

# 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 **JULY** issue will be **Sunday, 23rd June**. 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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AND OUR "WHAT'S ON IN COLDRIDGE, DEVON (WOICD)" FACEBOOK PAGE AT:  
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### 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 JUNE 2024:

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> MAY:**

5.30pm: HALL: CHAIR PILATES

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> MAY**

7.00-10.0pm: HALL CRIB CLUB

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

7 for 7.30pm: HALL LADIES' NIGHT

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>**

2.30pm: HALL: SUNSHINE SINGING

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

7-10.00pm: D-DAY 80 COMMEMORATION

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 for 7.30pm: HALL SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:

Film: "The Great Escaper" (Cert 12A)

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>:**

10.00-12.00am: HALL: GLASS FUSING

WORKSHOP, with GEMMA

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am: CHURCH MORNING PRAYER

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm: HALL: GARDENING CLUB

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE QUILTERS

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>:**

COLDRIDGE W.I.: RHS ROSEMOOR PICNIC

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>:**

7.00pm: HALL: THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

2.30pm: HALL: SUNSHINE SINGING

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>**

7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

2-4.00pm: HALL: FETE VOLUNTEERS' 'OPEN  
HOUSE'/DROP-IN

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

12.00-5.00pm: COLDRIDGE FETE, VINTAGE  
RALLY, FLOWER SHOW & DOG SHOW

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

4.00pm: CHURCH: FETE THANKSGIVING

### ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

Please see the Diary of Events for our Sunday services.

**CHURCH CAFÉ:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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. Thanks to a generous donation by Jo and John Dike, we now have some smart new mugs. We are now looking for a large teapot to go with them, plus a hot water urn.

### 2024 COLDRIDGE FETE THANKSGIVING SERVICE: 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 4.00pm:

We look forward to welcoming everyone to this community service in St Matthew's, in praise and thanks for the spirit of cooperation, hard work and fun engendered by our Fete, Vintage Rally and Flower and Dog Shows. JWS



### SPECIAL NOTE: TABLE TENNIS DATES IN JUNE:

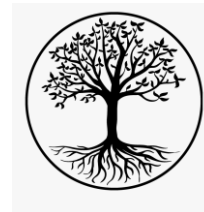
Due to our D-Day Commemorations on the 6<sup>th</sup>, our first session of Table Tennis in June will now be on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm.**



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### CHAIR PILATES:

I am holding a free taster session for Chair Pilates on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm**. This will be suitable for anyone with reduced or compromised mobility. If you know anyone who may be interested but doesn't have email, please let them know. Look forward to seeing you! KATE



Coldridge Pilates Group Now Offering Chair  
Pilates for those with restricted mobility

Free Taster Session At Coldridge Village Hall

**Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 6:00**

Contact Kate Fitch  
07765 863484  
[kate.fitch15@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.fitch15@btinternet.com)

### CRIB CLUB:

Due to popular demand after the successful cribbage schooling evening, I would like to set up the **Coldridge Crib Club** to run one evening a month. After consultation with some of the interested parties, Thursday evenings seems to be the popular choice. This does however clash with the Table Tennis which runs every two weeks and the CPC quarterly meetings. So I propose that we convene on the last Thursday of the



month that doesn't clash with the Table Tennis or Parish Council Meetings, so most months it will be either the last or second last Thursday of the month.



I suggest all attendees pay £1 which should cover the hall hire costs. The bar can be open if a member of the committee is in attendance and there is a trained volunteer bar tender.

**First Date 30th May 7pm till 10pm**

Contact Andy with any questions: 07990 565973

[andrewfitch@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:andrewfitch@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk)

ANDY



**THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB**

**DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL CRIBBAGE SCHOOLING EVENING, PLANS ARE AFOOT TO SET UP THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB TO RUN ONE EVENING A MONTH. STARTING THURSDAY 30TH MAY 7PM**

Generally we will convene on the last Thursday of the month, that which doesn't clash with the Table Tennis or Parish Council meetings. So most months it will be either the last, or second last Thursday.

Attendees to pay £1 to cover the hall hire costs. The bar can open if a member of the committee is in attendance and there is a trained volunteer bar tender available. If you would like to learn how to play, come along as beginners are welcome, instruction is on hand.

For further details contact Andy.  
[andrewfitch@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:andrewfitch@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk)

#### GARDENING CLUB:

Gardeners are an optimistic, ever resourceful lot. So, when faced with a washout allotment visit which had to be cancelled due to the weather (for the third time) on a miserable Monday, we convened instead in the Village Hall. Pat Allard was a most engaging and inspirational speaker, taking us through hers and Chris' allotment journey with such passion that we are more determined than ever to visit.

