

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Editor's note

This issue reports on two recent social events held in the Heritage Centre at which participants were briefed on progress with the Parish History Project and had the opportunity to see some of the technology underpinning the delivery of the Project.

A copy of CPHS Programme of lectures for 2017 is also attached to this email.

Sarah Charman

News

1. Members of the Colyton Chamber of Feoffees visit the Heritage Centre



Chairman, Tony Underdown and members of the Colyton Chamber of Feoffees were welcomed to the Heritage Centre on Wednesday evening, 16 November by Mrs Marian Sydenham, Chairman of CPHS and members of the Project Steering Committee for an update on progress with the Parish History Project. The Feoffees were shown the new digitizing equipment and briefed on how the plans for copying, cataloguing and transcribing their historic archive were developing. They were also given a preview of the interactive display which will be available to visitors to the Heritage Centre from next year. This will include displays of items from the Feoffees' archive, historic maps and information drawn from the research which volunteers have been doing.

2. Colyton Walking Tour Guides and History Researchers' social evening

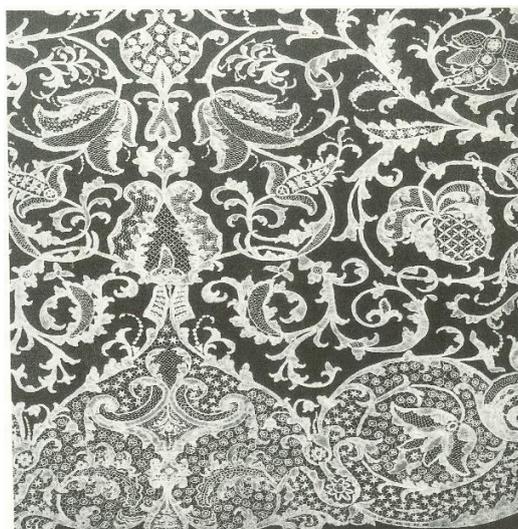


A social evening was held in the Heritage Centre on Tuesday, 22 November to thank both our town walking tour guides for another successful season and the history research volunteers who spent the summer researching aspects of the town's history as part of the Parish History Project. During the evening participants were given a preview of the prototype database model which is being developed by Jon and Rosemary Pratt and Roger Hutton for cataloguing the Feoffees' archive.

3. Colyton lace

Next summer the Parish History Society is planning to organise a “**Cloth and Lace Day**” event here in Colyton with demonstrations, entertainment and a specially themed town walk. More information about this event will be available in the New Year.

As part of the preparations for ‘Cloth and Lace Day’, we are looking for examples of lace actually made here in Colyton. Honiton lace – see below - is the one most likely to have been made here – as it was produced all over East Devon, but it would be interesting to see any lace samples which were actually made here in Colyton, even if not the Honiton lace type.



The picture below is an example of Colyton Chromatic lace. It would be very exciting to discover a sample of this type as only one piece is known to exist and is held by the V&A Museum.



Do you or anyone you know have any historic pieces of Colyton made lace you would be prepared to lend the Society for display on the day? If so please could you contact Jan Hedderly at (jan.hedderly@btinternet.com) or Bridget Spear at (bianegiles@aol.co.uk) who are organising the event. They would be delighted to hear from you.

4. In memoriam – Miss Jackie Moncrieff

Members will be sad to learn of the death of Jackie Moncrieff on 1 November 2016, after a period of illness. Jackie was a regular volunteer in the Heritage Centre and also a Secretary of the Colyton Parish History Society. She will be sadly missed.

5. Future CPHS Meetings

The first CPHS meeting in 2017 will be the **Members' Evening** in Colyton Town Hall at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 25 January** when there will also be a presentation by the South West Film and TV Archive.

Other Organisations' Events

6. Villages in Action – Rural Heritage Project

Unearth – is a two year Heritage Lottery Funded Project to Discover the Hidden Histories of Devon's Rural Communities. Eight rural communities have been selected and the Parish of Colyton has been chosen to be one of the first four to be involved in 2017.

The aim of the Unearth project is to help communities to explore, share and celebrate their local history, customs and traditions supported by partner heritage organisations – South West Film and TV archive and the Devon Heritage Centre. As noted above, South West Film and TV Archive will be making a presentation at the CPHS Members' Evening in Colyton Town Hall on 25 January 2017. Stories identified here in Colyton will be shared with musicians, actors and artists who will co-operate in the production of a 'multi-media performance piece' to be performed locally in summer 2017.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the project or would like to know how you can become involved, please contact the Unearth Project Co-ordinator, Kate Green on villagesinaction@gmail.com or mobile 07976 712849.



7. Legacy to Landscape

Message from Ruth Worsley, Project Co-ordinator

The first year of this local 3 year Heritage Lottery funded project has been a huge success with over 1300 people attending 45 events and activities, aimed at engaging the local community with the landscape of the 1783 Shute Estate Map. Thanks to all of you who have supported events or even helped run them. Without your interest they would not have been the success they have been. Here's to 2017.

The 2017 events programme will start from February next year.

Over the winter while the wildlife hibernates, 'historic activity' will continue. Project volunteers will be helping to research the history of this special and little changed landscape by examining a wealth of intriguing historic documents.

Devon Heritage Centre Visit - A day is being organised to visit the Devon Heritage Centre (DHC) in Exeter to look at the various sources of material available about the Shute Estate. It will include a guided tour to learn how to access the archives there. If you would like to help with this aspect of the project and to visit the DHC, please get in touch. Project contact details below.

Telling Tales! - The project would like to capture any memories local residents might have about the landscape and how it has changed over the last few decades. If any of you would like to help with oral history gathering, Project Co-ordinator Ruth Worsley will be running a session on how to conduct and record interviews. If you are interested in this please contact Ruth on 01297 489741.

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.

LEGACY TO LANDSCAPE - FURTHER INFORMATION

Email legacytolandscap@gmail.com, or ring 01404 310012

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