

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 APRIL issue will be Sunday, 24th MARCH. 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 ALSO 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

VILLAGE HALL 'REGULARS':

TAI CHI: CLASSES RUN FROM **4.00pm**, EVERY MONDAY

ART GROUP: EVERY TUESDAY, FROM 10.30am

PILATES: EVERY TUESDAY, FROM APPROX 6.00PM

TODDLER GROUP: ALTERNATE FRIDAYS: From 9.45am during Term Time

DIARY FOR MARCH 2024:

Friday, 1st

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:
Film: "The Miracle Club" (Cert 12)

Saturday, 2nd;

7.00pm: HALL: 'CURRY NIGHT'
Now Fully Booked

Monday, 4th:

2.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, 6th

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING
7.00pm: HALL: VILLAGE HALL AGM

Thursday, 7th

7.00am – 10pm: HALL: LOCAL ELECTION

Friday, 8th:

7.00pm: HALL: THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

Sunday, 10th

10.30am: CHURCH MOTHERING SUNDAY
MORNING PRAYER

Monday, 11th

7.30pm: HALL: GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday, 13th:

2.00pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE QUILTERS
7.30pm: HALL: WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Talk on Medical Detection Dogs

Thursday, 14th

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Saturday, 16th

9.30-12.30am: HALL: THE GREAT DEVON
BREAKFAST (In aid of FORCE cancer Charity)
From 2pm: HALL: 6-NATIONS RUGBY

Sunday, 17th

10.30am CHURCH PASSION SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday, 20th

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING

Thursday, 21st

7.30pm: HALL: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING &
OPEN FORUM

Wednesday, 27th

2.30pm: CHURCH: PCC MEETING

Thursday, 28th

10.00 – 3.30pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE CAFÉ
(Lunches from 12 to 2.00pm)

PLUS: CHURCH TOURS (am and pm)

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Friday, 29th

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, 31st

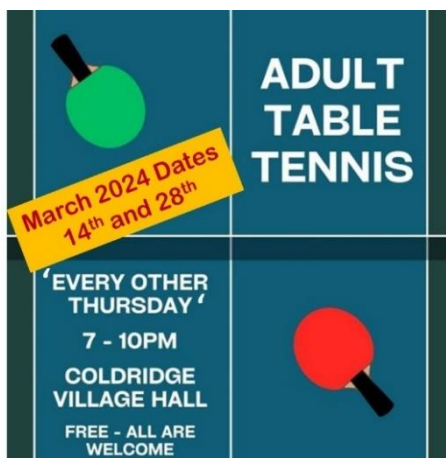
EASTER SUNDAY

BRITISH SUMMERTIME BEGINS!

10.30am: CHURCH: EASTER COMMUNION

Monday 1st April:

EASTER BANK HOLIDAY



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

Please see our standard service pattern, above, with the addition of our Easter Sunday service of Holy Communion on the 31st. Everybody is very welcome to join us for this happy service of celebration.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meets next on Wednesday, 27th March, in the Church at 2,30pm.

We were delighted with the attendance at our inaugural concert in the church, on Sunday, 18th February. The Highcroft Clarinet Quintet, a group of accomplished players from North Devon, provided a delightfully varied, 55-minute programme of short chamber pieces, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and which was admirably suited to the building. Feedback so far suggests that we should go ahead with further, similar events in the future. Watch This Space! All proceeds go to the fabric fund to help maintain our historically important church building, here in Coldridge. **JWS**

GARDENING CLUB:

February's meeting enjoyed an exceptional turn out and we welcomed several new members. Thanks once again to our crowd-pulling speaker, Viv Hunt.

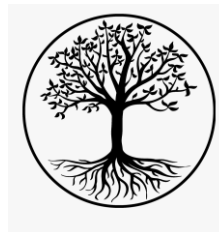
The next meeting is **Monday, 11th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. The guest speaker will be Dr Susan Taheri, a local GP who will be telling us about her 'Growing Well Project' Garden in Bow. This is a green social prescribing project which uses the intervention of gardening and time outside in nature to help people's physical and mental health. Everyone is welcome to come along for what promises to be an uplifting and enlightening talk, and chocolate digestives. See you there!

(To join is just £10 per household per year. Non-members are welcome at £2 per person.)

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COLDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

21st MARCH: Please note that the next meeting of your Parish Council takes place, in the Hall, on **Thursday, 21st March at 7.30pm**. As usual, this starts with the **OPEN FORUM**, when you all have the opportunity to bring matters to the attention of the council.

LOCAL ELECTION: for a new District Councillor for Upper Yeo and Taw Ward (that's us!). Voting takes place on **Thursday, 7th March, 7.00am to 10.00pm**. Our Polling Station is Coldridge Village Hall. **Please remember to take some form of approved ID with you to vote** **JWS**

THE GREAT DEVON BREAKFAST

2024:

The Great Devon BREAKFAST is making a welcome return to Coldridge, to be served on **Saturday 16th March from 9.30am to 12.30pm** in Coldridge Village Hall.

It's a Full English Breakfast menu: 2 eggs, sausage, 2 bacon, mushrooms, beans, hash brown, tomato, 2 slices of toast and orange juice - £9 per head (Child Portion £7). Bacon or Sausage sandwiches will also be available PLUS teas, coffees and Buck's Fizz!

There is a chance to win a Luxury Breakfast Hamper in the breakfast raffle, and what's more, you'll be helping to raise money for Force Cancer Charity in Exeter.

No need to book or reserve a place, however we do ask that if you plan to attend and have any special dietary requirements, please contact Kate Fitch in advance.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 16th.

