

## COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 20 June 2018

Hope you are enjoying the glorious summer sunshine.

After the uniquely positive and humorous national and international coverage of the great Colyton Laundry Rebellion [www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/it-s-the-laundry-revolution-residents-support-colyton-mum-who-was-criticised-for-drying-washing-outside-1-5553455](http://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/it-s-the-laundry-revolution-residents-support-colyton-mum-who-was-criticised-for-drying-washing-outside-1-5553455) – which is daily attracting new visitors to the Heritage Centre and so maintaining the historic traditions of this most rebellious of Devon towns – there are a number of more peaceful events to enjoy in the coming month.

These include walks and exhibitions to visit, commemorating events such as the fiftieth anniversary of the terrible flooding across East Devon which occurred on 10 July 1968.

Colyton is also looking for a new Town Crier and the History Society needs a new secretary.

Sarah Charman, **Editor**

### a) News - Town Crier wanted

## Oyez! Oyez! Town Crier wanted!

Colyton needs a new Town Crier. After 15 years sterling service Derek Wenn has decided it is time to hang up his robes and retire. We wish him well.

Are you friendly and outgoing with a loud voice and dramatic flair? If you fancy taking on the mantle of this culturally important, colourful and historic voluntary role in the life of our community please send a cv and a letter - briefly setting out why you

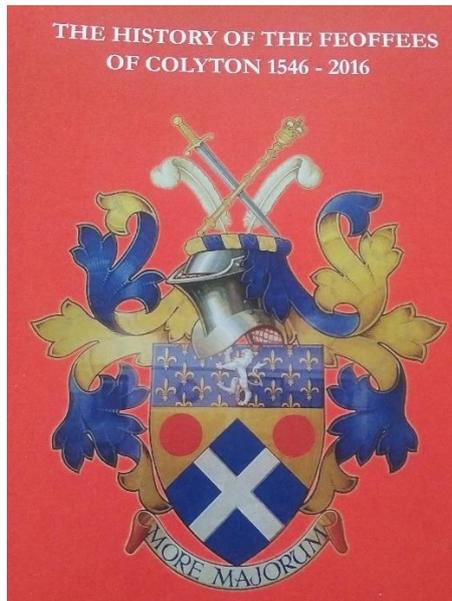


think you are suited to the role - to the Bailiff, Colyton Chamber of Feoffees, Town Hall, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JR or by email to

[sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk)

The closing date for applications is **Friday 20 July**. Selected applicants will be invited to a 'shout out' at the beginning of August. Date to be confirmed.

**b) *The History of the Feoffees of Colyton 1546-2016***



Copies of the new edition of *the History of the Feoffees of Colyton 1546-2016* are now available for sale in the Heritage Centre and local shops at £5.50 a copy. The book includes a new section written by Feoffee Colin Pady - updating the original work by Reginald White which was first published in 1951 - to cover the activities of the Chamber of Feoffees during the seventy year period 1946-2016.



Colin Pady signing copies of the new book during the Heraldic Market in the Town Hall on 30 May

**1. Forthcoming Events**

**a) CPHS Programme of Meetings for 2018**

The next meetings of the History Society are in the autumn, beginning with a presentation by renowned local historian Dr Todd Gray on 19 September who will be speaking about the devastating fire at the Royal Clarence Hotel in Exeter.

- Wednesday 19 September - **Royal Clarence Hotel Fire** by Dr Todd Gray – at Colyford Memorial Hall
- Wednesday, 17 October – **Taking Some of Your Own Medicine** by Jon Pratt and Kevin Budden – at Colyton Town Hall
- Wednesday, 21 November – **Devon’s Orchards: A Hidden History** - by Michael Gee – at Colyford Memorial Hall.

## 2. Other CPHS/Heritage Centre matters

### i) CPHS requires a new secretary

Our current secretary Sue Wooding has kindly agreed to take up the role of CPHS Treasurer following Roger Hutton’s untimely passing. This means we are now looking for a new Secretary to join the Society’s Management Board. We are a friendly bunch – there is much merriment during discussions at our meetings which are held monthly during the afternoon. If you have a couple of hours to spare each month and would like to get involved in steering our dynamic History Society please do get in touch with Jacquie McCullogh tel no 01297 552626 or me - Sarah Charman 01297 553148.

### ii) GDPR

A note will be circulated shortly to all members of the Society and to our various groups of volunteers asking for your agreement to your personal contact details being stored and shared both for the purpose of Gift Aid (for members) and so volunteers can contact each other to discuss the duty rota in the Heritage Centre. **Please do make sure you read and return this form when you receive it.**

### iii) Annual Membership Fees are due

If you haven’t yet paid your 2018 CPHS membership fees you may find it easier to set up a standing order (£8 per couple or £5 per individual) the CPHS bank account details are: Lloyds Bank - sort code 30-90-37 account 00992240. Our Charity Commission Registered Charity Number is 1167230.

