

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 **SEPTEMBER** issue will be **SUNDAY, 25th AUGUST**. 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 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 AUGUST 2024:

Thursday, 1st

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Friday, 2nd

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:
Film: "Back to Black" (Cert 15/2024)

Monday, 5th:

2.30-4.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ

Wednesday, 7th

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING

Friday, 9th

7.00pm: HALL: THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

Sunday, 11th

10.30am: CHURCH MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday, 14th

2.00pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE QUILTERS

Thursday, 15th

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Sunday, 18th

10.30am CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday, 21st

2.30pm: HALL SUNSHINE SINGING

Thursday, 22nd

10.30am -3.30pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE CAFÉ

10.00am-3.00pm: CHURCH: CHURCH TOURS

7.00-10.00pm: HALL:

CRIB CLUB

Thursday, 29th

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

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August 2024 Dates
1st, 15th and 29th

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
7 - 10PM
COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL
FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME

NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

WORSHIP & SERVICES:

Our regular Sunday services continue as usual: 2nd Sunday being a simple, informal celebration of **Morning Prayer**, led by one of our church members and with participation by other parishioners. Our **Service of Holy Communion** takes place on the following (3rd) Sunday of each month, led by a local member of the Clergy. Both services start at 10.30am and both are followed by refreshments and a jolly good catch-up.

Our newly-elected PCC are very keen to broaden the appeal of our worship, making it as accessible as possible to everyone, regardless of age or previous church experience. Our recent Fete Thanksgiving Service seems to have been very well received and we would like to move forward with more of the same type of informal, inclusive yet reverential worship.

Our next services in this vein will be our **'HYMNS-AND-PIMMS'** Songs of Praise on **Sunday, 1st September at 4.00pm** and our **HARVEST FESTIVAL Service and Supper, at 4.00pm on Saturday 28th September.** We will publish more details of these very shortly. Please put these dates in your diary. These services and the Harvest Supper in the Hall are free and open to everyone, of course, but donations are always welcome. You will need to book early in order to guarantee a seat at the popular Harvest celebration. Watch this space.

CHURCH FABRIC:

The PCC is also very busy at the moment, with several exciting, major projects in hand for our wonderful, historic church building:

The **Edward V Window** in The Chantry has been cleaned, conserved and re-installed; also, 2 of the plain glass medieval windows in the South aspect of the church have also been completed and re-installed. Other windows are soon to be addressed. Do come in and have a look. **The church is usually open between 10.00am and 4.00pm every day.**

A **Woodwork Survey and Report** has been commissioned, the results of which are awaited. The recently commissioned **Bell Report**, by Andrew Nicholson, has shown that, whilst a lot of work needs to be done to restore and preserve the bells and their supporting and ringing structures, the overall condition is not too disastrous. In other words, the project is entirely feasible, if rather expensive. However, the PCC are taking the view that this presents an exciting opportunity to extend the project, to make bell-ringing much easier and safer, to provide a safe, secure and more appropriate space for storage in the tower and, even, to provide a properly plumbed-in 'refreshment area' and, wait for it, maybe even a WC somewhere next to the building!

There will be a lot of planning, organising and fundraising to do. The PCC members are up for it and so are a number of willing, skilled and experienced volunteers who are joining us to get this all running. We may call on you all to help! Someone once said that "a busy person is a happy person"; That's your new PCC!

CHURCH CAFÉ: MONDAY, 5th AUGUST at 2.30pm in the church:

We extend a very warm welcome to you all to 'pop in' and enjoy a 'Cuppa, Cake and



Conversation'. Please treat it like any other Cafe...it's very informal, it's fun, it's free and you can just come and go as you please, or stay for the whole thing if you prefer.

There is (and has been and there always will be) lots going on in Coldridge, so there are always very many topics to chat about and discuss.

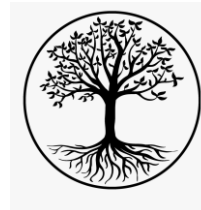
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Last month, Gardener at The Dower House, Melbourne, Hollie Garrick, brightened up a miserable evening, weatherwise, with some really beautiful seasonal images, as she talked us through a virtual tour of this wonderful garden she tends in Derbyshire. It was a welcome distraction on an evening that was more November than July.

The club is taking a break from its usual meeting in August but will be back with a **tour of members' gardens on 9th September.** This is an opportunity to have a good chat about what's working for others, sharing ideas... and be a tiny bit nosey too. The committee will be contacting members directly in due course in time to arrange the evening, so keep an eye out.

In the meantime, 'save the date' - Saturday, 5th October - when the ever-popular **Gardening**

Club Bangers 'n' Mash Lunch will be served in the Village Hall. Details to follow a bit nearer the time. Happy gardening!
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Discover the Mystery of Edward V
& The Princes in the Tower.

Thursday 22nd August 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\(middletonparish.co.uk\)](http://StMatthewsChurch(middletonparish.co.uk))
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Coldridge Village Hall Social Group
Presents

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Friday 2nd August

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Coldridge Café

Thursday 22nd August

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

**August's Lunch Menu to
be advised**

Hope to see you there!

Takeaway Service Available

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Village Hall

EDITOR'S NOTE (2)

August is universally known, in journalistic circles, as "Man Bites Dog Month"! In other words, whilst everyone seems to be on holiday, no-one has any news of great importance to share with our public.

As you know, I no longer have an upper limit on the number of pages that the Coldridge Calendar can extend to. So, please let me have your stories, events and points-of-view so that we can all be informed, enlightened and amused in the months ahead. Don't forget, a lot of us don't do 'social media' and The Coldridge Calendar is our main, or only source of information and contact!

This is YOUR newsletter. It has a very wide circulation here in the parish and further afield (it's even read in America!). Please take part in sustaining the success and vibrancy of this lovely community and let me have your articles and news.

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