THE WINKLEIGH SINGERS....

are pleased to invite you to our **40th Anniversary Concert;**

Saturday, 23rd March at 7.30pm in **St Michael's Church, Great Torrington;**

Choral and organ music from composers who all have a significant anniversary this year. Motets by Bruckner, Holst's *Festival Te Deum*, Stanford's *Fantasia and Tocatta* for organ, *Blessed city, heavenly Salem* by Bairstow and madrigalist John Wilbye's haunting *Homo natus de muliere* paired with Fauré's much-loved *Requiem*.

The Winkleigh Singers will be accompanied by Andrew Millington and joined for Bruckner's *Ecce Sacerdos* by 'The Three Trombones'.

CLICK THIS TICKET TO BOOK YOUR SEATS NOW:



Tickets £15.00 / Early Birds £10 until 11th March. Accompanied U16s free. Tickets are available from Torrington Jewellers, choir members, on the door or online.

Coldridge Village Hall

The Great Devon BREAKFAST

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH
9:30 - 12:30

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST FOR ONLY £9
(Breakfast sandwich menu also available)

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Vegetarian option by prior request

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Coldridge Village Hall

The Coldridge Village Hall Committee invite you to attend our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on

Wednesday 6th March, 7pm
in the Village Hall, EX17 6AX

Everyone is welcome.

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

The AGM will be followed by a regular Committee Meeting.

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

LADIES SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 1st March

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...

When the ladies of Ballygar win a pilgrimage to the sacred town of Lourdes their journey in search of a miracle unexpectedly opens-up old wounds that force them to confront their past-lives. Happy days!

"Th_M_r_c_l_C_l_b" (3,7,4)

Starring Maggie Smith, Laura Linney, Kathy Bates ...

Comedy, Drama Release 2023

Visit Coldridge for a Guided Tour. Discover the Mystery of Edward V & The Princes in the Tower.

Thursday 28th March 2024

Currently researchers are investigating the link between St Matthew's Church, Coldridge, Devon, and the mystery of The Missing Princes in the Tower. This lovely church contains a remarkable and very rare stained glass image of Edward V, one of the Princes, as well as other related artifacts. Each month an open day is held when individuals or larger groups can enjoy a slide show and guided tour of the church. There is no entry charge for this but we are very pleased to receive donations towards the preservation of this nationally important historic church. On each open day visitors can enjoy refreshments in the village hall, adjacent to the church, served from 10am, and light lunches, which need to be booked in advance. To make a booking, or for enquiries, please contact us via the website:

St Matthew's Church (middevonparish.co.uk)
or email: coldridgeparishchurch31@gmail.com

70th GUSTAV HOLST

40th Anniversary Concert

Bruckner • Holst • Stanford • Bairstow • Wilbye • Fauré

The Winkleigh Singers
with Andrew Millington (organ) and The Three Trombones

Saturday 23rd March 2023 at 7:30pm
St Michael's Church, Great Torrington

Tickets £15.00 / Early Birds £10.00 until 11th March / accompanied U16s FREE
from Torrington Jewellers, Choir Members, on the door
on-line at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-winkleigh-singers>

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

The Coldridge Arms

Friday 8th March
7pm - 11pm

Coldridge Village Hall
EX17 6AX

Bar Refreshments, Good Conversation & Snacks Available

Pop-in anytime for a drink and friendly chat

Coldridge Village Hall

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents



Live on the Big Screen

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

Saturday 16th March

Doors open from 2pm

Showing games from Round 5

Wales vs Italy - ko 2.15pm

Ireland vs Scotland - ko 4.45pm

France vs England - ko 8.00pm

Bar Refreshments & Snacks Available

Hot Food Option tbc



Coldridge Café

Thursday 28th March

10 am – 3.30pm

Coldridge Village Hall

You are invited to join us for tea, coffee, hot chocolate & home-made cake...

PLUS

...a selection of lunchtime dishes served between 12 and 2pm

March Lunch Menu to be advised

Hope to see you there!

Takeaway Service Available



Mid Devon District Council will not be collecting side waste from Monday 26 February 2024

Following a strong performance to significantly increase our recycling rate since Bin-It 123 came into practice, Mid Devon District Council now wants full compliance with the three-weekly scheme from residents.

This will help further improve performance and see a vast amount of recycling that is currently put in black bins or sacks, placed in the appropriate recycling containers.

Residents must now put all recycling in the appropriate containers and food waste in the blue caddies provided. All non-recyclable waste will need to be put in your black bin or sack. **No extra bags of non-recyclable waste will be collected.**

If you are struggling to contain your waste within your wheelie bin/sack, or need help with your waste or recycling, please call **01884 255 255** and we can arrange for a recycling adviser to visit your home to provide advice.

If you need additional recycling containers the easiest way to do this is through your My Mid Devon self-service portal, you can set this up via my.middevon.gov.uk. You can also request extra containers via 01884 255 255, although we encourage you to use your



online portal as this is the easiest and most efficient option.

Councillor Josh Wright, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, said:

"It is vital that we now maximise our recycling rate as a district, and everyone uses the right containers and bins provided. All households have an important role to play to ensure the scheme is fully implemented, which will help our communities and the Council with their climate ambitions."

"I would like to thank everyone for their support with the Bin-It 123 scheme so far and look forward to seeing further improvements in the months ahead."



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you spare an hour or two to help at our village fete this year?

We need people in the following areas:

- Programme sellers.
- Grand Prize Draw ticket sellers.
- To help as part of the Volunteer Support Team - providing refreshments and back up to our amazing band of volunteers.
- Pre-fete set up.

If you can help to make 2024 the Coldridge Village Fete the best ever, please contact Lisa Kendall at: c.fete@ecomail.uk

VOLUNTEER



POTHOLE OF THE MONTH:



Please feel free to submit photos of your favourite pothole, lagoon or landslide. I will publish the most dramatic!