A thoroughly enjoyable talk finished up very socially with a glass (or two) of wine and nibbles. So successful was this format of homegrown talent, that if you have a gardening related project you would like to share, please get in touch with me via the editor and I will be happy to discuss the prospect of it being the subject of a talk in the future.

The next meeting is Monday, 10th June when perennial favourite, Alan French will be talking about plants at their best in the summer months, more than likely with a selection of his fabulous plants for sale.

As ever, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy Mike's talk with the usual light refreshments (chocolate digestives).

(To join is £10 per year and visitors welcome at £2pp - go on, you know you want to.) **Tracy**

#### COTTON & WOOL:

##### GLASS FUSING WORKSHOP:

In addition to bringing my haberdashery van up to the green on the first Tuesday of each month, I am also having a Glass Fusing Workshop at the Village Hall on the 8th of June. The workshop is 10am-12pm.

There is more information on the website [www.cottonandwool.co.uk](http://www.cottonandwool.co.uk) **GEMMA**



**The Coldridge Arms**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**7 - 11pm**  
**Coldridge Village Hall,**  
**EX17 6AX**

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

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



#### 2024 COLDRIDGE FETE, VINTAGE RALLY, FLOWER SHOW & DOG SHOW:

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

Join us at the

**FREE PARKING** in the Fete Field

**ADULTS £3.50**  
**CHILDREN (16 & under) FREE**

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**12 - 5pm, EX17 6AX**

**Celebrating the Best of Mid-Devon**



Vintage Tractors Classic Cars Craft & Trade Stalls Children's Entertainer  
Books & Jigsaws Cakes Countryside Skills Plants Alpaca Tea Tent  
Face Painting BBQ Tombola Donga 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 Grand Prize Draw  
... and much more...

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

#### A LETTER FROM OUR FETE CHAIRMAN:

Dear all,

As this is the last edition of the Coldridge Calendar before we hold our **2024 Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival and Dog Show on Saturday 29th June, 12-5pm**, I thought I'd put pen to paper to share a few thoughts.

In anticipation of what I hope will be a great and memorable day (as we said in 2022 ....more of the same, but better!) on behalf of the 2024 Fete

Committee I would like to pass on our thanks for the unwavering support and enthusiasm we've received thus far in our preparations. We appreciate the generosity of local businesses and members of the community in helping us to prepare for the day, not forgetting the 'hordes' of volunteers who've put their hands up with offers of assistance in all areas to help the day go well.

As I write, there's just 39 days to go, and while much has been achieved, it still feels like there's always something more to do!!

May the weather on the 29th June be calm, fine and sunny, but we already know from experience that, whatever the climate throws at us, here in Coldridge we will find a way to make it work and still have fun!

Keep safe and well.

Thanks and kind regards: **Ivan** (Fete Chairman)



**Coldridge Fete Scarecrow Competition**

**"A Childrens Storybook Character"**

**FREE entry - Open to all residents of Coldridge Parish**

Complete and submit your registration form by **16<sup>th</sup> June**

Design and make your own scarecrow



Display outside your house between the **16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Judging will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**.  
Winners to be announced at the Coldridge Fete on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Further details, and registration forms are available to complete and submit online at <https://www.ecomail.uk/scarecrow/> or via the QR code



Paper entry forms are available from St. Matthew's Church or the Village Hall and can be submitted c/o Ivan at Huxtable House, Coldridge, EX17 6AY on or before **16<sup>th</sup> June**

#### The 2024 Coldridge Fete Scarecrow Competition is now open!

On behalf of the Coldridge Fete Committee I am pleased to announce the return of the **Coldridge Fete Scarecrow Competition** for 2024 which is now **open for entries**.

With the theme of **"A Childrens Storybook Character"** the competition free to enter and open to all residents of Coldridge Parish. Further details including the competition's rules and guidelines, on-line or downloadable entrance forms, information on the judging along with useful hints and tips on how to make a scarecrow are available at the competition's website <https://www.ecomail.uk/scarecrow/index.html>

If you'd like to take part then visit the Scarecrow Competition website and complete/submit your competition entry form by **16<sup>th</sup> June**. Alternatively, paper copies of the entry form can be found at both Coldridge Village Hall and in the porch at St. Matthew's Church,



Coldridge - when completed they can be submitted c/o Ivan at Huxtable House in 'Coldridge Central.'

Once you've entered, Scarecrows should be completed and **displayed outside your property between 16th and 30th June**, ready for **judging on 27th June**; the winners will be announced on the afternoon of the Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally on Saturday 29th June.

A big shout out to Nick and Lisa Kendall for the organisation and preparations for this competition, including its own website. – Good Luck everyone and, most importantly, have some fun in the process!

