

20 April 2023

Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter

1. News

a) Colyton prepares to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023

Doing their bit – Colyton fire station kindly volunteered to put the bunting up this week on their drill night.





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The draft programme is set out below. Final details still to be confirmed. A Coronation Exhibition by the schoolchildren of Colyton Primary Academy will be on show all weekend in either Colyton Town Hall or St Andrew's Parish Church, tbc.



COLYTON CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 6 May:

Live streaming of the Coronation on the big screen in St Andrew's Parish Church with refreshments served. The church will be open all day.

6pm - 10pm: 'Coronation Party in the Park' at the Peace Memorial Playing Fields, come rain or shine, with live music from 'Mojo Stone Cold Players, bouncy castle, face painting, BBQ and bar.

Donations welcome at the entrance gate.

Sunday 7 May:

10am Civic Service in St Andrew's Parish Church.

12:30pm - 3pm Street Party on Church Street (Town Hall if raining) with a DJ. Bring your own picnics and cakes to share. Winners of the 'Coronation Shop Window Competition' announced.

Monday 8 May:

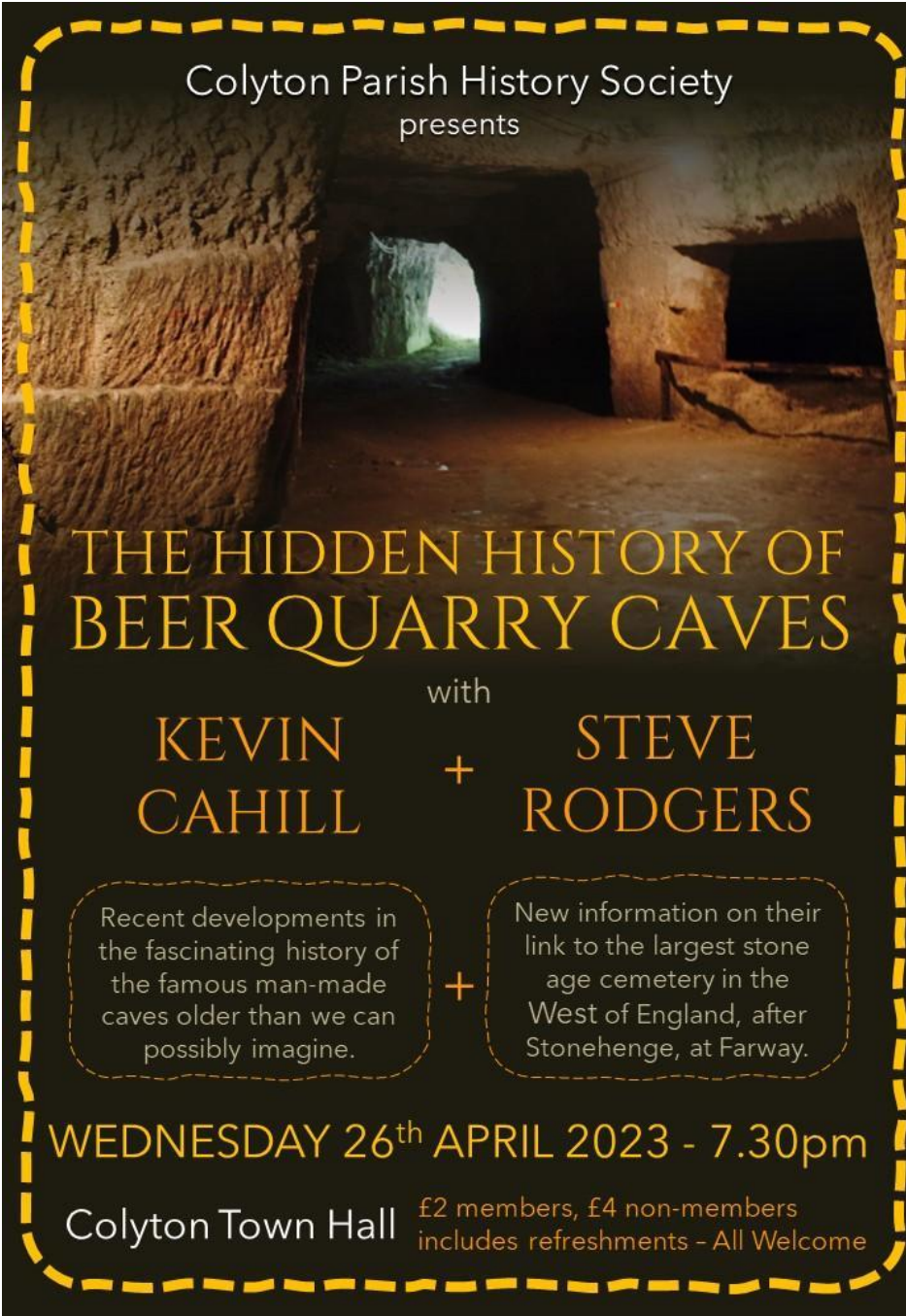
Breakfast Bacon Baps with tea or coffee in Colyton Town Hall in aid of local charities.

