



Tuesday 23 April at 2.30 pm
“Beatrice Chase, My Lady of the Moor”
Talk by Simon Dell
Ashburton Town Hall



The year 2024 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Olive Katherine Parr or more commonly called Beatrice Chase and this talk explores the life and works of this complicated yet interesting character who spent most of her life living at Venton near Widecombe. This talk will explore who she was, her works of literature and the aura that she created which perhaps disguised her real self. This year also marks the 110th anniversary of the publication of her first Dartmoor Novel “The Heart of the Moor”.

Few people in 2024 might have read her books – written in the language of her day between the war years in the early part of the twentieth century. Accused of being ‘over-flowery’ and too lush and romantic she courted fame and notoriety in her day. Indeed, had she died at the height of her popularity her passing would have been mourned nationally; but at the time of her death in 1955, just a few days before her 81st birthday, she has become an embittered and tragic figure.



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