

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Editor's note

This issue reports on another record breaking summer of visitors to the Heritage Centre. Also, there is information about an event on Saturday, 5 November about the recent dreadful fire in Exeter which destroyed part of the medieval city centre.

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News

1. Heritage Centre closes for the winter after successful summer season.

Colyton Heritage Centre has now closed until Easter 2017 after a very successful summer season. Once again we have had a record number of visitors - a total of 2220 - some 5% up on last year's total of 2113. A big thank you to all our volunteers who provide a friendly and informative welcome to the Heritage Centre which is much appreciated by our visitors. (NB The Centre will be open for the Colyton Christmas Fayre on Wednesday, 7 December.)

2. Future CPHS Meetings

The final CPHS meeting of the year is on Wednesday **23 November 2016 at 7.30 pm** in Colyton Town Hall. Amyas Crump will speak about *East Devon Railways*.

Other Organisations' Events



3. "The Royal Clarence Fire: the Historical Loss & Survival"

Dr Todd Gray MBE, Research Fellow (History Department), Exeter University is organising an event for Exeter City Council on Saturday, 5 November 2016 entitled: "The Royal Clarence Fire: the Historical Loss & Survival". Venue: Barnfield Theatre.

Doors will open at 11.30 am for a 12.30 pm start until 3.00 pm. Entrance is free and on a first come first served basis.

The Royal Clarence Fire has been the most destructive fire in the recent history of Exeter. This event is an opportunity to learn what has been lost of historical significance but also to discuss what has been miraculously saved.

Dr Todd Gray will outline the destruction of the Royal Clarence itself. Three leading Exeter building specialists (John Allan, Richard Parker and John Thorp) will then outline the significance of the surrounding buildings. These form an island of largely unappreciated medieval and later structures in the heart of the city. A panel discussion will follow.

Dr Gray said: "It is important that members of the public have the opportunity to meet together and hear not just about the course of events of this destructive fire but of the importance of other buildings which have survived." These buildings are situated in 'St Martin's Island', a portion of Exeter that escaped the Blitz in 1942.



4. **Legacy to Landscape - programme of events in November**

Is King Johns Oak a living witness to one of the most notorious Kings in English History? *Friday 18 November, 7pm- 9pm, Feoffees Town Hall, Market Place, Colyton, EX24 6JR*

This mighty oak, and two other named historic oaks in Woodend Park at Shute have looked down on the Umborne Valley for centuries. How did they get their names? What can these living trees tell us about the landscape of past times and how do we nurture this legacy into the future? Talk from Jill Butler, the Woodland Trust. No booking required. Free.

Hedgerow Restoration, *Saturday 19 November, 10.30 am – 4pm*

Learn a new skill and help restore a Devon hedge in the historic Shute estate to protect the wildlife it supports and retain it within this very special landscape. Come for a morning or stay all day. Refreshments, tools and gloves provided. Booking essential. Pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk; 01404 310012 Free.

Lanes and the River Coly, *Tuesday 13 December, 10am – 1pm*

Explore the lanes and the River Coly in the historic Shute estate landscape. A walk organised by the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society and led by Donald Campbell. Meet at Colyton car park, Dolphin Street, SY246940. No booking required. Donation welcome to AVDCS.

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

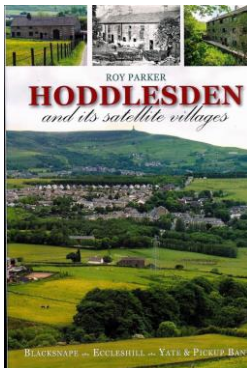
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