

Just a short note to keep you up to date.

Monmouth Rebellion Day – June 13.

This was organised by the Promote Colyton Group with support from History Society members and masses of others from Colyton. The day was very successful – the town was crowded with visitors and even the weather cooperated in spite of a somewhat dubious forecast.

A country market occupied the Market Place together with large numbers of rebels from Colyton and district, and the Taunton Garrison Group taking the part of the King's Militia.

The programme of events followed the historical sequence from the news of the arrival of the Duke of Monmouth in Lyme Regis and the King's Militia attempting to prevent the rebels joining his march. There was musket and pike drill on Church Green, with mounted messengers bringing news of the Battle of Sedgemoor. The Militia searched the town for fleeing rebels before Judge Jefferys arrived to try and then sentence the captured Rebels. We were spared the sight of rebels being hung, drawn and quartered but instead had a Drumhead Service in the church.

The upper picture shows the Militia about to search the butcher's shop – though some of the crowd seemed to think that they were simply getting their lunch. However, some of the rebels seem to have been safely ensconced in the Gerrard and relaxing after the battle.

All in all, a very good day – a lot of hard work but hopefully, Colyton has been put back on the map for locals and visitors. The Promote Colyton Group is now thinking about their next year's event.