## 3. Other Organisations' Events

### i) Legacy to Landscape Project News - Events for July 2018:

#### a) Colyton Canal Walk: Saturday 30 June, 1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Led by Ken Clifford who made this amazing discovery – the Colyton canal that was in fact never built. Before we start a walk to trace the proposed

route locally, we will look at old maps at Colyton Church Rooms, churchyard opposite entrance side of St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JS, Grid Reference 246 941. People are welcome to attend just for the talk if they do not wish to undertake the walk. This is a linear walk of about 3 miles with rough terrain in places and stiles. We need to organise cars at both ends of walk - Colyton and Seaton Junction.

**Booking essential**

**b) Landscape Detectives, Umborne Tuesday: 17 July, 10.30am – 3.30pm**

With historian Chris Wakefield, discover and unravel clues and historical features of the area to reveal the landscape of yesteryear in the Umborne valley. Talk, and workshop followed by landscape walk. Bring lunch. No booking required. Free event. Umborne Village Hall, Umborne, near Shute, Axminster EX13 7QL Grid Reference 236 968  
tel no 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

**c) Ancient Oaks and Alder Clogs- a virtual 'walk' talk, Seaton Jurassic café: Wednesday 18 July, 2pm – 3pm**

Take a virtual stroll through a timeless landscape with Ruth Worsley, Project Officer for the Legacy to Landscape project, to hear the hidden history and see the glorious wildlife of the historic Shute estate from the comfort of the café. No booking required. Free event. For further information tel no 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

**d) Help King John's Oak, Shute: Sunday 22 July, 10am – 12pm**

A great chance to meet and also lend a hand freeing this magnificent 800 year old ancient tree from surrounding competing growth, helping it to continue to thrive in the medieval Woodend Deer Park at Shute. Gloves, tools and hot drink provided. Task led by Jill Butler, Ancient Tree expert from the Woodland Trust. Booking essential. Tel no 01404 310012, [pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk](mailto:pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk). Location map sent on booking

**Turning the wheels of history, Colyton: Thursday 26 July , 2pm –**

**3.30pm** A talk and tour to discover and learn more about this traditional rural craft and expert skill with Greg Rowland of Mike Rowland and Son, Wheelwrights By Appointment To Her Majesty The Queen. They craft high quality wooden wheels and horse drawn carriages. Rowlands will not be charging but welcome donations to the Devon Air Ambulance. No booking required. No 1 Wheelers Yard, Road Green, Colyton, EX24 6DT Grid Reference 246 941. For further information tel no 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

**Mighty Oak Mobiles art workshop, Seaton Jurassic café Tuesday 31 July 10.00am – 11.45 am**

Make mobiles using natural materials from the landscape to celebrate the nearby Shute medieval deer park which is ruled by a tree super hero, King John, 900 year old oak tree with artist Ruth Worsley, from the Legacy to Landscape Shute Estate project. Free family workshop. No booking required. Free drop in workshop. 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Co-ordinator, 01297 489741  
mob: 07765126565. Full events programme or further information about the project: [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com); 01404 310012 or [www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape](http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape)

## 2. Other organisations events

**50th Anniversary of the Devastating Floods in East Devon. Exhibition\_7 - 8 July 2018** at Kennaway House, Sidmouth, EX10 8NG. Open times are from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm.

10 July 2018 will be the 50th anniversary of one of the worst natural disasters to strike East Devon. The occasion was a major summer storm which affected a large part of East Devon, creating one of the worst flooding events the area has witnessed. The Environment Agency, together with Sid Vale Association, are commemorating the awful floods of July 1968. They are holding a free exhibition of historic flood photographs and maps.



The picture is of the cottage after the 1968 flood. It was demolished and the gardens created in its place.

Chris Khan, Flood Risk Officer at the Environment Agency said “This is one of the biggest floods we have recorded in Devon. Many communities that we work with, were affected.

“We would like as many people to come along and see the free exhibition whether they are a local resident or on holiday. We know there are individuals and communities who may have photographs. We would love them to come and share any memories and photographs they may have”.

The impacts were immense including the loss of main A30 bridge at Fenny Bridge as well as bridges at Tipton St John and Upottery being affected.

Sidmouth, Colyton, Honiton, Newton Poppleford, East Budleigh and Ottery St Mary all had significant flood damage. The Otterhead reservoir was also washed away. Unfortunately a number of people lost their lives.