

THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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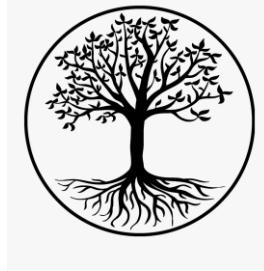


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EDITOR'S NOTES

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Thanks to those who have contributed items for this issue.

Please Note the deadline for items for the JANUARY 2024 issue will be Sunday, 17th December. 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 DECEMBER 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
- TODDLER GROUP:** FRIDAYS: 10th, 17th & 24th, From 9.45am

Friday, 1st

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL **SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:**
Film: "Le Mans 66" (Cert 12)

Monday, 4th

2.30pm: CHURCH: **CHURCH CAFÉ**

Tuesday, 5th

12.30 for 1.00pm: **GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL LUNCH**

Wednesday, 6th

2.30pm: HALL **SUNSHINE SINGING**
7.30pm: HALL: **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING**
TALK: "Christmas Wreath Making"

Thursday, 7th

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

Friday, 8th:

7 'till 11.00pm: HALL: **THE COLDRIDGE ARMS**

Sunday, 10th

10.30am: CHURCH **MORNING PRAYER**

Monday, 11th

COLDRIDGE QUILTERS DAY OUT TO COWSLIP

Thursday, 14th

12.00pm: HALL: **COLDRIDGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH: SOLD OUT!**

Friday, 15th

6.30pm: CHURCH: **PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

Wednesday, 20th

2.30pm: HALL **SUNSHINE SINGING**

Thursday, 21st

NB: NO MOBILE LIBRARY THIS MONTH
7.00pm: HALL: **ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

Friday, 22nd

6.15pm: GREEN: CAROLS ROUND THE TREE

Sunday, 24th: CHRISTMAS EVE

9.30pm: CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 31st (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

SAVE THE DATE AND WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEWS!

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GARDENING CLUB:

There is no meeting in December as our members will be attending the club's Annual Lunch on 5th December.

The AGM will take place on Monday, 8th January at 7.30pm in the Hall. There will be elections for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and we will be setting out the Programme of Events for 2024. **JWS**

CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE:

We are delighted to tell you that this year, for the very first time, the permanent Christmas Tree on the Village Green will be lit. It has now developed into a very attractive tree and it should look really good festooned in lights. We are planning to sing carols round the tree on **Friday, 22nd December at 6.15pm**. Please come along and join us. **JWS**



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

Thank You to everyone in the parishes of Coldridge and Nymet Rowland who contributed so generously to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



£438.82 was collected and has been sent to the Royal British Legion for the continuance of their valuable support to the serving and retired members of our Armed Forces and their families.

Marion Born

"THANK YOU", FROM 'SHAUN THE POSTIE'
To everyone who contributed to my collection and all the personal cards and messages I received on my leaving, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks. I was truly moved by the generosity and kindness shown to me.

I have been so lucky to have been able to be part of the village over the last 20 years, meeting and becoming friends with so many of you.

Hopefully, I will still see many of you around in the future, especially as I might become a regular at the Coldridge Arms! Thank you again, Love to you all. **SHAUN**

Jo Burrows and the family would like to thank you for your support and kindness following the recent passing of Jeff. Thank you to all who attended his thanksgiving service and generously donated to the Salvation Army in his memory.

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Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

The Coldridge Arms

**Friday 8th
December**

7 pm - 11 pm

*Coldridge Village Hall
EX17 6AX*

**Bar Refreshments & Snacks
Available**

*Pop-in anytime on the night for a drink and
a friendly chat*

Coldridge
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Presents

SOCIAL

NIGHT

Friday 1st December

Coldridge Village Hall

Free Entry - All are welcome

Doors Open 7 pm, Main Event from 7:30pm

Bar Refreshments and ice creams available

This Month's Main Feature Brief:

An American car designer and racing driver combine to battle corporate interference and the laws of physics to build a revolutionary race car to defeat Ferrari at a prestigious French 24 Hours race

"L_ M_ns '66"

Starring Matt Damon, Christian Bale, ...

Drama

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THE COLDRIDGE MEMORIAL CLOCK

On behalf of **Coldridge Parish Council**, I am pleased to announce the launch of a **Crowdfunder Campaign** seeking to raise funds for the repair and restoration of our WWI Memorial Clock, sited on the tower of St Matthew's Church, Coldridge, Devon.

Further details of this appeal and how you can donate via the Crowdfunder platform are provided via the link below:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/st-matthews-coldridge-memorial-clock>

If you would like to make a donation but prefer not to use an on-line donation service, please contact either **Ivan Kriznik** or **Keyth Richardson** for further assistance.

Thank you for your support.

