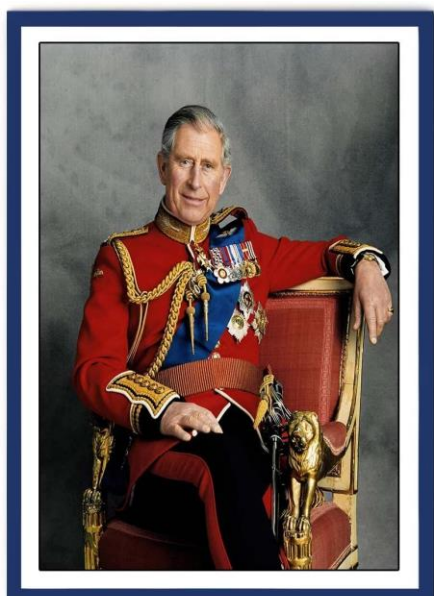


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Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter



A very Happy New Year to you all. There are lots of things to look forward to this Spring including the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May – the first such event in 70 years. How will Colyton celebrate this time?

Also featured in this edition of the Newsletter: the recent designation of Colyton Cemetery as a Commonwealth War Grave, and a number of stories with New World connections including the sale of an historic C17th Bible thought to have belonged to Elizabeth Pole of Shute Barton who emigrated to the New World, information about a Devon History Society talk on the lives of three Devonians who featured in early Newfoundland history and details of a forthcoming celebration in May of Roger Conant from East Budleigh emigrating to America in 1623.

Among the other items of local news: publication of a rare biography of fossil hunter Mary Anning from Lyme Regis – with a link to the online version of the biography below - Enjoy!

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CPHS News

a) Coronation Memories from 1953 -

Do you have memories of our late beloved Queen's Coronation 70 years ago? I was discussing this with Geoff and Maureen Clode recently in their home over a cup of coffee. Maureen said "I have a memento." She went upstairs and a few moments later came back with a medal she had retrieved from her jewellery box. The beautifully enamelled medal bore the inscription "Coronation 1953 - Sidmouth Hot X Bun Fund". The Fund gave a badge to all the children of Sidmouth. Not to be outdone, Geoff suddenly remembered he also had a souvenir of the historic occasion - a teaspoon. He went to the cutlery drawer and came back with a silver coloured spoon bearing the words "ER Coronation 1953" which similarly had been given to local children to mark the occasion.



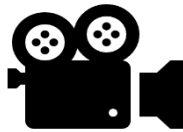
If you remember the last Coronation do please share your memories with us. I am collecting them together and they can be kept in the Heritage Centre for future generations of Colytonians to read. Do you have any souvenirs, photos, postcards, letters, diaries or any other family reminiscences from the 1953 Coronation and of the celebratory events which were held here in Colyton? Was anyone in your family awarded a Coronation Medal?

If you have any memories or family memorabilia from that time please would you share them with us. I am working with Kaz Rhodes of the *Coly Times* to pull together local research - and whatever items people may have stored away in a box in their attic - for articles we plan to write for Colyton History Society publications and the *Coly Times* to mark the Coronation of King Charles III in May this year. Please email me if you have any of these items or indeed would be interested in helping us to research this subject: sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk

b) Colyton Film Archive Project

I spent an enjoyable couple of hours last week watching jerky, out of focus old home movies from 50 years ago depicting tales of smuggling, Friday 13th, Colyton Carnival and summer frolics. I was amazed how inventive the sporting events filmed at the Carnival were from racing homemade rafts on the Coly to rolling hay bales and caterpillar track walking. It seems people were much more willing to join in silly games back then! A second screening is planned for 7th February (not 31st January as previously advertised) Do come along if you are free.

Colyton Film Archive Project



George Barrett's home movies and equipment have very kindly been donated to the Colyton Parish History Society. George was a well known member of the Colyton Cine Club during the 1970s.

Film Workshop 2023

**Tuesday, 7th February 2.00pm-
4.00pm**

St John Hall, Colyton

- Would you like to be involved with assessing old films & slides ?
- Can you help operate 8mm film projectors?
- Do you have old films & slides about events in the parish?



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c) Colyton History Society Annual Programme of Talks

The annual programme of 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 on ***The Big Freeze of 1963 Remembered***.

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

d) 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.)

e) 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

f) Volunteers' tea party

Just a note to say we're planning to hold a volunteers' tea party before we reopen the Heritage Centre. Details to follow when its confirmed.

2. Other News

a) Colyton – Commonwealth War Graves



Colyton Cemetery has recently been designated as a Commonwealth War Grave.

