

## KINGSTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY NEWS FOR JUNE 2016

We welcomed John Risdon from Brixham to our April meeting who gave us an account in words & pictures of the Southern bastion of Devon from the mouth of the river Exe to the mouth of the river Tamar. John looked at the coastline from a natural perspective & interrelated this with how generations have defended their coastlines over centuries; his talk was entitled 'Defence of the Realm-One Thousand years of Fortifications within south Devon' We were entertained to a fascinating journey through time when the defence of our South west coastal region has been vital to the security of our Nation. John gave us a detailed account of man made fortifications from Saxon headland hill forts to Norman crenelated Abbeys, Palaces & local Parish Churches in the South Hams & Torbay areas. Castles were built by the Normans to defend the rivers & estuaries of the South coast & later on Charles the 2nd built the Citadel in Plymouth as a permanent Garrison against later invasions from the sea.

Our trip to Morwellham Quay [www.morwellham-quay.co.uk](http://www.morwellham-quay.co.uk) will take place on Thursday, May 26th when we will take part in a day of historical activities from 2-5pm at a special price of £7.50pp which has been negotiated by Margaret Cocks on our behalf; for more details & transport arrangements please contact Margaret at "The Limes" Kingston (01548 810765) There are still a few places available on this trip.

After the Summer break our next meeting is the AGM on Thursday, October 27th in Kingston Reading Room when our 2016/17 programme of events will be available. A list of our publications can be found on our [website-kingstonlocalhistory.co.uk](http://www.kingstonlocalhistory.co.uk) or may be obtained from Viv Freeman our President (01548 810255) Any other details about the Society from Jennie Stanley (01548 810819) [stanz@stanz.plus.com](mailto:stanz@stanz.plus.com)