IVAN



**Coldridge Fete**  
**Fun Family Dog Show**  
**Saturday 29th June 2024**  
**12 - 5pm, Coldridge, EX17 6AX**

Registration from 12pm - Judging from 1pm  
Please register your entries at the Dog Show Ring  
Entry Fee: £2 per dog per class

**Show Judge: Sara Thurgood**

**Prizes awarded for:**

- Pure Bred Dog or Bitch
- Cross Bred Dog or Bitch
- Best Puppy (6 - 12mths)
- Best Veteran over 7 years
- Young Handler: under 16yrs
- Dog with the waggiest tail
- Dog or bitch which the judge would most like to take home

**Judging in the Main Ring**

- Best in Show
- Reserve Best in Show

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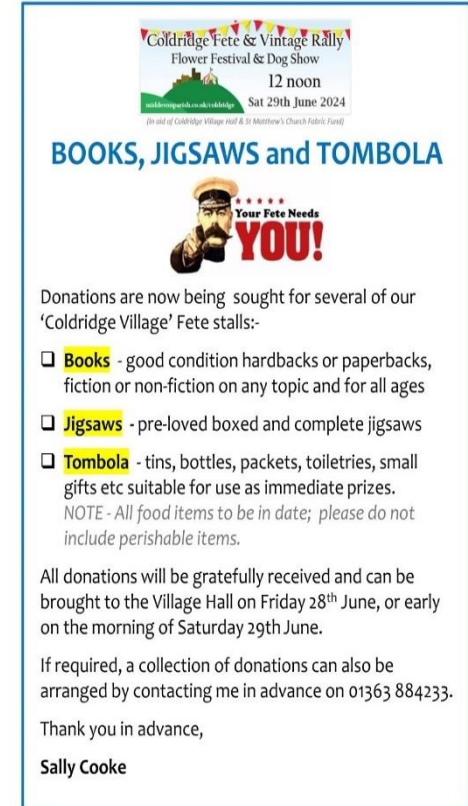
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**Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally Flower Festival & Dog Show**  
12 noon  
Sat 29th June 2024  
(In aid of Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund)

**SCAN ME**



**Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally Flower Festival & Dog Show**  
12 noon  
Sat 29th June 2024  
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**BOOKS, JIGSAWS and TOMBOLA**

**Your Fete Needs YOU!**

Donations are now being sought for several of our 'Coldridge Village' Fete stalls:-

- Books** - good condition hardbacks or paperbacks, fiction or non-fiction on any topic and for all ages
- Jigsaws** - pre-loved boxed and complete jigsaws
- Tombola** - tins, bottles, packets, toiletries, small gifts etc suitable for use as immediate prizes.

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

All donations will be gratefully received and can be brought to the Village Hall on Friday 28th June, or early on the morning of Saturday 29th June.

If required, a collection of donations can also be arranged by contacting me in advance on 01363 884233.

Thank you in advance,

**Sally Cooke**



**Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally Flower Festival & Dog Show**  
12 noon  
Sat 29th June 2024  
(In aid of Coldridge Village Hall & St Matthew's Church Fabric Fund)

**BAKERS WANTED IN AID OF THE COLDRIDGE FETE CAKE STALL**

Our 2024 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 28th June, or brought to the Cake Stall on the Fete Field on Saturday morning, 29th June.

If required, collection can be arranged by contacting me on 01363 8884233.

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  
**Sally Cooke**



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**FLOWER FESTIVAL REMBRANCE 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 27 or Friday 28 June, between 10am and 9pm in readiness for the Flower Festival on 29th June AND the Service of Thanksgiving to be held at 4pm on Sunday 30th June.

Thank you  
**Lyn Green**

Please keep an eye (or two) open for any FETE UPDATES which might appear in your Inbox or on the Parish Website or, even, on the jolly old WOIC Facebook page, between now and the 29th.

Now, to finish off this edition of The Calendar, here are a few remaining posters of events happening during June.

Please support these events, especially our **D-DAY 80 Commemoration on 6th June**. We pray for better weather than our troops experienced back in 1944!

JWS



Coldridge Village Hall Social Group  
Presents  
**SOCIAL NIGHT**  
**Friday 7th June**  
Coldridge Village Hall  
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...**

In the summer of 2014, our hero made global headlines after staging a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades at the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Landings.

**"Th\_Gr\_t\_sc\_p\_r!" (3,5,7)**

Starring Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson, ...  
Drama  
Release 2023



**You are invited to join us to commemorate**

**80 D-DAY 2024**  
6 JUNE

**7pm - 10pm**  
**Thursday 6th June 2024**  
Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

Pasty Supper & Licensed Bar

Medley of Wartime Favourites led by Coldridge's very own 'Sunshine Singers'

Beacon Lighting (9.15pm), followed by the reading of The International Tribute

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