There are seven names listed at the link below: Private Charles W Anstis, Private G Purse, Driver S G Sprague, Private H F Edwards, Private W G Hooper, Private Ernest John Mayne, Private Albert Edward Potter.

Additional information such as plot numbers in the cemetery and details of any personal inscriptions are available if you wish to email me at:

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Only one headstone has been identified so far – if anyone can help identify any of the other headstones and let me have a photo we will feature them here.

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/search-results/?CemeteryExact=true&Cemetery=COLYTON%20CEMETERY>

b) Historic Bible thought to have been taken to New World in 1633 by Elizabeth Pole of Shute Barton has sold at auction for £20,000



A rare copy of the Bible, thought to be taken to new America by East Devon woman Elizabeth Pole in the 1600s, has sold at auction for £20,000. The Geneva Bible, believed to date back to 1615, attracted huge interest from both sides of the Atlantic when it was sold at Bloomfield Auctions in Belfast this week, raising almost twice its asking price.

The book is thought to have been taken to what is now Massachusetts in the US by Elizabeth Pole, who lived in Shute Barton, near Axminster. She left England for the New World on the Speedwell pilgrim boat, leaving from Plymouth in 1633, and went on to found the town of Taunton, Massachusetts, believed to be the first woman to establish a town in North America.

Auctioneer Karl Bennett described Pole as an "inspirational woman" and said the interest in the Bible was testament to her "extraordinary life". Pole was born in 1588, the daughter of Sir William Pole, who was knighted by James I in 1601, and Mary Peryam, the daughter of Sir William Peryam, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer. Their descendants continued to live at the National Trust property Shute Barton until 2009.

Pole sailed from Plymouth with two friends, 14 servants, goods and 20 tons of salt for fishing provision, intending to form a settlement and convert the Native Americans to Christianity. Together with her brother William Poole, she acquired a large section of land from the native Wampanoag in 1637, which led to the development of the Taunton settlement the following year. She died in 1654 as a wealthy spinster who had built her own house with an orchard, occupied by her brother, as well as owning a second home

purchased from Robert Thornton. She was one of the few women at that time who left a will, leaving her property, including a 40-acre meadow, to her nephew John Poole, a merchant in Boston.

The Geneva Bible has been described as one of the most historically significant translations of the Bible. It was the first mechanically printed, mass-produced Bible available to the public and pre-dates the King James Bible by 50 years.

The Bible was presented to Elizabeth's father, Sir William Pole, by the Archbishop of Canterbury in recognition of his services to the church and the poor of Devon. When Elizabeth died, the Bible was returned to her family in Devon and it remained in their possession until the mid-20th century when it was sold to a collector from Northern Ireland. It was sold this week as part of a private collection. <https://seaton.nub.news/news/local-news/historic-bible-taken-to-new-world-by-east-devon-woman-sold-at-auction-for-ps20000-166449>

3. Other Organisations Events

a) Devon History Society

Whitbourne, Crout and Berry: Three Devonians in Early-Modern Newfoundland.



Three Devonians
in Early-Modern
Newfoundland

by: William Gilbert

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**Online
Event**

7.00-8.00pm GMT (15:30 NST)
Jan 26th 2023
To register, visit
www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk

Discover the roles played by
three Devonians (Whitbourne,
Crout and Berry) within the
wider context of
an important
period in early
Newfoundland
history.

DEVON
HISTORY SOCIETY

Joint event with the Newfoundland and Labrador Archaeological Society

Your members may be interested in this online talk which is taking place on Thursday **26th January 2023** at 7pm. Archaeologist William Gilbert will stream



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live from Canada and highlight the roles played by three Devonians in early Newfoundland history. Talk: *Whitbourne, Crout and Berry: Three Devonians in Early-Modern Newfoundland*. Tickets are £4 each for non-members but those who belong to groups affiliated to DHS can use this promo code **AffiliatedGroup** for a 50% discount on the non-members ticket price <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/whitbourne-crout-and-berry-three-devonians-in-early-modern-newfoundland-tickets-480350068987>

b) **Local history stories competition:**

The National Archives and the British Association for Local History invite you to enter the [20sStreets](https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20s-people/20sstreets/) local history competition, where they're looking for local history stories that capture the imagination. Entries are open for both individuals and local history groups (archive professionals are welcome to enter personally but not as an archive service). The story must have a link to the 1920s and relate to the areas covered by the 1921 Census of England & Wales (England, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands), but the rest is up to you. There are fantastic prizes to win, such as a year's premium subscription to Findmypast, offering unlimited access to the 1921 Census. <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20s-people/20sstreets/>