Friday 19th & Saturday 20th:

'A Festival of the Environment' celebrating all the rich habitats of the Parish of Colyton, with demos, talks and refreshments in the Town Hall in honour of our newly crowned 'Green King'. Any other events to be confirmed

b) Reminder: CPHS Talk

The next talk in the CPHS 2023 programme is about the **Hidden History of Beer Quarry caves** and will take place at Colyton Town Hall at 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 26 April 2023**



Colyton Parish History Society
presents

THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF BEER QUARRY CAVES

with
KEVIN CAHILL + STEVE RODGERS

Recent developments in the fascinating history of the famous man-made caves older than we can possibly imagine.

New information on their link to the largest stone age cemetery in the West of England, after Stonehenge, at Farway.

WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL 2023 - 7.30pm

Colyton Town Hall £2 members, £4 non-members
includes refreshments - All Welcome

2. Other CPHS Matters

a) Town Walks



Join our local guides for a walking discovery of COLYTON

The tours will take place regardless of weather. It is a gentle walk with frequent stops around the town.

Booking is not required. All profits go to support our Heritage Centre and other local history projects.

EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON
From **6th April to 28th September**
Walks start from the car park in Dolphin Street at **2pm**

£4 PER PERSON AND UNDER SIXTEENS ARE FREE

 At other times (not Thursdays), organised guided walks for groups of eight or more can be arranged by telephoning: 01297 552514 or 01297 33406 or contact us through our website colytonheritagecentre.org

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b) Heritage Centre Open for the summer

The Heritage Centre opened for the summer season on Tuesday 4 April until **Thursday 29th September 2023.**

Our first visitors on Tuesday morning were David Squibb and his wife who are researching his family connections with Colyton – **the Restorick family.**



His great grandmother was Emma Restorick and she lived in Cuckoo Street (now South Street). If you have any information about the family they would be pleased to receive it. Please let me know.

The Heritage Centre is staffed by friendly 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.

c) **More family history seekers**



Duncan Sweetland and Caroline Elliott also visited the Heritage Centre the same morning. They are researching their local family history which includes the Sweetland and Board families. They too would welcome any information you can provide. Please let me know if you can help them.

d) **General Bruce and the Everest Expeditions**

Mick Conefrey is writing a book about the Everest expedition of 1924. He has contacted me to ask if anyone in Colyton has any information or knowledge about John Geoffrey Bruce who was mentioned in the attached article by Margaret Lewis from the Honiton Museum which appeared in the *Midweek Herald* - if you do he would be very pleased to hear from you. Please let me know.

<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/20353551.story-colytons-mount-everest-explorer/>



e) **Annual Membership Fees Due**

A reminder that annual membership fees for 2023 were due from the beginning of January: £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.)



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3. Other Organisations Events

a) South West Heritage Centre Exeter – online coffee time talks

[Coffee Time Talks – South West Heritage Trust \(swheritage.org.uk\)](http://swheritage.org.uk)

Coffee Time Talks take place online each month. They provide advice and tips on carrying out your own projects, and highlight stories from the collections across Devon and Somerset. Coming up:

Fri 21 April - Researching the History of Your House with Archivist Eve Bickerton

Fri 19 May - Lewis Burfitt (pictured) Prisoner of War Diaries with Head of Archives Janet Tall

Fri 16 June - Caring for Your Family Archive with Senior Conservator Jenny Barnard

Fri 21 July - The Cary Family Archive with Archivist Stuart Tyler

[Read More and Book](#)

b) East Devon A.O.N.B

Memory Gathering – the last 6 decades in East Devon AONB

Do you have a story to share of memories of living, working, playing and enjoying the East Devon AONB Landscape. We would love to hear from you and record that memory or do you have photos? Please do contact me: **Ruth Worsley, 01297 489741 or 07765126565**
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4. **News items you may have missed**

- a) **Historic Cobb wall damaged in storm**
<https://lyme-online.co.uk/news/lyme-regis-news/watch-cobb-high-wall-in-lyme-regis-closed-due-to-storm-damage/?IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>
- b) **Sir George Somers**
<https://lyme-online.co.uk/blogs/sir-george-somers-part-i/?IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>
- c) **Lyme Regis Fossil Festival**
<https://www.bridportnews.co.uk/news/23463004.lyme-regis-fossil-festival-2023-take-place-seafront-next-week/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>
- d) **Skull of Jurassic predator revealed in new David Attenborough BBC programme**
<https://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/sir-david-attenboroughs-new-bbc-8337518?IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>
- e) **The brickworks of Ottery St Mary**
<https://www.sidmouthherald.co.uk/news/23447187.brickworks-ottery-st-mary-queen-victoria-monument/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>
- f) **100,000 historic maps available online**
<https://archive.org/details/david-rumsey-map-collection>
- g) **Michael Portillo at Corfe Castle in new railway tv show**
<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/23460583.michael-portillo-corfe-castle-new-railway-tv-show/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=6d3e6480-e574-4be7-9d9b-5e322aa8f0a2>
- h) **Stone Balancing Artist at Devon Festival**
<https://www.thedevondaily.co.uk/news/local-news/incredible-stone-balancing-artist-rock-devon-garden-festival>

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