

Book Launch – “Footprints in the Sands of Time”

Joan White came to the Heritage Centre on September 18 for the launch of her book. A good crowd of people attended and about 30 copies of her book were sold – and duly signed. **NB** – further copies have been sold since then, both in Colyton and elsewhere, and nearly all the initial printing has now been sold, so if you want a copy, then I suggest that you come and get one while we still have a few left in stock.



Joan, whose husband Roy was the leader of Colyton YMCA Youth Club, has written a history of the Youth Club and its time in George’s Meeting House. She has called the book “Footprints in the Sands of Time” and says that “The people written about in this book have all walked before us on the streets, fields and buildings of Colyton and have shaped its life and are the threads of its history”. She has generously decided that all profits will go to Colyton Parish History Society.

Heritage Lottery Fund – News

As you know, we have applied for a grant from HLF and have just heard that we will not get anything from the recent set of grants. This is obviously disappointing but HLF have expressed serious interest in our bid and have asked for clarification on certain points, with extra details to be supplied. This information has already been resubmitted and we are now hoping to be included in the next series of grants.

Oral history recording

We now have some volunteers to undertake some oral history recording – and will probably need some more (call Jas 552313 to volunteer). However, our existing recorder is an old cassette one so we are leaping into the modern world by purchasing a digital machine – which should be here in a week or so. Hopefully, this method will last for a few years – we have been through a sequence of wire recorders, reel to reel tape, cassette and now digital in my lifetime

On another note

Jackie has put together a Christmas raffle prize which will be in the Heritage Centre. The prize hamper contains many lovely items including a bottle of bubbly. Lucky Squares are available at £1 in the Heritage Centre. The winning number will be drawn on Saturday 20th December in the Heritage Centre.

Also, we will be supporting the coffee morning on 18th October in Colyton Town Hall in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind, where we will be having a table. Our Christmas Raffle Hamper will be there, as well as some lovely gift items.

Devon history regional forum

Advance notice – we are considering holding the next Devon & West Dorset Regional forum in Colyton – probably early next year. This would be largely organised by Brian Carpenter from the Devon Records Office. By the way, this is being reorganised into a charitable trust which will combine Devon and Somerset heritage services, which will probably start operations in November.

The event will probably be a weekday from 11- 3 with a series of speakers with a break for lunch, possibly with town walks for visitors and a display in the Heritage Centre. Invitations will be sent to other societies in the region and the event should attract a good number of visitors to the town. If we do succeed in getting this organised, I'll let you know who the speakers will be. The Regional Forums normally have a good selection of local history talks so I expect quite a few of you will be interested.

Meetings/Events

Next meeting – October – Devon Farmhouses – Tom Coleman on Wednesday, October 22 in Colyford Memorial Hall at 7:30

November – Armageddon 1914 – Robert Hesketh - Wednesday, November 26 in Colyton Town Hall at 7:30

Future Meetings – Next year's programme is being organised – 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.

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