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# THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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To book a trip or to join the team (we are always looking to recruit new drivers), please contact:

John Smith on 01363 83436 or email: biggles1047@gmail.com

#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

Thanks to all who have contributed items for this issue. Happily, there seems to be an ever-increasing amount of activity and 'things of great interest' going on in this great little community. Fantastic!

Pleased to say that I have added 4 new on-line readers to our list, this month Welcome to you all!

Please Note the deadline for items for the APRIL issue will be <u>Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup></u> <u>March</u>. Please can I have all your copy, in WORD format, no later than this date. John W Smith (Editor) Email: biggles1047@gmail.com

#### **DIARY OF EVENTS FOR MARCH:**

Wednesday, 1st

2.30pm: HALL: **"SUNSHINE SINGING"** 

#### Thursday, 2nd

7.00 - 10.00pm: HALL Senior Table Tennis

#### Friday, 3rd

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL FILM "ELVIS". Bar and Social Night

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<b>Monday, 6th</b> 2.30pm to 4.00pm: 5.00pm: HALL:	CHURCH CAFÉ TAI CHI
<b>Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup></b> 2.00pm: HALL	QUILTING
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> : 7.00pm: HALL	The Coldridge Arms
Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> : 4.30pm: HALL	Six Nations Rugby
Sunday, 12th 10.30am: CHURCH	MORNING PRAYER
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> 5.00pm: HALL 7.30pm: HALL	TAI CHI GARDENING CLUB
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm: HALL FETE 2024 OPEN MEETING 8.00pm: HALL Senior Table Tennis (Note change of Day & Time)	
<b>Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup></b> 2.15-3.00pm:	MOBILE LIBRARY
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> 9.30am -12.30pm: HALL "THE GREAT DEVON BREAKFAST" 2.30pm: HALL Six Nations Rugby	
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.30am: CHURCH: HOLY COMMUNION	
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	

Monday, 20 5.00pm: HALL TAI CHI

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am-3.30pm: HALL COLDRIDGE CAFÉ

AND St MATTHEW'S CHURCH TOURS Monday, 27th

5.00pm: HALL

TAI CHI

#### Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

#### 7.00pm: HALL VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday, 30th

7.00 - 10.00pm: HALL Senior Table Tennis .....

golden Here's a opportunity for you to sing for the joy of singing - not the hard work of a choir but singing for sheer With enjoyment. many great benefits,

both mental and physical, not to mention the social engagement with others; these fortnightly informal singing sessions are

aimed at keeping your brain active in a lighthearted, enjoyable way.

For just £3 per session, come along to our Sunshine Singing sessions in the Village Hall, every fortnight at 2.30pm, to enjoy singing for fun and community spirit. No standard required and the price includes afternoon refreshments.

Please contact Rachel on 07795 511685 or at sunshinesinging23@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to register. Do come along and join our happy group of singers. We are all learning new things (me, more than most! ED) Our third session will be on Wednesday 1st March, in The Village Hall.



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#### **GARDENING CLUB:**

Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th March, at 7.30pm in the Hall. We will be welcoming Leila Goss, the Bee Inspector for North Devon. Leila has a fascinating job. she is a national expert in all things beerelated and will be offering us a really interesting, wide-ranging and interactive presentation. The main theme will be how we can provide the right flowers and plants to encourage bees into our gardens and to provide them with all that they need, throughout the year....and lots more! In view of the critical importance to us of these vital and fascinating little creatures,

non-members are especially welcome at this meeting. Only £1.00 a head to join in. Do, please, come along!

There will be our usual Prize Draw and refreshments. John Smith

#### **COLDRIDGE KNIT & NATTER:**

Are you a knitter who likes to natter? Our small and very friendly group is looking for 3 or 4 more people to join us.

We meet every fortnight, in some of each other's home; hence the need to keep the group fairly small. You do not need to host it if you don't wish to!

We generally knit for charities and for the Neo-Natal Unit (NNU) at the RD&E.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested. Helen Smith Tel: 01363 83436 Or Email: helenwaylandS@gmail.com

#### **COLDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

On May 4<sup>th</sup> there will be an election for all seven seats on Coldridge Parish Council.

