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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 AUGUST issue will be SUNDAY, 21st JULY. 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 FURTHER INFORMATION ON ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH: PARISH EVENTS, PLEASE ALSO VISIT Please see the Diary of Events for July for our **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 JULY 2024:

Wednesday, 3rd

2.30pm: HALL: SUNSHINE SINGING 7.00pm: HALL: **ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

Thursday, 4th

7.00am - 10..0pm: HALL GENERAL ELECTION

Friday, 5th

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:

Film: "ONE LIFE" (Cert 12A, 2023)

Monday, 8th

7.30pm: HALL: **GARDENING CLUB**

Tuesday, 9th:

2.30-4.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, 10th

COLDRIDGE QUILTERS 2.00pm: HALL: 7.30pm: NYMET HALL: **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** "THE ART OF BELLY DANCING" (Jill Alcott)

7.00pm: HALL: THE COLDRIDGE ARMS, with PIZZERIA and FOOTBALL DRAW (See Advert.)

Sunday, 14th

10.30am: CHURCH **MORNING PRAYER**

Wednesday, 17th

SUNSHINE SINGING 2.30pm: HALL

Thursday, 18th

ADULT TABLE TENNIS 7.00pm: HALL:

Friday, 19th

7 for 7.30pm: SUMMER WINE TASTING at **CHURCH COTTAGE** (See Advertisement)

Sunday, 21st

10.30am CHURCH **HOLY COMMUNION**

Thursday, 25th

10.30am -3.30pm; HALL: **COLDRIDGE CAFÉ** 10.00am-3.00pm: CHURCH: CHURCH TOURS 7.30pm: HALL: PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (OPEN FORUM FROM 7.30pm)

Friday, 26th 7-10pm: HALL:

CRIB CLUB

Monday, 29th

7.30pm: HALL: **COLDRIDGE FETE & VINTAGE RALLY: 'LOOK BACK & CLOSE OUT' OPEN** MEETING

Sunday services.

CHURCH CAFÉ: TUESDAY, 9th July at 2.30pm in the church:



We extend a very warm welcome to you all to 'pop in' and enjoy a Cuppa and Conversation. Treat it like any other Cafe...it's very informal, it's fun and you can just come and go as you please, or stay for the whole thing if you prefer. There is (and has been) a lot going on in Coldridge lately so there's always lots of jolly stuff to talk about.

Please join us...everyone is welcome. It's "In the Church, but it's not 'Churchy'"!

JWS

GARDENING CLUB:

Plantsman and perennial favourite, Alan French, was our guest speaker in June. As ever, he was engaging, informative and responsible for more impulse plant purchases than a trip to Bow Garden Centre on a wet Sunday afternoon might induce! If you missed him, don't worry, we will get him back when the programme allows.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8th July when Hollie Garrick will be talking about her Head Gardener role at The Dower House and Gardens in Derbyshire, a listed country house and member of the National Gardens Scheme.

As ever, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy Hollie's talk with the usual light refreshments and Raffle.

Visitors (non-members) are very welcome, at just £2 per head. **TRACY**



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16th Dinner Dance on Saturday November 2024



The Coldridge Village Hall Social Group plan to host an evening **Dinner Dance** in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th November 2024.

The evening's fine dining menu will be prepared by outside caterers. Diners can purchase drinks from the Village Hall's licensed bar before the meal and then later once the dancing is underway!

Tickets will be £45 per head (excluding drinks) and booking is essential to assist with planning the evening. A deposit of £20 per person will be required in advance.

To book your place or make any enquiries, please contact Suzanne Taylor on 07488 703847 by Friday 16th August

Further details will be advised in due course.

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COLDRIDGE FETE, VINTAGE RALLY, FLOWER FESTIVAL & DOG SHOW, 2024: A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

For once, after an eternity of years of involvement with our Coldridge Fete (since 1976 to be exact) I was able, this year, to enjoy it and experience it as an 'ordinary visitor', together with my friends and family, managing to visit all the stalls, displays and attractions and to spend some time taking in all that this wonderful show has to offer. It was truly magnificent!

