

COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 18 June 2019

Further details of the itinerary and how to sign up for the Society's summer outing are below. Also news of a painting of Monmouth Rebels by local artist Mike Beach now on display in the Heritage Centre and of recent contacts with descendants of Colyton families and information about other organisations events.

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1. News

a) CPHS Summer Outing – Wednesday, 24th July *A Celebration - Somers Day in Lyme Regis and Whitchurch Canonicorum*



We have been invited to attend the colourful Somers Day Parade in Lyme Regis, and meet the representatives from Bermuda and their Honorary Town Crier. The story of local hero Sir George Somers will be retold and celebrated throughout the town. During the afternoon we will be given a guided tour of the church at Whitchurch Canonicorum - the unique ancient church of St Candida and the Holy Cross - site of a rare pilgrimage shrine, and burial place of Sir George Somers.

Itinerary

Price per person £17.00 - Book Early - limited to 20 spaces

includes Morning Coffee at Alexandra Hotel, Guided tour of Church, Afternoon Tea at Whitchurch Canonicorum, coach travel

Morning – Lyme Regis

9.30am depart Colyton, meet outside Lloyds building

We will be dropped off in Broad Street at the entrance to the Gardens. A level walk to the Sir George Somers statue.

10.00am Gather and attend welcome to overseas visitors from Bermuda commemorating local hero Sir George Somers.

10.30am Alexander Hotel for coffee.

11.15am Civic Parade down Broad Street, along Marine Parade to the Cobb where there will be a short ceremony. Join in or watch the parade from the gardens.

Mid-day – pack a picnic and enjoy the gardens, or visit a local cafe or pub. Free time from 11.15am to enjoy Lyme Regis. Perhaps a visit to their museum.



Afternoon – Whitchurch Canonorum with Afternoon Tea

1.45pm - Pick up by coach at Clock tower, bottom of Broad Street.

We take a short drive to Whitchurch Canonorum where we will be given a guided tour.

3.30pm - A short service of commemoration, followed by afternoon tea.

Sign Up sheet at front desk in Colyton Heritage Centre, Market Place
or call Jacquie 01297 552626

b) Monmouth Rebels Painting Goes On Display in Heritage Centre



A visually powerful painting depicting a significant event in the history of Colyton -when local men joined the Monmouth Rebellion in 1685 - has gone on display in the Heritage Centre.

The painting by local artist Mike Beach was made in 2004 and is on long term loan from the Colyton Chamber of Feoffees. Mr Beach said he was delighted that more visitors to the town would now have the opportunity to see the painting.

A book about *Henry Pitman and the Colyton Rebels* by Andrew Stephenson is also available for sale in the Heritage Centre.

c) Colyton Families around the world

- i) **Whicker** – Earlier this year I was on duty in the Heritage Centre one cold spring morning, when a couple came in and informed me they were descendants of the

Whicker family. I showed them the thick file we have on this local family and they said they had additional information about members of the family who went up to Oxford University in the late sixteenth century, their subsequent careers and family disputes! Michael Walsby has now sent me the additional information he promised – a copy of which will be added to our file for people to study. He is also happy to engage in email correspondence with fellow researchers and can be contacted at: michael@walsby.eu

- ii) **Drake** – next month notes on a recent visit to the Heritage Centre by members of the Drake family.

d) Missing items

Sadly another item seems to have gone missing from the Heritage Centre. 'Colyton Mills' by Jacky Roberts-Wake.

Some years ago, Jacky very kindly donated to CPHS a copy of the thesis she had written about the history of all the old mills sited along the River Coly. It is a fascinating and valuable document. However, we cannot locate it! Could you please check your bookshelves in case you have borrowed it - we would welcome its safe return to the Heritage Centre.

2. CPHS Matters_

a. 2019 talks programme

The CPHS 2019 programme of talks and events will return in September

- **Wednesday, 25 September** at 7.30 pm there will be a talk on '**Devon and Dorset Migration in the 1800's**' by **Jane Ferentzi** at Colyton Town Hall
- **Wednesday, 23 October** at 7.30 pm a talk on '**Chard and Its Victorian Heritage**' by **Vince Lee** at Colyford Memorial Hall
- **Wednesday, 27 November** at 7.30 pm there will be a '**Coleridge Evening**' offered by the **Coleridge Society** from Ottery St Mary at Colyton Town Hall.

3. Other Organisation's Events

a) Legacy to Landscape – July 2019 Events

- i) **In the steps of the unbuilt Colyton Canal - Saturday 6 July, 2pm – 5pm**
A journey back in time, in the local landscape between Colyton and Shute to hear about the 19th century canal that was planned but never built. Trace the route in the Umborne valley with historian Ken Clifford. We will also go in search of the river swimming pool built in the Edwardian period and provided by the Poles of the Shute Estate for the people of Colyton. The pool fell into disuse in the 1940s. This is a walk of about 5 miles with rough terrain in places and stiles, from Road Green to Seaton Junction. Wear stout shoes, long trousers (ticks), sun hats and bring drink and sun screen as little shade. Free event. Meet by the main entrance to St Andrew's Church, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JS, Grid Reference 246 941

- ii) **Help King John's Oak and Deer Park Walk, Shute, Saturday 20 July, task 10am – 12pm, walk 2pm** A great chance to meet and also lend a hand freeing this magnificent 800 year old ancient tree from surrounding competing growth, helping it to continue to thrive in the medieval Woodend Deer Park at Shute. 2 – 3 hour walk around park in the afternoon with local ancient tree enthusiast Graham Jones. Come to one or both. Gloves, tools and hot drink provided. Booking essential. 01404 310012, pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk. Location map sent on booking. Free event.

Further information: email legacytolandscape@gmail.com;
<http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/wildlife/legacy-to-landscape>

b) South West Heritage Trust - August 2019 Events

Exploring Historic Devon Maps - 6 August 2.00 pm at North Devon Record Office



Discover the historic maps of Devon and how they show the changing landscape of the county. Find out about how to use and interpret them for family and local history and how to access various online resources. A selection of local north Devon maps dating back to the eighteenth century will be on display. Booking essential - £5 including Devonshire cream tea. To book call 01271 318795

(iii) Peterloo and the Viscount Sidmouth Archive – 19 August 2.00 pm Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter or email northdevon@swheritage.org.uk



Join us for an event to celebrate our successful project to conserve the political papers of Henry Addington, First Viscount Sidmouth. A selection of letters will be on display, including items which cast light on the Peterloo Massacre and the government's response. There will also be short talks about the political and cultural significance of the letters, and demonstrations of how we conserved them.