



History of Medicine Society

**Visit to Buckfast Abbey**

Please find below an outline programme.

Please contact Catriona Head 07963 279771 or Christopher Gardner-Thorpe 07968 161422 with any concerns, before or during the event.

**Thursday 8 June 2023**

3:00pm

**Welcome tea and coffee**

From 3pm, refreshments will be available in the Dart View 1 function room in the Conference Centre

4:00pm

**Introduction and “Devon and its Medicine”**

Christopher Gardner-Thorpe will introduce the programme and deliver a paper on “Devon and its Medicine”

7:30pm

**Dinner at the Northgate Hotel**

Please order and pay for your own drinks

**Friday 9 June 2023**

9:00am

**Conference Centre Dart View 1 Room**

9:30am

**“Possi & Bossi – are gynaecologists particularly at risk of assassination?”**

Professor Sean Hughes and Dr Mike Collins

10:00am

**“Detective cameras”**

Dr Richard Lansdown

10:30am

**Tea and coffee break**

11:00am

**“Dr Henry Graves Bull (1818-1885) Physician, Naturalist & Philanthropist”**

Dr Henry Connor

12:15pm

**Buffet lunch in the conference centre**

1:00pm

**Coach to Paigton Railway**

Coach will depart promptly from outside the conference centre



2:10pm

**Depart Paignton Station on the historic Steam Railway**

You may like to explore Kingswear then take the 5 minute passenger ferry over to Dartmouth.

There is a regular service but waiting times vary.

Dartmouth has delightful old streets with boutique shops, galleries and hostelrys for the thirsty!

The harbour quay side has picturesque views of the Dart Estuary and the Tudor fort Bayards Cove.

Dartmouth at the estuary of the River Dart has a large marina in the shadow of Dartmouth Naval College on the hill. The once famous Harbour Bookshop run by Christopher Milne is now a gallery.

<https://www.my-towns.co.uk/dartmouth-map.html>

6:30pm

**Dinner at Kendricks Restaurant in Dartmouth**

29 Fairfax Place TQ6 9AB

One street back from the quay side close to the ferry landing site

Please order and pay for your own drinks

9:00pm

**Coach pick up to return to the hotel**

Exact location TBC

**Saturday 10 June 2023**

9:00am

**Conference Centre Dart View 1 Room**

9:30am

**“The family of Oscar Wilde”**

Dr Mike Collins

10:00am

**“A tale of two physicians”**

Dr Anjna Harrar

10:30am

**Tea and coffee break**

11:00am

**“The legend of the Lady of the Lake” a historical connection between the practice of medicine in ancient Egypt and medieval Wales**

Professor Rosalie David

11:30am

**“The doctors page”**

Professor David Radstone

12:00pm

**Discussion**

12:30pm

**Buffet lunch in the conference centre**



1:30pm

**Socialising and free time**

Socialise with other delegates or visit one of the many local attractions

6:00pm

**Dinner at the Northgate Hotel**

2 course dinner

7:30pm

**Concert at Benedictine Buckfast Abbey**

Alvington Singers musical concert performing an eclectic range of works spanning the 16th-21st centuries

**Sunday 11 June 2023**

11:00am

**High mass in the Abbey with music**

**Local attractions**

There are many local attractions in the vicinity should delegates wish to visit.

Agatha Christie's home Greenway (TQ5 0ES) is high on the left bank of the River Dart, it has a railway station on the heritage line but trains don't stop there routinely.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/greenway)

Other National Trust properties, include:

Cotehele and its quay (PL12 6TA)

Morwellham Quay (PL19 8JL)

Buckland Abbey (PL20 6EY), the home of Francis Drake

Dartington Hall (TQ9 6EL) renowned radical college for the Arts and Social Sciences, is beside the River Dart boasts pleasant grounds and has a medieval hall, ancient jousting yard, restaurant pub and small cinema. [www.dartington.org/visit/](http://www.dartington.org/visit/)

Dartington Craft Centre, just outside Totnes, offers cafés, shops and an extensive Craft Centre and Dartington Glass outlet [www.visitdartington.co.uk](http://www.visitdartington.co.uk)

Totnes is a centre of alternative medicine has a castle and quaint shops.

Bovey Tracey (TQ13 9AF) is home to the Devon Guild of Craftsmen, an extensive craft shop with café.

The church at Dean Prior (a village close to Buckfastleigh ) where the poet Robert Herrick (1591-1674) was vicar.

Dartmoor Tea Estate, pioneers of English grown tea [www.dartmoorestatetea.com](http://www.dartmoorestatetea.com)

Dartmoor Otter sanctuary <https://ottersandbutterflies.co.uk>



## **Pubs**

The Angel Restaurant (TQ6 9BH) has a Michelin Star and is run by Masterchef professional finalist Elly Wentworth: it was known as The Carved Angel

The Seven Stars (TQ9 5DD) at Totnes

At Dartington the White Hart Bar and Restaurant (TQ9 6EL) in the grounds of Dartington Hall and nearby The Cott Inn (TQ9 6HE)

The Church House Inn (TQ10 9LD) at Rattery

The Church House Inn (TQ13 7SJ) at Holne

The Rugglestone Inn (TQ13 7TF) at Widecombe in the heart of Dartmoor

The Halfway House (TQ12 6JW) at Bickington

Two Bridges Hotel (PL20 6SW) near Princetown 11:00am