

# THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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## DIARY FOR APRIL 2025:

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[www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge](http://www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge)

AND OUR "WHAT'S ON IN COLDRIDGE, DEVON (WOICD)" FACEBOOK PAGE AT:

[www.facebook.com/groups/coldridge](http://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**

### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.00am: CHURCH: **CHURCH SPRING CLEAN**  
2.30pm: HALL: **SUNSHINE SINGING**

### Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL **SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:**  
Film: Comedy/Drama/Musical based in the world of tribute artists and a famous Country singer. (Cert 15/2022)

### Monday, 7<sup>th</sup>

2.30-4.30pm: CHURCH: **CHURCH CAFÉ**

### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup>

2.00pm: HALL: **COLDRIDGE QUILTERS**

### Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm: HALL: **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

### Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>

6.00pm: HALL (Kitchen) **VH SOCIAL GROUP MEETING**

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

### Friday, 11<sup>th</sup>

8.00pm: HALL: **COLDRIDGE ARMS**

### Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> **PALM SUNDAY**

10.30am: CHURCH: **MORNING PRAYER**  
*INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS*

### Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>

7.30pm: HALL: **GARDENING CLUB**

### Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>

7.00pm: HALL: **CRIB CLUB**

### FRIDAY, 18<sup>th</sup>: **GOOD FRIDAY**

11.30am: CHURCH: **SERVICE OF REFLECTION**

### Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>: **EASTER SUNDAY**

10.30am: CHURCH: **EASTER COMMUNION**

### Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>: **EASTER BANK HOLIDAY**

10.00am: HALL: **THE GREAT COLDRIDGE EASTER EGG HUNT!**

### Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>

10.30am – 3.30pm: HALL & CHURCH

**COLDRIDGE CAFÉ & EV CHURCH TOURS**

7.30pm: CHURCH **"JAZZ IN THE NAVE"**

### Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### MAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### FRIDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup>:

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL **SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:**  
*Main Feature To Be Confirmed*

#### MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup>

2.30pm: **MAYPOLE DANCING IN THE SQUARE**

4.00pm: HALL **AFTERNOON TEA**

*(Booking in advance required)*

#### THURSDAY, 8<sup>th</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE! VE DAY 80**

**COMMEMORATION AND BEACON-LIGHTING,**  
From 7.30pm

#### SATURDAY, 24<sup>th</sup>

**10.00am: CHURCH: RE-DEDICATION OF THE EDWARD V WINDOW BY THE BISHOP OF**

**EXETER, FOLLOWED BY HISTORICAL TALKS with BBQ ON THE GREEN AND BAR, TEAS, etc. IN THE HALL**

### NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

#### WORSHIP, SERVICES & EVENTS:



### Save the Date

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May



**Edward V Window  
Re-dedication  
& his links to Coldridge**

Firstly and hopefully, you've seen recent notices about the upcoming 'Edward V Window Re-dedication & his links to Coldridge' event on **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** in St Matthew's Church featuring special guest speaker, Philippa Langley MBE.

Tickets for this event are now on sale and St Matthew's Church PCC would like residents of Coldridge parish to be first in the queue for what promises to be a very popular event with followers of the Missing Princes Project from further afield.

For a limited time, tickets are on sale ONLY to Coldridge parish residents for £15 per person PLUS a *free* £5 food voucher\* for catering provided on the day. We only have a limited number of vouchers so don't hang around!

Tickets will soon go on general sale to the wider

public. Of course, you can purchase tickets at any time.

To buy your ticket email

[events@stmatthewscoldridge.church](mailto:events@stmatthewscoldridge.church)

To find out about volunteering opportunities and any other information, email:

[events@stmatthewscoldridge.church](mailto:events@stmatthewscoldridge.church).

#### **SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!**

\*Vouchers up to a value of £5 in a single transaction. Vouchers have no monetary value and no change will be given. Not redeemable at the bar.

**CHURCH CAFÉ: MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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.

**WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 10.00am: CHURCH**

**CLEANING:** You are invited to help us give the Church its Spring Clean. Bring a duster and, maybe a 'Hoover'. Tea. Coffee and Hot Pasties will be freely available to our volunteers.

