



### **Coffee Morning and Talk**

The Local History Group rounded off the year with several of our regular events. Our coffee morning was successful and provided an opportunity for everyone to see a display of some of our pictures of Ipplepen schools and Churches. Every time we have one of these events, we are struck by the number of people who are interested in their village community and wish to know more.

Dr. Todd Gray presented our October talk. His theme was the role of Exeter in the British empire. For his research Dr. Gray had looked at the lives of 250 Exeter people and over five centuries of Imperialism is explored. He was keen to point out how important it is for us to understand our history. In his capacity as a research fellow at Exeter University he has been noticing for some time a decline in the number of students with knowledge of the extent and range of the British Empire. He is concerned about this. Like most historians he takes the view that it does not matter whether you approve or disapprove of the Empire, but you need to have knowledge before making a judgment.

### **Next Year's Talks and Events**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, Village Hall 7.30pm. Tracey Norman – ‘Plants, Poultices, and Persecutions’ – Remedies from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.**

**SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>. Village Hall 10a.m. – 12.30pm. Coffee Morning**

**MONDAY JULY 20<sup>th</sup>. AGM and talk, Village Hall 7.30pm. John Risdon – ‘A Thousand Year Journey up the Dart Estuary’**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>. Village Hall 10a.m. – 12.30pm. Coffee Morning**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup>. Nick Pannell. Village Hall 7.30pm. Paignton in Old Pictures.**

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE FROM THE  
IPPLEPEN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**