

THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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DIARY OF EVENTS, NEWS & REPORTS FOR APRIL 2020

Feeling stressed or anxious?
Lacking confidence and
self-esteem?
Frustrated that your phobia,
fear or addiction is getting in
the way?

In the current crisis, Emma has had to stop one-to-one consultations. However, she has developed a Social Media site for online consultations and we will publish the details in our next issue

Call or text Emma on 07894 555075 or email: emma@inspiredtochange.biz



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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

COLDRIDGE PARISH SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT:

If you need help with anything at all, please contact our new dedicated Telephone Number:

07731 894819

If you get no reply, please email us at
biggles1047@gmail.com.

Our group of Parish Volunteers is here to help.

Don't Suffer Alone: Pick Up The Phone!

**C B SERVICES**

Garden Maintenance, Landscaping &
Fencing, Tree Surgery
& Seasoned Logs:

CALLUM J BARBER**07557129961****cj.barber99@outlook.com***Please contact for free quote/assessment*

THE COLDRIDGE CAR POOL...

The idea of this not-for-profit service is to take residents to medical appointments at a cost of less than 40p a mile. This works out as follows;

Bow Surgery and Pharmacy:	£4.00
North Tawton Surgery:	£4.00
Chulmleigh Surgery/Pharmacy:	£5.00
Crediton Hospital:	£7.00
Okehampton Hospital	£10.00
RDE Exeter:	£15.00
North Devon Hospital:	£16.00

TO BOOK A RIDE;

Contact John on 01363 83436.

(Please give as much notice as possible!)

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PLEASE NOTE THAT, DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS, OUR SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ONLY AT YOUR OWN RISK AND IS SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY AND GOODWILL OF OUR DRIVERS. SORRY, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO TAKE YOU.

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FOR FURTHER UPDATES:

SIGN UP FOR *THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR* by email

OR

VISIT THE COLDRIDGE WEBSITE:

at

www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge

EDITOR'S NOTES

Thank you to all who have given me notes and updates for this issue.

Copy Deadline for the **MAY 2020** issue is

Sunday, 19th APRIL

Please make sure that I have all your stuff, in **WORD** or **JPEG** attachment only please, *by this date at the latest.*

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Twigs and Brambles Garden Services

Grass cutting and strimming
Pruning and trimming
Weeding
Hedge cutting
Garden tidy up
Patio pressure washing

All aspects of garden work undertaken

Phone/Text David on

07591 336153

COVID-19 PANDEMIC: WE LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES!

As you will all realise, 'normal service' for *The Coldridge Calendar* is suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic although we will be sending out updates and monthly issues as we go along.

You will already have received our **Update No.1**, which sets out the details of our Parish Council's '**Coldridge Community Support Plan**'.

If you are aware of any friends or neighbours who have not received a copy, please let me know or, better still (and if you would be kind enough), please print off a copy for them. It is vital that everyone in the parish has access to the **Single Point Of Contact (SPOC)** phone number and to any updates that the Parish Council sends out in the future.

The ideal situation would be for everyone to receive our Updates and *Calendar* issues by email. We understand that there are a few without internet access, for whom we will provide paper copies but, if you can persuade everyone else to send me their email addresses, I can include them in the *Coldridge Calendar Parish Circulation Database*. All addresses will be kept strictly confidential in-line with GDPR. Electronic circulation is faster, saves on paper and ink and, most importantly, saves our volunteers from having to expose themselves to possible infection whilst hand-delivering paper copies.

Please take note of the advice on [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) and [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) websites. As I write this, it is still OK for over-70s with mild underlying issues to go out, go to the shops or for a walk, but must keep a minimum of 2M from others. Those with more serious issues must have self-isolated and rely upon our SPOC, the NHS and Gov.uk for help, supplies, advice and for comfort.

However, younger people and those of 'low vulnerability' may still go out but please do not congregate in significant numbers, keep a 'healthy' distance from each other and, certainly, keep at least 2M from any older person. Large groups on the Green may, sadly, now be a thing of the past.

Please keep up with the national advice on BBC News and the NHS and Gov.uk websites as it is changing daily, if not hourly.

Local updates will be circulated under The Calendar banner and, also, on the Coldridge website:

www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge

PARISH EVENTS: CANCELLED:

It is really sad that all of our planned parish events, for the foreseeable future, have had to be cancelled. Unlike WW2, when the 'enemy' could be seen and, to a large extent, predicted, the Coronavirus is an invisible menace whose whereabouts can only be guessed at. Therefore, the only safe option is for everyone to distance themselves from everyone else until further notice.

With this in mind, here is a list of all the parish events that have been cancelled so far:

St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH: All services and The Church Cafe cancelled until further notice. The Church will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day for private prayer. There are Acts of Worship available online where you can join in.

ALLERBRIDGE: All meetings cancelled until further notice.

WHIZZ KIDS: All meetings cancelled until further notice.

EASTER QUIZ: Cancelled

COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB: All meetings and visits cancelled until further notice.

COLDRIDGE FETE, FLOWER SHOW & VINTAGE RALLY: Postponed to 26th June 2021.

COLDRIDGE CLAY SHOOT: Cancelled.

MOBILE LIBRARY: I have tried to contact the Library Service. They are closed, so we must assume that the Mobile Library Service has also been withdrawn.

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL: All meetings and events have been cancelled.

FRIDAY BUS SERVICE TO EXETER: There is no indication, yet, that the service is being withdrawn. We will let you know if we receive any update. Until then, carry on as normal.

PUNCHBOWL TIP: This is now closed to the public. However, for the time being, our normal domestic refuse and recycling collections are continuing. Please put your rubbish out as normal, on the usual day, until advised otherwise by MDDC and/or ourselves.

COLDRIDGE PAINTERS: Are trying to set up an online activity but will no longer meet in the Village Hall until further notice.

VE DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT (8th May): Although nothing had yet been set in place, there will, sadly, be no event in the parish to mark this historic date. VJ Day in August is a moot point at the moment.

DEVON COUNTY SHOW & ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW: Both are postponed. Please visit their websites for further information, especially if you have pre-booked tickets for either show.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you know of any other meeting, event or service which has been cancelled or curtailed and which is not mentioned above, please let me know by return. Things are changing all the time and we are receiving, daily, a colossal amount of information so, if you have anything really important that needs to be circulated, please can you mark it as 'Important' or **highlight** it in some other way. Thank you.

FINALLY, ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE!

I am very happy to report that we have received a wonderful response to our request for volunteers to help the vulnerable and self-isolating in the parish. Thank you to all the wonderful people of Coldridge! So, if anyone needs anything, from taking the dog for a walk, fetching your 'meds' from the Pharmacy, doing a bit of shopping for you or just giving a bit of comfort or spiritual uplift, please give us a call on the **SPOC** number (**07731 894819**)

You will have seen Lyn Green's updates about **The Plant Shed** at Coplestone so, if you are interested, I imagine you will have applied for an online order form.

Pub-Wise, I am aware that The Lymington Arms and The Old Malt Scoop and others are offering Take-Away from their restaurant menus.

I also have contacts if anyone is really desperate for a few chicken or duck eggs. Likewise, I could do with a bag of bread flour and a small amount of porridge oats, please! I haven't seen either for nearly 3 weeks now, despite

working in a large supermarket! (Not any more: I was sent home for 12 weeks, for my own protection, last Thursday, for being well over the vulnerable 70mph speed limit, age-wise!)

Lastly, here are just a few of the many 'Covid-Cartoons' that are doing the rounds. Must keep happy and not let it get us down!

Please keep yourselves cheerful, safe and well. **Please let us know if you need any help.** **ED.**

