

Table: Combe Martin Historical Themes and Events

Theme / Category	Event / Detail	Date / Period	Source / Citation	Educational Notes	Archival Tags
Mining & Geology	Silver mining under Edward I; declined by 1870s	13th-19th century	Magna Britannia (1822)	Royal chartered mines; economic significance	Medieval Mining, Royal Economy
Maritime & Trade	Schooners built by Dovell & Partridge on River Uمبر	1837-1843	Industrial History	Steam saw mills; tidal launch techniques	Maritime Industry, Industrial Revolution
Folklore & Festivals	Earl of Rone Festival; Guinness world record street party	Annual (May); June 2002	Festival Overview	Unique to Combe Martin; boosts tourism and heritage pride	Folklore, Tourism, Cultural Heritage
Architecture	Church of St Peter ad Vincula; Pack o' Cards Inn	13 th century; c.1690	Architectural Heritage	Grade II* listed; Ley family legacy	Religious Heritage, Listed Sites
Agriculture	Strawberry exports to Wales; jam production	WWI-1960s	Agricultural Heritage	Loamy soil; Clyde Puffer transport	Horticulture, WWI Era, Local Economy
Cultural Figures	Marie Corelli, Terry-Thomas, J.M.W. Turner	19th-20th century	Famous People	Literary and artistic heritage; local burial sites	Biography, Arts, Literary Heritage
Literary Legacy	Lorna Doone, The Mighty Atom	1869-1930s	Literary Heritage	Fictional settings rooted in real geography	Literature, Cultural Geography

Prehistory Saxons & Vikings	Roman mining; Battle of Cynwit	AD 50-878	Anglo-Saxon History	Strategic defence; Viking raids; Roman silver extraction	Roman Britain, Viking Raids, Military History
Museum & Outreach	Combe Martin Museum and Information Point	Present	Museum Overview	Accessible exhibits; supports safeguarding and outreach	Museum, Outreach, Safeguarding
Industrial Transition	Shift from mining to horticulture and tourism	1880s onward	Economic History	Post-mining resilience; tourism & hospitality.	Economic Change, Local Industry
Smuggling History	Local illicit trade during the 'Golden Age of Smuggling'	18th-19th century	Smuggling History	Coastal geography enabled contraband routes	Maritime Crime, Customs History
Educational Infrastructure	Ley Free School and Ley Charity	1700s-present	Pack o' Cards Inn History	Squire George Ley's legacy; community education	Education, Philanthropy, Local Governance
Geological Significance	Devonian-period formations; silver-lead, copper, iron, zinc	419-359 million years ago	Geology Section	SSSI designation; shaped industrial history	Geology, Mining, Scientific Interest
Great Exhibition	Combe Martin silver showcased by Ellis & Son	1851	Silver Legacy	Jewel-casket and knitting basket in silver	Decorative Arts, Industrial Exhibition
Manor System Decline	Manor sold by Sir John Pollard to tenants	16th century	Feudal History	End of feudal lordship; rise of individual ownership	Feudalism, Land Reform, Tudor England



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