

Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter 8 June 2020

This is a mini Newsletter to bring you sad news of Jim Board and information which Dr Todd Gray has asked me to draw to your attention about a couple of events.

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Some of you may well already be aware of the sad passing of Jim Board. Jim had been ill for a while but it was his character and sense of fun that people here in Colyton will long remember. Jim had an absolute fund of stories about his escapades as a young boy growing up here in the beautiful Coly valley and later during his service as a postman. Visitors to the Heritage Centre were very lucky to find Jim on duty: he would entertain them with all sorts of tales. Jim was a long standing member of Colyton Parish History Society and a much valued volunteer in the Heritage Centre.

Jim's family has asked that we let people know his cremation will take place on the 17 June at 11.45 am in Basingstoke. If anyone would particularly like to attend please could they let his family know as only 20 people are able to attend. They are planning to hold a Memorial Service here in Colyton later in the year.

1. News

- a) **Aspects of Devon History** - Dr Todd Gray is currently broadcasting a series of 15 minute pieces on aspects of Devon history **every weekday on BBC Radio Devon at 1.10pm**. These will run through June, and possibly July, and while all of our societies have stopped meeting for lectures these are meant to help alleviate the sense of isolation some of us are feeling.
- b) **Devon & Cornwall Record Society** is sponsoring a series of daily blogs by leading heritage specialists (historians, archivists, archaeologists, librarians, writers and curators) in Devon and Cornwall on how life in quarantine has made them re-evaluate history. These will run through June and July and can be found on the Society's Facebook page. The Society exists to publish original documentary material and this year's volume is a facsimile reproduction of Devon's only woollen cloth collection - from the 1760s. It comes free with this year's membership (at £16.50) or on publication later this year (at £30). www.devonandcornwallrecordsociety.co.uk/