Ivan Kriznik (pp Coldridge Parish Council)

PLEASE NOTE:

**THERE IS NO 'COLDRIDGE CAFÉ' AND NO CHURCH (EDWARD V) TOUR DURING DECEMBER
THE COLDRIDGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON THE 14th DECEMBER IS ALREADY SOLD OUT!**



THE MOBILE LIBRARY IN COLDRIDGE:

Devon County Council think that they have won!

On the 8th November, after a full and well-argued debate, the Cabinet voted, unanimously, to “Decommission” the Mobile Library Service in Devon.

This decision was taken despite a huge surge in public support, via an online and a paper petition of over 10,000 signatures. We acknowledge the efforts of Cllr Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin (Torridge District Council) for getting the campaign under way and leading it forward.

In addition to this, the campaign to keep the service going attracted public support from a number of famous authors and it also received support from HM Queen Camilla.

As Coldridge Parish Council representative on the Campaign Team, I would like to thank all of you who have so enthusiastically given your support to the idea of maintaining our Mobile Library service.

Please don't give up yet!

We are launching a Legal Challenge and we have a solicitor and barrister retained, both of whom have won Judicial Reviews in similar cases to ours.

If you wish to provide a personal ‘formal statement’ to back up and prove our absolute need for this public service, please would you email it to me, confidentially, at: biggles1047@gmail.com.

Thank you, again, for your support and for your good wishes.

There is no Mobile Library visit in December: The next one will be on Thursday, 4th January at 2.15pm on The Village Green. JWS

“COTTON & WOOL ON WHEELS”

Hello, Everyone! I am Gemma and I have recently moved to Coldridge.

In the New Year, I am going to be offering a mobile shop service, visiting local villages, with a selection of Yarns, Fabrics, Ribbons, Buttons, Knitting Patterns and other Haberdashery items.

Crafting is just so good for our mental well-

being and, of course, you can save money by ‘Making and mending things yourself’! I will also offer Sewing Machine Servicing, Workshops, Tutoring and Enabling. My first visit to Coldridge (Village Green) will be on **Tuesday, 9th January, between 1.00am and 12,00pm.**

Look out for my bright pink gazebo!

I will be putting a regular advert into The Coldridge Calendar, giving the dates of my future visits. **Gemma Ansell-Nelson**

UPPER YEO & TAW MDDC COUNCILLOR’S REPORT: November - December 2023:

MDDC has launched a **Residents’ Survey** to help their financial department decide the most important public services they must support in their future budget. Please take part in the survey at: [Let's Talk Mid Devon https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/residents-survey-2023/survey_tools/residents-survey-2023](https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/residents-survey-2023/survey_tools/residents-survey-2023)

The new **Mid Devon Leisure Hub** is now open online where casual or regular users can book and pay for one off sessions or classes, join groups or sign for membership in all 3 Leisure Centres directly through the Mid Devon Leisure website or mobile app. For example, to book an activity in the Crediton Lord Meadow Leisure Centre go online:

<https://middevonleisure.com/lords-meadow-leisure-centre/>

Cllr Natalia Letch

‘MY MID DEVON’ PORTAL:

A reminder of the My Mid Devon PRESS RELEASE NOTICE that I circulated in November. You can catch up with it at: <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/sign-up-to-receive-collection-day-reminders/>

DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE SURVEY: Commissioner asks Devon and Cornwall residents to fill out policing survey



The Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Alison Hernandez, is asking residents of the force to take five minutes to influence the future of policing in the two counties.

Alison Hernandez today launches her annual survey into policing priorities as she plans the budget for the 2024-25 financial year.

The “**Your Safety, Your Say**” survey asks

questions about the concerns people have in their communities, and whether they support plans to reopen more police enquiry offices and more robust action to tackle drugs.

Opinions are also sought on the level of the precept – the amount levied through council tax bills to locally fund policing – which the Commissioner will set in the new year.

For the first time the Commissioner poses a question about the use of artificial intelligence such as facial recognition cameras, and how supportive people are of using this technology to catch dangerous offenders.

She said: “Seeking views from members of the public is one of my core duties. In recent years the public’s views have helped set my policing priorities of tackling antisocial behaviour, drugs, dangerous driving and violent crime, as well as letting me know there is huge support for our policy of reopening police stations.

“I want people of all ages and backgrounds to help me again by taking a few minutes to take part in this survey.”

The survey can be completed online via the website of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

or at <http://dcpcc.commonplace.is>, in person at engagement events, or over the phone by calling 01392 225555. **ED.**

EDITOR’S CHRISTMAS NOTE



Thank you all for your contributions this month.

As I expected, there are lots of wonderful events and activities scheduled in our lively little parish, to keep us busy, entertained and well-fed and -watered all through December!

May I thank all of you who have contributed throughout this year, those who have printed and delivered our paper copies, and our advertisers who kindly provide the A4 paper on which the hard copies are printed.

Finally, may I wish you all **A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

