

THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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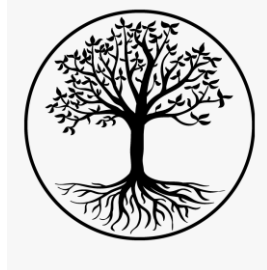


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EDITOR'S NOTES

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Thanks to those who have contributed items for this issue.

Please Note the deadline for items for the NOVEMBER issue will be Sunday, 22nd October. 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)

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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 FOR OCTOBER 2023:

VILLAGE HALL 'REGULARS':

TAI CHI: CLASSES RUN FROM 5.00pm, EVERY MONDAY

ART GROUP: EVERY TUESDAY, FROM 10.30am

PILATES: EVERY TUESDAY, FROM APPROX 6.00PM

Monday, 2nd

2.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, 4th

10.00am: HALL COLDRIDGE QUILTERS

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING

7.30pm: HALL VH SOCIAL GROUP MEETING

Friday, 6th

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL SOCIAL & FILM

NIGHT Film: 'Allelujah' Cert 12

Saturday, 7th

12.00 to 2.00pm: HALL BANGERS & MASH LUNCH

Sunday, 8th

10.30am: CHURCH: MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday, 11th

7.30pm: HALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (TALK)
"My Life On The Fairground"

Thursday, 12th

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Friday, 13th:

7 'till 11.00pm: HALL: THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

Sunday, 15th

10.30am: CHURCH: HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday, 18th

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING

Thursday 26th

10.00am-3.30pm: HALL COLDRIDGE CAFÉ

10am-4pm: CHURCH EDWARD V TOURS

(Booking required – See advert)

2.15pm: GREEN: MOBILE LIBRARY

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Saturday, 28th

7.30pm: HALL: RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL

Live Screen (Teams TBC) 8.00pm KO

Wednesday 1st NOVEMBER:

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGERS

Friday, 3rd NOVEMBER

7.00pm: HALL: SOCIAL (FILM NIGHT)

Saturday, 4th NOVEMBER

7.00pm: HALL: 'COLDRIDGE CASINO NIGHT'

TAI CHI IN THE HALL:

Just a reminder about Tai Chi in the Village Hall, every Monday 17:00 to 18:30. Only £2/head. A fairly gentle pace, with a focus more on balance and relaxing the body to be more efficient. PB



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GARDENING CLUB:

We are very sorry that our Flower & Produce Show had to be cancelled. We will try for a different time of year and better weather next time!

We are pleased to announce the return of our BANGERS 'N' MASH LUNCH (See box) on Saturday, 7th. 12.00 to 2.00pm.

Everyone is welcome. There will be a Raffle, Cake Stall and Jayne will have her Greetings Card Stall as well.

There will be no ordinary Club Meeting in October. The next one will be on Monday, 13th November, in the Hall, at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Alan French on the subject of "Winter Planting".

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COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB
BANGERS 'N' MASH LUNCH

EVERYONE WELCOME!
SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER
VILLAGE HALL
12.00 to 2.00pm

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SQUASH: 50p

(CASH PAYMENTS ONLY, THANK YOU!)

PARISH COUNCIL:

The Parish Council has asked Phil Bridges to investigate and report on the Openreach proposals for Fibre Broadband in the parishes served by the Lapford exchange. Here is his initial report:

FIBRE BROADBAND ROLLOUT PROPOSALS: UPDATE:



You may have heard rumblings that the majority of the "01363" Lapford telephone exchange numbers (including Coldridge and Nymet Rowland) have been pre-selected to be considered for a fibre broadband rollout by BT Openreach.

The Government have offered to fund this work to the tune of £4,500 per interested household with no direct financial contribution required from the consumer. There are useful gains for residents and businesses including a more reliable service and the potential for much faster speeds for those that need it. I have been doing some personal research on the rollout and speaking with Openreach to ensure that Coldridge parish residents' best interests are catered for, especially our elderly and frail residents.

I have left some Openreach leaflets at the Village Hall which will also be landing in your letter box in the next few weeks.

I've also researched some Frequently Asked Questions which can be viewed online - <https://bit.ly/3ZznCz2> or I am happy to drop a printed copy through your letterbox. Michelle Maidment of BT Openreach has offered to host a daytime meeting in Coldridge Village Hall in the near future to explain how the process could proceed. In the meantime, I am happy to answer residents' questions, by phone or email. Airband residents will be welcome to express an interest without committing themselves at this stage as the rollout is likely to be up to 12 months depending on how much work is required.

philbridges@email.com (07990 563147)

VILLAGE HALL NEWS:

Welcome to the new Coldridge Village Hall website!

On behalf of the Coldridge Village Hall Committee I am pleased to announce the launch of our new Village Hall Website – www.coldridgevillagehall.org.uk.

This website is intended provide a 'shop window' for all things relating to Coldridge Village Hall, with information about the hall, the groups who use it, its facilities,

Village Hall events and the services available to Coldridge residents.