**GOOD FRIDAY: 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 11.30am:**

We will be offering a short service of quiet Reflection for Good Friday, led by Rev. Jeremy Putnam. You can come and go as you please. Do join us in this final act of preparation for Easter.

**EASTER SUNDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 10.30am:**

Do come along and join us for this joyful celebration of Christ's Resurrection. This is our Easter Communion, led by Rev. Peter Rapsey (always a treat) and we will have mini-eggs to distribute. Not compulsory, but it would be lovely if the ladies could wear their **Easter Bonnets** and the gentlemen sporting a **seasonal buttonhole**, just as we used to do it in Coldridge in former times!

**"JAZZ IN THE NAVE": Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

It's great to have the **MOON CLUB JAZZ BAND** back for our entertainment. Please see the separate advert and editorial.

**FABRIC:** A lot of work has been going on in and around the church. Andrew, Malcolm and Trevor have done a wonderful job of replacing the floor in the tower. 2 days work done in just one day....but it is a fantastic job. Thank you, gentlemen! Our 'Sparky' Team has now set up a superb array of Audio/Visual gear for enhancing the Church Tours and Presentations. This is in preparation for the events taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> May (see note above).

With the Spring Clean on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, the church will look really good for all these services, events and for our many visitors.

**John Smith & Andrew Green (Churchwardens)**

Thank you all for your Notices, News and Events for this issue.

The copy deadline for our MAY issue is **TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**. Please may I have all your items, in WORD or JPEG format, no later than then.

John W Smith

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Coldridge Village Hall  
Monday, 14th April at 7:30pm

Everyone very welcome  
Garden Centre Raffle

Visitors £3  
Join the club £15 annual family membership

Hostas were top of the agenda for March's meeting which was very well attended. Peter Savage from Bowden's Plants gave a very entertaining and interesting talk, although it does seem that even the experts agree that slugs will always have the upper hand. Thankfully, they haven't figured out how to use secateurs yet.

The next meeting is **Monday, 14th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. We will be having a Spring Plant Swap and Social evening so please get potting, sowing, cutting, dividing or any other propagation method you can think of. A great opportunity to fill some gaps in your borders and veg beds or make someone's day and bring their new favourite plant!

All this while enjoying a glass or two and some snacks - what's not to like?

Don't miss the fun: Join Gardening Club for £15 per year. Non-members most welcome £3 per person.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:**

At our March meeting we had a lot of fun reading three short radio plays, which gave the group the chance to tap into their theatrical skills and bring to life a range of characters including a moonlighting husband, a dodgy post lady and

the Queen.

At our next meeting on **Wednesday, 9th April in Coldridge Village Hall at 7.30pm**, we have the very entertaining Titch Scott as our speaker. In his own fun and very engaging way, he will enlighten us with his stories about Dartmoor, past and present. He has spent all his life living on Dartmoor and has a wealth of knowledge to share. An evening not to be missed!

Non-members are always welcome (£3).

**Lisa Kendall** Coldridge WI Treasurer

Coldridge WI presents...

**DARTMOOR: PAST & PRESENT**  
with Titch Scott


Titch is an award winning dialect speaker whose Devon family heritage dates back to the 16th century.

Who better to share his stories in an enlightening and engaging evening about the moor on our doorstep.

Proper Job!

**COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**  
Wednesday, 9th April at 7.30pm

Non-members are always welcome (£3)



**ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

**April 2025**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

7 - 10PM  
**COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**  
FREE - ALL ARE WELCOME



Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

**SOCIAL NIGHT**

**Friday 4th April**  
Coldridge Village Hall  
Free Entry - All are welcome

Doors Open 7 pm, Main Event from 7:30pm  
Licensed Bar, snacks and ice creams available

**This Month's Main Feature...**

Our hero 'Red' is at a crossroads in her life. After misreading a work party's dress code, she pours herself a cup of ambition and trades her 9-to-5 career in real estate for a life under the spotlight as a Dolly Parton impersonator.

