

# Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter 10 October 2019

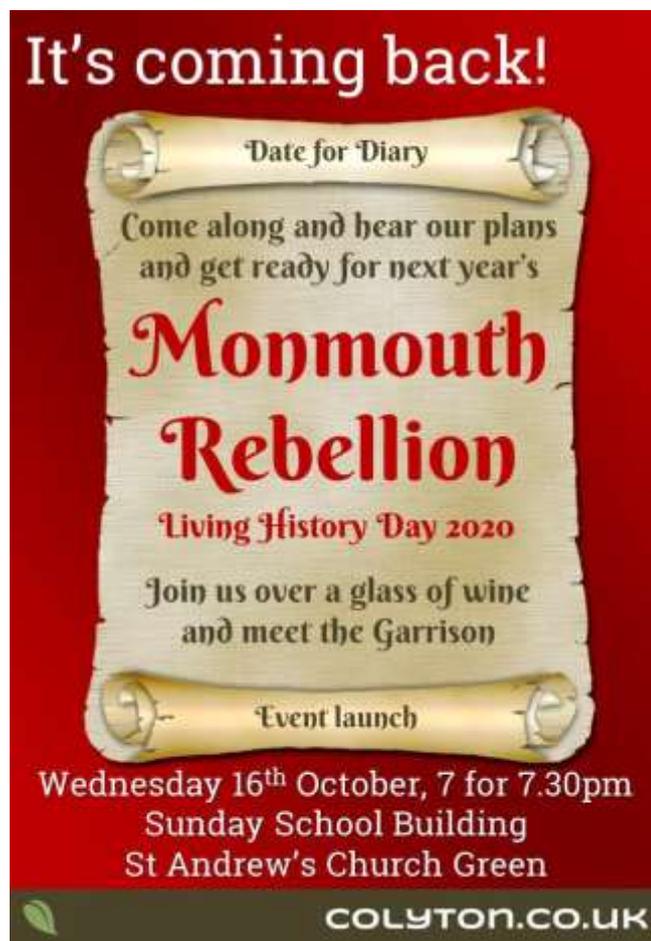
Lots of events to look forward to this month, plus news of the sale of Grade I listed Stedcombe House at Axmouth and the rediscovery of a rare historic map.

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## 1. News

### a) Announcing the Monmouth Rebellion revisited in 2020!

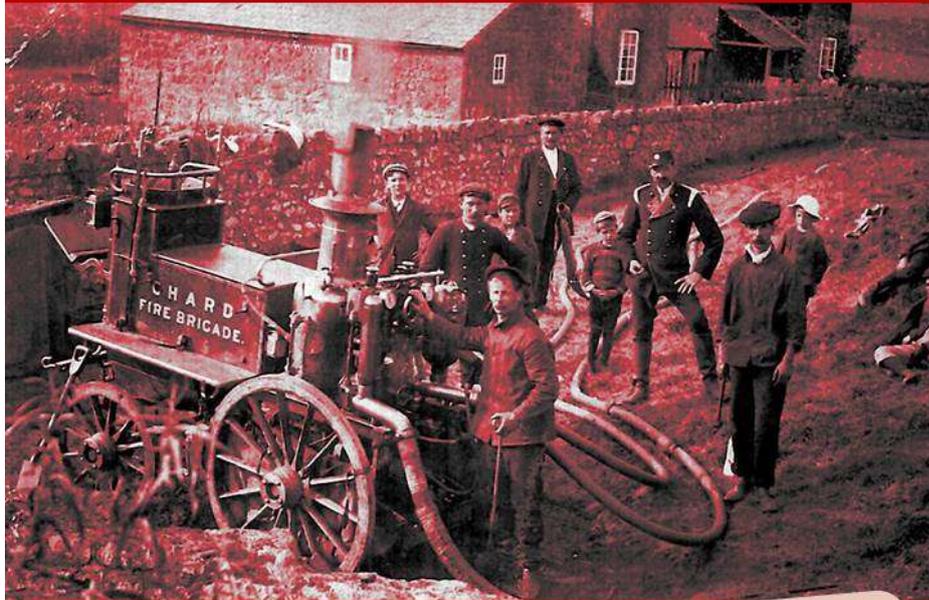
Colyton is preparing to commemorate the Monmouth Rebellion again on Saturday, 4 July 2020. Come to the **Sunday School building** on St Andrew's Church Green on **Wednesday, 16 October at 7.30 pm**, enjoy a glass of wine and learn about how you can get involved.



### b) CPHS October talk

The next CPHS talk on "*Chard and its Victorian Heritage*" will take place on **Wednesday 23 October at 7.30 pm** at **Colyford Memorial Hall**.

