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## THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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

Thanks to those who have contributed items for this issue.

Please Note the deadline for items for the AUGUST issue will be <u>Sunday</u>, <u>23rd JULY</u>. Please may I have all your copy, in WORD or JPEG format only, no later than this date. Sorry, NO PDFs, please! Thank you;

John W Smith (Editor)

Email: biggles1047@gmail.com

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON PARISH EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR PARISH **WEBSITE AT:** 

www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge AND OUR "WHAT'S ON IN COLDRIDGE. **DEVON (WOICD)" FACEBOOK PAGE AT:** www.facebook.com/groups/coldridge

#### **DIARY OF EVENTS FOR JULY:**

Monday, 3rd

2.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, 5th

SUNSHINE SINGING 2.30pm: HALL

Thursday, 6th

2.15pm: GREEN: MOBILE LIBRARY 7.30pm: HALL: SOCIAL GROUP MEETING

Friday, 7th:

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL **SOCIAL NIGHT & FLIM:** "What's Love Got To Do With It?" (Cert 12)

Sunday, 9th

10.30am: CHURCH: MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY, 10th

7.30pm GARDENING CLUB ALLOTMENT VISIT (Chris & Pat)

Wednesday, 12th

2.00pm: HALL OUILTING

Thursday, 13th

7.00pm: HALL **ADULT TABLE TENNIS** 

Friday, 14th

THE COLDRIDGE ARMS 7 'till 11: HALL:

Sunday, 16th

10.30am: CHURCH: **HOLY COMMUNION** 

Wednesday, 19th

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING

Thursday 20th

7.30pm: HALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

& OPEN FORUM

Thursday 27th

**COLDRIDGE CAFÉ** 10.00am-3.30pm: HALL 10.00am-4.00pm: CHURCH EDWARD V TOURS

(Booking required - See advert)

7.00pm: HALL: **ADULT TABLE TENNIS** 

Monday, 31st

7.30pm: HALL **DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING** (Everyone Welcome)

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

#### SO, IT'S A "SAD GOODBYE" AND A "WARM WELCOME"!.....

On Wednesday, 21st June, we sadly waved "Goodbye" to Jo and John Dike, as they moved from Coldridge up to Somerset. We hardly need to say how closely both Jo and John have been involved in the life of our

community, for so many years. We will www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge really miss them for their enthusiasm, hard work and expertise in all manner of parish activities. We look forward to seeing them back here every month for the Edward V Tours and for St Matthew's Church business.

On the same day, we were very pleased to welcome Cliff and Wendy Bryant, the new owners of Little Merryfield. We all hope that you, too, enjoy a long and happy life in Coldridge, and make many friends amongst JWS your neighbours here.



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#### PARISH COUNCIL:

Do come along to our next Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm on the 20th July, when we always start with an Open Forum session and when your views can be aired. You don't have to stay for the PC meeting which follows on.

#### **Highways in Coldridge:**

Following recent facebook posts and comments on highways in and around Coldridge, the Parish Council have prepared a short statement setting out the history and current situation.

This statement is also available on the Coldridge Parish Website via the following link:

If anyone has any ideas on actions which could be taken then contact the Clerk at: Coldridgencclerk@btinternet.com or Andrew Green at:

#### andrew@chilverton.co.uk

or any other Parish Councillor, who would all be pleased to hear from you.

"There has been some mention of highways recently, and Coldridge Parish Council (PC) would like to explain the situation in Coldridge, which is no different from many other rural parishes in Devon.

"DCC has a policy that all roads are there to be used by all and by any vehicles which are legally allowed to use them. As all the vehicles appear to be legal there is no reason why articulated lorries should not use the highways in Coldridge.