4. **Items you may have missed**

a) **John Perryman shot – 1883 – killer never found**

<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23247783.john-perryman-shot-1883--killer-never-found/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

b) **Date set for unveiling of Roger Conant plaque, East Budleigh**

<https://www.exmouthjournal.co.uk/news/23253051.date-set-unveiling-roger-conant-plaque-east-budleigh/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

c) **Mary Anning – rare biography published**

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-64235768?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=KARANGA&IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a

[The Life of Mary Anning, Fossil Collector of Lyme Regis: a Contemporary Biographical Memoir by George Roberts | Journal of the Geological Society \(lyellcollection.org\)](http://lyellcollection.org)



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d) 'Paradise Found': new Exhibition at Thelma Hulbert Gallery

<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23248155.paradise-found-new-march-thelma-hulbert-gallery/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

e) Ancient fishing traditions of Dorset

<https://lyme-online.co.uk/news/lyme-regis-news/lyme-regis-museum-talk-and-book-launch-to-explore-ancient-fishing-traditions-of-dorset/?IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

f) 800 year old Newton Abbot cattle market to close

https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/historic-800-year-old-newton-8015529?utm_source=devon_live_newsletter&utm_campaign=western_morning_newsletter2&utm_medium=email&pure360.trackingid=58001004-5f32-4d84-890b-1117d9df12eb

g) Lost Devon coastal village

https://www.devonlive.com/news/history/lost-devon-coastal-village-labrador-7998840?utm_source=devon_live_newsletter&utm_campaign=western_morning_newsletter2&utm_medium=email&pure360.trackingid=58001004-5f32-4d84-890b-1117d9df12eb

h) Fascinating pictures of Lyme Regis at the turn of the twentieth century

<https://www.bridportnews.co.uk/news/23234867.fascinating-pictures-lyme-regis>

i) Dorset Landmarks: History of the Cobb, Lyme Regis

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/23222905.dorset-landmarks-cobb-lyme-regis/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

j) Part of Devon owned by Canada and the clue is on the A30

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/history/part-devon-owned-canada-clue-7977670?IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

k) Old photos of Lyme Regis

<https://www.dorset.live/news/dorset-news/gallery/lyme-regis-history-photos-seaside-7928956?IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>



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l) Dramatic 1850 manslaughter trial that divided Dorset

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/talk-on-dramatic-1850-manslaughter-trial-that-divided-dorset/ar-AA165GUy?ocid=msedgdhp&pc=U531&cvid=451906e60fc14d67ac2a8f2485f3801d>

m) Colyton residents release new childrens book

https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23219651.colyton-residents-releases-new-childrens-book-buses/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=DM68188

n) Looking back on the day a volcano erupted in West Dorset

<https://www.bridportnews.co.uk/news/lookingback/11774408.looking-back-day-volcano-erupted-west-dorset/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=cf8e6e05-4c1d-4f59-98b4-83e3d9bdcf6a>

o) Listed Heritage status for South West folly

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-63978341?at link_type=web link&at format=link&at campaign_type=owned&at link_id=1796C982-7D6C-11ED-A339-595C0EDC252D&at campaign=Social Flow&at bbc team=editorial&at link origin=BBC Spotlight&at medium=social&at ptr name=facebook page

p) Ponsanooth – historic gunpowder capital of Cornwall

https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/ponsanooth-cornwall-kennall-vale-gunpowder-7934803?utm_source=devon live newsletter&utm_campaign=western morning newsletter2&utm_medium=email&pure360.trackingid=58001004-5f32-4d84-890b-1117d9df12eb

q) Napoli shipwreck disaster

https://www.devonlive.com/news/history/msc-napoli-shipwreck-disaster-sparked-8014268?utm_source=devon live newsletter&utm_campaign=western morning newsletter2&utm_medium=email

r) Mapping UK's sunken holloways in Dorset

[Project to map UK's sunken holloways starts near Bridport | Dorset Echo](https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/Project-to-map-UK-s-sunken-holloways-starts-near-Bridport-1.1234567)

s) Exploring England's heritage from the air

[Explore England's Hidden Past from the Air – The Historic England Blog \(heritagecalling.com\)](https://heritagecalling.com/explore-england-s-hidden-past-from-the-air-the-historic-england-blog/)

t) History of Devon's Hedgerows

[History - Devon Hedge Group \(devonhedges.org\)](https://www.devonhedges.org/history/)