

## COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 20 May 2018

Message from the Chairman Mrs Marian Sydenham and the Management Committee of Colyton Parish History Society:

It is with regret we have to record the sudden passing of Roger Hutton, last Saturday 12 May 2018. Roger loved history and worked tirelessly, both in the Heritage Centre and through guided walking tours of the town in summer, to research and make the stories from Colyton's long history more accessible to both visitors to the town and for the local community. As Treasurer of the History Society for ten years he was meticulous in keeping the accounts and contributed to the Society's successful application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant to digitise the Feoffees' archive and in keeping our IT equipment in good working order. Roger also made a significant contribution to Colyton Library. He will be sorely missed.

Jean Hutton has asked us to let members of the Society know the arrangements for Roger's funeral service. This will take place next Friday 25 May 2018 at 1.45 pm at the East Devon Crematorium, London Road, Strete Raleigh, Whimble, Exeter EX5 2PT. No black tie please. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to either the Friends of Colyton Library for the solar panel project Roger had recently established or to Force. Tea will be offered after the service back at their home in Colyton at: Highbank, Hillhead, Colyton, Devon EX24 6NJ. Members may like to consider sharing cars to and from the crematorium?

Sarah Charman Editor

### 1. News

#### **Roman brooch found in Beer caves**

A third century bronze brooch was recently discovered just inside the Roman entrance to the quarry caves. John Scott, the curator, said: "It's the thrill that you're the first person to touch it for all that time when you find something. It's a beautiful little object."



If anyone missed the full report about this find in the *Sidmouth Herald* it can be found online at: <http://www.sidmouthherald.co.uk/news/roman-brooch-sheds-light-on-beer-caves-history-1-5492774>

## 2. Forthcoming Events

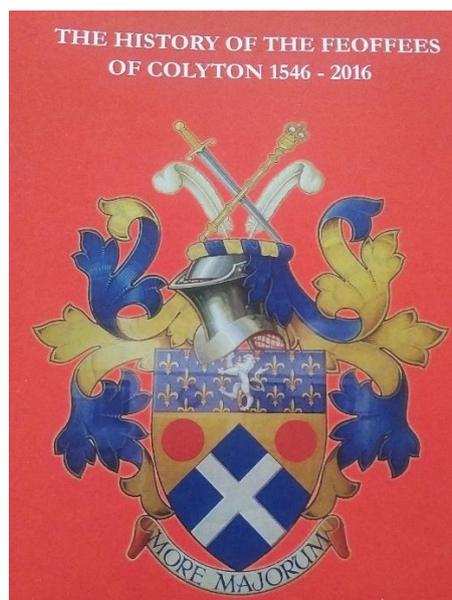
### a) Heraldic Market Event – Town Hall – Wednesday, 30 May 2018 10 am – 4 pm

The History Society will have a stall at the Heraldic Market in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 30 May. The event will celebrate the seasonal launch of the Heraldic Banners display around Colyton. Artisan food and craft stalls, together with light refreshments and cream teas will be available.

We are still looking for volunteers to work on the History Society stand between 12 noon and 2 pm. If any of you has a couple of hours to spare that day and are willing to participate in the rota please could you contact Jacquie McCulloch on (01297 552626.)

### b) Launch of updated book on *The History of the Feoffees of Colyton 1546 - 2016* at Heraldic Market

Colyton Feoffee and History Society Member, Colin Pady will also be signing and selling copies of a new edition of the book originally written by Reginald White on *The History of the Feoffees of Colyton* at the Heraldic Market. Colin Pady has now updated the book to cover the period 1546 – 2016. There will also be a display of historic artefacts belonging to the Colyton Chamber of Feoffees on the stage in the Town Hall.



### c) CPHS Programme of Meetings for 2018

The next meetings of the History Society are in the autumn, beginning with a presentation by renowned local historian Dr Todd Gray on 19 September who will be speaking about the devastating fire at the Royal Clarence Hotel in Exeter.

- 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.

### 3. Other CPHS/Heritage Centre matters

#### i) *Colytonia*

A copy of the classic book *Colytonia: A Chapter in the History of Devon* by George Eyre Evans has gone missing from the Heritage Centre. If you have seen it recently or have any idea about its current whereabouts please could you let Jacquie McCulloch know. (01297 552626.)

#### ii) **Annual Membership Fees are due**

If you haven't yet paid your 2018 CPHS membership fees you may find it easier to set up a standing order (£8 per couple or £5 per individual) then CPHS bank account details are: Lloyds Bank - sort code 30-90-37 account 00992240. Our Charity Commission Registered Charity Number is 1167230.

### 4. Other Organisations' Events



#### i) **Legacy to Landscape Project News - Events for June 2018:**

- a) **Meadow in Midsummer walk, Bolshayne** - Saturday 2 June, 2pm – 3.30pm  
Enjoy orchids and other early summer flowers on a wander through a glorious hay meadow with ecologists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed. Phil and Marian will reveal the identities of a huge number of once common plants which now thrive in this meadow, after 40 years of management by farmer John Walker. Stream runs through meadow, so can be damp in places, please wear appropriate footwear and sun hats as little shade! Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, near Colyton, EX24 6RX SY 221 937 Free. No booking required. Legacy to Landscape project.  
[legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com) ; 01404 310012
- b) **Orchids at dusk, Widworthy** - Thursday 14 June, 6.30pm – 8pm  
Magical evening walk amongst Lucehayne Meadow, a carpet of orchids and enjoy a riot of colour from many early and now not so common summer

meadow plants with ecologists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed. Please note that this is a new date for original advertised date of Saturday 9 June. All ages welcome. Sorry no dogs as ground nesting birds. Limited parking – Free event, booking essential, Lucehayne Meadow, near Widworthy  
[legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com); 01404 310012

- c) Wagtails and Watermeadows Wander, Colyton** - Saturday 23 June 11am – 2pm Meet trees, spot wildflowers and watch birds on a midsummer wild adventure through the fields alongside the rivers Coly and Axe with landscape enthusiast Graham Jones. Leisurely amble, about 3 miles, uneven ground in places and stiles. All ages welcome. Bring a picnic. Sorry no dogs as ground nesting birds. Free event, no booking required. All ages welcome. Further information , Graham Jones, 01297 35725, [graham.jones247@gmail.com](mailto:graham.jones247@gmail.com)  
Ample parking at Umborne Bridge end of Station road, Colyton. Grid Reference 249 942
- d) Colyton Canal Walk** - Saturday 30 June , 1.30pm – 5pm. A journey back in time, in the local landscape between Colyton and Shute to hear about the 19<sup>th</sup> century canal that was planned but never built. Tracing the route in the Axe valley with historian Ken Clifford, following an introductory talk with historic maps at Colyton Church Room at 2pm. This is a linear walk of about 2.5 miles with rough terrain in places and stiles, which will require lift share, to leave cars at both ends of walk – Colyton and Seaton Junction. Free event, Booking essential, 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com) - Colyton Church Rooms, churchyard opposite entrance side of St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JS, Grid Reference 246 941

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