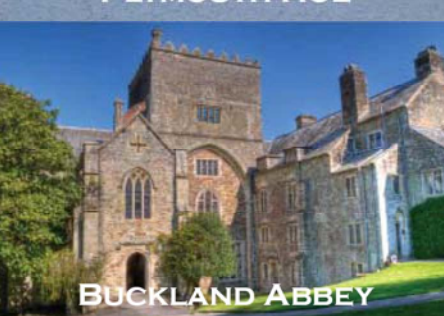
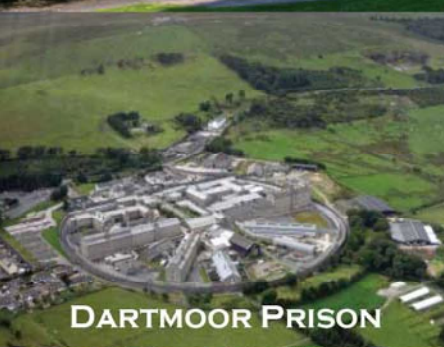


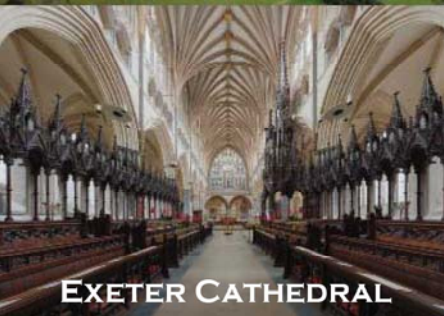
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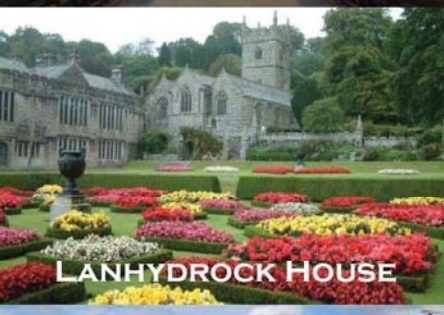
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BODMIN

Federation of Local History Societies & Federation for Ulster Local Studies Visit to Devon and Cornwall

Date: Sunday, 12th April to Thursday, 16th April, 2015

This visit is being organised by the Federation of Local History Societies and is open to all members of both Federations North and South.

Our visit to the west counties promises to be another memorable journey to some of the most beautiful countryside in England. This south-west peninsula holds some of Britain's most forbidding moors, dramatic coastline and enticing beaches. Its history which stretches from Celtic to Victorian times is strikingly illustrated in its many castles and stately homes. We will have the opportunity to see some of these including the magnificent 17th Century Mansion Lanhydrock House, Prideaux Place and Manor House which holds many treasures from the Spanish Armada. We will visit the impressive cathedrals of Exeter and Truro, travel over the moors of Dartmoor, enjoy a panoramic coach tour of Plymouth, one of the country's greatest seafaring cities, visit Mount St. Michael and its fortified house crowning the island, see Penzance and wander through the streets of the coastal towns of St. Ives and Padstow and much more.

Package:

The package includes coach hire x 5 days, return ferry crossing Rosslare to Fishguard, 4 nights B&B with evening meal in the New Continental Spa Hotel in Plymouth.

Cost is €449 per person sharing, (€120 single supplement). Note: This includes all admission costs, guides, tips etc. for the 5 days of the visit.

Itinerary:

Sunday: Leave Dublin Heuston Station at 5.30 am sharp with some pick-up points along the way and travel by coach and ferry to Plymouth with one stop along the way to arrive at Plymouth at 6.30 pm. Dinner in hotel at 7.30 pm.

