

Heritage Centre – Christmas Hamper Winner.



The winner of the 2014 Heritage Centre Christmas hamper comes from Yeovil. Mrs Christine Wellman, accompanied by her husband Eddy, returned to Colyton this morning to collect the prize hamper she won in the raffle at the Colyton Christmas Fayre last week. She was presented with her prize by Jacqueline McCullough, a member of the Colyton Parish History Society which runs the Heritage Centre. Mrs Wellman said she was “delighted to have won the hamper”. The couple had visited Colyton especially for the Christmas Fayre. The lucky square raffle raised £156 for the Heritage Centre.

Town walks 2015

First, an apology – the list of walk dates in the printed History Society programme has been changed – we have reviewed these and added some more dates together with some amendments to better line up with next year’s school holidays and other breaks. The revised list is below.

Second, the good news element – 2014 has been a record year for us – 228 visitors walking with us and contributing £508 to the funds – so I need to add a note of thanks to our Town Guides for their time and efforts. We have also reviewed our pricing and are now asking for a £3 donation per person which is still lower than similar walks around other local towns.

2015 dates (all Thursdays)	APRIL 2,9,16,30	MAY 7,21,28	JUNE 4,11,18,25
	JULY 2,9,16,23,30	AUGUST 6,13,20,27	SEPTEMBER 3,10,17,24

As usual, specially arranged walks for groups can be arranged at any time – call Jane 552514 or Pam 33406

Planned Activities

Antiques – Call my Bluff Now confirmed - a social evening in the Town Hall, Wednesday, March 4 2015 with auctioneers, Bearne, Hampton and Littlewood providing the expertise – we will provide the wine. This will be an opportunity for you to show your knowledge, or just to make a blind guess, with the chance of winning a prize. Tickets will be available nearer the time from the Heritage Centre and the Little Shop.

Devon history regional forum Also now confirmed for Wednesday, May 13. Just to remind you, the event will probably be from 11- 3 with a series of speakers with a break for lunch, possibly with town walks for visitors and a display in the Heritage Centre. This would be largely organised by Brian Carpenter from the Devon Records Office with invitations sent to other societies in the region, and the event should attract a good number of visitors to the town. The Regional Forums normally have a good selection of local history talks so I expect quite a few of you will be interested.

Monmouth Rebellion Day I expect that most of you know that this will be organised by the Promote Colyton Group and held on June 13 next year. The Taunton Volunteers will be re-enacting episodes in the rebellion while camping in the church yard. There will also be all sorts of activities in the town.

The Channel 4 programme 'Walking through History' with Tony Robinson was shown on November 29 with a good section on Colyton and 'our' rebels and some carefully selected views of the Coly and the town.

Other bits

Colyton Heritage Centre - Winter Opening times - Tuesdays 10.30am - 3.00pm & Saturdays 10.30am - 1.00pm Admission Free.

NB We will be closing on Saturday, 20 December 2014 until the Spring. We will reopen for visitors on Saturday, 28 March 2015. Group visits can be arranged at any time, even during the winter months. Please contact Jasmine List on 01297 552313

Meetings/Events

Next meeting – January 2015 – Members Evening including Colcombe Castle by Brian Denham, and Researching House History by Roger Bagg - Wednesday, January 28 in Colyton Town Hall at 7:30

February 2015 – Working the Branscombe Cliffs by Barbara Farquharson – preceded by the AGM – Wednesday, February 25 in Colyford Memorial Hall at 7:30

Future Meetings – we would appreciate hearing about any subjects that members would like to see/hear about – please contact Shirley Campbell-Brown (01297 553557 or s.campbellbrown@btinternet.com) who will be glad to discuss all suggestions.

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