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Schedule of Events: Friends of Barnstaple & North Devon Museum January to Dec 2027

These events take place in the Learning Room of the museum beginning at 2pm and finishing around 3.30, with the opportunity to chat with other attendees and the speaker. Extra events will be added to the programme as they become available.

Date	Speaker & Host	Title
Tuesday 12th January	Terry Green David Rowe	**The History of the gardens of Arlington Court:** As we see them now the gardens of Arlington Court are 200 years old, but even at this age they have a pre-history. We will also look at the history of the Chichester family against a background of social and horticultural change from the 18th to the 20th century.
Tuesday 16th February	Nick Lovell David Rowe	**Lynton & Lynmouth:** A History and its People. An illustrated talk taking in some notable people connected to Lynton & Lynmouth, supported by its history as a holiday destination and before**.**
Tuesday 16th March	Mark Haworth-Booth David Rowe	**Title: Ted Hughes and the Environment:** Ted Hughes, the late Poet Laureate, lived at North Tawton for many years. He became, through his writings and practical actions, a strong and effective champion of Devon's rivers and the wider environment. He played a key role in setting up the Westcountry Rivers Trust (WRT). Mark Haworth-Booth knew and worked with Ted Hughes and is himself a citizen scientist / water tester with the WRT and a writer on the natural world.
Tuesday 13th April	Ed Buckingham David Rowe David Rowe	**7 Summits with Ed Buckingham**: Ed is the author of the book Seven Summits which relates his experiences of climbing the highest mountains on each of the 7 continents. However, perhaps surprisingly his day job is as a postman in Saltash.
Tuesday 11th May	David Rowe Gwyneth Faye	**Wines from Historic Battlefields Part 2:** The subjects of this tasting are subject to change depending on the availability of suitably representative wines. The planned subjects are: Poitiers 1356, Corunna 1809, Toulouse 1814, Monte Casino 1944 or Lake Trasimeno 217BC and Austerlitz 1805.
Tuesday 18th May	Tim Gowan David Rowe	**Vineyard Visit 2027:** Join us as we enjoy a coach ride to Tor View Wines tucked away in deepest Devon countryside, close to the village of Sheepwash. At the vineyard we will be given a tour of the vines and the winery by the owner and winemaker Tim Gowan. By special arrangement we will then taste 6 wines from both Tor View and 10 Acre Vineyard at Winkliegh, at least one of which will be sparkling. Following the tasting we will repair to the Half Moon pub in Sheepwash for a relaxed lunch before making our way home.

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Tuesday 15th June	David Chance David Rowe	**Lynmouth Flood** *with* **David Chance**: David was an 8 year old living in Brendon, when on 15th August 1952 flood waters from the East Lyn River surged into the cottage. We survived!! David will share his experiences with you including what happened next.
Tuesday 6th July	Pamela Vass David Rowe	**The Extraordinary Journey of Mary Kelynack** *with* **Pamela Vass**: In the summer of 1851, a 75 year old fish seller set out from the far west of Cornwall with little more than a basket, a bonnet and a fierce determination to reach London on foot and see the Great Exhibition the marvel of the age.

Places at Friends events can be booked via an email to friendsofmbnd@gmail.com or by placing your name and Friends membership number on the attendee list held at the reception desk of the museum, or by phoning 01271 346747.