

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2016

1. Successful Heraldic Market launches annual banner display



A view from the Town Hall stage out across the Heraldic Market with the Feoffees original 1546 Charter on vellum from King Henry VIII and fragments of His official Seal, from the Chamber's collection, on display in the foreground.

The highly successful Heraldic Market organised by the Promote Colyton Group at the Town Hall on 1 June, marked the launch of an annual display of heraldic banners around the town.

The colourful hand painted banners depict the coats of arms of those families associated with Colyton's historic past and will be on display until mid September when they will be taken down and stored for the winter. It is hoped to produce more banners over the winter to expand the display for summer 2017.

Colyton's Town Crier assembled townsfolk for the official opening by Feoffee Colin Pady. The Town Hall was also decorated with banners, a display of Elizabethan costumes from Colyton Theatre Group and featured craft and food stalls. An exhibition on the stage of rare and historic artefacts and records to commemorate the foundation of the Chamber of Feoffees in 1546 - a celebration of 470 years of unbroken service to the community - attracted a continuing stream of interested visitors.

A booklet about the heraldic banners is available for sale from the Heritage Centre and The Little Shop.

2. Record numbers visit Heritage Centre

686 visitors have come to see the Heritage Centre since we opened this season - which is getting on for 50% up on the numbers who came in the same period last year.

3. Colyton Parish History Project - Research Group Meeting

The Research Group had a very successful and lively meeting yesterday with the Project's academic adviser Dr Todd Gray and consultants Freeline to review how members' research has been progressing, provide advice and guidance and to discuss any problems or issues individuals have encountered. Freeline consultant Chris said he was "very impressed" by the amount of material which research team members had already produced.

Training will begin next week on the HLF funded digitizer in preparation for starting work on preserving the Chamber of Feoffees historic records.

Wanted Urgently: We urgently need to find a volunteer who can help us set up a system for cataloguing the individual documents and photographs which are to be digitized. If anyone has the necessary skills and experience or knows someone like a retired librarian who might be interested in helping with this exciting project please ask them to contact me on sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk/01297 553148.

CPHS Events

4. Coach Trip to Antony House

CPHS are organising a delightful day out to Antony House, a National Trust run property, on Wednesday, 27th July. Space is limited to 36 seats and interest is expected to be high so sign up early to avoid disappointment! Coach travel will be £15.00 per person and people who are members of the NT can obviously use their membership tickets to gain entry to the property. For non NT members tickets may be purchased on arrival. For further details see: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/antony

Antony House is still the family home of the Carew Poles who are closely linked to the historic Shute Estate near Colyton. Antony is a beautiful C18th house with a fine collection of paintings, furniture & textiles. The landscape gardens offer sweeping views to the River Lynher and include a formal garden with topiary, knot garden and sculptures.

The coach will depart Colyton at 8.30am with a pick up at Colyford at 8.45am. The trip will go via Tor Point Ferry, with a short coffee stop at Buckfast Abbey, continuing on to Antony House in time for lunch.

After a brief introduction by Antony House volunteers, groups will be free to visit the house and the Head Gardener will also be available to conduct a tour round the garden. Maureen Turner, who has written a paper on Shute House and the Pole family, will accompany us on the trip. Antony is a National Trust run property. There is a tea room/cafe on site and picnic areas. Further details available at: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/antony

Download a Booking Form or pick one up from the Colyton Heritage Centre, Market Place, Colyton. Enquiries to Jacquie McCulloch at email: jacqueline.mcculloch@btinternet.com Or tel no: 01297 552626

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Booking Form

Trip to **Antony House** (via Tor Point Ferry)

Date: Wednesday, 27th July 2016

Cost: £15.00 per person, coach only

National Trust Property, see website (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/antony) for admission details and prices

Name

Address

Tel No

Please reserve me tickets (max 2 per booking)

Enclose cheque for £ which should be made payable to: **Colyton Parish History Society**

Pick-up Point ___ Colyton Lloyds Bank 8.30am

(please indicate) ___ Colyford Memorial Hall 8.45am

Please take completed Booking Form to: Colyton Heritage Centre, Market Place, Colyton.

5. **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*.

