

NEWTON ST CYRES HISTORY GROUP



Our first meeting of 2011 was on Thursday January 20th when Jacqueline Coombes, an experienced Red Coat Guide, talked to us about the Exeter City Wall. She took us from the original Roman Camp – a classic lay out – through to the present alterations for roads and developments. Repairs from Saxon times, alterations and additions throughout the Middle Ages, and the expansion of the city in Georgian and Victorian periods were all discussed and described, so that we could build up a picture of the changes of use caused by the different necessities of the times. There had even been a bakery in one section of the wall. Her talk was well illustrated with slides so that we all could recognise the sections under discussion: it was interesting to see how stretches of the wall no longer in existence have been marked out at ground level, and also to see pictures of the now demolished gates. There was plenty of opportunity for questions and comments and I certainly now want to do the walk to see the walls at first hand. The evening was much appreciated by a good audience.

Next Meeting

Thursday 17th March 2011 John Heal will be speaking on
ASPECTS OF VICTORIAN CREDITON

The meeting will be held in the Village Hall club room and will
start at 7.30pm. £1.50 to include tea and biscuit.