

## **COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - JULY 2016**

### **1. Farewell and a big thank you to Colin Haynes**

Colyton Parish History Society would like to say a big thank you and fond farewell to Colin Haynes who, with his wife Jane, will shortly be leaving Colyton. Colin was a founding member of the History Society and has played a very active role in its development over the years.

Colin has at different times served as an active member of the Society's Steering Committee, organised a number of highly successful activities involving local school children, helped plan and publicise the very popular local Town walks and advised on setting up the Heritage Centre. He has written several books on local issues especially the Monmouth Rebellion and has also deposited with the Heritage Centre his research work on the History of Folletts, the Lost Pubs and Inns of Colyton and numerous other files of work for us to use for future research projects.

For a number of years he ran Haynes Hardware in the town centre.

### **2. Local Metal Detector**

Local metal detector Peter Vernon has unearthed a number of significant historical finds in the Parish of Colyton which he has kindly shared with CPHS and exhibited in the Heritage Centre during the previous season. Ranging from everyday items to jewellery and gold coins, these finds are helping to build a picture of life within the Parish over the centuries.

If you would be interested in having your land examined, then Peter would be happy to talk to you - who knows, you may even discover an old coin! Peter also offers a free recovery service for lost jewellery and farm machine parts. Peter's phone number is 01297 551004.

### **3. Colyton Parish History Project - Steering Group Meeting**

The Parish History Project Steering Group met with academic adviser Dr Todd Gray and consultants Freeline on 4 July to plan the next phase of

the Project. It was agreed that the research team should be asked to hand in their researches at the beginning of August so that the work of transferring their findings into a format suitable for displaying on the new interactive screen we are going to have in the Heritage Centre can begin. Planning for phase 2 of the Project - the digitization and transcription of the Feoffees documents is already underway.

**Wanted Urgently:** We urgently need to find volunteers with IT skills who can help us establish databases of digitized material. Also anyone with experience of transcribing old documents. If anyone has the necessary skills and experience or knows someone who might be interested in helping with this exciting project please ask them to contact me on sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk /01297 553148.

#### 4. Future CPHS Meetings

- The next History Society meeting will be on Wednesday **28 September 2016 at 7.30 pm** at Colyton Town Hall when East Devon Metal Detecting Club will give a presentation on *Metal Detecting and the Portable Antiquities Scheme*.
- Wednesday **26 October 2016 at 7.30 pm** in Colyford Memorial Hall, Roger Hill will speak on *The River Axe Salmon Trap*.
- Wednesday **23 November 2016 at 7.30 pm** in Colyton Town Hall, Amyas Crump will speak about *East Devon Railways*.

#### Other Organisations' Events



#### 5. Nominate King John's Oak as Tree of the Year

The Legacy to Landscape project is inviting nominations of the King John's Oak in Woodend Park, Shute to the Woodland Trust 'Tree of the Year' competition. Nominations must be made by 29 July. The 800 year old mighty oak in Woodend deer park has stood watching over the tranquil pastoral landscape of Shute estate for over 8 centuries whilst witnessing many events from medieval royal hunting to the invading

Spanish Armada, and the building of nearby railways. Still alive, its low long branches support a wealth of wildlife including countless invertebrates, rare fungi and lichens. George Ashe (1879-1961) who retired to Colyton recorded many rare beetles in Woodend Park from 1939-58.

For more details about the competition and to nominate King Johns Oak, log on to [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/tree-of-the-year/](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/tree-of-the-year/). The landowner gives full permission for the nomination. Grid reference SY 24060 97381. Umborne village website has an excellent account of this ancient resident in our local landscape.

[www.umborne.org/2011/07/king-johns-oak/](http://www.umborne.org/2011/07/king-johns-oak/)

## **6. Legacy to Landscape - programme of events, July and August**

**Wednesday 20 July, 2pm, summer at Shute.** A leisurely amble at the Shute estate to enjoy the sights and sounds of summer with stunning views over the parkland. Meet Haddon Corner, Shute.

**Wednesday 27 July, 8pm to late, Wild about Moths, Bolshayne Farm.** Celebrate National Moth week and get close up to these amazing but much misunderstood cousins of the butterflies. Booking essential. Details below.

**Sunday 31 July, 2pm – 4pm, Help King Johns Oak,** Lend a hand clearing overgrowing vegetation around this ancient and very impressive veteran oak of over 800 years old. Booking essential. Details below.

**Wednesday 3 August, 2pm - 4pm, Heath Lobelia, ‘The Flower of the Axe’ ‘The Great Plant Hunt’ event,** provides a great opportunity to see an extremely rare plant that was first discovered growing in this country near Shute. Join the Species Recovery Trust in search of the Heath Lobelia (*Lobelia urens*). Booking essential, Details below.

For full events programme and bookings: Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Coordinator: [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com); or ring 01404 310012 [www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk](http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk)

If you would like to get involved in the Legacy to Landscape project, please contact: Pete Youngman, 01404 310012, [pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk](mailto:pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk);

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