Monday: Devon. Panoramic coach tour of Plymouth. Visit Buckland Abbey once the home of Sir Francis Drake and see Drake's drum and the Great Barn, coach tour through Dartmoor where quarries, prehistoric remains and Dartmoor ponies can be seen, cross over the high moorland with views across dramatic tors, woodlands, mining activity and ancient route between abbeys. Break for lunch in Exeter. Guided tour of Exeter Cathedral, one of the great cathedrals of England and a magnificent example of Gothic architecture. Free time to explore the city. Return to Plymouth to arrive back at 6.30pm. Dinner in hotel at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by a short after dinner talk by local historian Chris Robinson.

Tuesday: North Cornwall. After breakfast travel to Lanhydrock House, a magnificent mansion house set in its own estate with beautiful gardens and church and regarded as the perfect Victorian country house. It is renowned for its arts, crafts and fine interiors. Panoramic tour of historic Bodmin with its Shire Hall, Bodmin Gaol, Museum and Bodmin & Wenford Railway Station. Scenic coach trip to the Cornish fishing village of Padstow on the coast. Free time for lunch. Guided tour of the stunningly beautiful Elizabethan Manor House of Prideaux Place. Time for a walk around the village. Return by coach to Plymouth to arrive at 6.00 pm. Dinner Hotel at 7.30 pm.

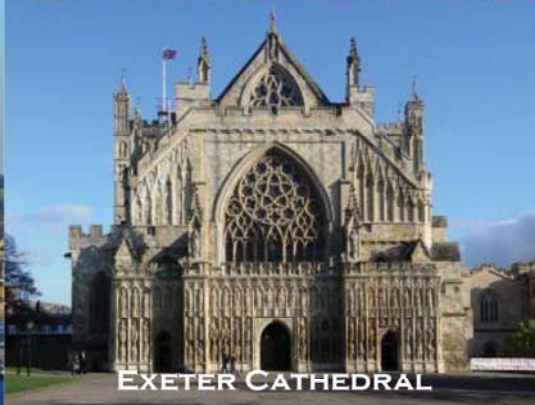
Wednesday: South Cornwall. After breakfast travel to the city of Truro and have a short guided tour of the city to include the outside of its cathedral. Coffee break. Travel on to Marazion for St. Michael's Mount. Take short boat trip to island and visit the castle on the mount including the blue room and the intricate chase close room. Return to mainland



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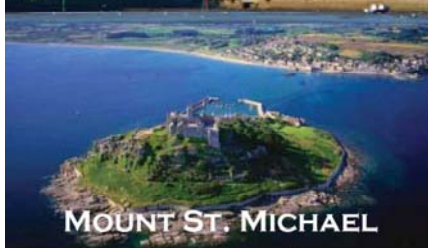
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MOUNT ST. MICHAEL



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and have lunch. Scenic drive Penzance seafront, Newlyn, Gulval and over to the port of St. Ives. Free time in St. Ives. Travel back to Plymouth to arrive at 6.40 pm. Dinner hotel at 7.30 pm.

Thursday: Have early breakfast 6.45 am. Leave Plymouth at 7.30 am and travel, with one stop, by coach and ferry to arrive at Rosslare at 6.30 pm. Travel to Dublin to arrive at Heuston Station at 8.30 pm.

Information:

Hotel: New Continental Hotel, Millbay Road, Plymouth, PL1 3LD, England

Tel.: 01752 220 782

Web: www.newcontinental.co.uk

Detailed Itinerary: Finalised itinerary with times etc. will be issued to all those travelling at least week before the event.

Booking:

The coach can seat 52 people.

Booking is on a first come first served basis.

NOTE:

Early booking is advisable but PAYMENT IN FULL must be received by Monday, March 11, at the latest.

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Society: _____

Name(s) of Delegate(s) _____

Double, Twin or Single Room _____ Total amount enclosed: € _____

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Booking and payment, by cheque or draft, should be made through Larry Breen, 8 The Paddocks, Naas, Co. Kildare.
e-mail: larrybreen8@eircom.net Phone 045-897445 or 087 9841551

Bank drafts/cheques should be made payable to the Federation of Local History Societies.