

# THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Thanks to those who have contributed items for this issue.

Bit pushed for space so not able to include any Coronation photos. I will try to send them out as a Supplement.

**Please Note the deadline for items for the JULY issue will be Sunday, 25th JUNE. Please may I have all your copy, in WORD format, no later than this date.** Thank you;

**John W Smith (Editor)**

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**DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JUNE:**

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL:**

**TAI CHI:** CLASSES RUN BETWEEN 5.00pm & 6.30pm EVERY MONDAY

**ART GROUP:** ON TUESDAYS, FROM 10.30am

**PILATES:** EVERY TUESDAY, FROM APPROX 6.00PM

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>** 7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL **FILM "Fisherman'S Friends: One & All" (12A) Bar and Social Night**

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup>**  
2.30pm: CHURCH: **CHURCH CAFÉ**

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**  
2.30pm: HALL **SUNSHINE SINGING**

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>**  
2.15pm: GREEN: **MOBILE LIBRARY**  
7.00pm: HALL: **ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>:**  
**7.00 – 11.00pm : HALL THE COLDRIDGE ARMS**

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.30am:** CHURCH: **MORNING PRAYER**

**TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**11.00AM: Meet at The GREEN GARDENING CLUB OUTING TO HEATHERCOMBE GARDENS**

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.00am:** HALL **QUILTING**

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10.30am: CHURCH: **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>**  
2.30pm: HALL **SUNSHINE SINGING**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
10.00am-3.30pm: HALL **COLDRIDGE CAFÉ AND St MATTHEW'S CHURCH TOURS**

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup>:**  
7.00pm: HALL: **ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

**GARDENING CLUB:**

During May, several members enjoyed a fascinating (if slightly chilly) evening, visiting 4 of our gardens. These ranged in size from 'pocket handkerchief' to a small-holding! Our thanks to Nick and Lisa, Nigel and Tracey, Chris and Pat and, lastly, ourselves for hosting our visit. An 'extremely convivial' end to the evening took place at Rockfield, but indoors this time.

**Please Note:** Our next meeting is our 'Members' Trip Out' to Heathercombe Gardens (near Manaton). This is an NGS private garden and, from the website, it looks absolutely wonderful. **We will leave, from the Green at 11.00am on TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE.**

I hope that those members who are going will have previously notified Teresa by 30<sup>th</sup> May. **JWS**

**LOCAL ELECTIONS:**

We had 8 candidates standing for the 7 seats on Coldridge Parish Council, at the Local Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

In alphabetical order, the following candidates were elected:

- Malcolm Bedford
- Marion Born
- Chris. Burrows
- Andrew Green
- Ivan Kriznik
- John Quick
- John Smith

It is something for this parish to be very proud of that, yet again, we had one of the highest, if not THE highest % turnout of anywhere in Mid Devon.

All 8 of our candidates would like to thank all of you who turned out to support us at the Ballot Box.

At the first meeting of the new Council, the following officers were elected:

**Chairman:** Andrew Green

**Vice Chairman:** John Smith (also continuing as Councillor Advocate)

**Village Hall Reps:** Chris Burrows and Keyth Richardson.

The council is extremely pleased that Keyth is continuing as our employed Parish Clerk, a vital job, which he does so very well and so professionally.

Thanks and appreciation were expressed and recorded for the incredibly long service given to the Parish by retiring Councillors Jeff Burrows (50 years service) and Jim Sampson (46 years).

**JWS**

**CORONATION KNEELER & COFFEE MORNING:**

We must say a big thank you to Helen Smith for the beautiful tapestry kneeler that was worked to honour the Coronation of HM King Charles III. If you have not seen it, then please do pop into church and you will find it on display on the lectern by the pulpit. We know that Helen spent an entire fortnight getting it finished in time for the big day, and there is no doubt that she has good eyesight, as the kneeler is worked



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in finer crewel wools than our lovely red ones. It is a classic memento of a wonderful day and one we feel sure will be treasured by us all. Thank you to both Helen and John for organising the coffee morning to raise funds for the kneeler materials. This was much enjoyed and not only covered all costs but raised extra much needed funds for all the various building projects we have in hand at present. All together thanks to the generosity of those of you who were able to come along, the magnificent sum of £338.30 was raised. **St Matthew's PCC**

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Thank you!

*John & Helen Smith*  
(Rockfield)

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## A NOTE OF THANKS

(From Pat Burr):

RE: "Ox Feast For Enford" (May issue):

"What a graphic piece of writing...you could almost hear the laughter and fun, and smell the Ox being roasted. Thanks, John" Pat B.

## FARMING SUPPORT WORKSHOP IN TIVERTON:

We are providing free support for local farmers and will be running workshops in your local area. The support is funded by Defra to help farmers with the agricultural transition as Direct Payments are phased out. Instead, farmers will be supported through new grant schemes to improve the environment, animal health and welfare, and reduce carbon emissions.

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## DOGS: ARE THEY BECOMING A PARISH PROBLEM?

We are very sorry that we even have to mention this topic, although, sadly, it is not for the first time.

Parish Councillors have been receiving many reports and complaints from our residents about the number of dogs which are allowed to roam free, day and night, and, also, that many dogs are off the lead whilst being walked.

Residents are complaining of finding (and having to deal with) heaps of 'poo' in their gardens, on their drives and now, unfortunately, in the Churchyard and even on some of the graves.

We fully appreciate that most dog-owners are fully in touch with the Laws and Rules regarding the care of their dogs and with their duty of care for neighbours, property, livestock, health and the countryside in general.

However, and sadly, it seems that there are still some who feel that it is OK to allow their dogs to roam free or to take them for a walk off the lead. We are sorry, but this just should not be happening.

