

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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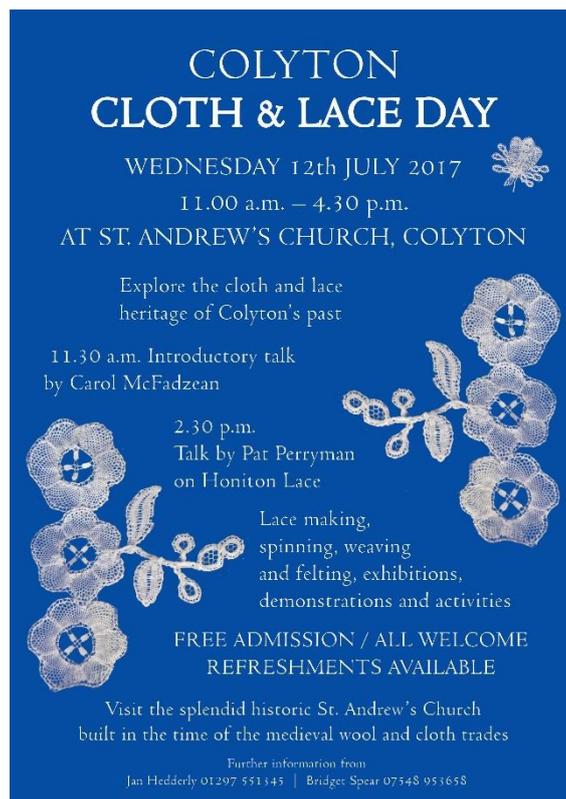
Editor's note

After all the thrills and fun of the Civil War Day on 10 June we have another exciting event here in Colyton to look forward to in July – the Cloth and Lace Heritage Day on Wednesday, 12 July. And in August, following the success of last year's trip to Buckfast Abbey and Antony, the Society is organising another day trip – this time to Moretonhampstead and Cadhay House on 9 August. Look forward to seeing you there. Details below.

Sarah Charman, **Editor**

1. News

a) Cloth and Lace Day – Wednesday 12 July 2017



COLYTON
CLOTH & LACE DAY

WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2017 

11.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLYTON

Explore the cloth and lace
heritage of Colyton's past

11.30 a.m. Introductory talk
by Carol McFadzean

2.30 p.m.
Talk by Pat Perryman
on Honiton Lace

Lace making,
spinning, weaving
and felting, exhibitions,
demonstrations and activities

FREE ADMISSION / ALL WELCOME
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Visit the splendid historic St. Andrew's Church
built in the time of the medieval wool and cloth trades

Further information from
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In 2015 CPHS began a volunteer project, under the guidance of Dr Todd Gray, to research aspects of the town's history - as part of the wider scheme for which it received an HLF award. This exhibition highlights some the discoveries made about the development of the wool, cloth and lace trades In Colyton.

There will be an opportunity to:

- Explore the history of the wool and cloth trades, and learn how they contributed to the wealth which enabled the magnificent west window and octagonal tower of St. Andrew's church to be built.
- Discover more about the lives of the many lace makers who worked in Colyton from the early 1600's to the present day.
- Learn about early cloth and lace trade links with Flanders.
- Watch demonstrations of lacemaking, spinning, weaving and felting, with the opportunity to 'have a go' at lacemaking or felting.
- Listen to: a talk on 'Lacemaking in Colyton' by Carol McFadzean, President of the Devon Lace Teachers; and Pat Perryman, international lace expert, speaking about Honiton lace.
- Meet lace maker Lillie Trivett, a Colytonian who re-discovered, and has kept alive, the art of making Branscombe Lace.
- Investigate the different types of lace made in East Devon.
- Look at an exhibition on dressmaking in Colyton from Victorian times to the 1950's.
- Examine a decoupage screen made by Ida Allen, a well- known lace maker from Beer.
- See an exhibition of work by local knitters
- Enjoy delicious refreshments made by ladies of the Colyton WI.

b) Summer Outing – Wednesday, 9 August – Moretonhampstead and Cadhay House



Moretonhampstead is a delightful moorland market town situated on Dartmoor, with a history steeped in the wool trade over the past 700 years, much like Colyton.

Itinerary for Moretonhampstead and Cadhay trip :

Morning – Moretonhampstead

8.30 am depart Colyton, meet outside Lloyds building or

8.40 am depart Colyford Memorial Hall, (please indicate which pick up point you prefer when you book)

Expect to arrive before 10.00 am at Moretonhampstead

Guides from Moretonhampstead History Society will conduct a town walk, lasting approximately 1hr 30mins. Time for coffee, or looking at their history centre and exhibitions at Green Hill Art Gallery.

Mid-day – pack a picnic and enjoy the moor, or visit a local cafe or pub.

