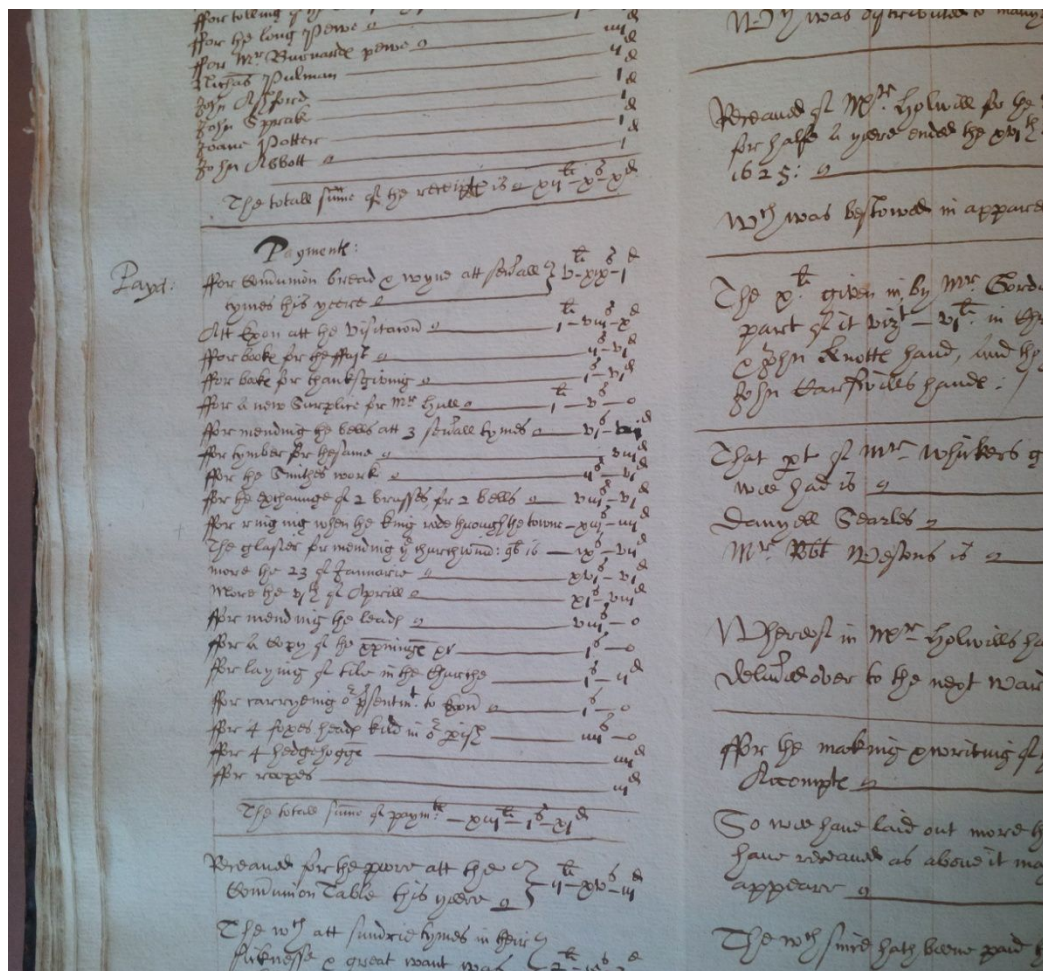


COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

17 FEBRUARY 2016

1. STOP PRESS: King Charles visits Colyton!



An exciting discovery was made today at a meeting of the Parish History Project Steering Group, held in the Feoffees' Town Hall boardroom. Professor Todd Gray was taking the opportunity to examine some of the Feoffees' historic records. Randomly opening a book of records and accounts dating from the 17th Century his eye immediately alighted upon the following entry from August 1625:

"Payd.... for ringing when the king rode through the towne - 13s 4d".

King Charles 1 was new to the throne when, in 1625, he visited the west country to review the fleet at Plymouth.

Hopefully this discovery will be just the tip of an avalanche of similarly exciting finds once our research volunteers get stuck into researching the history of Colyton.

2. Parish History Project Steering Group - Progress Report

Work on fitting out the back room of the Heritage Centre and installing the digitizer will begin in the middle of March and be completed in time for the opening of the Heritage Centre for our third season at Easter.

3. Annual General Meeting

The CPHS **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, **24 February 2016 at 7.30 pm** in Colyford Memorial Hall. Afterwards, Joan White will give a short talk on her book, *Footprints in the Sands of Time*. On the agenda for the AGM is the reappointment of the Chairman and Committee Members. Additional Committee Members are urgently needed to help organise an exciting programme of events for the coming year. So if you fancy the idea of organising visits to places of interest or acting as social secretary for a number of events throughout the year please do come along to the meeting and speak up! Perhaps a couple of you might like to consider combining these roles and working together to organise and plan events?

4. Annual Membership Fees

If any of you haven't paid your membership fees for 2016 yet please remember to bring them to the AGM. Subscription rates are unchanged at £5 single or £8 per couple and can be paid at the next meeting or posted to the Membership Secretary: Glennis Ashbolt at Tritchayne, Colyton, Devon EX24 6SP.

5. Future Meetings

The third meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, **23 March 2016 at 7.30 pm** in Colyton Town Hall. Maureen Turner will speak about *Shute House*.

- The fourth meeting will be on Wednesday, **27 April 2016 at 7.30 pm** at Colyford Memorial Hall when Martin Watts will give a talk on *Devon Mills*.

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