

On Saturday, 28 April 2018 the Devon & Cornwall Record Society will honour the archival work of Mrs Christine Edwards, former Cornwall County Archivist.

This is the third in a series of events entitled [DESERT ISLAND DOCUMENTS](#). Dr Oliver Padel will spend an hour in informal discussion with Mrs Edwards discussing her work with Cornwall's extraordinary collection of records. It will be held at the Cornwall Record Office in Truro. The first person to be honoured was Mrs Margery Rowe, former Devon County Archivist, in 2017, and the second was Dr Tom Greeves, the foremost authority on Dartmoor.

This will be the first such event to be held in Cornwall.

Dr Padel said "I greatly look forward to hearing Christine Edwards talk about her distinguished career in public service and discussing her choice of documents with her".

Mrs Edwards said "It's been a privilege and a pleasure to work as an archivist in my own home county, and I only hope that I've encouraged others to enjoy documents as much as I have".

Mrs Edwards served as Cornwall County Archivist from 1986 to 2000.

The chairman of the society, Dr Todd Gray, said 'This year we are honouring the work of two people who have made significant contributions to the study of Devon & Cornwall. Our society was formed to promote the use of original records and Mrs Edwards was chosen because of her long and distinguished career caring for Cornwall's tremendous collection of documents. The South West is fortunate in having individuals who have dedicated their lives to the study of our past'.

The Devon & Cornwall Record Society (established in 1904) publishes editions of original material and has produced some of the leading texts for the study of Cornish history including Richard Carew's *The Survey of Cornwall*, *The Letter Book of Richard Hill* and *The Cornish Lands of the Arundells of Lanherne, fourteenth to sixteenth centuries*.

The event will take place at the Cornwall Record Office at 2pm on 28 April 2018.

In order to book send (by 14 April) a cheque for £6 (£5 members) to *DEVON & CORNWALL RECORD SOCIETY* and send to *The Cottage in The Hayes, Cheriton Fitzpaine, EX17 4JG*