

THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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DIARY FOR JUNE 2026:

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VILLAGE HALL 'REGULARS':

TAI CHI: CLASSES RUN FROM 4.00pm, EVERY MONDAY

PILATES & CHAIR PILATES: TUESDAYS at 5.30pm

Sunday, 31st May

10.00am: CHURCH

MISSION TEAM COMMUNION

Monday, 1st June

2.30pm: CHURCH:

CHURCH CAFE

Wednesday, 3rd

2.30pm: HALL:

SUNSHINE SINGING

Thursday, 4th

7.30pm: HALL:

ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Friday, 5th

7 for 7.30pm: HALL:

SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT

In a near-future society a father, seeking money to save his sick daughter, joins a top-rated game show in which contestants are pursued by ruthless 'hunters', hired to kill them. He has 30 days to survive... Cert 15 (2025)

Tuesday, 9th

2.00pm: HALL:

COLDRIDGE QUILTERS:

Wednesday, 10th

7.30pm: HALL:

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Friday, 12th

7.00pm: HALL:

THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

Sunday, 14th

10.30am: CHURCH:

MORNING PRAYER

Sunday, 21st

10.30am CHURCH:

HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, 25th

7.00pm: HALL:

CRIB CLUB

Saturday, 27thL

11.00am: COLDRIDGE FETE & VINTAGE RALLY

Sunday, 28th

4.00pm: CHURCH:

FETE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

To enable preparations for our 2026 Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, a small number of our regular activities will NOT take place in June:
Gardening Club: The next meeting will take

place in July and will be a Garden Trip out.

Details TBC

The Coldridge Café (and Church Tour): The next Café will take place on Thursday, 23rd July 10.00am to 3.00pm, with the Church Talk & Tour at 11.00am

Table Tennis: Our fortnightly sessions will take a break for the Summer, following the 4th June session. Table Tennis returns for the Autumn Season on **Thursday, 10th September**

'LOOKAHEAD' to JULY 2026:

We are taking advance bookings for the following parish events taking place in July:...

Sunday, 12th July: AFTERNOON TEA (Serving from 4.00pm)

Friday, 17th July: SUMMER WINE TASTING (in the garden of Church Cottage, 7.00pm for 7.30pm)



NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:



CHURCH CAFE:

Come along to St Matthew's on the afternoon of Monday, 1st June for our friendly, monthly get-together over a cuppa, some cake and a few biccies. Everyone is always very welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE:

This month, our service pattern is as follows:

At 10.00am on Sunday, 31st May (Trinity Sunday), St Matthew's is once again hosting the **Mission Team Combined Eucharist**. Everyone is very welcome to attend and to 'meet our neighbours' from our wider Christian community.

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Morning Prayer as usual at 10.30am on Sunday 14th

Holy Communion will be at 10.30am on Sunday, 21st, led by Rev. Peter Rapsey.

Fete Thanksgiving Service at 4.00pm in St Matthew's on Sunday, 28th June to which EVERYONE is most welcome.

We offer **refreshments and companionship** after all of our services, to which everyone is always very welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTES FOR JUNE 2026:

Thank you for all your News and Notices of all the Coldridge events coming up this month.

The copy deadline for our JULY issue is SUNDAY, 21st JUNE (latest). Please may I have all your items, in WORD or JPEG format, no later than then. **Calibri 9-Point** is the usual font to use, please, with Titles in 10-Point.

Many thanks; **John W Smith (Editor)**

Email: biggles1047@gmail.com

COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB:

May's meeting saw the return of speaker Caradoc Doy. In 'Plant Hunters & Pioneers' we heard a brief history of the remarkable Veitch family nursery of Exeter and Chelsea, which sent twenty-three plant collectors to numerous countries, mainly during the Victorian period. So successful were they that there is scarcely a garden in the British Isles that does not contain a plant derived from their introductions. Caradoc is an excellent speaker and well worth an evening at the Gardening Club when we book him again.

As you all know, it's Coldridge Fete year and so there is no meeting in June. Instead, Gardening Club is branching out into enterprise and will be having an independent stall at the Fete on 27th June. We will be selling garden and houseplants, preserves, hand crafted items and gardening sundries. This is all in aid of Gardening Club funds to help maintain our varied schedule of speakers, events and outings for the continued enjoyment of our lovely members. Please do come along and support the team.

