



In July, the Local History Group staged two events at the Village Hall.

Professor Rippon

Firstly, we had Professor Stephen Rippon delivering his final report on the Ipplepen Dig. The talk coincided with the publication of his book **'Landscape and Society in Dumnonia – Iron Age, Roman and Early Medieval Ipplepen and the Countryside of South West England.'** The book is a major undertaking summing up the important archaeological investigations which took place between 2007 and 2019. There were many Ipplepen residents who took part in the Dig and quite a number of them turned up in the evening to hear Stephen and to take the opportunity of buying one of his newly published books at a discounted price. It was disappointing for some to learn that in future archaeologists will refer to the site as Dainton Elms Cross rather than Ipplepen, since the area excavated was occupied in early medieval times by the Dainton Open Field system.

Just to give you some idea of the scale of the event. Between 2012 and 2024 volunteers contributed 1,582 days during the excavation and 124 days of post-excavation finds processing. The excavation's visitor centre received 4,301 guests and the Open Days had 5,005 visitors.

The AGM

The following week we staged our AGM where it was agreed that the current committee continued in their roles for next year. This was the first AGM since Bryan Tuckett passed away and it was an opportunity for the committee to give public thanks for all the work and good humour that Bryan had provided over the years.

Following the formal business John made one of his very occasional forays into public speaking and, ably assisted by Ingrid, the pair of them offered up some tips about **'How to Get the Most from Local History.'** It had occurred to us when deciding on a theme for the talk that the study and enjoyment of History formed a very big part of our lives so we opted to make it more personal and to share with everyone the pleasure and 'wisdom' to be gained by increasing your historical knowledge.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held at the Village Hall on **Saturday September 20th between 10am and 12.30pm.** There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments, and a raffle. As usual there will be an opportunity to see some of the wonderful pictures from our Ipplepen Archive. The theme this time will be Ipplepen Schools and Churches.

If you have any old pictures of Ipplepen that you are happy to share, then bring them along and we can scan them for you and return the original.