

# COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 16 Nov 2017

## Editor's note

Firstly - please note the topic for the CPHS talk on Wednesday 22 November is '**Colyton Families**' by Colin Pady and it is taking place at **Colyton Town Hall**.

Secondly, thank you to those of you who have contacted me about suffragettes. I will be in touch shortly. If anyone else does know of any stories in their family history relating to suffragettes or the anti-suffrage league or if you happen to have any family accounts of what it felt like to get the vote for the first time in 1918 (both men and women) please do get in touch with me. ([sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk))

Sarah Charman **Editor**

## 1. Forthcoming Events

### a) CPHS Meetings in 2017

The last talk of 2107 will be given next week by Colin Pady who has very kindly agreed to speak in place of the lecture on The Churchills by Patsy Kingdon which has had to be postponed.

- **Colyton Families** by Colin Pady at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 22 November** in **Colyton Town Hall**. (Please note the location – it was incorrectly stated as Colyford in the previous Newsletter.)

### b) CPHS Programme of Meetings for 2018

- Wednesday, 17 January - **Members' Evening** - at Colyton Town Hall
- Wednesday, 22 February - **West Country Snippets** Scenes & Curiosities of Interest by Tony Burges - Preceded by **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – at Colyford Memorial Hall
- Wednesday, 21 March - **Exploring the History of Colyton's Shops and Businesses** - Exhibition 7.00pm. Talk at 7.30pm by Cathy Ilsley - at Colyton Town Hall
- Wednesday, 18 April - **Chard and its Victorian People** by Vince Lean - at Colyford Memorial Hall

- Wednesday 19 September - **Royal Clarence Hotel Fire** by Dr Todd Gray – at Colyford Memorial Hall
- Wednesday, 17 October – **Taking Some of Your Own Medicine** by Jon Pratt and Kevin Budden – at Colyton Town Hall
- Wednesday, 21 November – **Devon’s Orchards: A Hidden History** - by Michael Gee – at Colyford Memorial Hall

### c) Other Organisations' Events



#### i) **Legacy to Landscape Project News - 2017 Events for November and December:**

**Lending hedges a helping hand - Saturday 18 November, 10.30am to 3.30pm**  
Pratts Hill, near Colyton. Hedge planting day - Another chance to roll up your sleeves and help enhance the environment for both people and wildlife. We are improving the quality of the hedgerows between Holyford Woods and the neighbouring hedgerows and copses to the north. This will improve the ability for a whole range of wildlife for bats, birds, dormice and insect life to move around the countryside. We will be planting oak trees into hedgerows and under planting an over grown hedge with a variety of shrubs and understory trees to provide more shelter and a more diverse environment providing a range of flowers, fruits and berries. You are welcome to come along for as long as you like, just bring a packed lunch and a hot drink. Stay for as long as you like and bring a packed lunch if stopping all day. Gloves, tools and drinks provided. Free event.  
Booking essential: [Pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk](mailto:Pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk) or 01404 310012

**Tremendous trees, Enna Wood - Sunday 3 December, 1pm – 4pm**  
Become bark and bud detectives with tree enthusiast Graham Jones and other barking fun activities to celebrate Tree Dressing Day. All ages welcome. Event will end in procession to tree with lanterns and tree dressings. Please bring tree poems or stories to share around the tree. Enna Wood, Sutton Thorn, Colyton EX24 6SW, GR SY 216 977

**Unearthing hidden history project - Thursday 14 December 10.00am – 12pm**  
Come and catch up with how we are getting on with the historical research of the Shute landscape. A chance to pour over the old maps and discuss findings so far. Do bring any old photos or items too that you may have of the historic Shute estate. Help needed with further research over the winter. If you can't make it and would like to be involved, please do contact Ruth Worsley (07765126565) . Colyton Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road, EX24 6QJ, Grid Reference SY249924

- For more information on events and how you can get involved:  
[www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape](http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape)

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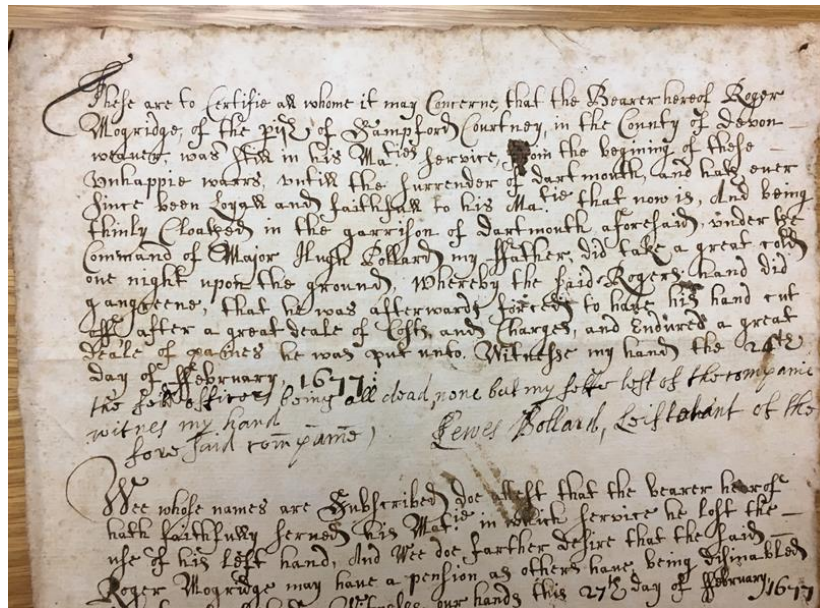
ii) Devon Heritage Centre

## Devon Deciphered

A talk by John Booker

Devon Heritage Centre

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2 - 4 p.m.



*Devon Deciphered*, by John Booker, is the first book written about the art of reading old handwriting from a Devon perspective, using documents created in the county. As part of the 2017 *Explore Your Archive* programme, John Booker will talk about the book and the documents which are used in it, many of which will be on display.