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COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2016

News Update

Happy New Year everyone!

1. John Forrester Addie in a typical late mediaeval merchant's costume

John Forrester Addie dressed in a costume typical of a wealthy merchant from the late medieval period - which he made himself. Such an outfit may well have been worn by the owner of the Merchant's House in Market Place, Colyton now home to the Heritage Centre. John's handiwork will be on display in the refurbished Heritage Centre when it reopens for the summer season.



2. Parish History Project Steering Group - 3rd Planning Meeting

- The Steering Group will be meeting next week to discuss progress on setting up the project. This includes reviewing ideas for research topics and the necessary preliminary work being done by consultants Freeline to organise and co-ordinate volunteer activity. We will be looking to set a date at this meeting for volunteers to get together in the next few weeks and to meet with Todd Gray. We will obviously notify volunteers as soon as this has been agreed.

3. New to Colyton? Looking for a new outlet for your creativity? How about joining our exciting Colyton Parish History Project?

- There has already been a very welcome response to the request for volunteers to join the Colyton Parish History Project. But it is not too late. A wide range of skills and experience are required, from doing original research, transcription of old documents, proof reading, picture research, organisational ability and film making as well as staffing the Heritage Centre during the summer months. Training will also be given in the digitisation process. If you are interested in getting involved in this exciting project and can offer any of these skills you can obtain an application form by emailing me Sarah Charman at: sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk or you can pick up a hard copy of the form from the Merchant's House Tea Rooms. For further information about volunteering with CPHS you can speak to Jasmine List on 01297 552313, Jacqui McCulloch on 01297 552626 or me on 01297 553148.

4. Refurbishing the Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre has been stripped out and measured up in preparation for the installation of new display and storage facilities and later on the digitizing equipment.

5. Future Meetings

- The **Annual General Meeting** of CPHS will be held 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*.
- 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*.

6. Annual Membership Fees

- Remember these were due on 1 January 2016. 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.

7. Miscellanea - Landscape Legacy Project

Anyone who attended the Members' Evening on 27 January and heard Pete Youngman speak about the Landscape Legacy Project on the Shute Estate will be aware the Project is looking for volunteers to help with researching into how the landscape has evolved, discovery strolls, wildlife surveys, scrub clearance and forestry. Anyone interested in helping with the Project should contact Pete Youngman, East Devon AONB Partnership Project Officer at Kennaway House, Coburg Road, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 8NG - on (t) 01404 310012 or (m) 07976 001519 or (email) pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk

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