

23 September 2023

Colyton Parish History Society Newsletter

Lots of announcements this month: Colyton is looking for a new Town Crier – do you know anyone who might be interested in the role? The first History Society talk of autumn on *Sotheby's Fine Art and Photography* will take place next Wednesday 27 September and Colyford's Medieval Goose Fayre on Saturday 30 September.

1. News

Oyez! Oyez!

Town Crier wanted for Colyton!

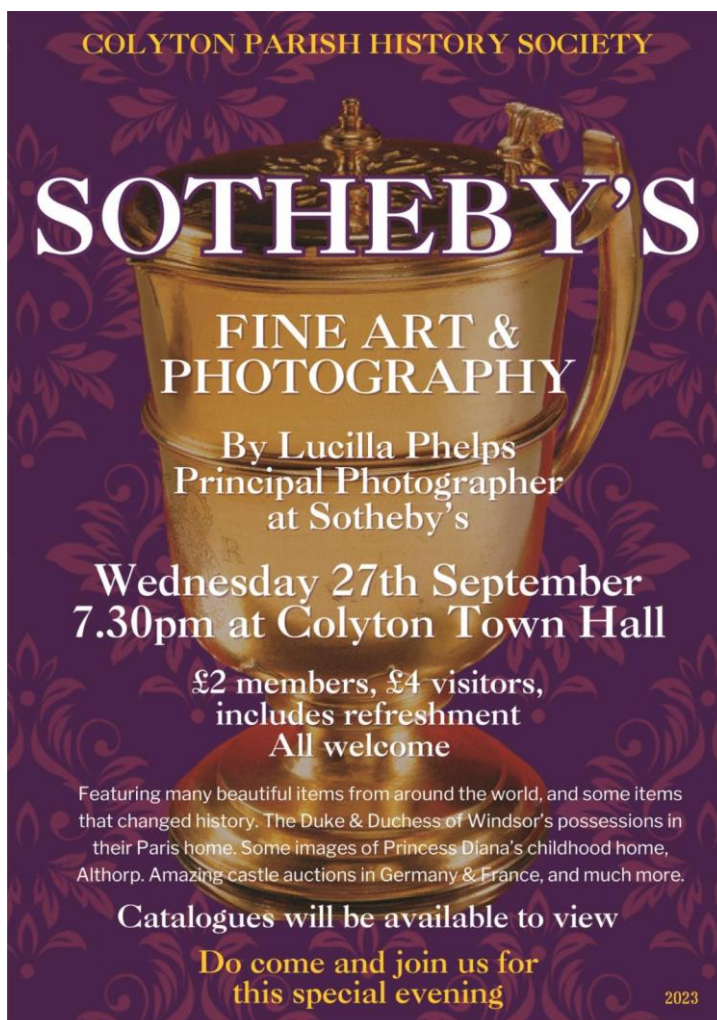


Colyton needs a new Town Crier. After 4 years sterling service Brian Norris has decided it is time to hang up his robes and retire. We wish him well. Do you fancy the role? Have you been thinking about applying? Well why not give it a go!

Are you friendly and outgoing with a loud voice and dramatic flair? If you fancy taking on the mantle of this culturally important, colourful and historic voluntary role in the life of our community please send a cv and a letter - briefly setting out why you think you are suited to the role - to the Bailiff, Colyton Chamber of Feoffees, Town Hall, Market Place, Colyton EX24 6JR or by email to sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk

The closing date for applications is **Friday 20 October 2023**. Selected applicants will be invited to a 'shout out' in November. Date to be confirmed.

b) Colyton History Society's first talk of the autumn season



COLYTON PARISH HISTORY SOCIETY

SOTHEBY'S

FINE ART &
PHOTOGRAPHY

By Lucilla Phelps
Principal Photographer
at Sotheby's

Wednesday 27th September
7.30pm at Colyton Town Hall

£2 members, £4 visitors,
includes refreshment
All welcome

Featuring many beautiful items from around the world, and some items that changed history. The Duke & Duchess of Windsor's possessions in their Paris home. Some images of Princess Diana's childhood home, Althorp. Amazing castle auctions in Germany & France, and much more.

Catalogues will be available to view

**Do come and join us for
this special evening**

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c) **Colyford Goose Fayre**



**Colyford Village
Medieval
Goose Fayre**

**Opening
Ceremony
at 1.45pm**

**SATURDAY
30th September**

**at Springfield
Seaton Road**

Dress up and join the parade
Costumes available 01297 552172

Procession leaves the Elms, Colyford
at 1.30pm parading to Springfield
for the Opening Ceremony.

Admission by Programme
or £5 at the Gate
UNDER 14's FREE

A CASH ONLY EVENT

FREE CAR PARK * EX24 6QH

Follow us on Facebook and the
Colyford Village web page

**A Family
Fun Day**



d) Family tree inquiries

Phil and Hilary (nee Sellers) Garvey



Phil and Hilary Garvey have contacted me to ask if anyone who lives locally around the Colyton area knows anything of the history of Sellers Farm near Whitford and/or Sellers Close in Colyford? Hilary's father Cecil Sellers was born in Colyford and she was raised in Wellington in Somerset. Phil says they were both involved in the 'dairies' and moved out of the west country for work in the 1990s but have now returned to live in Chard. If anyone can throw any light on the history of either place or knew Hilary's father please can you let me know and I will pass it on to Phil and Hilary.

