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.

It publishes a monthly newsletter edited by Sarah Charman who can be contacted by email 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 1st 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 or visit our web site colytonheritagecentre.org

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 Thursday from 8th April to 25th September, 2025.

Opening Times:
11.00am – 3.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Please check website for extended summer opening times

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR 2025

Afternoon Meetings at 2.30pm

Tuesday 25th Feb	**SOCIAL MEETING** Bygone Tales of West Country Smugglers By Claire Ross Colin Pady, Founder of CPHS A Celebration	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 25th Mar	**MAPPERTON HOUSE** A History of the Estate since 1086 by Peter Rand	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 22nd Apr	**NEWENHAM ABBEY** by John Allan Exeter Cathedral Archaeologist	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 23rd Sept	**JANE AUSTEN IN DEVON** by Hazel Jones The Jane Austen Society	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 28th Oct	**VIKINGS IN THE SOUTHWEST** by Derek Gore Hon. Fellow University Exeter	Colyton Town Hall
Tuesday 25th Nov	**TIME TRAVEL** by Jackie Hunter East Devon Detectorists	Colyton Town Hall

All talks start at 2.30pm. The attendance fee for each talk is £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 10th April to 25th September, 2025. The walks start at 2pm and leave from the Car Park in Dolphin Street. The cost of the walk is £5 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 2025