"Devon County Council (DCC) responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all the highways in Coldridge and any issues should be reported using the following

#### https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandt ransport/report-a-problem/

"DCC tell us the amount of money available to carry out this work has been affected by the government's cap on Council Tax rises, and the growing burden on DCC to provide adult and children's social care

"The Parish Council is not content with the state of repair and have written to DCC Highways, copied to Mel Stride MP as well as MDDC Councillors, but this had little

"The Parish Council is trying to get an initial study carried out to see if Coldridge village is eligible for a 30-mph speed limit, but at present it is unlikely one will be implemented. To try and slow traffic down the PC paid for and installed the "20 is Plenty" signs, but these have no legal significance. As all road users are legally required to drive according to the road conditions it is quite reasonable for people to keep to 20 in the village. If a 30-mph limit were introduced, it is unlikely there would be any active enforcement by the authorities.

"C&R construction has been visited by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the PC and they have issued a memo to all staff asking them to drive at 20 mph in the village, but they cannot enforce this.

"The PC also installed a sign near C&R construction advising that HGV's going to Hawkridge Dairy cannot use that road to get there, and Hawkridge Dairy insist none of their vehicles use the roads through the village.

#### St Matthews Church/Coldridge Clock:

This is a World War One memorial and as such has been looked after and maintained

by the Parish Council for many years. It now needs major work to restore it to full working order, which will cost over £7,000. The Parish Council is currently looking at applying for grants to cover this work but. been until these have agreed, unfortunately the clock will remain stopped, which is likely to be for several months. The Parish Council will keep you informed of progress. **Kevth Richardson** 

Coldridgepcclerk@btinternet.com

#### **HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND:**

As you may be aware, another Household Support Fund for helping those struggling with food and energy costs is now available. We are aware that some of our customers in more rural areas who have limited or no access to online services, and may therefore not know of the fund's existence. With your local knowledge, we are hoping you may be able to contact some of these struggling families and individuals in your community via word of mouth or newsletter.

Please see the links below which provide all the information about the Household Support Fund and the application form:

Help with food and energy costs -

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Kind regards;

**David Parker** 

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#### **GARDENING CLUB:**

Following our very enjoyable visit to the wonderful, spectacular Heathercombe Garden last month, the Club is once again travelling far afield for our July meeting:...all the way to Chris and Pat Allard's allotment at Kelland (Lapford)! Chris and Pat dedicate many hours each week to the care of their 'patch' and we can't wait to see the fruits of their labours.

We are extremely grateful to them, and to the Lapford Allotment Association for permission to visit them.

We meet at 7.00pm on July 13th on the Green.

There will be refreshments afterwards!

ADVANCE NOTICE of our FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW, in the Hall on 9th September. Watch this space for more details! GET PLANTING AND PLANNING NOW! IWS

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#### **DIDO & AENEAS:**

#### DIDO & AENEAS - Henry Purcell

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With alcoholic beverages and soft drinks available at half time, it's an evening not to miss. Join us at 7:30pm on Monday 3rd July at Umberleigh Village Hall. Tickets are only £10, free for accompanied under-16s, available

from <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the</a> -winkleigh-singers, Torrington Jewellers, Fore Street, Great Torrington, from choir members and also on the door.

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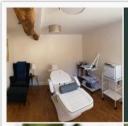
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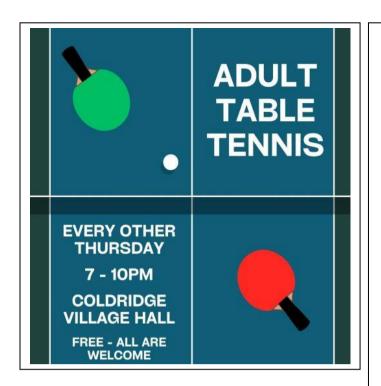
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To make a booking, or for enquiries, please contact us via the

website: St Matthew's Church(middevonparish.co.uk)

and email: coldridgeparishchurch81@gmail.com

#### **SOCIAL NIGHT, WITH FILM**

It's Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, and the film is...

### What's Love Got to Do with It?

(Romance/Comedy; Cert 12)

Set between London and Lahore, filmmaker Zoe Stevenson documents her childhood friend and neighbour Kazim "Kaz" Khan's arranged marriage to a bride from Pakistan. Adamant on getting married in an arranged setting to keep his parents happy, when questioned by Zoe, Kaz insists that such kinds of marriages do work out.

Very much along the lines of "Love Actually" and "Bridget Jones".