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## COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

### Commemorating the Armistice

Preparations are well in hand for the *Colyton's War* exhibition in St Andrew's Church (31 October - 3 November) that will tell the story of life on the home front and the contributions made by the people of the Parish.

Sarah Charman, Editor

# COLYTON'S WAR

"NEVER SUCH INNOCENCE AGAIN"

AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE  
THE ENDING OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLYTON

WED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT – SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV 2018

10AM – 4PM DAILY

OPENING  
CEREMONY 11.30AM  
WEDNESDAY  
31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

A COMMUNITY  
EVENT AND  
EXHIBITION TO TELL  
THE UNTOLD STORY  
OF LIFE ON THE  
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ADMISSION FREE  
ALL WELCOME

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**'Colyton's War'** is a community event and exhibition to tell the untold story of life on the home front and the contributions made by the people of the Parish. There will also be a series of speakers on Thursday – Saturday. David Parker will talk on Thursday at 2pm about 'The People of Devon in the First World War'; Colin Pady at 11 am on Friday about 'Farming and Rural Life' and Nick Cole on Saturday at 11 am on 'The Bantam Soldiers of WW1'

## **2. Other local commemorative events**



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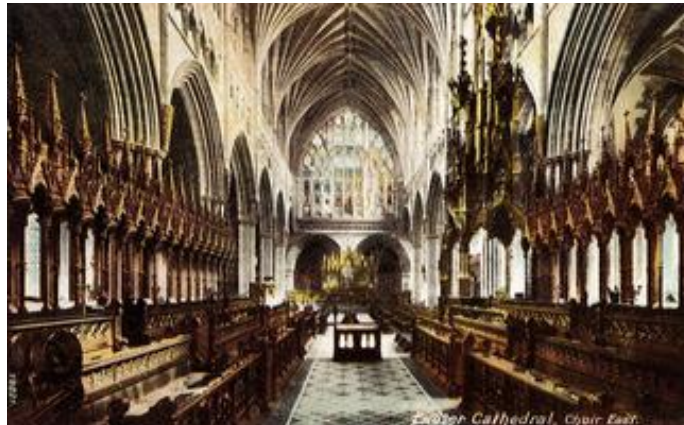
a) **Devon Remembers Heritage Project – *Home Front Remembered*** at Exeter Cathedral from 6.30 pm on Thursday, 8 November 2018.



## Home Front Remembered

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

**Exeter Cathedral**



[BOOK NOW](#)

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



**THE  
VALLEY  
REMEMBERS**

A Festival of Remembrance commemorating the  
signing of the Armistice in 1918  
with  
The Box Valley Players  
and featuring  
The Box Valley Community Choir

**COLYTON MEMORIAL WAR**  
Saturday 10 November  
7.30pm  
(Doors not open until 7pm)

Tickets £10 including a souvenir programme  
Available only from Colford Books  
from 17 September

In aid of the Royal British Legion

### 3. 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**.

#### **4. Other organisations' events in October and November**

- a) **Shute Barton, National Trust** – A reminder that Shute Barton will be open to the public on the following weekends 20/21 October and 17/18 November. The tours last 45 mins and there is no need to book.



#### **b) Devon History Society**

**DHS's last three events in the 2018 programme** – please could you remind your members that places at these events are still available but need to be booked soon ...



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### **Sat Oct 13 DHS AGM and Annual Conference on Devon's Cottage Hospitals before the NHS, University of Exeter**

The AGM starts at 10.00 (each affiliated society has the right to one voting place); the Conference starts at 11.15. This year's topic, celebrating the NHS's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary is 'Cottage Hospitals in Devon before the NHS'. Come along to hear about the Cottage Hospital movement, Winsford Hospital, designed by C.F. Voysey, now being lovingly restored by the Landmark Trust, and some vignettes by local speakers of the rich resource created by voluntary activity and subsumed into the NHS in 1948.

One free place per affiliated societies; nominal charge of £5 to other affiliated society members. Guests also welcome at £10 per place.

### **Mon Oct 29 Improving our Presentations of the Past, University of Exeter, 14.00-16.00**

Half day workshop considering (in the exciting new Digital Humanities Laboratory at Exeter University) how best to present the fruits of your researches, using a range of different media. Open only to members of DHS and its affiliated societies. No charge.

### **Mon Nov 12 Maps and the Landscape, Devon Heritage Centre, 10.00-15.30**

Day conference with a range of speakers exploring the rich range of resources delivered by Devon's historic maps, and how they can be used to understand local histories. Open only to members of DHS and its affiliated societies. No charge.

All booking information is available via the Devon History Society website, <https://www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk/events/>



### **c) Legacy to Landscape - Events for September - October 2018**

- **Shute's First Apple Day Event Saturday 27 October 2018, Shute Church - 11 am – 4pm** Orchards were a significant feature in the



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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)**

#### **d) 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



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- **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