

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 28 July 2017

Editor's note

Our Cloth and Lace Heritage Day on Wednesday, 12 July was a great success with nearly 500 visitors. And there is much to look forward to this autumn with the refurbishment of our Heritage Centre now nearly complete. But now the summer holidays stretch ahead. So why not treat yourself to a seat on the Society's day trip to Dartmoor and Cadhay House on 9 August. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Charman, **Editor**

1. News

a) Day trip to Moretonhampstead and Cadhay – 9 August 2017



Day Trip
Wednesday
9th August 2017
Dartmoor &
Cadhay House
£24.00 per person
to include coach transport,
walking tour of
Moretonhampstead, private
house tour of Cadhay and
afternoon tea

Coach leaves Colyton 8.30am
meet outside Lloyds building
pack a picnic and enjoy the moor,
or visit a local cafe or pub

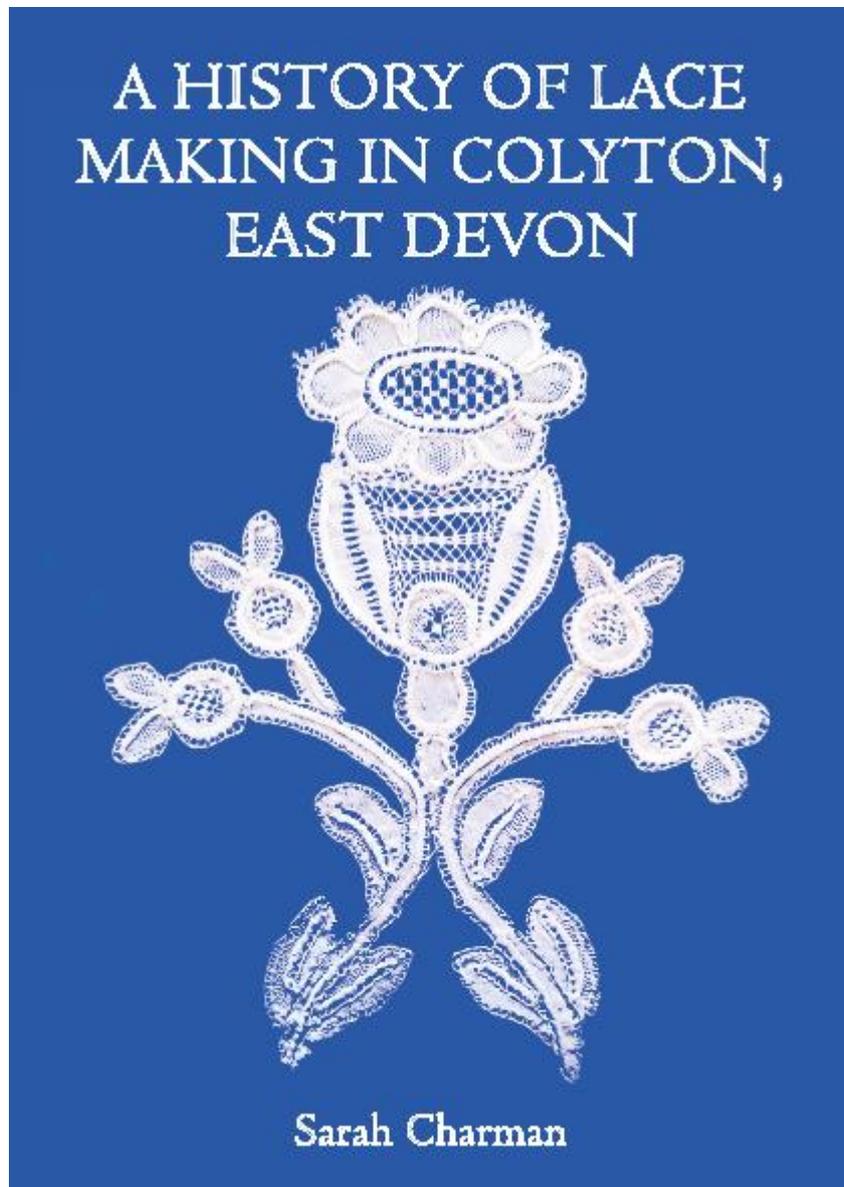
afternoon tea will be provided at 4.00pm at Cadhay
**Sign up at Colyton Heritage Centre
or call Jacquie 01297 552626**

Organised by Colyton Parish History Society
non-members welcome!

b) Cloth and Lace Day – Wednesday 12 July 2017

The Cloth and Lace Day event, held in St Andrew's Church on 12 July was a great success attracting nearly 500 visitors and sales of 40 books. Funds were also raised through a special lace walking tour arranged for the day and through donations. A big thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of the event.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the booklet written to accompany the event: *A History of Lace Making in Colyton, East Devon* - copies are available price £3 from the Heritage Centre.