Here is a short-ish extract from a Guidance Note,

published by the animal rescue charity, **Blue Cross**. Please have a look at it and, please, do your bit by adhering to the Rules. Your friends and neighbours will be ever so grateful: For the full Advice, please look it up online. Here goes:

### Controlling your dog in your own home or on someone else's property

Allowing your dog to be 'dangerously out of control' is against the law on private property, as well as in public. You will need to make sure your dog is not a threat to delivery drivers, postal workers, health workers and other professionals who may visit your property.

A dog doesn't have to bite or physically injure someone for an offence to take place.

### What can happen if I break this law?

Owners can be prosecuted if their dog attacks someone in their home, including in their front and back gardens, or in private property, such as a pub.

**Law:** Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, sections 106 and 107 amends the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

### Dog barking laws

It's natural for dogs to bark sometimes. But when they bark a lot over a long period of time they can become a noisy nuisance to your neighbours.

Usually, when dogs bark persistently over a long period of time, it's because they are distressed.

### What can happen if I break this law?

Dog barking can be classed as a 'statutory nuisance'. Your local authority's environmental health department can formally ask you to stop your dog from continuing the behaviour and, if you don't, they can take your dog away from you. Not only this, but prolonged periods of barking can be stressful for your dog and have an impact on their wellbeing.

**Law:** Environmental Protection Act 1990

### Out and about in public

We recommend checking your local authority's website to find out about any specific laws or restrictions on dogs in your area. (ie: Mid Devon)

### Dog fouling:

Dog fouling consistently ranks as the number one thing local councils receive complaints about.

**You really must 'scoop that poop' in public places. Dog poo not cleaned up can cause illness in people, livestock and wild animals.**

If you can't find a rubbish bin while out and about, then you need to take the poo bags home with you and use your own bin.

It might seem like not much harm has been done, but canine faeces can contain parasites that, if not cleaned up, can spread to grass. If this grass is eaten it can cause pregnant cattle to lose their young, as well as blindness in humans.

### What can happen if I break this law?

Owners can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100 or a fine of £1000 if prosecuted for not complying with regulations.

**Law:** Environmental Protection Act (1990), Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991; Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, The Countryside Code.

### Dogs on leads

There is no blanket law requiring dogs to be kept



on a lead in all public spaces. **However, there are a series of orders that mean you have to leash your dog in certain places in your local area, for example children's play areas, sports pitches, roads, parks and beaches. (eg: our Village Green and lanes)**

The Highway Code also says that dogs should be kept on a short lead along roads and on paths shared with horse riders or cyclists ([rule 56](#)). We also recommend checking your local council's website for details of any restricted areas.

#### What can happen if I break this law?

Local authorities have the power to introduce these orders under a number of different laws, and can issue fines or fixed penalty notices for those who don't comply.

Law: Road Traffic Act 1988, section 27; Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

#### Out of control in a public place

Dogs must not be allowed to be 'dangerously out of control', which means injuring someone or making someone fear they may be injured. This applies to any breed or type of dog.

#### What can happen if I break this law?

Owners (or the person in charge of the dog at the time) who allow their pets to hurt a person, face punishments of up to three years in prison for injury, or 14 years for death, an unlimited fine, disqualification from owning pets and having their dog destroyed. It's also an offence to allow a dog to injure a Assistance Dog. In cases where no injury is caused, owners can still go to prison for six months, be fined up to £5,000, be banned from owning pets and have their dog destroyed.

Law: Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, section 3

#### Dogs and livestock

Dogs should not be allowed to 'worry' livestock. This means owners must prevent dogs from attacking livestock, chasing livestock, or being out of control, off-lead, in a field containing sheep.

Even if your dog does not bite livestock, chasing or barking at them can cause pregnant animals to lose their young through stress.

When walking in the countryside or other areas where you're likely to come across cattle, sheep, horses and other animals, we recommend keeping your dog on a lead. Be particularly wary of farm animals with their young.

**The Countryside Code** states: "On Open Access land and at the coast, you must put your dog on a lead around livestock. **Between 1 March and 31 July, you must have your dog on a lead on Open Access land, even if there is no livestock on the land. These are legal requirements.**"

If you are walking across farmland where you can see livestock, or even if you think sheep, cattle, goats or other animals may be nearby, it's really important to put your dog on a lead.

Even if your pet does not usually chase, they may become excited by unusual smells, sounds or movements and it's better to be safe than sorry. Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, on 'access land', dogs must be kept on a lead that's no more than two metres long at all times around livestock.

#### What can happen if I break this law?

The maximum fine for a dog owner is up to £1,000. Farmers can also shoot dogs they believe are worrying livestock on their land.

Law: Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Animals Act 1971, Section 3, Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

#### Walking your dog on or by a road

The Highway Code states that dogs should not be let out on a road on their own and that your dog should be kept "on a short lead when walking by a road" ([rule 56](#)).

Your local authority also has the power to ask you to keep your dog on a lead when walking along 'designated' roads. A designated road is one your local authority has chosen as such, and the section of road should be marked with signs.

While there is no countrywide blanket ban on walking dogs off-lead along roads, you should keep your dog on a lead, as stated in the Highway Code, when walking by (or on) any road to prevent accidents.

Law: Road Traffic Act 1988, section 27

**Thank you for taking the trouble to read all of this useful information.**

**We hope that, at last, it makes the situation much clearer for everyone, whether you are a dog-owner or not.**

**However, we must, yet again, state that most dog-owners are probably 'playing by the rules' and, for this, we are all extremely grateful. If you are not, please reflect upon how you look after your pet, in respect of care and consideration for others.**

**If everyone abides by the rules, everything would be great. Thank You.**

**Coldridge Parish Council**

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