July will be our next get together and will be an afternoon outing to NGS garden The Old Rectory, Ashreighney. Further details to follow in an email to members, so please keep a look out. Everyone is welcome to join Coldridge Gardening Club - a family membership is only £15 for the year. Keep an eye out for news of upcoming events on all the usual village channels. Or visit our website coldridgegardening.uk. If you are not (yet!) a member of the Coldridge Gardening Club, and would like to see what it's all about, please drop us a line on coldridgegardeningclub@ecomail.uk for more details. **Tracy, Teresa and Nick.**
Gardening Club Committee

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

In May, Coldridge WI welcomed Mary Mout who introduced us to the gentle art of Chinese Brush Painting. A gift of a set of Chinese brushes encouraged Mary to expand her horizon from watercolours to inks, and the wonderful world of this stylised Oriental artform. We were relieved to find out that you don't need to be 'good at drawing' to make some very pleasing marks on the page and very much enjoyed our taste of this most relaxing pastime.

We are going up a gear in June when Colin Andrews from Winkleigh Morris will be telling us about the history of Morris dancing and will be accompanied by some of the Winkleigh Morris side to demonstrate some moves. We will also be encouraged to give it a go... Just don't be tempted to say 'pull the other one' as it will probably have bells on.

Find out more on **Wednesday, 10th June at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall** about this quintessentially English tradition.

New members are always welcome or come as a guest (£3 - women only). Meetings are held (with the odd exception) on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Subjects range from charities and local interest groups, cookery demonstrations and craft workshops to the arts and wellbeing. Look out for more information on the village socials. Hope to see

you soon. **Lyn Green** (WI Secretary)



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INSPIRING WOMEN
Coldridge WI presents...

Hey! If you don't know your Hookleg from your Hocklebacks, or your Trunkles from your Furry Capers, then have a Once to Yourself and Double Step down to find out with...

WINKLEIGH MORRIS
with Colin Andrews

Colin will tell us about the history of Morris dancing, some dancers will be there to demonstrate plus a chance for us to join in.
So unfurl your hankies and polish your sticks for some traditional, hearty dancing fun!

Wednesday, 10th June
at 7.30pm
Coldridge Village Hall

Non-members are always welcome (£3, women only)

Image of a group of Morris dancers in traditional red and white costumes.

COLDRIDGE CAR POOL

Affordable Transport to local medical appointments:

Our Tariff (for return trips) is as follows:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Bow: | £4.00 |
| North Tawton: | £4.00 |
| Winkleigh: | £3.50 |
| Chulmleigh: | £6.00 |
| Crediton: | £7.00 |
| Okehampton: | £10.00 |
| Exeter: | £15.00 |
| Barnstaple: | £17.00 |

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

John Smith on 01363 83436 or email: biggles1047@gmail.com

Thanks to all our volunteers. JS

COLDRIDGE CAR POOL: UPDATE

Our little team of volunteer drivers continues to provide transport for parishioners who are unable to get to medical, dental and optical appointments by other means.

In light of the recent increase in fuel prices on the world market (thank you, Trump!), we have had a bit of a chinwag amongst ourselves as to whether we should increase our charge from 40p per mile to 45p.

I am very happy to report that the consensus is very definitely NOT to increase our charges and so the prices shown in our advert (above) will continue to apply across the board.

A PLEA!.. Please do not be afraid to ask for a lift if you need to get to the Doctor, Dentist, Optician or Pharmacy. We are here to help and at a very modest cost compared to taxi fares.

ANOTHER PLEA! We really do need to take on 2 or 3 more volunteer drivers in order to offer

greater availability and flexibility and to avoid just 2 or 3 drivers doing all the jobs. (Not that we mind...the company and in-car conversation is usually fascinating!) If you would like to help, please let me know. It's good fun and you are helping your neighbours.

John S. Car Pool Coordinator

Email: biggles1047@gmail.com

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL GROUP PRESENTS



SOCIAL NIGHT

FRIDAY 5 JUNE | **DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START**

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

THIS MONTH'S MAIN FEATURE...

In a near-future society a father, seeking money to save his sick daughter, joins a top-rated game show in which contestants are pursued by ruthless "hunters" hired to kill them. He has 30 days to survive...

"R_nn_ng M_n" (7,3)

Starring: Glen Powell Alyssa Benn Sienna Benn
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LICENCED BAR, SNACKS AND ICE CREAMS AVAILABLE

Image of a starburst with 'FREE ENTRY' and icons of popcorn, a film reel, and a clapperboard.