Other CPHS Issues

6. **Still Wanted - Help with Research Project into child evacuees who attended Colyton Schools**

Penny Gall who is researching Colyton schools for the Parish history project is seeking photos or information particularly about World War II child evacuees. She is seeking to expand on the details available in *Colyton at War* by Geoff Elliott. Penny would like to clarify that she is seeking information about St Jude's School from Southwark which was based in the Town Hall. Individual children were also sent here and a children's home from Exeter lived for a time at Ruffold House. Where were they at school? Does anyone know of any photos of these children? If you, or anyone you know, has any information

about the evacuees' school experience in Colyton please get in touch with Penny. Her email address is: penny.gall@btinternet.com

7. Annual CPHS Membership Fees

- If any of you haven't paid your membership fees for 2016 yet please remember to bring them to the next meeting. Subscription rates are unchanged at £5 single or £8 per couple and can be paid at the next meeting or posted to the Membership Secretary: Glennis Ashbolt at Tritchayne, Colyton, Devon EX24 6SP.

Sarah Charman

Editor

Other Organisations' Events

8. Devonshire Association's President's Symposium, 1 October 2016

Interested in attending a workshop with leading Devon historians, hosted by Dr Todd Gray, President of the Devonshire Association? See flyer below for details and book early to avoid disappointment.

The Devonshire Association's PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM 2016



Historians, their Manuscripts, and the Creation of History

10am (registration) - 4.30pm, Saturday 1 October 2016
Petroc College, Mid Devon Campus, Bolham Road, Tiverton EX16 6SH

The Association's President **Dr Todd Gray MBE**
invites you to his **Presidential Symposium**.

Five eminent specialists reveal what can be learned from Devon's rich archival collections. They will also explore those tantalising facets of the past not disclosed by documentary evidence and the papers will provide a fascinating insight into how historians construct history. Carlyle thought history was a great dust heap and Voltaire dismissed historians as merely teasing the dead, but it was Elton who wrote 'the future is dark, the present burdensome. Only the past, dead and buried, bears contemplation'. Each paper will show how creativity, ingenuity and skill are needed to decipher historical evidence and transform mere facts into considered and illuminating history.



Todd Gray is a historian who has devoted his working life to studying Devon's past. He has written or edited more than 40 books on the county and has lectured in all of its towns and in nearly every one of its villages. He has become the most visible historian of Devon since the great W. G. Hoskins.

Tickets, at £22, include coffee, buffet lunch and afternoon tea.
NONMEMBERS are welcome
Free parking. Travel instructions with booking acknowledgment.



Provisional Programme

Welcome
Dr Todd Gray

The collecting of Devon's manuscripts, 1555-2016
Dr Todd Gray (University of Exeter)



Devon place-names: where could we go from here?
Dr Oliver Padel (English Place-Name Society)

1086 and all that: the Exeter Domesday Project Prof. Julia Crick (King's College, University of London)

Kill all the Gentlemen?: (Mis)representing the Western rebels of 1549
Prof. Mark Stoyle (University of Southampton)

The houses and household goods of Elizabethan Exeter
John Allan (Independent Archaeologist)



Archives and the Question of Gender
Prof. James Daybell (University of Plymouth)

Devon's Historians, 1555-2016
Dr Todd Gray (University of Exeter)

Panel Discussion



President's Symposium - October 1st 2016 - Tickets: £22

Name(s).....

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No of tickets required..... Remittance for £..... **+SAE**

Address.....

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Tel:..... Email.....

Vegetarian meal?.....

Please make cheque payable to The Devonshire Association and send, **together with a stamped addressed envelope**, and by September.?? to The Registrar, Uplands Business Centre, 81 Heavitree Road, Exeter EX1 2LX



9. DHC display of Somerset related Documents - 20 June

The South West Heritage Trust recently staged an exhibition of documents which relate to Somerset but which are held at the Devon Heritage Centre and other repositories in Devon. There will be a further opportunity to view the documents at the Devon Heritage Centre between 10 and 4 on Monday 20th June. The display will include a glebe terrier for the parish of Evercreech, dating from 1622, a quitclaim relating to the advowson of Bawdrip church from around 1200, a range of eighteenth and nineteenth century maps and many artists' impressions of notable buildings in the county, including Montacute House, Dunster Castle, Orchard Wyndham House and Cleeve Abbey.

