

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 22 August 2018

Hope you have all enjoyed this beautiful summer. Now autumn is just round the corner and it promises to be a busy season in the run up to the commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November 2018, marking the end of WW1.

The History Society is organising a commemorative exhibition – **Colyton Remembers** - in St Andrew's Church, Colyton on 12 and 13 October and there will be a special memorial festival – **Axe Vale Remembers** – in Colyford Memorial Hall on 10 November.

Finally very happy 90th birthday wishes to one of our longstanding members and local author - Jim Board.

Sarah Charman Editor

1. Forthcoming Events

Axe Vale Remembers

A special WW1 memorial event **Axe Valley Remembers** featuring the Axe Valley Players and the Axe Valley Community Choir will take place on Saturday 10 November, in Colyford Memorial Hall. Tickets are £10 each (including a souvenir programme) available only from Colyford Stores from 17 September. Doors will open at 7.00 pm, programme starts at 7.30 pm. Executive Director Roy Jones.

Colyton Remembers

Volunteers are required to help host the **Colyton Remembers** exhibition in St Andrew's Church on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 October. Can you spare a couple of hours 10-12, 12-2 or 2 - 4 on one of these days to support this project? Please let Jacquie McCullough, me or Cathy Ilsley know if you can offer a couple of hours on one of those days.

CPHS Programme of Meetings for 2018

The CPHS autumn programme of talks begins on 19 September with a presentation by renowned local historian Dr Todd Gray on the devastating fire at the Royal Clarence Hotel in Exeter, at 7.30 pm in 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.

2. Other CPHS/Heritage Centre matters

i) CPHS Annual Summer Outing to Bridport and Mapperton - Wednesday 1 August 2018

Members enjoyed a very successful and interesting summer outing to Bridport and Mapperton House on 1 August. In Bridport, Bruce Upton from the Museum kindly provided a guided walking tour of the centre of town where he pointed out key points of historic interest and then in the Museum demonstrated rope making.



Bruce Upton explaining the rope making process to members of CPHS at Bridport Museum

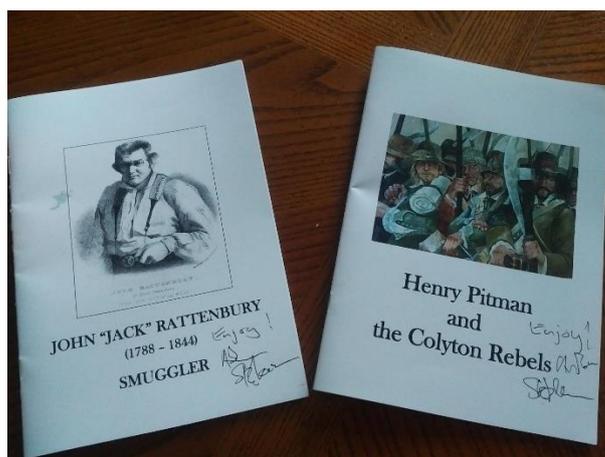
Afterwards at Mapperton House, (near Melplash in Dorset), home of the Earl of Sandwich – yes he invented the sandwich – members enjoyed a very pleasant lunch in the new catering barn, a fascinating tour of the house led by expert and amusing guides and a delightful stroll through the beautiful gardens. Many thanks to Jacquie McCullogh and Maggie Tinsley for organising a very enjoyable day out.



Mapperton Gardens

(photo courtesy of Jon Pratt)

ii) New Books for Sale in the Heritage Centre



New books on sale in the Heritage Centre by local author Andrew Stephenson

Two interesting new books by local author Andrew Stephenson are for sale in the Heritage Centre: *John 'Jack' Rattenbury Smuggler* price £2.50 and *Henry Pitman and the Colyton Rebels* price £3.50.

iii) Heritage Centre Visitors

Interest is growing in the digital archive of the Feoffees' Records which we have been producing in the Heritage Centre. Recently, members of the Rousdon Archive Group visited and were given an explanation by Jon Pratt of how we went about planning and developing the database. And today we were delighted to host a visit from Tremayne Carew Pole, whose family have long had historic links to the town as Lords of the Manor of Colyton. The family has an historic archive at Antony.



Jon Pratt talking to Tremayne Carew Pole in the Heritage Centre today and below to members of the Rousdon Archive Group



iv) **CPHS requires a new secretary**

We are still 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 Jacque McCullogh tel no 01297 552626 or me - Sarah Charman 01297 553148.

v) **Annual Membership Fees**

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 - Events for September 2018:**

Bats About Bats, Whitford Thursday 13 September 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Craig Dunton, Grey long-eared bat project officer from the Bat Conservation Trust leads a bat walk along the River Axe at Whitford. Introductory talk at Whitford Village Hall will focus on Grey long-eared bats, one of the UK's rarest mammals and the Back from the Brink project, which is working to save this threatened species from extinction. The talk is followed by the walk with bat detectors by the river bank at dusk to spy on these marvellous and mysterious flying mammals. Find out more about the Grey long eared bat project: <https://naturebftb.co.uk/the-projects/grey-long-eared-bat/>. Parking at hall or by river bridge. If parking by bridge, walk up to the village hall for the introductory talk (allow 7 mins) Dress up to keep warm and bring a torch. No booking required. Free event. Further information 01404 310012, or legacytolandscape@gmail.com. Whitford Village Hall, EX13 7PH, Grid Reference 258 956; River bridge: Grid Reference 262 954

Leaf Through the Past Landscape Walk, Shute Friday 28 September 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Step back in time to explore the medieval deer park, part of the historic estate at Shute and enjoy its wildlife and hear more about its fascinating history. If raining, fields get very wet, so walk will be to the Turkey Oak at New Shute House. It's the opening event to the Shute Literature and Landscape Festival 2018. Full Shute Festival programme: www.shutefest.org.uk. No booking required. Free event. Further information 01404 310012, or legacytolandscape@gmail.com. Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR . Meet village noticeboard at start of Haddon Road, (Shute Barton end)

Fascinating Fungi, Enna Wood, Sunday 30 September 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Explore this hidden beech woodland with fungus expert Dave Allen. Meet the rotters and recyclers of our woodlands and discover the extraordinary relationship of these elusive inhabitants of the underground world with the trees above. For more information about Enna Woodland: www.ennawoodland.org No booking required. Free event. Further information 01404 310012, or legacytolandscape@gmail.com. Enna Wood, Sutton Thorn, near Colyton, EX24 6SW , Grid Reference 216 977. All ages welcome unless otherwise stated. Outdoor walks will not take place if heavy rain forecast.

Legacy to Landscape is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund with support from the East Devon AONB Partnership, Colyton Parish History Society, Devon Wildlife Trust, Botanists and farmers Marian Reed and Phil Wilson, and the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society.

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mob: 07765126565. Full events programme or further information about the project: legacytolandscape@gmail.com; 01404 310012 or www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape