

TUESDAY 21st

Foraging for Wild Foods Today

Wild food expert, David Harrison, talks about foraging for the food in our hedgerows, fields, woodlands and coasts. David was recently featured on BBC Spotlight running a course for sixty of the region's top chefs at Hotel Endsleigh, owned by Alex Polizzi.

WEDNESDAY 22nd

Torquay Museum Society Annual Open Forum

An event at which Society members debate matters of interest or concern to the Society. Non-members are welcome to participate in the discussions but only members are entitled to vote.

TUESDAY 28th

Christmas in Victorian Torquay

Drawing on old Torquay Directory newspapers and contemporary diaries, local historian John Risdon presents an account of the festive season across the social spectrum of Victorian Torquay.

WEDNESDAY 29th

What has happened to our seas and what can we do?

Professor Martin Attrill, Director of the Marine Institute at Plymouth University, has a long and distinguished record of marine ecology research. Here he looks back to what our seas were like before the era of industrial fishing and discusses what can be done to replace what we have lost.

DECEMBER 2017

TUESDAY 5th

Jane Austen: a bicentennial tribute

Penny Townsend, author of *Stepping Westwards with Jane Austen*, discusses the enduring popularity of Jane's wise and witty observations of human nature. Penny is fascinated by 'the scientific and artistic achievements of the 18th Century, in particular Jane Austen, Gilbert White, and flirting with folded fans'.

WEDNESDAY 6th

Christmas Traditions around the World

Adrienne Hesketh describes the surprisingly varied ways that Christmas is celebrated around the globe, accompanying her talk with a lively selection of recorded and live music.

JANUARY 2018

TUESDAY 9th

Agatha Christie's Potent Plants

Ali Marshall, Head Gardener at Torre Abbey, discusses the garden she created to commemorate Torquay's