The Coldridge Village Hall website is intended to run alongside the monthly Coldridge Calendar, our "[What's on in Coldridge Devon](#)" Facebook community page and the [Coldridge Parish Website](#).

The website is newly constructed and as such, like housetraining a new puppy, there may be a few initial upsets or desirable improvements that could be made. So, if you have a moment in the coming days please grab a 'hot beverage', click-on the [new Village Hall website link](#) and have a look around the site. If there's something you're not sure about, or if you would like to share any observations or suggestions for improvements, please drop me a line at cvhadmin@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk.

My thanks to the Village Hall Committee Officers, our Village Hall User Group representatives and other content providers for their support and assistance in getting us here today.

Ivan Kriznik

On behalf of the Coldridge Village Hall Committee

MICHAEL THORNE:

It is with great regret that we acknowledge the sudden death, last Tuesday (19th), of Michael Thorne.

Mike was a small man of enormous energy, drive, wisdom and talent.

From a family farming background, he built a business from small beginnings into one of the leaders in its field in the South West. He was well-known as being a great enthusiast for everything Ferguson- or Massey-Ferguson-related; his knowledge of the marque knew absolutely no bounds. He was, in fact, a renowned and acknowledged authority on the subject, writing many books and articles, published world-wide. Many might not realise how much he did for Coldridge, always in a quiet, unassuming way. Just one example: for many years his office kindly printed *The Coldridge Calendar* free of charge, every month, in the days before the internet and email, when we hand-delivered 150 printed paper copies round the parish every time!

He also brought many of the exhibits from his Lower Park tractor museum up to Coldridge Fete, many of us happily re-living our farming youth by volunteering to drive them up to the field and back again!

Mike was a good friend. He always stopped for a chat when I was out mowing the green; the conversation was always fascinating and usually wide-ranging.

An incredible chap. He will be greatly missed by us all.

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CASINO Night

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Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

Doors open 7pm
Gaming Brief at 7.30pm sharp!

£15 per head - includes a welcome drink, canapés and evening's playing chips

Dress to impress! Bar Raffle

Special prize for the night's most successful player

Numbers are limited so it is essential to reserve your place well in advance - c/o Ivan Kriznik, 07711 146038

NB: This is a fun/social event - no monetary gambling will be permitted

If you have always wanted to visit a casino but been too scared, then this is the ideal opportunity to experience the atmosphere safe in the knowledge that you won't lose your shirt!!!

For starters this is intended to be a fun/social event - no monetary gambling will take place.

Entry is £15/head, paid on the night, which will include a welcome drink, canapés, and your evening's playing chips. There will be a bar plus a raffle. Dress to Impress on the night!

Numbers are limited so it is essential to reserve your place well in advance – contact Ivan Kriznik on 07711 146038 or email ivankriznik@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk.

Casino Night - How will it work?

The evening will be split into two 50-minute gaming sessions. Each participant will receive 2 sets of gambling tokens one to be used in each session. Gamers will exchange the first set of tokens for playing chips at the tables. If they lose all their chips they cannot play anymore in that session.

When the session ends all chips still held need to be cashed in with the cashiers who will record their winnings. All players will then be back in the game for the second session using their second set of tokens and when that session ends, chips will again be cashed in.

The winner will be the player with the biggest winnings (*or smallest loss!*) on the night.

Beginners are more than welcome on the night. For those who are not familiar with the games, there will be a briefing at 7.30pm, crib sheets will be readily available, and the evening's 'highly trained' familiar and friendly croupiers will be on hand to help you place your bets. **IK**



“AND FINALLY...”:

Sorry for the rather ‘woolly’ definition of these event poster images. I think it’s because they are reduced in size to fit the column-widths. However, all the dates are shown in the ‘Diary for October’

I will endeavour to email you full-sized originals, just before each event takes place. The COLDRIDGE CAFÉ event on the 26th is a ‘Date For Your Diary’;...The menu will be published shortly, for all to see. Look out for it on the Website, on Facebook (WOIC) and for my Update emails.

Looking around the wider view of what goes on, or not, in rural Devon parishes, we are really extremely lucky in what all our various organisations, clubs, groups and associations provide for our benefit, here in Coldridge. It really is a most wonderful thing, and the envy of many other parishes around.

“SAVE DEVON’S MOBILE LIBRARIES” MOBILE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN:

I am just putting my last notes together, as I write this, ready for my submission on your behalf at the Scrutiny Meeting at County Hall on 28th September. We have had some wonderfully supportive comments from so many of you.

Our use of the service, in this parish, ranks amongst one of the best in the area. Our ‘Torrington Van’ run by our delightful librarian, Julie, is now the best-utilised of any of the 4 remaining Devon mobile libraries. This is not only great evidence for keeping the service going, but a real credit to all of you who ‘Visit The Van’ every month and who are voting with your feet (and your library cards!). Please keep up the good work.

I will send out a full report, once we know what has been decided. Fingers crossed!

Thank you;

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