10. 'Il Ritorno', St Andrew's Church, Moreton, Saturday 18 June 7:30pm

A concert featuring the international premiere of a piece of violin music inspired by Dartmoor, 'Il Ritorno', by the American composer Michael Alec Rose. It will be performed by international violinist, Peter Sheppard Skaerved, on a violin made in 1629 by Girolamo Amati. The instrument is quite a star in its own right. Girolamo was the son of the man who invented the modern violin (Andrea Amati); his son, Niccolo Amati, was the man who taught a certain Antonio Stradivari to make them. Peter is also going to play a few short virtuoso pieces from the 17th and 18th centuries: so this will be a rare chance to hear something composed in the 17th century played live on a 17th-century violin in Moreton. Tickets are £10, available through Green Hill Arts (go to <http://www.greenhillarts.co.uk/calender/> and scroll down). Proceeds go to St Andrew's Church and Green Hill Arts.

11. 'The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval Music', St Andrew's Church, Moreton, 20 July. 7:30pm

Medieval music vividly illustrates aspects of life in the Middle Ages. Featuring some of the country's leading performers on medieval and Renaissance instruments, this is one of three concerts/talks this summer, the other two are in South Tawton Church House (21 July) and Glastonbury Abbey (22 July). Tickets are £10 - payable on the door. You are advised to bring your own cushion to soften the pew seats.



12. Legacy to Landscape - programme of events in July

Saturday 2 July at 2pm. A Meadow Magic Discovery Stroll. Wildflowers which once thrived under traditional meadow management are under the spotlight on National Meadow Day which takes place on Saturday 2 July. Meadows are a rare sight now, with a dramatic 97% decline seen in the UK since the second world war. However in the project area there are still some very rich ancient meadows teeming in wildlife. A Meadow Magic Discovery Stroll takes place on Saturday 2 July in the project area at 2pm. Location of meadow given on booking. To book legacytolandscape@gmail.com, or ring East Devon AONB 01404 310012.

Wednesday 6 July, 7pm to 9pm, Medieval Landscapes of Devon Archaeologist Dr Richard Sandover takes us back in time to the Domesday Book, to look at what the historic landscape may have been like then, and offers some clues as to how we can recreate this picture ourselves, with just a few readily available sources. Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Rd, Colyford, EX24 6QJ.

Wednesday 13 July, 10.30am to 1pm, Insect Stroll, Holyford Woods A leisurely amble to find what makes the woods buzz, with local insect expert, Martin Drake. Meet Seaton Tower Layby, Seaton Down Hill.

Friday 15 July, 8.45 pm, Wild about bats, Colyton Join Fiona Mathews local bat expert for a walk around Colyton to discover the rich variety of these mysterious mammals to be found flying around the town and the countryside on its doorstep. Meet Colyton town car park.

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. legacytolandscape@gmail.com or ring 01404 310012

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. legacytolandscape@gmail.com or ring 01404 310012

For full events programme and bookings: Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Coordinator : legacytolandscape@gmail.com;
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;

Legacy to Landscape is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund with support from the East Devon AONB Partnership, Devon Wildlife Trust and the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society.

13. Public Information:

Neighbourhood Planning

Do you want to shape the future of Colyton & Colyford?

Do you want to be someone who has a say over how many new homes we need? Where new homes are built? And how they look? Or ensure there are enough new homes for local young families?

How much land will be needed for workshops /offices over the next 15 years?

Maybe you want to protect your favourite local spaces or local heritage, or protect and regenerate Colyton town centre? If so:

Get Involved. It's your future - be part of it!

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

What are the benefits?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A community led planning document- It will outline the local aspirations and shape how your area develops over the next 15 years- Produced by communities with your local parish/town council- Once adopted it holds legal weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have a say on things like new housing, open space provision and community facilities- start thinking about what makes Colyton a great place to live and work!- Fosters links within the community and gets people talking to each other- Additional investment in your
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with determining planning applications in your area

community if you complete a Neighbourhood Plan
- Once adopted it holds legal weight with determining planning applications in your area

The NP Committee needs your views, ideas and concerns to put together a questionnaire which will go to the electorate of Colyton Parish. The answers will form the basis of our Neighbourhood Plan. Please consider what is important to you and let us know, either by email - colytonpc@tiscali.co.uk or by writing to the NP Committee, Town Hall, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JR **by the end of July.**