

## **Eden Phillpotts –**

Peter Wingfield-Digby spoke about the life and works of Eden Phillpotts. Eden was born in India. His father Henry – who was a nephew of the famous Bishop of Exeter Henry Phillpotts - was in the Bengal Infantry, but died when Eden was only 3. His mother came back to England, and the three boys went to Mannamead School, now part of Plymouth College. Eden worked in an insurance office in London for ten years before becoming a full-time writer and moving to Torquay. He lived there for 30 years, and then moved to Broadclyst, where he lived another 30 years.

Eden was a prolific and (at the time) popular author over seven decades, with some 250 publications to his name: novels, non-fiction, plays and poetry. He is best known for his 18 novels about Dartmoor, each one centred on a particular village.

### **Bibliography:**

The Librarian has a complete list of his publications, with an indication of where in Exeter each publication can be found; the DEI itself has 93 of his publications.

Other publications worth consulting:

Waveney Girvan (Ed.), *Eden Phillpotts: An Assessment and Tribute*, Hutchinson, 1953

Kenneth Day, *Eden Phillpotts on Dartmoor*, David & Charles, 1981

Adelaide Ross (his daughter), *Reverie: An Autobiography*, Robert Hale, 1981

*Dartmoor Magazine* (in purple binders upstairs at the far end of the inner library) did a long run of articles covering all the novels in the Dartmoor Cycle – ask the Librarian for the Index.

James Dayananda, *Eden Phillpotts – Selected Letters*, Rowman & Littlefield, 1984 (there is a copy in the Old Library at the University)