

Museum talks offer something for everyone

Torquay Museum Society has once again produced a fascinating spring lecture programme packed with eye-opening talks on a myriad of different topics by experts in their fields.

There are 28 talks, running from this week until April 13, all of which are free of charge to Torquay Museum Society Members, or £5 per talk to non-members, payable on the door.

The first talk, 3,000 Years of History from the Sea, covers the intriguing topic of marine archaeology.

Ron Howell will tell the story of divers from the South West Maritime Archaeological Group who have spent the last 30 years searching the Erme estuary and the waters around Salcombe, discovering wrecks from the Bronze Age through to the 20th century, rewriting the maritime history of the world.

Other talks cover topics as varied as Creating a Secret Garden by a professional garden designer; Ghosts and the Devon Landscape, an exploration of a range of supernatural stories from across the county; Torquay Pottery; and

David Wills,
president of
Torquay
Museum
Society



Bringing Films to Life in the South West by the director of the English Riviera Film Festival John Tomkins, to name but a few.

A full list of the spring lecture programme talks can be found on Torquay Museum's website, or a leaflet is available from the museum.

The talks take place at 10.45am on a Tuesday and Wednesday in Torquay Museum's state-of-the-art lecture theatre, with 4k projector, cinema-sized screen and surround sound.

An air-handling system ensures that the lecture theatre is well ventilated, and there is plenty of room, with a 125-seat capacity.

Torquay Museum Society was founded in 1844, and has evolved over almost two centuries, until today it is a registered charity with hundreds of members, dedicated to promoting a wider understanding of the history, natural environment and cultural heritage of Devon.

The society organises around 45 lectures per year in an autumn season, October to December, and a spring season, January to April.

Torquay Museum Society does more than organise lectures. It also provides voluntary support to the work of the museum, helping with many different aspects of running it.



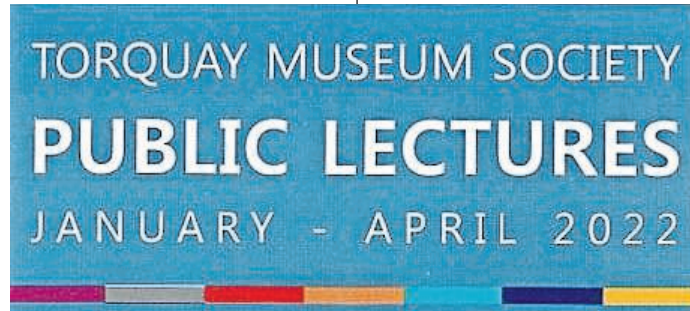
The lecture Seahorses Breeding in Captivity by Tim Haywood will be held on March 30
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The society is the custodian of a historic book collection begun at its founding in 1844.

This collection is a key resource for specialist researchers from far afield, as well as local people interested in exploring aspects of our common heritage.

The society also has special interest sections, including archaeology, geology, astronomy, literature and arts, local history, natural history, botany and horticulture, zoology and ornithology, and a very active and friendly ramblers group.

New members are always welcome to join the friendly, sociable Torquay Museum Society. For details on becoming a member, please email membership@torquaymuseum.org, download an application form from the museum's website, or call 01803 293975. Prices for a year's membership are £60 for singles and £100 for couples, which includes entry to all lectures, membership of special interest groups and free entry to the museum.



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