If anyone is interested in standing, then please contact me and I can give you more information on what the role entails and can let you have a nomination form. This needs to be submitted to Mid-Devon District Council at Phoenix House Tiverton by 4pm on Tuesday the 4th April. Most residents of the parish who are over 18 will be eligible to stand and, rather than list the details here, I can speak to you on an individual basis to confirm your eligibility. Keyth Richardson, Clerk to Coldridge **Parish Council** 

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#### St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH HISTORY **TOURS 2023:**

Just to confirm that these are the planned open days for our History Tours in 2023:

Please note that we have allowed one extra\* tour in August to accommodate a large group from Exe Valley U3A.

I understand that our lovely ladies (and gents) are happy to provide the cafe for that visit. It was felt that, as the income received from group visits, for the church and for other charities, had been very significant in 2022, and as bookings are likely to be less this year, that this exception to the once-amonth tours was acceptable.

#### 2023 Programme (all are Thursdays)

23 March 27 April

25 May

22 June

27 July

#### 10 and 24 August\*

28 September

- 26 October
- 23 November

Please pop these into your diaries. John D.



#### BIN 1-2-3 UPDATE:

Recycling rates in Mid Devon have increased in the first three months since new three-weekly waste collections were introduced.

Latest figures show that the recycling rate for the district has risen to 56.56%, compared to 52.02% during the same period in 2021/22.

The major contributor to the change has been food waste. More food waste has been stored correctly in food caddies instead of with non-recyclable waste meaning the amount of food waste collected has increased by 6.81%. On top of this, the amount of household nonrecyclable waste has decreased by 14.46% meaning the total waste the Council collects has decreased.

#### Simon Bruford, Waste and Transport Manager, said:

"We know recycling rates can vary month to month, but seeing an improvement in rates since the start of Bin-It 123 is a positive indicator for the new service.

"While there was scepticism when the change was first announced, many residents have quietly got on with making the scheme work and found ways to cut the amount of waste they throw away."

A recent council survey of residents found that 71% said they were fairly or very satisfied with the Councils waste collection service and following feedback the Council is now exploring the possibility of introducing a trial weekly recycling collection.

### Matthew Page, Corporate Manager for People, Governance and Waste, said:

"Residents can help further reduce Mid Devon's carbon footprint by placing recycling into the appropriate containers, which keeps the district tidy and helps crews carry out collections."

Mid Devon crews have been collecting additional side waste since the start of the three-weekly scheme and over the festive period so that residents can dispose of any surplus waste that they have accumulated. From the beginning of February, only nonrecyclable waste contained within authorised black wheelie bins or seagull sacks will be collected.

#### FREE! HAND BASIN AND PEDESTAL



Fairly new, but needs a new mixer tap and plug/waste. Contact John or Helen on 83436

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK THROUGH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING FLYERS, POSTERS & ADVERTS: THERE IS BOUND TO BE SOMETHING HERE TO SUIT EVERYONE'S TASTE!

A Springtime Garland

### Music to welcome the Spring Season



7.30pm Saturday 25th March 2023 New Assembly Room, South Molton Tickets £10.00 from: Choir Members Torrington Jewellers www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-winkleigh-singers or on the door



### **STOP PRESS!**

The **Coldridge Cafe** is pleased to announce that a sum of

#### £310.00

was raised yesterday (Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February) for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Well done to all the volunteers and a huge thank-you to everyone who came along and supported this worthy cause.



Snacks Available



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You are invited to an

### **Open Meeting**

on

### Wednesday 15th March

7 pm, Coldridge Village Hall to launch the planning for the next Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally. All are welcome.

Come along, take part in the discussion and contribute your ideas and support.

if you are unable to join us on the 15<sup>th</sup> March but would like to contribute please contact either Ivan on 01363 884233 or Margaret on 01363 83680



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**Everyone is welcome.** 

Come along to hear what's going on with your Village Hall and how you could get involved!

The AGM will be followed by a regular Committee Meeting.