Afternoon – Cadhay House & Gardens with Afternoon Tea



Cadhay House is a splendid Elizabethan manor built 1550, together with beautiful gardens. We will have a private tour of the house.

Depart Moretonhampstead and arrive at Cadhay for 2.15pm

A guided tour of the house with access to the gardens.

An afternoon tea will be provided at approx 4.00pm

Price per person £24.00 to include coach transport, a walking tour of Moretonhampstead, private house tour of Cadhay and afternoon tea. There is a 'sign up' sheet in the Heritage Centre at the front desk. Make sure you put your name down quickly to avoid disappointment. Cash or a cheque made payable to: Colyton Parish History Society please.

c) Devon History Society Project - History of early 20th century Devon in 12 objects

We have received an invitation from Dr Julia Neville of the Devon History Society to participate in a project next year involving the study of a local object and its impact

on society and the environment. Further details are given below. If anyone has any suggestions for a Colyton based object please let me know.

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The Devon History Society is seeking expressions of interest in supporting a possible DHS project involving a student in the history of science from the University of Bristol. DHS has the opportunity to apply to have a postgraduate student from this autumn to undertake a placement with a view to presenting their findings at a DHS event next year.

One idea is to build a project around an object which can tell the story of how Devon was changing between 1900 and 1940. The student would be asked to explore the local origins of such an object, including interviewing people locally who might remember the impact of its arrival, and also to set the object in the context of general developments of science and technology nationally during the period. This might include things like telephone boxes or milking parlours or items associated with the arrival of mains electricity.

If there's enough interest in supporting a project DHS will submit a proposal to the Department, listing associated expenses which would need to be funded. The final decision will be down to the students themselves, who will be offered a range of projects to choose from.

2. General Matters

- a) **CPHS Annual Membership Fees** - If anyone has still not paid their CPHS membership fees for 2017 and would find it easier to set up a standing order (£8 per couple or £5 per individual) then CPHS bank account details are as follows : Lloyds Bank - sort code 30-90-37 account 00992240. If you wish to do this then please notify Roger Hutton: roger.hutton1@btopenworld.com Fees are due in January of each year. You may like to note that our Charity Commission Registered Charity Number is 1167230.

3. Forthcoming Events

a) Future CPHS Meetings in 2017

The Power of Advertising by Bruce Upton of Bridport at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 27 September** in Colyton Town Hall.

Buildings of Sidmouth by Nigel Hyman at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 25 October** in Colyford Memorial Hall.

The Churchills by Patsy Kingdon at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 22 November** at Colyton Town Hall. If you do have any Churchill memorabilia, particularly if it has a local connection then please do bring it along on the evening!

b) Events Other Organisations'



Legacy to Landscape Project News - 2017 Events for July:

Colyton Discovery Stroll - Wednesday 5 July, 11am to noon - Join us and enjoy wildlife on a gentle stroll beside the river Coly. Meet at Chantry Bridge, King Street, Colyton. Free. No booking necessary. For more information - legacytolandscape@gmail.com; Pete 01404 310012

Bats about Bats, Shute Woods - Friday 14 July, 8.30 to late - Meet for talk at Shute Church - followed by bat detecting walk in Shute Woods with Fiona Mathews. Bring a torch. All ages welcome. Free. Booking not necessary. Park Church end of Haddon Road, Shute, EX13 7QR

Insect Safari, Pennyhayes Farm - Sunday 16 July, 2pm – 4pm - Join insect expert Martin Drake in search of bugs that live and buzz in the meadows and hedgerows at Pennyhayes Farm. All ages welcome. Free Booking not necessary. Park: Pennyhayes Farm, Lodge Lane, Shute, EX13 7QP

Moth Magic, Bolshayne Farm - near Colyton - Saturday 22 July, 10am – 12pm Meet and marvel at a variety of moths with Marjorie Waters, caught in meadow and orchard in overnight traps. All ages welcome. Free. Booking not required Park; Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, EX24 6RX

Woodend Deer Park events - Sunday 30 July - Help King Johns Oak practical task. 10am – 12 pm Bramble clearing around this 800 year old majestic oak who rules over this historic medieval deer park. Free Booking essential - legacytolandscape@gmail.com 01404 310012

Lovely Bug Ball - 2pm – 5pm - Summer stroll to see smaller residents and find out more about ancient woodland management of the park with insect expert Martin Drake and Chris Knapman, ancient tree specialist. Booking not required. Free. All ages welcome Park Haddon Road, Shute Village, EX13 7QR - Meet village notice board near Shute Barton entrance.

For more information and for the full 2017 events programme:

email legacytolandscape@gmail.com; or 01404 310012 or contact **Ruth Worsley**, Legacy to Landscape Project Coordinator, 01297 489741,

legacytolandscape@gmail.com 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.