There was variety, traditional entertainment, music of all sorts, a vast panoply of fascinating machinery, tractors, cars and ancient vehicles, even a steam-powered boat (a bit unusual in a field in Mid Devon, but quite remarkable for all that). Above all else, there was 'Fun For All'.

The Catering (BBQ, Tea Tent, Ice Creams and Bar) were hugely popular, very professionally managed and an essential ingredient of this unique and noteworthy country event.

The Flower Festival in church was a fantastic display and evidence of the enormous talent that resides here in Coldridge. The tableaux were superb and worthy of very close attention to the detail built-in to each exhibit.

I am sure that I speak for all in thanking the Fete Committee, their Helpers and Volunteers who all combined in a tremendous effort to lay on a remarkable event, whose popularity extends far beyond the bounds of Coldridge parish.

Thank You, and Well Done to everyone who made this Fete such a huge and memorable success.

JWS (ED.)

FETE THANKSGIVING SERVICE (30th JUNE):

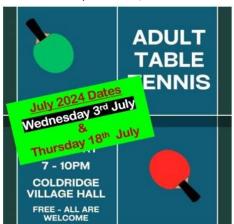
We were thrilled to welcome so many friends, neighbours, families and visitors to our Fete Service in St. Matthew's on Sunday, 30th June.

This informal and 'happy' service included some joyful, well-known hymns, 'Amazing Grace' performed by our own Sunshine Singers and a song, with guitar, performed evocatively by Josh Jewsbury. Pat Burr's recital of a poem composed by Tony Connell was, as usual, a lovely summation of all that is good and great about this community.

We enjoyed some splendid organ-playing by our guest organist, Tom Bayliss, from South Molton. He really made the instrument 'speak' to us.

Phil Redstone's prayer of 'Thankfulness' was succinct, reverential and absolutely 'spot-on' for the occasion.

Thank you to all who took part. It was an appropriate signature to a truly wonderful weekend. Thank you. JWS/St. Matthew's PCC





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...

The moving story of a young London Broker who was instrumental in the rescue of many Jewish children from Nazi governed Prague on the eve of WWII. But after war was won, he was haunted by the fate of those he couldn't rescue. A 'chance' event 50 years later changed everything.







Church Cottage, Coldridge



What better way to enjoy a summer evening than spending it with friends, good wine and our local wine expert Bruce Evans, proprietor of the *Grape & Grain Wine Merchants* in Crediton.

Bruce will guide us through a range of wines fit for the summer season, served in the surroundings of an English country garden.

Tickets at £15 per person, including wines & complementary lite-bites, must be reserved in advance. Please contact Kate Fitch on 07765 863484 or via email, kate.fitch15@btinternet.com



(Alternative arrangements if wet!)

Note: Participants must be 18 or over

Coldridge Café Thursday 25th July 10 am - 3.30pm

Coldridge Village Hall

The Café will be open for cakes & hot refreshments throughout PLUS

<u>Lunchtime specials (12 - 2pm)</u>

Selection of Quiches served with salad and new potatoes - £6.00

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- £2.50

Hope to see you there!

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

Thursday 25th July 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. To make a booking, or for enquiries, please use the website:

St Matthew's Church(middevonparish.co.uk)
Of email: coldridgeparishchurch81@gmail.com



Wednesday 31st July

7.30pm, Coldridge Village Hall

Do you enjoy the many and varied social events held in Coldridge Village Hall?

Would you like to share your ideas for future events or can you spare some time to help prepare or to lend a hand 'on the night'?

If yes, we are keen to hear from you.

The Coldridge Village Hall Social Group is a small band of 'entertainment activists' who devise and deliver social activities that appeal to all ages in the Parish.

Feel free to join us on **31**st **July** to help us prepare our future event plans for 2024+

For further information contact Lyn Green.

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