

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 12 March 2018

Spring is coming and we are busy getting the Heritage Centre ready to open for our fifth season in two weeks' time on Monday 26 March.

Lots going on – digitising is continuing apace, plans are afoot to commemorate the end of WW1 later this year – don't forget the coffee morning on 14 April; Cathy Ilsley will be making a presentation on the history of Colyton's shops and businesses at Colyton Town Hall at 7pm on Wednesday, 21 March. Do come along early to see the accompanying display. We are still looking for a new volunteer co-ordinator.

Sarah Charman **Editor**

1. News

a) All Hallows Lace Museum, Honiton to loan lace exhibits to Colyton Heritage Centre



We are delighted to announce that All Hallows Museum in Honiton has kindly agreed to loan us some historic pieces of lace from their nationally important collection for display here in Colyton Heritage Centre throughout the 2018 season. Two ladies, Rosemary Connett and Valerie Foss from the Museum, visited the Heritage Centre this morning to measure up the cabinet which will be used to display the precious pieces of hand made Honiton lace. Do take the opportunity to come and see them.

b) Colyton Remembers Event – coffee morning 14 April

WORLD WAR 1

Colyton Remembers

Colyton Parish History Society

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 14th April 10.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday School, St Andrews Church

An opportunity to share your family WWI memorabilia and help build a commemorative archive for the Parish of Colyton.

The Royal British Legion WW1 Commemorative Book will be available to view.

All are welcome, please drop in for a cup of coffee and chat with our researchers.

For more information please contact Colyton Parish History Society

Jacquie McCullough tel: 552626, or Sue Wooding email suew@thewoodings.com



c) Volunteer Co-ordinator Vacancy

We are still desperately looking for someone to take over from Jas Little as volunteer coordinator. If you do have a little time to spare, are friendly and outgoing and like working with people and are well organised please do get in touch with Jacquie McCulloch (01297 552626 jacqueline.mcculloch@btinternet.com), or me - Sarah Charman (01297 553148 sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk) Training and support are available.

d) 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) then CPHS bank account details are: Lloyds Bank - sort code 30-90-37 account 00992240. If you wish to do this then please notify Roger Hutton: roger.hutton1@btopenworld.com Our Charity Commission Registered Charity Number is 1167230.

2. Forthcoming Events

a) CPHS Programme of Meetings for 2018

- Wednesday, 21 March - **Exploring the History of Colyton's Shops and Businesses** - Exhibition 7.00pm. Talk at 7.30pm by Cathy Ilsley - at Colyton Town Hall
- Wednesday, 18 April - **Chard and its Victorian People** by Vince Lean - at Colyford Memorial Hall
- 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

b) Other Organisations' Events

- i)  **Legacy to Landscape Project News - Events March, April 2018:**

Tithe Maps and East Devon - Tuesday 20 March, 2pm – 4.30pm

Dr Richard Oliver, Honorary Research Fellow in the History of Cartography at the University of Exeter, will speak on what tithe maps are, and how they can be used in the reconstruction of past landscapes. The presentation will include specimens of several East Devon tithe maps, and will particularly focus on the map for the Parish of Colyford. Free event. No booking required. Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road (A3052), EX24 6QJ.

The Making of the Landscape, Musbury Castle Hill Fort - Sunday 25 March, 2pm - 4pm.

Guided walk with geologist, Richard Edmonds, to see how the rocks, geology and structure beneath our feet, millions of year ago, has made the 'Legacy Landscape' we enjoy today. Steep climb in places and be prepared for mud! Bring binoculars. Free event. No booking required. Park/Meet Musbury Village Hall car park. EX13 8AJ (GR 273946).

Discover Seaton Down Hillfort - Thursday 12 April, 2pm – 4pm

Bill Horner, County Archaeologist will reveal more about this little known Iron Age Hillfort. (Access by kind permission of landowner) Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down road, EX12 2TH (GR 233 913)

Discovery Strolls

Local groups, schools and young people's groups are invited to get involved. We are offering free 'Discovery Strolls', a chance to get out and explore the landscape, enjoy the views, and see wonderful wildlife using easily accessible routes, walking at a relaxed and leisurely pace. Walks can last about an hour or so, to suit group needs, and are on fairly level ground.

