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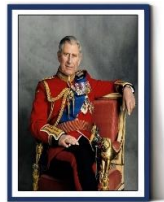
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Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter

Details of the official ceremonial for the Coronation of King Charles III are set out below and there is also a further personal recollection from an anonymous donor of the events surrounding the late Queen's Coronation in 1953. More contributions are always welcome. Sarah Charman, Editor. sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk

1. News



Details of the official three day programme for King Charles' III Coronation are set out below

Saturday 6th May, 2023

The Coronation Service will take place on the morning of Saturday 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. The King and the Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as '**The King's Procession**'.

Following the ceremony, the King and Queen Consort will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as '**The Coronation Procession**'. They will be joined in this procession by other members of the Royal Family. The day will end with the Royal Family appearing on the **balcony**.

Sunday 7th May, 2023

On Sunday 7th May 2023, a special **Coronation Concert** will take place at Windsor Castle. Broadcast by the BBC, the concert will bring global music icons and contemporary stars together in celebration of the historic occasion. The concert will be attended by members of the public, as well as charities supported by the Monarch. Further details about the concert, the national ticket ballot and the line-up will be released in due course.

During the concert, there will also be a special '**Lighting up the Nation**' segment, which will see the country join together in celebration as iconic locations across the UK are lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

The **Coronation Big Lunch** will also take place on Sunday 7th May. From street parties to garden get-togethers, neighbours and communities across the UK are invited to share food and fun together.

Monday 8th May, 2023

The **Big Help Out** will be held on Monday 8th May 2023 — the additional bank holiday. Organised by [The Together Coalition](#) and 25 of the UK's biggest charities, [The Big Help Out](#) will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation. From rolling up your sleeves to help a local group, to volunteering at a food bank, this is the chance to lend a hand in your neighbourhood. [Read more about The Big Help out here.](#) <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/king-charles-coronation-details-in-full-as-three-day-plan-for-ceremony-unveiled/ar-AA12S5ol?ocid=msedgqdhpc=U531&cvid=2f9a4ea579ed436dafadebec896e6637>

2. CPHS News

Further Coronation Memories from 1953

Thank you to whoever provided me with their personal memories – recorded below - of events surrounding the Coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953 like the crowning success of conquering Everest!



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"At the time of the Coronation I was seven and a half years old. We were living on the outskirts of Colyford which at the time was less than a quarter of its present size. We were invited, along with several other people to watch the ceremony on one of the few television sets in the village at Kingsholme, which was then a large Victorian house in its own grounds, since replaced by the current Kingsholme housing estate.

The small black and white television set was set up in the dining room with chairs for the adults and floor space for the children. One of my memories is of Prince Charles, then aged four and a half; being brought in to join the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret immediately before the actual crowning. .Another is of the carriage procession for visiting royalty when Queen Salote of Tonga drove through the streets in an open-topped carriage, ignoring the fact that it was pouring with rain and that the other royals were all in closed carriages,

Many newspaper posters carried the caption "all this and Everest too." - Mount Everest was actually conquered on 29th May but due to the time it took reporter James Morris to get back to an area where it was possible to communicate with the outside world, the news was not received worldwide until 2nd June.

Although television transmission was only available in black and white a colour film was made of the ceremony. This was shown in cinemas around the country and I was taken to see it at the cinema at Seaton which used to be on the corner of Fore Street and Cross Street before being pulled down and replaced by the gardens which are there now."

Do you remember the last Coronation? Do you have any souvenirs, photos, postcards, letters, diaries or any other family reminiscences from the 1953 Coronation and of the celebratory events which were held here in Colyton? Was anyone in your family awarded a Coronation Medal? Do you still have it? Please email me if you have a personal recollection you'd like to share or any of these items or indeed would be interested in helping us to research this subject: sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk

3. Other CPHS Events

a) Colyton History Society Annual Programme of Talks

A reminder that the annual programme of History Society talks kicks off at 7.30 pm in Colyton Town Hall on Wednesday 22 February with talks by Colin

Pady on ***Salt Making in the Axe Estuary*** and Marian Sydenham and Jacquie McCullogh on ***The Big Freeze of 1963 Remembered.***

Copies of this year's talks programme will be available at the meeting.

b) Annual Membership Fees Due

A reminder that annual membership fees for 2023 are due from the beginning of January. It is £8 for a single membership or £12 for a couple.

