

Commemorating the Armistice at the end of WW1

As we approach the centenary of the Armistice on 11 November 2018 - signalling the end of the 'war to end all wars' - there will be a number of commemorative events locally. Details of some are given below. [Sarah Charman, Editor](#)

1) Silent soldier goes on parade in Colyton



The Midweek Herald reported that a “Silent Soldier goes on parade in Colyton”.
www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/poignant-reminder-of-ww1-fallen-1-5692123

The report (14.09.18) states that Colyton Chamber of Feoffees has purchased one of the ‘Silent Soldiers’ life size silhouettes to commemorate those from the town who fell in The Great War. Tony Hibberd, the organisation’s deputy Chairman said: “The Chamber of Feoffees is proud to support this very worthwhile ‘there but not there’ Tommy campaign by the charity Remembered to commemorate the fallen from the First World War. As we approach the centenary of the Armistice we hope this will also assist in promoting the efforts of other local organisations here in Colyton to honour and remember all those from the Parish who gave their lives and also to explain the impact of the ‘war to end all wars’ on the daily lives of those working and living here on the home front and to the changes this wrought in the community.”

The silhouette has been placed beside the War Memorial. For further details of the Tommy’ campaign see www.therebutnotthere.org.uk

2. CPHS commemorative event

Colyton's War - a four day event in St Andrew's Church at the end of October (31 October – 3 November) will tell the story of the impact of the war on the lives of serving men and women and individuals at home in the Parish of Colyton.

COLYTON'S WAR
"Never such innocence again"
**An event to commemorate
the ending of the
First World War**

St Andrew's Church, Colyton
31st October - 3rd November
Wednesday 11.30-4.00 (Opening Ceremony 11.30-12.00)
Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10-4.00

*Never such innocence,
Never before or since,
As changed itself to past
Without a word - the men
Leaving the gardens tidy,
The thousands of marriages,
Lasting a little while longer:
Never such innocence again
PHILIP LARKIN - 1939/40*

This event seeks to explain and understand the impact of the conflict through the stories and experiences of ordinary people in the town and parish of Colyton.

It looks at the lives of serving men and women and of those who contributed at home and considers how the whole experience of the "war to end all wars" would lead to significant changes in the world of Colyton and its community.

Colyton Station, 1914

Devon
1914-1918

3. Other local commemorative events

- a) **Devon Remembers Heritage Project – *Home Front Remembered*** at Exeter Cathedral from 6.30 pm on Thursday, 8 November 2018,



Home Front Remembered

Thursday, 8 November 2018 from 18:30 to 21:00 (GMT)

Exeter Cathedral



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b) Axe Vale Remembers – *Festival of Remembrance* at Colyford Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 10 November



4. CPHS September Talk

Fire at the Royal Clarence Hotel Exeter

– Dr Todd Gray

Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

at Colyford Memorial Hall



All are welcome: £1 for members, £2 for visitors

Renowned Devon historian Dr Todd Gray MBE, will be speaking about the fire which gutted the historic Royal Clarence Hotel in Exeter on 28 October 2016 and its aftermath. Copies of Dr Gray's recent publications will also be available for purchase.

b) CPHS Autumn Talks Programme

Please note there have been some changes to the autumn 2018 programme of talks:

- The **17 October** talk on 'Taking your own medicine' has been **postponed until the members' evening in January 2019.**
- Wednesday, **21 November** – **Devon's Orchards: A Hidden History** - by **Michael Gee** – **please note venue change to Colyton Town Hall.**

5. Other organisations' events

- i)  **Legacy to Landscape - Events for September - October 2018**

- o **Leaf through the past landscape walk, Shute Friday 28 Sept, 2.00pm – 4.00pm** Explore the medieval deer park - if raining will visit the Turkey Oak at New Shute House. It's the opening event of the Shute Literature and Landscape Festival 2018. Full programme:

www.shutefest.org.uk Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR .
Meet village noticeboard at start of Haddon Road, (Shute Barton end.)

- **Fascinating Fungi, Enna Wood Sunday 30 Sept, 2.00pm – 4.00pm** Explore this magical beech woodland to discover it's rotters, with fungus expert Dave Allen. Enna Wood, Sutton Thorn, near Colyton, EX24 6SW , Grid Reference 216 977. Free events, booking not required. All ages welcome unless otherwise stated. Outdoor walks will not take place if heavy rain is forecast.
- **Shute's First Apple Day Event Saturday 27 October 2018, Shute Church - 11 am – 4pm** Orchards were a significant feature in the landscape of the Shute Estate a century and more ago but now sadly very much absent. The event aims to celebrate this rich heritage, encourage more orchard planting and also to celebrate the Crimson Victoria apple that was first discovered at Shute. It's a cider apple but palatable and originated from Rowlands Orchard, now called Little Orchard Alpacas. It grew in the walled garden of the estate. A recent discovery has been made of the gardening diaries of Edrica Pole, daughter of 9th baronet William Edmund de la Pole. The diaries give a fascinating insight into the management of the walled garden. Come along and find out more about this amazing piece of hidden history that the Legacy project is unearthing. If you know the varieties in your garden please bring along and labelled samples to add to the display. Fun for everyone, apple variety display, tasting, games for adults and children including the longest peel competition, and apple bobbing, fruity themed refreshments and much more. Free admission – parking Haddon Road, EX13 7QR – Grid Ref 216977.... **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND PLEA FOR APPLES ... PLEASE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE EVENT ..please get in touch with Ruth: legacytolandscape@gmail.com;**

ii) **Devonshire Association - Talks programme October to December 2018**

- **The Roman Army in Devon, Finds, Fact & Fiction** - at 2.30 pm **Wednesday, 17 October** - John Smith will deliver a "Living History" presentation using nearly two sets of Roman Soldier`s equipment, largely copied from artefacts found in Southern England. He explains why the Roman Army came to Devon, where it built its known Fortresses and Forts, and the life of a Roman Soldier and his equipment is explained from helmet down to boots. The "Hollywood " myths fiction element about the Roman Army is dispelled. There are several Roman military sites in East Devon. John Smith has worked in the heritage sector for some time, including significantly at Rockbourne Roman Villa, near Fordingbridge, Hants. 1997 to 2006 and becoming curator at Bignor Roman Villa in Sussex, 2007 to 2009. He later worked with English Heritage and currently works with museums and gives talks. Venue at the Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road, Colyton EX24 5PU
- **Wildlife in Devon farmsteads and houses** - at **2:30 pm** on **Wednesday 21 November** - **Patrick Dillon**, Emeritus Professor at

the University of Exeter, is a cultural ecologist interested in how people shape, and are shaped by, the environments in which they live and the animals they share them with. Venue - the Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road, Colyton EX24 5PU

- **Carthorses to Computers – at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 19 December – Colin Pady** will give an illustrated talk on the incredible development of farming in East Devon in the Twentieth century. Venue - at the Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road, Colyton EX24 5PU