



AGM

Our AGM in July was well attended. The existing committee all agreed to remain in their current posts. We were able to present the members with our programme of activities for the coming year.

On yet another brilliant summer's evening we were delighted to be able to call upon our guest speaker, John Risdon. For his talk John was able to match the mood with his comprehensive selection of photos of the Dart estuary. It is clearly a labour of love for him to take us on a journey of one thousand years of the Dart estuary. His talk reminded us of Dartmouth's part in our national history from its medieval port trading with France and Spain, through the Tudor years of Raleigh and Gilbert and to its crucial role as a strategically important hub in the two world wars. In more recent times we have the royal connection with the setting up of the Britannia Naval College and the continuing attraction of Agatha Christie and her holiday home of Greenway set above the banks of the Dart. Alongside our national history there are personal stories of fishermen and tradesmen trying to make a living along its shores. From the estuary at Dartmouth and Kingswear you move up the river past Dittisham, Galmpton and Stoke Gabriel before arriving at Totnes which was for many years a nationally thriving river port.



Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held at the Village Hall on **Saturday September 19th 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 Village Scenes

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.