

## The Society

The Society is a charity. It was set up as a focus for people who both want to know more about the history of the parish of Colyton, and to share that knowledge with all. To achieve this, the Society has a regular programme of talks, undertakes or supports research, mounts exhibitions and provides volunteers to staff the Colyton Heritage Centre.

We publish a monthly newsletter edited by Sarah Charman who can be contacted by email [sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarah.charman@yahoo.co.uk).

There is an annual subscription to become a member of the Society. This is £8 single, or £12 for two due on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Subscriptions can be paid at any Society meeting. Or they can be paid by standing order or by BACS using these details: Colyton Parish History Society, Sort Code 30-90-37, A/c No. 00992240 (Lloyds Bank).

Contact the Society by email [colyton.history@btconnect.com](mailto:colyton.history@btconnect.com) or visit our web site [colytonhistory.co.uk](http://colytonhistory.co.uk).

## The Heritage Centre

Located in the Merchant's House, Market Place, the Heritage Centre houses and displays the Society's collection of archive documents, historic artefacts, old photographs, books and maps. A selection of local books, postcards, etc are available for purchase. The Heritage Centre also houses parish registers and census records for Colyton and the surrounding area for study of family and buildings history.

The Centre is staffed by volunteers who are happy to help with your research. It is open Tuesday to Friday from [2nd April to 26th September, 2024](#).

Opening Times:

11.00am – 3.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Please check website for extended summer opening times

## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2024

Tuesday 27th Feb <b>2.30pm</b>	<b>SOCIAL AFTERNOON</b> <b>Dairy Maids &amp; Milkmen</b> by Colin Pady	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 26th Mar 7.30pm	<b>AXMINSTER THROUGH THE AGES</b> <b>Shaped by Fire &amp; Flood</b> by David Knapman Axminster Heritage Museum	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 23rd Apr 7.30pm	<b>FROM DEEDS TO DIGITAL</b> <b>The Work of Devon Record Offices</b> by Brian Carpenter	Colyton Town Hall
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Tuesday 24th Sept 7.30pm	<b>LOST BUILDINGS OF EXETER</b> <b>Destruction from 1800-1899</b> by Todd Gray	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 29th Oct 7.30pm	<b>HUNTING THE HUNTER</b> <b>Dunkeswell &amp; Battle of the Atlantic</b> by Brian Lane-Smith Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 26th Nov <b>2.30pm</b>	<b>SIR THOMAS GATES</b> <b>Son of Colyton, Governor of Virginia</b> by Sarah Charman & Jon Dover	Colyton Town Hall

The attendance fee for each talk  
£2 for Members and £4 for Non-members  
includes refreshments.

## Other Activities

### Guided History Walks Around Colyton

Everyone can discover what lies behind walls and how architectural features can unlock the history of buildings. Learn more about the Saxon origins of our town and how Colyton became Devon's Most Rebellious Town.

The Society organizes guided history walks around the town every Thursday from April till the end of September. The walks start at 2pm and leave from the Car Park in Dolphin Street. The cost of the walk is £4 per person, although under sixteens are free.

The Society can also arrange walks for groups at any time during the year. Please pass on the word to friends elsewhere and tell any organizations you think may be interested. If you would like to arrange a group walk, then please call Jane on 01297 552514, or contact us through our website.

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## PROGRAMME OF TALKS 2024