**"S\_r\_\_sly R\_d" (9,3)**

Starring Krew Boylan, Daniel Webber, Rose Byrne, ...  
Music / Comedy / Drama Release 2022



**COLDRIDGE CAR POOL**

**Affordable Transport to local medical appointments:**

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<b>Chulmleigh:</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
<b>Crediton:</b>	<b>£7.00</b>
<b>Okehampton:</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>Exeter:</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Barnstaple:</b>	<b>£17.00</b>

To book a trip or to join the team (we need to recruit new volunteer drivers), please contact:

**John Smith on 01363 83436 or email: [biggles1047@gmail.com](mailto:biggles1047@gmail.com)**

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

**The Coldridge Arms**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**7 - 11pm**  
**Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX**

**Licensed Bar**  
**Refreshments & Snacks Available**

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



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Coldridge Village Hall

**THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB**

NEXT MEET  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm**  
All are welcome

Can't play want to play. If you would like to learn, come along, beginners are welcome, instruction is on hand.

Attendees to pay £1 to cover the hall hire costs. The bar will be open.

For further details contact Andy.  
andrewfitch@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk  
07990565973

## IAN RUNS AGAIN!

Local runner, Ian Webber is due to run his 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive London Marathon on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Once again, Ian and Jayne are raising funds for the vital work of **Hospice UK**. Hospice UK is the national charity for hospice and end of life care. They support many of our local hospices. *The Hospice UK mission is to promote and protect hospice care for all who need it, for now and forever.*

As the national champion for hospices, Hospice

UK fight to make sure hospice care is there for everyone, from every background, fight to make sure hospices are able to deliver the best, most personalised care, and fight to make sure hospices can thrive – today and into the future. Hospice UK represent the community of more than 200 hospices across the UK. They do everything they can for children and adults living with long-term illness, or approaching the end of their lives through providing bereavement, counselling and practical support. Hospice UK do everything they can to support hospices' incredible, invaluable work.

You can donate via the fundraising page: [www.justgiving.com/page/ianwebberlm2025](http://www.justgiving.com/page/ianwebberlm2025) or alternatively, send your donation / pop it in Ian and Jayne's letterbox at 2 Thorn Corner, near West Leigh. (Postal address: Bramble Cottage, 2 Thorn Corner, Nr Wembworthy, Chulmleigh EX18 7SN / Email: [jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jayne.webber@tiscali.co.uk) / phone 01837 82540) or drop your donation in at North Tawton Post Office for Jayne's attention.

Over the years, Ian and Jayne have raised an incredible **£81,464** for various charities, along with the help of our local community.

## JAZZ IN THE NAVE RETURNS!

**Save the Date!**  
After last year's rapturous reception, **The Moon Jazz Club** returns for second helpings of St Matthew's renowned acoustics and warm hospitality. Join us for an unforgettable evening of smooth jazz and soulful melodies on **Thursday, 24th April at 7.00pm.**

Entry - £2  
per child

# The Great Coldridge EASTER EGG Hunt

**Monday 21st April**  
10am at Coldridge Village Hall

To enter please ring or text Suzanne on 07488 703847 by **Monday 14th April** leaving your name, no. of children and ages.

Children upto and including 12yrs of age can take part. 8 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Coldridge Village Hall

Expect an atmospheric night filled with live music, good company, and the unique charm of Coldridge's historic church setting, enhanced by a return of our Licenced Bar.

Booking details and further information via the **WOICD Facebook page and email updates** – so stay tuned!

**Mark your calendars – this is an evening not to be missed!**

## Coldridge Café

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**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

**April's Lunch Menu to be  
advised nearer the date**

Hope to see you there!

Takeaway Service Available

Coldridge  
Village Hall



COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL  
SOCIAL GROUP

Next Meeting

**6pm, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

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'?