Subscriptions can be paid at any Society meeting. Or they can be paid by standing order or BACS transfer using the following details: Colyton Parish History Society, Sort Code: 30-90-37, A/c no 00992240 (Lloyds Bank.)

c) Volunteers Tea Party

Our volunteers tea party will take place on **Tuesday, 7 March from 2pm in St John Hall**. Were you a volunteer pre covid, enjoyed it and are thinking of volunteering again? Do you fancy becoming a volunteer in the Heritage Centre and welcoming visitors to appreciate the long and colourful history of Colyton. Then do come along and meet us all. All welcome.

d) Heritage Centre Opening Times

The Heritage Centre will be open again from Tuesday 4th April to Thursday 29th September 2023 and is staffed by volunteers who are happy to help with your researches into a family tree or the history of a property in Colyton.

Opening Times:

11.00am – 3.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Please check website for extended summer opening times

4. Other Organisations Events

February 2023 East Devon AONB 60th Anniversary Events - Medieval Deer Park Events:





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a) Poetree in the Park - Shute, near Axminster - Saturday 25 February 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

To launch East Devon AONB's 60th birthday programme – a guided walk in a magical medieval deer park with poetry.

Enjoy the embers of winter as spring begins to cloak the landscape. Step back in time and experience a rare chance to explore the medieval deer park and meet celebrated 900 year old oak, King John's Oak and other veteran wild residents on a guided walk with Graham Jones, local ancient tree enthusiast. Graham will help us identify trees by their buds and bark. Enjoy the sights and sounds of winter wildlife and be inspired if you wish to share a favourite tree or wildlife poem with the group. All ages welcome and will include children's activities.

Free event. Booking essential. Details of parking given on booking: [Poetree in the Park Walk](#)

or contact: savingspecialspecies@gmail.com or Ruth Worsley, Wildlife Engagement Officer, East Devon AONB, 01297 489741

This event is also part of the AONB's Saving Special Species, Nature Recovery Programme. [Saving Special Species](#) For more information on future East Devon AONB events, projects and news please subscribe to their e-newsletter: [subscribe](#)

b) Deer Park Battle of the Bramble - Practical Conservation Task - Shute, near Axminster - Saturday 25 February - 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Call for volunteers to carry out a practical task. Shake off the winter blues and help clear overgrown vegetation to free recently planted trees in Shute medieval deer park, which are currently choking in bramble. It is also a great chance to meet older residents in the medieval deer park. New young oak trees in the last decade have been planted which will replace the centuries old oak trees when these older residents eventually die.

Gloves, tools, and hot drink provided. Task led by Tom Bush, arboriculturist at Windsor Great Park and Ruth Worsley, East Devon AONB Wildlife Engagement Officer. Booking essential. Details of parking given on booking: [Battle of the Bramble Task at the Deer Park](#)

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These events are part of a programme of special activities marking the 60th anniversary of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; celebrating the landscape and building community connections with nature.

Notes for Editors

- For further details on all the saving special species projects visit www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk/our-work/projects/saving-special-species
- The East Devon AONB was designated in 1963 and covers 268 sq km. Core funding and support is provided by Defra, Devon County Council and East Devon District Council. A wide range of organisations from environmental groups to statutory bodies, landowners and community representatives work together through the AONB Partnership to conserve this protected landscape. www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk

Ruth Worsley - Wildlife Engagement Officer for East Devon AONB 01297 489741 or 07765126565

5. Items you may have missed

- a) East Devon AONB announce events to celebrate their 60th anniversary

[60th anniversary events to celebrate East Devon's AONB | Midweek Herald](#)

- b) The freezing winter of 1962/63

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/23291546.pictures-freezing-cold-winter-1962-1963-dorset/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=1ed933c3-0f6e-4168-8256-ab7a1bdc02a8>

- c) 185 million year old marine crocodile found on west dorset coast

<https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/23296297.185-million-year-old-marine-crocodile-found-west-dorset-coast/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=1ed933c3-0f6e-4168-8256-ab7a1bdc02a8>

- d) When Mona Island was Pratteshide Quay

<https://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/23301250.exmouth-history-mona-island-pratteshide-quay/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>



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e) Old pictures of Bridport cinema etc

[Old pictures of Bridport cinema, Stevensons Garage and Loders Football | Bridport and Lyme Regis News \(bridportnews.co.uk\)](#)

f) Hidden tunnel under Central Park Plymouth

[https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/history/gallery/hidden-tunnel-under-central-park-8059659?utm_source=devon live newsletter&utm_campaign=western morning newsletter2&utm_medium=email](https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/history/gallery/hidden-tunnel-under-central-park-8059659?utm_source=devon+live+newsletter&utm_campaign=western+morning+newsletter2&utm_medium=email)