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**22<sup>nd</sup> February Ken Basterfield of Blackbury Honey Farm** who will talk about bees and beekeeping Ken will talk about Blackbury Farm in Colyton, East Devon which was established in 2010 by Ken, Maureen, and Daniel Basterfield and has 120 hives. He will talk about the running of his farm, beekeeping and the life of the honey bee. Ken was first introduced to bees at 6 years old and began beekeeping in 1971. He now runs bee-keeping courses around the UK.

**Judith Norman** - After Ken Basterfield Judith will talk about Asian Hornets. You may have heard about the invasive Asian Hornets that have arrived in the UK. There have been two nests in Plymouth. They eat our local pollinators in huge quantities so the public need to be looking out for them to report any that are seen. As beekeepers we are volunteering to help with publicity and checking the ID of any reports for DEFRA.

**28<sup>th</sup> March John Ellis from the Stover Canal Trust** will talk about the history, construction and operation of the Stover Canal.

**25<sup>th</sup> April Caz Donovan** – *the relationship between the landscape, plants and geology*. - The link between wild plants and the shape of the landscape is determined by the underlying geology. Find out about why the land is the shape it is, the different plants that grow in different places and how this is all linked to the geological history of the UK.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May Mike Langham** – A fun interactive illustrated talk on how to identify birds. Mike Langman (former RSPB and Devon County Bird Recorder) takes you through various techniques to improve your bird identification skills.

**27<sup>th</sup> June Dr Sue Andrew** will talk about the 3 Hares motif which is found in many Dartmoor churches as well as many other places. She will talk about the history of the 3 Hares.

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**26<sup>th</sup> September Paul Hawthorne** will talk about Isaac Singer of the Singer Sewing machine and his connection to Paignton and Oldham House.

**24<sup>th</sup> October – Mary Smith** tells us the story of school life during WW2. Mary came across paintings in the school where she was headteacher which documented the life of the children during the war including air-raids and underground lessons in shelter. Her talk is based on these paintings.

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