Sunshine Singing

Our next session will be on the 3rd June.

Image of a smiling sun with musical notes and a treble clef.

Come and join us!

It has recently been well documented about the mental and physical health benefits of singing, not to mention the social engagement with friends and neighbours, so these sessions are aimed at keeping your brain active in a light-hearted, enjoyable way.

For just £4 per session, you are invited to come to Sunshine Singing sessions in the Village Hall, once a month on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.30 to enjoy singing for fun and community spirit. No standard required and the price includes afternoon refreshments. **Rachel**

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

The Coldridge Arms

Friday 12th June

7 - 11pm

Coldridge Village Hall,
EX17 6AX

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Refreshments & Snacks
Available**

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a drink and friendly chat*




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THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB

NEXT MEET
Thursday 25th June, 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



Coldridge Café

Important News about June 2026

Dear Café Customers,

Owing to our preparations for the Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show on Saturday 27th June we regret to advise that we are not hosting a Coldridge Café event in June.

The next Coldridge Café will be held on **Thursday 23rd July, 10am - 3pm.**

Meantime, we hope you can join us at our Fete where we will be serving a range of hot & cold food and refreshments in the Tea Tent and the BBQ.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

The Cafe Team



Coldridge Village Hall Social Group
By kind invitation of Keyth & Sara Richardson

SUMMER WINE *Tasting*

Join us for an evening of wine tasting and education as we sample a selection of wines from around the world under the expert stewardship of Bruce Evans, proprietor of the Grape & Grain Wine Merchants, Credenon.

Fri 17th July
Church Cottage, Coldridge
7pm for 7:30pm start

Tickets at £20 per person, including wines and complementary lite-bites, must be booked in advance. Please contact Kate Fitch on 07765 863484 or email kate.fitch15@btinternet.com

There will be a chance to buy the night's wines after the tasting.

Alternative arrangements if wet

Participants must be 18 or over



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA

JULY 12TH AT 4PM
COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL



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2026 Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show

A COLDRIDGE CALENDAR FETE SUPPLEMENT



(In aid of Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund)

"COLDRIDGE, DEVON — Community spirit and vintage charm take centre stage next month as the bi-annual Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show returns on **Saturday, June 27, 2026**. Running from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, this highly anticipated summer gathering promises a full day of family-friendly entertainment celebrating the very best of Mid-Devon heritage and culture.

Held at the 'Fete Field' (EX17 6AX), the event brings together motoring enthusiasts, families, and dog lovers alike. Attendees can get up close to an impressive display of vintage tractors and classic cars, test their skills on a bouncy castle assault course, and witness live demonstrations of traditional countryside skills and birds of prey.

The festivities feature a packed schedule of attractions, including:

- The Family Dog Show & Competitions: A chance for local pet owners to showcase their furry friends.
- St Matthew's Church Flower Festival: A stunning, peaceful exhibition of local floral artistry hosted inside the historic village church.
- Live Music & Entertainment: All-day musical performances paired with a dedicated children's entertainer and games.
- Local Food & Drink: A summer BBQ, traditional tea tent, fresh cakes, ice cream, and a fully licensed bar.
- Craft, Trade & Plant Stalls: regional makers, alongside a tombola and a Grand Prize Draw.

"This event is the heartbeat of our summer season," said the organisers. "It is a fantastic opportunity for locals and visitors to come together, enjoy great food, see incredible vintage vehicles, and support our community."

The event directly benefits the local community, with all proceeds raised going toward the Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund.

Admission is £5.00 for adults, while children aged 16 and under enter for free. Free parking is available directly on-site at the Fete Field.

For more information, visit the official community page at <https://middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge/>.

In aid of Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund

Join us at the

FREE PARKING in the Fete Field

ADULTS £5.00 CHILDREN (16 & under) FREE

Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show

Saturday 27th June 2026

11 – 5pm, EX17 6AX

Celebrating the Best of Mid-Devon

Vintage Tractors Classic Cars Craft & Trade Stalls Children's Entertainer
Cakes Countryside Skills Plants Alpacas Tea Tent Grand Prize Draw
Face Painting BBQ Tombola Family Dog Show Ice Creams
Competitions Live Music Licensed Bar Birds of Prey Children's Games
Flower Festival (in St Matthew's Church) Bouncy Castle Assault Course
... and much more...

