

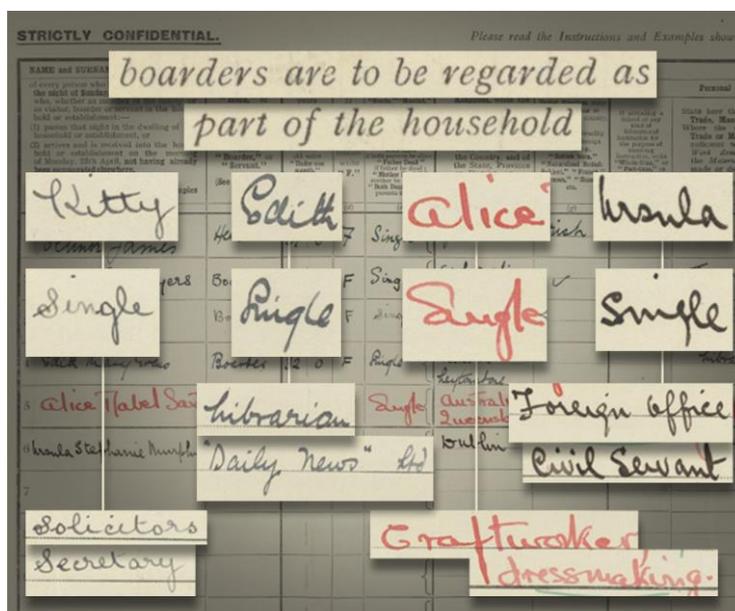
Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter 20 January 2022

A happy New Year to you all. As covid restrictions are eased and hopefully life can begin to return to some kind of normality there are lots of things happening and events to look forward to. Ever thought about doing some research into your past then take a look at the 1921 census which has just been released. Or dip into the British Newspaper Archive. Alternatively, fancy something more active – then book a visit to A la Ronde which the National Trust has just confirmed will reopen this year. Or how about becoming a volunteer at the Heritage Centre here in Colyton?

Sarah Charman, Editor

1. News

a. 1921 census



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BBC

Looking to research your family tree this year? Then don't forget the 1921 census has just been made available by the National Archives. You can explore it for free if you visit the National Archives at Kew <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> or for a fee via the Findmypast website.

In 1921 the country was still recovering from the combined effects of war and the Spanish flu. An interesting article by the BBC on the 100 year old secrets revealed in the 1921 Census is available via this link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-59879470?at_custom1=%5Bpost+type%5D&at_custom2=facebook_page&at_custom3=BBC+News&at_campaign=64&at_custom4=52E5D2E8-6EC3-11EC-AE51-D71E3A982C1E&at_medium=custom7

b. British Newspaper Archive

Another research source – the British Newspaper Archive also makes a lot of information freely available.

<https://blog.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/category/news/>

c. Local National Trust properties saved



The National Trust has confirmed that various local properties which had been threatened with closure will reopen this year including A La Ronde near Exmouth. <https://www.devonlive.com/whats-on/whats-on-news/national-trust-secures-future-exmouths-6491147>

2. CPHS News

a. Social Evening to kick off CPHS 2022 talks programme_–

Colyton Parish History Society is pleased to announce the first meeting for 2022. This will be a social evening to welcome all Members and visitors at Colyton Town Hall, Wednesday **23 February 2022 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.** Members £2.00, Visitors £4.00 - Includes refreshments.

There will be a couple of presentations on:

- “*Colyton in 1944 – Reminiscences of an Evacuee*” – Hugh Westacott, our local footpath warden, will share his experiences as a child evacuee to Colyton during WW2

- *“Old Photographs of Colyton & Colyford”* and *“Forty Four Fascinating Facts about Colyford”* - a slide show presented by Colin Pady.

Do come along - everyone welcome – it will be lovely to have the opportunity to catch up with old friends after such a long time.

Copies of the talks programme for the 2022 season will be available at the meeting.

b. Heritage Centre Volunteers and Town Walk Guides get together

Heritage Centre volunteers and Town Walk guides are invited to a pre summer season Tea Party on **Monday, 7 March at 2.30pm in St John’s Hall**. Jon Pratt will give a short presentation on researching the Feoffees Archive database.

