

We seem to be waking up to the New Year with assorted things in the planning and preparation stages but only a gentle start to the year. So, notes about some events, some appeals for help

Events

The Quiz is hosted by local Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers Bearnas Hampton & Littlewood of Exeter

<http://www.bhandl.co.uk> on Wednesday March 4 at 7pm in Colyton Town Hall. Tickets £7.50 from The Little Shop or Colyton Pharmacy or on the door. A table quiz & raffle, drinks, nibbles and prizes should give us an entertaining evening. More information from Liz Berry 01297 552460



This is not a Colyton History Society event but I thought that it may be of interest to gardeners with an interest in history. The Devon History Society in conjunction with the Devon Gardens Trust would like to invite you to this inaugural conference on March 21st at which they hope to see the formation of a Devon Garden History Forum for those interested in the history of gardens, gardeners, designers and plants in Devon. Interested? Go to www.devongardenstrust.org.uk and look at events.

Devon history regional forum - Wednesday, May 13. A reminder - this event will probably be from 10 - 3 in the Town Hall with a series of speakers with a break for lunch, possibly with town walks for visitors and a display in the Heritage Centre. This will be largely organised by Brian Carpenter from the Devon Records Office with invitations sent to other societies in the region, and the event should attract a good number of visitors to the town. The Regional Forums normally have a good selection of local history talks so I expect quite a few of you will be interested. There will be more details next month as we have a meeting with Brian next week to sort out the arrangements.



Monmouth Rebellion Day – June 13 I put a note about this into the last newsletter, and it is here again as arrangements are being firmed up by the Promote Colyton Group. We will be manning a stall outside the Heritage Centre with Colin Haynes there to sign copies of his book 'The Most Rebellious Town in Devon' which tells the story of Colyton's part in the rebellion.

Appeals for Help

Secretary (from Jasmine List) As some of you are aware I will be standing down as Secretary at the AGM in February. This is because organising the Volunteers for the Heritage Centre is fairly time consuming and, what with other commitments, I have decided something has to go! I am unhappy leaving without a replacement as it is something I have really enjoyed doing and am sure someone else would also find rewarding.

The role of secretary is not onerous, but it is possible that two people could share the role. The main committee will be slimmed down to about six people. It will involve:

- Taking minutes at the six committee meetings and the one AGM each year. The minutes are then distributed by email, to all but one committee member who has a printed copy.
- Being the contact person for general correspondence for the outside world (about 4 letters and 20 emails a year); forwarding, circulating or replying to emails as appropriate
- Writing the odd letter (only one or two a year).
- Once a year booking the halls for the regular monthly CPHS meetings.
- Organising the raffle at the monthly meetings.
- Any other ad-hoc duties the secretary volunteers for!

If you are just a little bit interested give me a ring 01297 552313

Town Walkers - Two of our current set of Town Guides are out of action due to illness, so we need some replacements. Please note that the illness is NOT due to overwork in the Town Walks! As you will see from the list of dates (see below), we plan for 24 walks plus a few specially arranged ones during the year. This entails about 6 walks per guide during the summer. We arrange for 2 guides to be available on each date but usually only one is required – working on a group size of up to 10 people. In busy periods, or for the pre-arranged walks, both are needed. Notes are provided so you do not need to remember everything. We find that most walks are very enjoyable as the ‘customers’ are very pleasant and we usually have a good discussion as well as providing an introduction to Colyton. Also, I think all of us have learnt a lot from the notes plus knowledge gained during the walks.

Please call either myself (551090) or Jane (552514) or Pam (33406) for more information and/or to volunteer.

Planned Activities for 2015

Town walks 2015

2015 dates (all Thursdays)	APRIL 2,9,16,30	MAY 7,21,28	JUNE 4,11,18,25
	JULY 2,9,16,23,30	AUGUST 6,13,20,27	SEPTEMBER 3,10,17,24

As usual, specially arranged walks for groups can be arranged at any time – call Jane 552514 or Pam 33406

Other bits

NB We are closed until the Spring. We will reopen for visitors on **Saturday, 28 March 2015**. Group visits can be arranged at any time, even during the winter months. Please contact Jasmine List on 01297 552313

Meetings/Events

Next meeting – February 2015 – Working the Branscombe Cliffs by Barbara Farquharson – preceded by the AGM – Wednesday, February 25 in Colyford Memorial Hall at 7:30

March 2015 – Green Lanes of Devon by Barbara Belsey & SINGER Jim Causley – including a singer in the evening talk is a new thing for us and should provide entertainment as well as information. Wednesday, March 25 in Colyton Town Hall at 7:30

Future Meetings – we would appreciate hearing about any subjects that members would like to see/hear about – please contact Shirley Campbell-Brown (01297 553557 or s.campbellbrown@btinternet.com) who will be glad to discuss all suggestions.

Website - www.colytonheritagecentre.org