanterns procession. Yes, the Lanterns are back! This year's procession will take place on **Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>**, and you can pick up bundles of willows and instruction leaflets at the Coffee Morning.

### **PROFESSOR STEPHEN RIPPON**

Professor Rippon wishes to return to Ipplepen to provide us with an update on all the finds from the archaeological dig. Together with his colleague Chris Smart he wants to give a talk and bring along some artefacts. He requested a Saturday afternoon to do this, so we have booked the Village Hall for **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>** between 1 and 5pm. He hopes that many of you who have followed the Dig from the start will take this opportunity to meet up with Professor Rippon again and enjoy an informal chat.

John Marsh