## *Colyton Parish History Society*



### *Chard and it's Victorian Heritage*

*by Vince Lean – Chard Historian*

*An illustrated talk about the history and achievements of  
people from Chard during the Victorian era.*

**WED 23<sup>rd</sup> OCT – COLYFORD MEMORIAL HALL**  
7.30pm. £2 members, £4 non-members  
includes refreshments

*all welcome*

### **c) Stedcombe House for sale**

The Grade 1 listed William and Mary House at Axmouth is for sale through Savills at £4.5 million. It was built in 1697 by the Hallett family from profits derived from the slave trade in Barbados. Lyme Regis Town Court Records for 1702 contain a reference to “a Black Negro servant of Mr. Richard Hallett called Ando” who was accused with other inhabitants of rioting in Broad Street!



Sources:

- <https://thestepletimes.com/opulence-splendour/superlative-stedcombe/>
- <https://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk/related-article/the-slave-trade/>
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#### **d) Rare C17th map found in Oxfam shop sold for £3,500**

This historic rare map made around 1626 by renowned cartographer John Speed was discovered 'soaking wet' and in a shocking state in a bag left at an Oxfam charity shop in London. It was auctioned at Woolley and Wallis— who waive all charges for charities - in Salisbury on 2<sup>nd</sup> October for £3500. The map entitled 'A New and Accurat [*sic*] Map of the World', but depicting California as an island sold to an American buyer.

Wooley's expert Mark Yuan-Richards said. "The fact that the North American coastline is inaccurate based on what we know today gives a fascinating insight into how cartography developed through exploration and the establishment of trade routes."



Sources:

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- <https://www.woolleyandwallis.co.uk/news-events/news/brave-new-world/>

## 2. CPHS Information

### a) CPHS talk

The final CPHS talk for 2019 will take place on:

- **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.

### b) Volunteers annual party

After another successful year welcoming visitors to Colyton, the annual volunteers get together will take place **on Friday, 15 November at 10.30 am in St John's Hall**. All volunteers are most welcome to attend the coffee morning whether you work in the Heritage Centre, as a town walking guide, or undertake digitizing, archiving or research. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### c) Membership fees

A brief reminder that annual membership fees are **due from 1 January 2020** and as agreed at the last annual general meeting will be **rising to £8 for an individual and £12 for a couple**. Fees can be paid at any meeting. For those of you who pay by standing order or BACS, payment can be made at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-90-37, Account

Number 00992240. Please remember to adjust the sum you pay before the payment is due from your account. If you have any queries please email [treasurer@colytonhistory.org](mailto:treasurer@colytonhistory.org)

### **3. Other Organisation's Events**

#### **a) Legacy to Landscape – Event in October 2019**

##### **APPLE DAY - Sunday 20 October 2019, Rowlands Orchard, Shute**

Shute celebrates National Apple Day with its Community Apple Day celebration on Sunday 20 October from 12pm until 4pm at Rowlands Orchard, Little Orchard Alpacas, Haddon Road. Free admission.

Orchards have been a significant feature in the landscape of the historic Shute Estate for many centuries 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 which was discovered in the walled garden of the historic Shute estate. The orchard was planted with many local Devon varieties of fruit trees by Courtenay Pole in the 17th century. However earlier records of its existence have been discovered in the 16th century Shute estate inventory by William Petre, Secretary of State, who acquired the estate when it was confiscated from the Grey family who lived there at that time, when relative, Lady Jane Grey lost her head. There will also be Apple Pressing, where the public are invited to bring apples and bottles. Also apple variety display, tasting and sales. If you know the varieties in your garden please bring along labelled to add to the display. Games include the longest peel competition, apple bobbing and apple/spoon race. Refreshments will be served in the church. Also a chance to see inside Shute Barton, now owned by National Trust and originally the manor house for the Shute Estate. Organised guided tours of the house commencing at 10.30am. They last 45 minutes and depart every 15 minutes throughout the day. The last tour departs at 3.45pm. Shute Barton, Haddon Road, EX13 7PT. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/shute-barton> At 4.30pm, the event will finish with a special guest appearance from James Crowden, West Country writer and poet, author of Ciderland which charts the development of cider making in the West Country, from the sixteenth century monks to the diverse industry of today. He will talk in Shute Church. Further details: Samantha Knights, Shute House: [samanthaknights@gmail.com](mailto:samanthaknights@gmail.com), or Ruth Worsley, Legacy to Landscape Project Coordinator: [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

#### **b) Dating Old Family Photos Training Course with Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard at Dillington House on Friday 8 November 2019**



2019 Course with  
Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard  
at  
**Dillington House**

Friday 8 November

**Dating Old Family Photos**  
Practical session – bring old photos along



**Fee: Day course £56**

The fee includes coffee/tea on arrival, mid-morning coffee, 3-course lunch  
and tea with cake

To book please contact the Bookings Office on 01460 268613

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