We are planning to reopen the Heritage Centre in April and are keen to recruit more volunteers to help welcome visitors to the Centre this summer so if you are interested do come along. Also if anyone is interested in managing the volunteer duty rota over the summer months please let us know.

c. A Reminder - Membership Subscriptions now due

Annual subscriptions to Colyton Parish History Society are now due. Members normally pay by cash at our January meeting. However there is no scheduled meeting this month – so payment at the February meeting will be fine. You can pay: by cheque payable to Colyton Parish History Society. Please write the member(s) names and “Subs” on the back (or in a separate note), pop in an envelope and either:-

- Post your envelope marked “Colyton Parish History Society” through the door of the Heritage Centre in Colyton or
- Post to Colyton Heritage Centre, Merchant’s House, Market Place, Colyton, EX24 6JR
- By bank transfer to:
 - Account name: Colyton Parish History Society
 - Sort Code: 30-90-37
 - Account number: 00992240

The membership fee remains at £8 single or £12 joint (a couple living at the same address). No membership subscriptions were collected in 2021. Any members who did pay eg by standing order, your payment will be carried forward to 2022. If you have any questions regarding your subscription then

please email the Treasurer, Brian Lowing, at treasurer@colytonheritagecentre.org

3. **Other Organisations Events in January and February**

a. **SW Heritage Trust – Devon Archives**

The South West Heritage Trust is currently recruiting for an Archives and Local Studies Assistant to work at the Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter: <https://swheritage.org.uk/archives-local-studies-assistant/>

We are looking for an Archives & Local Studies Assistant to be based at the Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter. You will work as part of a team providing advice and assistance to the public, overseeing the public searchroom, answering enquiries, and retrieving archives from their storage for use by the public. You will also have the opportunity to assist with the care of archive collections including updating the collections management database.

You will need excellent customer care skills and a willingness to learn about the major archival sources held by the Trust. Occasional travel to other sites managed by the Trust may be required. Salary: £19,100 per annum, paid on a pro rata basis. Hours: 22.5 hours, Tuesday to Thursday. Contract: Permanent

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity which delivers a broad range of heritage services across Somerset and Devon. With a turnover exceeding £3.5 million each year, we manage and run two Archives and Local Studies services, three museums (including the Museum of Somerset), and we look after the historic environment in Somerset, including over 400 acres of reserves.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact Scott Pettitt, Archives Engagement Manager on 01392 888700. The South West Heritage Trust encourages applications from all sections of the community. We particularly encourage applications from people from those sections of the community which are currently under-represented in the heritage sector including black, ethnic minority, and/or disabled applicants. Closing date: 9am, Monday 7 Feb 2022 Interviews: Thursday 17 Feb 2022.

Key documents:

- [Archives and Local Studies Assistant – Recruitment Information Pack \(PDF\)](#)
- [Archives and Local Studies Assistant- Job Description and Person Specification \(PDF\)](#)
- [Archives and Local Studies Assistant- SWHT Application Form \(MS Word\)](#)
- [SWHT Equal Opportunities monitoring \(MS Word\)](#)

4. **Items you may have missed**

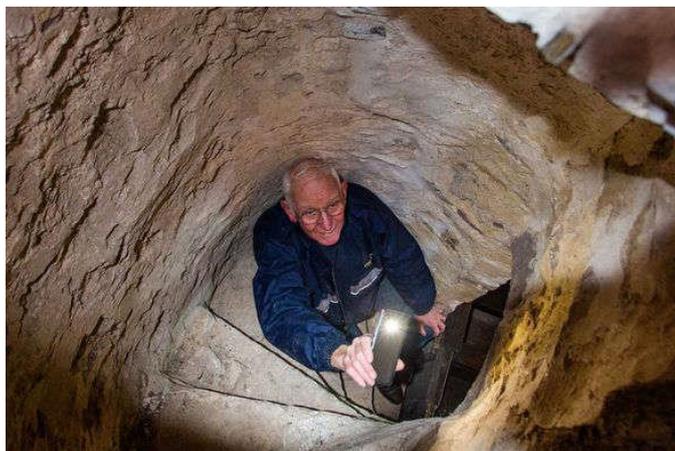
- a. Rare King Henry III gold coin found



BNPS.co.uk (01202 558833) Pic: Spink&Son/BNPS A metal detectorist has found an extremely rare example of England's 'first ever gold coin' which could make him a £400,000 fortune. The Henry III coin was struck in about 1257 by William of Gloucester with gold imported from North Africa. It has been said by numismatists to show the first 'true' portrait of an English King.

https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/rare-henry-iii-gold-coin-6502924?utm_source=devon_live_newsletter&utm_campaign=western_morning_news_newsletter2&utm_medium=email

- c. St Peter's Knowstone, Exeter – secret stairway sealed for 500 years by Queen Elizabeth 1



<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/travel/news/royal-mystery-blown-open-secret-stairway-sealed-for-500-years-by-elizabeth-1-discovered/ar-AASJT1D?ocid=ob-fb-engb-1511253547831>

- c. Exmouth - Stone Age to Bronze Age History

<https://exmouth.nub.news/n/the-beginnings-of-exmouth-from-the-stone-age-to-the-bronze-age--local-history-column?IYA-mail=849809d2-783c-47dd-98e3-4c821c95cf93>

d. MSC Napoli shipwreck 15 years ago

<https://sidmouth.nub.news/n/sidmouth-we-look-back-at-the-msc-napoli-shipwreck-15-years-ago-today?IYA-mail=849809d2-783c-47dd-98e3-4c821c95cf93>