

**Deborah Griffiths**

**Agatha Christie at the Moorlands Hotel.**

Right on the edge of the moor there's this large hotel called the Moorlands Hotel which is next to the Information Centre, and back in 1916, Agatha Christie the novelist came here and she spent three weeks at the hotel during the course of which she wrote her first detective novel which was called the *Mysterious Affair at Styles*, and apparently she spent many of those days out on Haytor Down muttering to herself and working out the plot of the book, so Dartmoor was an inspiration, perhaps, for her first novel.