<https://middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge/>



Devon in Detail

A wonderful, wide-ranging theme, 'Devon in Detail' represents anything Devon related and allows plenty of scope for interpretation....

Go on - have a go!

From cream teas (cream first!) to pasties, tors and moors to beaches, Devon banks to farmland, city landmarks to your own patch of Devon heaven - your garden. Famous Devonians; historical to today. Just a few ideas to get you inspired.

The Flower Festival is held in St Matthew's Church and it doesn't have to be a large display, there are small, very manageable, spaces available too. It's not a competition, just a display of 'homegrown' creativity for our community and fete visitors to enjoy.

Don't consider yourself a 'flower arranger'? You don't have to be, the most effective displays are often the most simple.

No flowers? No problem! You can use dried, faux, paper, yarn or just plenty of garden greenery and as many 'props' as you like.

Do it with a friend, neighbour, group or on your own.

Help and more information is available. Contact Lyn Green at lyng@stmatthewscoldridge.church

Coldridge Fete Fun Family Dog Show

Vintage Rally & Flower Festival

Saturday 27th June 2026

11am - 5pm Coldridge, EX17 6AX
£5 Fete entry fee (under 16s free)

Judging from Midday at the Dog Show Tent
Entry Fee £2 per dog, per class

Show Judge: Sara Thurgood

Categories and Judging times;

| | |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| Midday | Best Bitch |
| 12.30pm | Best Male dog |
| 1pm | Best Veteran over 7 |
| 1.30pm | Best Puppy 6-12 months |
| 2pm | Best Rescue. |
| 2.30pm | Best Child Handler under 16 |
| 3pm | Waggiest tail |

Rosettes will be awarded

4.15pm
Judging in the Main Ring

- Best in Show
- Best Reserve

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Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally Flower Festival & Dog Show
11am Sat 27th June 2026
(in aid of Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund)

Announcing the launch of the 2026 Grand Prize Draw!

0001 Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally Flower Festival & Dog Show 11am, 27th June 2026

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____

0001 Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show 11am, 27th June 2026

Grand Prize Draw

1st Prize - £200 Cash
2nd Prize - £125 Cash
3rd Prize - £75 Cash
4th Prize - £50 Cash
- Plus many more exciting prizes!

The draw will take place in the Fete Field on Saturday 27th June 2026 at 4pm

Prize fund: £1000. Tickets: £1 each, or £5/book. Coldridge, COLDRIDGE, EX17 6AX. Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Mid-Devon District Council Licence No. MDV 154021. Printed by www.offshoreprinters.co.uk

Ticket Price £1.00

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Available to buy at Coldridge Village Hall events or by contacting Marion Born on 01363 83482

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BAKERS WANTED FOR THE COLDRIDGE FETE CAKE STALL

Our 2026 Fete will see the return of the ever-popular Coldridge Fete Cake Stall.

Donations of cakes, tray bakes, cookies, savouries or any other goodies for us to sell would be very much appreciated. These can be delivered to the Village Hall on Friday 26th June, or brought to the Cake Stall on the Fete Field on Saturday morning, 27th June.

If required, collection can be arranged by contacting me on 01363 83482.

In view of allergy concerns, please could you include a list of ingredients used for your contribution.

Even if you are not a baker, please come along to the Fete and show your support by purchasing some of these goodies.

Thank you

Marion Born



COLDRIDGE FETE TOMBOLA STALL



Donations are now being sought for the popular Coldridge Fete Tombola Stall.

Sweets, tins, bottles, packets, stationery, toiletries, small gifts etc suitable for use as immediate prizes.

NOTE - All food items to be in date; please do not include perishable items or alcohol.

All donations please to the Village Hall on Friday 26th June or collection can be arranged by contacting me on 01363 83482.

Thank you in advance,

Marion Born



FLOWER FESTIVAL REMEMBRANCE POSY DISPLAYS

Once again as part of this year's Fete Flower Festival we are inviting people to place posies of remembrance for loved ones in the spaces of the rood screen in St Matthew's Church.

These small vases need to be placed on a coaster along with a card of dedication. Each space is about five inches wide.

Posy Displays should be brought to the church on either Thursday 25th or Friday 26th June, between 10am and 6pm in readiness for the Flower Festival on 27th June AND the Service of Thanksgiving to be held at 4pm on Sunday 28th June.

Thank you
Lyn Green