For schools we offer a range of hands on, fun and educational activities at many of the sites in the project area. The programme includes: stream survey in the River Coly or Umborne, seasonal safaris in the medieval deer park at Shute, meadow bug hunts in rare traditional hay meadows, environmental art and autumnal seed gathering in Enna, Holyford or Shute Woods. Contact Ruth

Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Co-ordinator,
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King John's Oak Timeline Cards – 'Counting the Rings of History' activity

An exciting and useful resource for schools, young people's groups and families to use when exploring the landscape. A pack of cards with a difference, helps bring history to life, by illustrating and describing significant events which may have been seen by King John's Oak over the past nine centuries it has been reigning over the historic Shute estate landscape. Instructions on how to use the pack are included. Available from the website as a downloadable pdf. This activity will have its first use, by students from Shute Primary School at the end of March on their spring visit to the medieval deer park. Free packs are available to school and young people's groups. A short movie explain the pack: <https://youtu.be/d4CQOmcphX8>.

Unearthing the Hidden History project – charting the history of the landscape

CALLING PALEOGRAPHERS – the project is delighted to have had access to scan some of the Pole archive relating the Shute Estate, which is kept at Anthony House in Cornwall. Also copying of manuscripts has taken place at the Devon Records Office. Please we are looking volunteers who could help transcribe some of these historic documents which date from 16th to 18th centuries.

Also help is needed with capturing any relevant landscape information from a number of literature sources. Please if you would like to help, contact Ruth or Pete

For further information on any of the above, please contact, Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Co-ordinator, 01297 489741, or 077 65126565 email: legacytolandscape@gmail.com; or www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk;

ii) The Devonshire Association

The Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch have their AGM on Wednesday 21.March at 2:00 pm followed at 2:30pm by an illustrated talk by Peter Beacham; "Buckfast Abbey: History, Art and Architecture". At the Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road, Colyton EX24 5PU. Entrance donation £1.00 for DA

members and £3.00 for non-members. Contact: Brian Denham 01297551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net

Peter is Chairman of the Devonshire Association and his talk is based on his book recently published to celebrate Buckfast Abbey's millennium in 2018. The book chronicles the remarkable history of this famous English abbey, today both home to a self-sufficient community of Benedictine monks and a site that welcomes some half a million visitors to south Devon each year.

- iii) **Devon History Society conference in conjunction with University of Plymouth – How the Vote was Won? Saturday 21 April 2018** –early bird discount (£10) if registered by 16 March. Rises to £12.50 thereafter.

**Devon History Society conference in conjunction with the
University of Plymouth**

***How the Vote was Won: Women's Suffrage, Devon, and the
Representation of the People Act 1918***



Saturday 21st April 2018
Sherwell Centre, University of Plymouth

*See foot of page for further information about the venue
Booking for the conference on separate form or Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk)*

- 10.00 – 10.30 Registration and Coffee. Poster Exhibition.
10.30 – 10.40 **Professor Mark Brayshay – Welcome**
10.40 – 11.15 **Paul Auchterlonie – Franchise reform 1832-1918 and its effect on Devon**
11.15 – 12.05 **Professor June Hannam – Re-thinking popular narratives of suffrage; a view from the regions**
12.05 – 13.00 **Professor Angela Smith – What difference did the war make?**
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch and Viewing of the Poster Exhibition
14.00 – 15.00 **Working to Win the Vote in Devon – Session One**
Pamela Vass Kathleeen Marie du Sautoy Newby & Anne Bail: militant activists in Ilfracombe
Michael Corry Frances Latimer & Alison Garland: early activists in Plymouth
Julia Neville Jessie Montgomery, Adelaide Baly and Mary Willcocks: learned lady activists in Exeter
15.00 – 15.15 Comfort break
15.15 – 16.00 **Working to Win the Vote in Devon – Session Two**
Marilyn Smeed Elsie Howey, WSPU organiser for Torquay and Paignton
Penny Bayer The Women of the Frood Family of Topsham
Ann Bond Dr Mabel Ramsay of Plymouth: the doctor's dilemma
Viv Styles Olive Wharry: from Holloway to Holsworthy
County roll-call of women working to win the vote in Devon
16.00 – 16.30 Questions, Reflections and Close
16.30 Conference ends

*The Sherwell Centre is Building no. 37 on the Campus Map –
see http://www6.plymouth.ac.uk/files/extranet/docs/EXAMS/3D_campus_map.pdf.
The nearest carparks are Mayflower East and Regent Street, but there is good access by public transport.
Requests for disabled parking space on campus can be made via the Booking Form.*