



20th Exmoor Archaeology Forum

RECLAIMING EXMOOR

insights into a bold

19th century endeavour

**Saturday 15th October 10.30-16.30**

**Brushford Parish Hall, TA22 9AH**



**Prior booking is essential, see overleaf for details**

**The Knight family's transformation of Exmoor leaves a profound legacy in the National Park today, and this year's forum explores that legacy with a wealth of new research and insights.**

The Royal Forest of Exmoor was sold to John Knight in 1818, who set about implementing his vision to transform the landscape from moor to a productive estate with a mansion and designed landscape at its heart. His son adapted and developed the estate in new directions. 'Reclaiming Exmoor' a 2-year Leverhulme funded project run from the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth explores this bold venture and its social and ecological consequences, combining expertise in palaeoecology, environmental archaeology and history.

A project by U3A Minehead transcribing the documents and further research into the Knight family, their buildings and landscape undertaken by ENPA and the South West Peatlands Partnership will also be presented.



Speakers include the 'Reclaiming Exmoor' project team: **Professor Ralph Fyfe** and **Dr Francis Rowney** (University of Plymouth), **Professor Henry French** and **Dr Leonard Baker** (University of Exeter) as well as the Minehead U3A and members of staff from ENPA including **Thomas Thurlow** and **Rob Wilson-North**.

To book online: search "archaeology forum" on the Exmoor National Park website and click through to our Constant Contact page to register, or fill in the form below.

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I wish to book \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) at £20 each (lunch included)

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nb. The programme may be subject to change.

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Exmoor House, Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9HL (Tel 01398 322289)

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