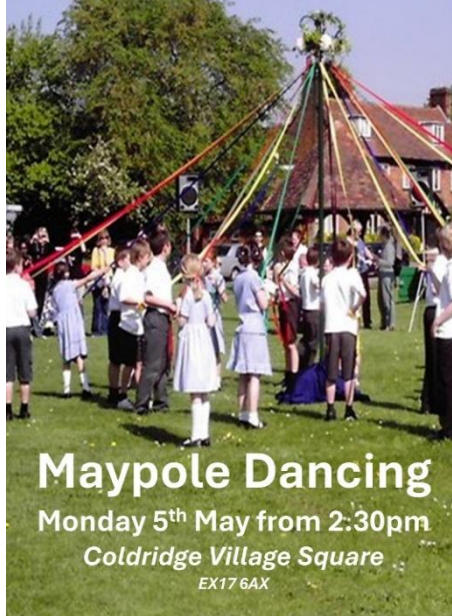
If yes, we are keen to hear from you.

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 **10<sup>th</sup> April** to help us prepare our future event plans for 2024/25

For further information contact Lyn Green.

Come along and join in the fun!



**Maypole Dancing**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2:30pm

Coldridge Village Square

EX17 6AX

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



Afternoon Tea

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

**£12/head (or £15/head with a Glass of Prosecco)**

Sandwiches, Scones with Cream & Jam, Cakes and Petit Fours served with unlimited Tea & Coffee

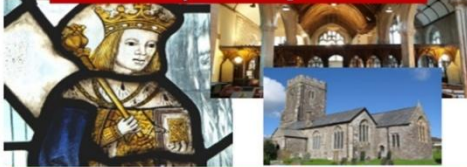
**Limited Spaces – Booking Essential**

Please contact Suzanne Taylor (07488 703847) to reserve your place **before 28th April**

Coldridge Village Hall

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



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)  
or email: coldridgeparishchurch81@gmail.com

Jazz IN THE NAVE featuring THE MOON JAZZ CLUB

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**St Michael's Church, Great Torrington**

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**Save the Date**

Saturday 24th May



ST MATTHEW

**Edward V Window  
Re-dedication  
& his links to Coldridge**

## **Opera-lele live in Coldridge!**

**Join us on Friday 13th June in Coldridge Village Hall for a unique mixture of opera, ukuleles and comedy performed by Opera-lele!**

The internationally renowned duo **Opera-lele** has rapidly established itself as one of the most original and exciting musical acts in the world.

**Opera-lele** is an award-winning unique comedy music act specialising in performing music from opera and musical theatre accompanied by the emotionally powerful yet understated twang of their ukuleles!

Comprising classically trained musicians George Bartle and Mandi Harkett, Opera-lele has captivated audiences worldwide with their innovative performances and humorous approach to classical music.

In 2015, **Opera-lele** burst onto the music scene with a Main Stage festival performance. The audience was stunned and excited by what they saw and heard. Opera-lele received a standing ovation and were described by many as the hit of the festival. This success propelled them into the spotlight, leading to numerous performances at festivals, theatres, churches and even private islands across the UK and beyond.

The duo's international appeal has taken them to various countries including Poland, Austria, Finland, Czech Republic, Ireland and Germany. Their performances have been featured at the Canterbury International Arts Festival, Music on the Marr Festival, Halesworth Arts Festival, Hebden Bridge Burlesque Festival, South Downs Folk Festival, and nearly every ukulele festival in the UK.

They have toured extensively around the UK with their critically acclaimed full-length theatre shows 'Access All Arias', 'Licence to Trill' and their 'Opera-lele Christmas Show'. In 2017, they were voted 'Breakthrough Ukulele Artist' by the readers of UKE Magazine, in 2023 were runners up in the 'Ukies Awards' in the Best Duo/Band category, and in 2024 they won the award!

### **Sample an Opera-lele Showreel**

[Click here](#) to sample some snippets of Opera-lele performing live.

### **To Purchase your tickets**

Tickets for this event are now available at £17.50 per person and can now be bought on-line on the [Coldridge Village Hall Events Booking system](#). Enquires can be emailed to [enquiries@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk)

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Opera-lele

# Live in Coldridge!



A unique  
mixture of  
opera,  
ukuleles  
& comedy.

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

*Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX*

**Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start  
Licenced Bar Tickets £17.50**

*To purchase tickets (and for further information) please scan the QR code*



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A celebration of Gods love,  
care and nurture told through  
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Enjoy music and fun for all  
ages as we honour mothers and  
mother figures in our own lives.

Service led by Lyn Gould.

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service.*



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