2. Other CPHS Matters

- a) **History Society talks** – The talk on **25 October** is by Kay Townsend on '**Fairgrounds at War 1939-45**' and will be followed by a short agm meeting.
- b) on **22 November** Stewart Raine will talk about '**The History of Seaside Towns.**'

Talks are held in Colyton Town Hall and begin at 7.30 pm. Entrance fee: Members £2 and Non-Members £4.

3. Other organisations events

a) Devon History Society



2023
Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location	Online
5 SEPT	Devon in the 1920s - Building a new understanding of the past	19:00 - 20:15		Yes
7 SEPT	Norden Manorial Survey (with DRA/FODA) at the Devon Rural Archive, Modbury	19:00 PM - 20:00		No
14 OCT	Devon History Society AGM & talk 'The Exeter Conspiracy' at Exeter Library	10:30 - 12:30		No
6 DEC	The Alehouse in Tudor & Stuart Devon	19:30 - 20:45		Yes
17 JAN	Devon Tithe Barns	19:30 - 20:45		Yes



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MORE INFORMATION:
www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk

Online
In-person




b) East Devon AONB – 60TH Anniversary talk



WOODBURY WIDE AWAKE

**"Landscape change in the last 50 years
and its impact on the wildlife of East Devon"**
A talk by Prof Patrick Dillon



**Thursday 28 September
7.30pm at St Swithun's church, Woodbury
Entry by donation – no need to book**

In acknowledgement of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Patrick Dillon presents an updated version of the fascinating talk he gave in 2019 to mark the half-century since the death in Woodbury of Rev William Keble Martin, the renowned botanist and author of *The Concise British Flora in Colour*.

What would Keble Martin make of the countryside today? He would be horrified, no doubt, by the loss of biodiversity to urbanisation and industrial farming. But intrigued, too, by the few species that have benefited from these developments. This presentation will look at land-use changes in the last 50 years and how they have impacted on wildlife, especially in and around East Devon where Keble Martin spent his last years.

Woodbury Wide Awake at di_wack@yahoo.co.uk



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w. www.colytonheritagecentre.org

c) Somerset Archives

Unlocking the Quantocks

Fri 13 Oct 10.30 am, Online

Join us to hear about some of the stories uncovered during recent research into the Quantocks Hills as part of the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme.

[**Book now**](#)

d) Devon Archives

The Cary Estate Collection

Fri 29 Sept at Paignton Library

Learn about how to use these records to support your research into local history, house history or family history.

[**Book now**](#)



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4. **News items you may have missed**

a) **Tall Ship visit to Plymouth**

<https://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/impressive-tall-ship-el-galen-8760142>

b) **Restoration work at A la Ronde completed**

[Work to protect 26,000 shells at A la Ronde completed - BBC News](#)

c) **Charmouth Heritage Centre funding**

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/23780037.charmouth-heritage-centre-receives-funding-jurassic-lab/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=2c626b80-7a64-4f57-afe4-6bdeb137e043>

d) **New Shoe Museum to be built in Street**

<https://planetradio.co.uk/greatest-hits/somerset/news/new-shoe-museum-to-be-built-in-street/?IYA-mail=2c626b80-7a64-4f57-afe4-6bdeb137e043>

e) **Graham Oakley church mouse collection estimated at £100,000**

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/23778379.graham-oakley-church-mouse-collection-estimated-100k/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=2c626b80-7a64-4f57-afe4-6bdeb137e043>

f) **UNESCO says proposed road tunnel at Stonehenge should not proceed in current form**

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/road-tunnel-near-stonehenge-should-not-proceed-in-current-form-unesco/ar-AA1gWDan?ocid=socialshare&cvid=d833ed09ac8245109c138ae001f0df77&ei=29&fclid=IwAR0mOLFk1GyfujlkHt7SKyiv4GPwuYK21MmifQx5eqWQ0jncFXfm2AhwVI#i#ma>

g) **Life on Devon's beaches 50 years ago**

[Life on Devon's beaches 50 years ago - Devon Live](#)

h) **Story of disgraced Rev Reichel who lived at A La Ronde**

[Exmouth's A La Ronde story unveiled by Find my Past and National Trust | Exmouth Journal](#)

i) **Archaeologists uncover Stone Age viewpoint on Dartmoor**

[Stone age Dartmoor viewpoint uncovered by archaeologists | Archaeology | The Guardian](#)

j) **Mystery mosaic Cridford Inn**

<https://www.greatbritishlife.co.uk/lifestyle/23667125.mystery-mosaic-cridford-inn-devon/?ref=eb&nid=2374&u=26e309a1465491fa9108b8530c3bc91f&date=150923>



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k) New website will showcase East Devon nature reserves and wetlands

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2023/09/new-website-to-showcase-east-devon-nature-reserves-and-wetlands/?IYA-mail=57d73a22-9948-4b7b-ae1c-b2093580fd9d>

l) Harry Green Photographer: Lyme Regis in the 1960s

<https://www.bridportnews.co.uk/news/23779289.lyme-regis-1960s-photographer-harry-green/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=2c626b80-7a64-4f57-afe4-6bdeb137e043>

m) Colyton couple celebrate platinum wedding anniversary

<https://www.midweekherald.co.uk/news/23793743.colyton-couple-geoff-bailey-peggys-platinum-wedding-anniversary/?ref=eb&nid=2397&u=26e309a1465491fa9108b8530c3bc91f&date=160923>

n) Pictures of bygone days in Eype

<https://www.bridportnews.co.uk/news/23786450.wonderful-old-pictures-eype-dorset-bygone-days/?ref=rss&IYA-mail=2c626b80-7a64-4f57-afe4-6bdeb137e043>

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