- c. **Heritage Centre – New Displays are coming!**



Work is now nearly complete on dismantling our old exhibition panels in the Heritage Centre and replacing them with new display panels professionally designed and developed as part of our Heritage Lottery Fund award. These new displays will incorporate a wide variety of information about the history and people of Colyton, based on the researches undertaken last summer by our splendid band of volunteers. The interactive screen is also being

updated with a wealth of historical information derived from the volunteers' work - about aspects of life in Colyton down the centuries.

More information on the new displays will be in next month's newsletter.

2. General Matters

- a) **CPHS Annual Membership Fees-** If anyone has still not paid their CPHS membership fees for 2017 and would find it easier to set up a standing order (£8 per couple or £5 per individual) then CPHS bank account details are as follows : Lloyds Bank - sort code 30-90-37 account 00992240. If you wish to do this then please notify Roger Hutton: roger.hutton1@btopenworld.com Fees are due in January of each year. You may like to note that our Charity Commission Registered Charity Number is 1167230.

3. Forthcoming Events

a) Future CPHS Meetings in 2017

- **The Power of Advertising** by Bruce Upton of Bridport at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 27 September** in Colyton Town Hall.
- **Buildings of Sidmouth** by Nigel Hyman at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 25 October** in Colyford Memorial Hall.
- **The Churchills** by Patsy Kingdon at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 22 November** at Colyton Town Hall. If you do have any Churchill memorabilia, particularly if it has a local connection then please do bring it along on the evening!

b) Other Organisations' Events



i) **Legacy to Landscape Project News - 2017 Events for August:**

- **Whitford Show Saturday 5 August, 2.30pm – 5.30pm**

Come and visit the Legacy to Landscape stall at Whitford's annual summer show. Flowerfields, Whitford, EX13 7PJ. £2 show admission charge (children free) further information maureendavey@btinternet.com

- **Learn to mow with a scythe, Cottshayne Wood Tuesday 8 August, 10am**

– **4pm** How to use a scythe to manage meadows and woodland rides on a one day workshop led by Chris Riley. Will include learning correct technique for this traditional tool, how to set up the grips and keep the edge sharp.

Booking essential Free – Parking GR 226 935 Cottshayne Wood is off the Old Sidmouth Road, west of Colyford

Pete Youngman 01404 310012 pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk

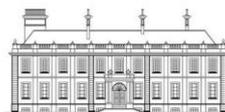
- **Woodland ride management for butterflies Saturday 12 August, 10am -**

3pm Learn about and help maintain woodland rides for wildflowers and butterflies at Cottshayne Wood by cutting back this year's growth. Gloves and tools provided. Booking essential Free – Parking GR 226 935 Cottshayne Wood is off the Old Sidmouth Road, west of Colyford - Christina Bows 01297 23822, tinabows@hotmail.co.uk

- **Unearthing the hidden history** The project is piecing together the history of the landscape of the historic Shute estate. If you have any stories, photographs or memories you would like to share, the project would love to hear from you. Contact details below. For more information about the project and how you can get involved Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Co-ordinator 01297 489741, mob:07765126565

- <http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape>
email: legacytolandscape@gmail.com; The Landscape to Legacy Project 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.

ii) **Tours of Poltimore House**



POLTIMORE HOUSE

Help bring this special Grade II listed building back to life*

Would your group like a private tour of Poltimore House
with a talk on the Bampfylde family? We offer several options:

Basic Talk and tour £8 a head with tea & cake included

Plus, if required, Afternoon cream tea £3.50 a head and/or light lunches £5 each



Contact events@poltimore.org for booking information - Charity no 1111977

iii) **Exeter Local History Society presents**

Stories of Exeter's War Hospitals 1914-19

An exhibition to commemorate the magnificent contribution made by the people of Exeter and district to the care of the sick and wounded soldiers of the First World War will be held from: 19 – 23 September 2017 at St Stephen's Church, High Street, Exeter EX4 3LW.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11.00-16.00; Thursday 11.00 – 18.00 and Saturday 11.00 – 15.30.

4. Miscellaneous Matters

Devon Air Ambulance: Helicopter Landing Site to Take Off in Colyton

Devon Air Ambulance has been working with communities across Devon to build a network of helicopter night landing sites for use in emergencies. There are currently 37 fully operational sites and another 130 in development across the region. Colyton Parish Council has recently voted to support the project to establish a landing site in Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field and community support is being sought to raise the funds needed to purchase the equipment required. Speaking at a recent community meeting held at the site Toby Russell, of DAA, said:

“The site at Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Field offers a very good location to land at night as it is a large open space, it offers good access to the community in the event our paramedics need to leave the site on foot to go to a patient and has nearby parking should a patient be brought to the aircraft by land ambulance crew.”

Local groups in Colyton including the Promote Colyton Group, Nunsford Nutters and the Carnival Committee are all supporting the initiative but £3500 must be raised to enable the project to go ahead. If you would like to contribute then donations can be made via: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/colytonparish-council>

Alternatively you can contact the Parish Clerk, Liz Berry for BACS details or drop a cheque made out to Colyton Parish Council into the letterbox at the Town Hall.