

THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2026:

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VILLAGE HALL 'REGULARS':

TAI CHI: CLASSES RUN FROM 4.00pm, EVERY MONDAY

PILATES & CHAIR PILATES: ONLY ON TUESDAY 3rd THIS MONTH @ 5.30pm

Monday, 2nd
2.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ
Wednesday, 4th
2.30pm : HALL: SUNSHINE SINGING
Thursday, 5th:
TBC: HALL: Village Hall Social Group Meeting
8.00pm: HALL: SIX NATIONS ROUND 1 (France vs Ireland....8.10pm Kick Off)

Friday, 6th
7-7.30pm HALL: SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:
In this final episode of the story of the nation's favourite aristocratic family, things are about to change for ever!

Saturday, 6th
4.20pm: HALL: SIX NATIONS ROUND 1 (England vs Wales....4.40pm Kick Off)

Sunday, 8th
10.30am: CHURCH: MORNING PRAYER

Monday, 9th
7.30pm: HALL: GARDENING CLUB
"Devon Orchards—How Devon took to Cider"

Tuesday, 10th
2.00pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE QUILTERS:

Wednesday, 11th
7.30pm: HALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
"Life during the War" Talk by Beryl Meir

Thursday, 12th
1.30-3.30pm: HALL CHINESE PAINTING (With Mary Moul)

7.00pm: HALL ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Friday, 13th
7.00pm: HALL THE COLDRIDGE ARMS

Saturday, 14th
4.20pm: HALL SIX NATIONS ROUND 2 (Scotland vs England....4.40pm Kick Off)

Sunday, 15th
10.30m: CHURCH: HOLY COMMUNION
Thursday, 19th
7.00pm: HALL: CRIB CLUB
Friday, 20th:
7 -7.30pm: HALL "SIDE BY SIDE"
An evening of Live Jazz and re-imagined pop hits. TICKET ONLY EVENT...See Advertorial.
Saturday, 21st
1.45pm: HALL SIX NATIONS ROUND 3 (England vs Ireland.....2.10pm Kick Off)
Thursday, 26th
10.00am-3.30pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE CAFÉ
7.00pm: HALL: TABLE TENNIS



EDITOR'S NOTES FOR FEBRUARY:

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

The copy deadline for our MARCH issue is **SUNDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY (latest)**. Please may I have all your items, in WORD or JPEG format, no later than then.
Many thanks; John W Smith (Editor)
Email: biggles1047@gmail.com

NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

WORSHIP, SERVICES & EVENTS:

FEBRUARY SERVICES & EVENTS:

Our lay-led Morning Prayer Service is on Sunday 8th at 10.30am. The monthly service of Holy Communion will follow on Sunday, 15th, also at 10.30am and where we prepare ourselves for the season of Lent. We usually manage to offer refreshments and companionship after our services, to which everyone is always very welcome to stay.

CHURCH CAFÉ:

The Cafe, this month, is on **Monday 2nd February starting at 2.30pm**. Everyone is very welcome to join us in the Church for Tea/Coffee, Cakes and Biscuits and, as usual, some very cheerful conversation.

John Smith & Andrew Green (Churchwardens)

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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



Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
It's cold outside,
So pull up a pew.
at
St Matthew's Church
Monday, 2nd February
2.30pm

Who doesn't love a chat over a cuppa and cake. Everyone is welcome at the St Matthew's Church monthly café.



COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB:

January's meeting was our AGM and social event to ease us into the New Year. As well as reflecting on a very positive year and looking forward to the new schedule, the highlight of the evening was John's quiz, which looks like becoming a tradition. Thank you, John - same time next year? February's meeting celebrates Devon's cider-making heritage. Entitled 'Devon's Orchards - How Devon took to Cider', speaker Michael Gee explains how Devon switched from ale to cider, industry decline over the centuries and the renewed enthusiasm for the tipple in recent decades.



With pruning tips too, find out more on **Monday, 9th February at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

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. 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.

Thanking you for your continued confidence and support, the committee looks forward to another action-packed Gardening Club year.

Tracy, Teresa and Nick. (Gardening Club Committee)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Gwen DuChesne, MBE, who is Mid Devon District Council's Cabinet Member for Parish and Community Engagement, has suggested that all Parish Councils should

have 2 named first aiders within each village, which would be such a benefit to all those that live within villages until emergency help arrives.

It would be really good to see this come to fruition asap?

There are a lot of vulnerable adults living in our rural villages and it would help all those who live remotely to be able to quickly contact a qualified First Aider.

Therefore, Coldridge Parish Council is looking for trained volunteers who would be willing to have their phone numbers published and be on call 24/7 to follow up on this idea.

If you would like to know more, or you wish to take on either of these two volunteer, unpaid roles please contact clerk@coldridge-pc.gov.uk.

THE OLD VILLAGE PHONE-BOX:

The old, listed phone box in Coldridge Village Square has now been decommissioned and bought by Coldridge Parish Council for £1 to save it being removed. They are looking for ideas on how to use this for the benefit of the community. If you have any suggestions please speak to one of the Councillors or contact clerk@coldridge-pc.gov.uk.



Chinese Brush Painting Workshops

Explore watercolours, brushes and paper.

Try new techniques.

These workshops are for beginners and the more experienced. The intention is to demystify and to inspire confidence with watercolours, combining Chinese brush techniques with traditional materials.

If you would like to try this form of painting come along to one, two or more sessions and enjoy painting!



Coldridge Village Hall Social Group
Presents

MEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 6th February

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...

When the eldest daughter again finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace.

"If Mama was alive - what would she do?"

"D_wnt_n _bb_y - Th_ Gr_nd F_n_l_ "
(6,5 - 3,5,6)



Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents



Live on the Big Screen

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

2026 Round 1 Coverage

Thursday 5th Feb – France v Ireland
Doors open from 7.45pm

Saturday 7th Feb – England v Wales
Doors open from 4.20pm



Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

The Coldridge Arms

Friday 13th February

7 – 11pm

Coldridge Village Hall,
EX17 6AX

Bar Refreshments
& Snacks Available

All are welcome

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



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Thursday 5th Feb <i>From 7.45pm</i>	Round 1	France v Ireland	KO 8.10pm
Saturday 7th Feb <i>From 4.20pm</i>	Round 1	England v Wales	KO 4.40pm
Saturday 14th Feb <i>From 4.20pm</i>	Round 2	Scotland v England	KO 4.40pm
Saturday 21st Feb <i>From 1.45pm</i>	Round 3	England v Ireland	KO 2.10pm
Saturday 7th Mar <i>From 4.30pm</i>	Round 4	Italy v England	KO 4.40pm
Saturday 14th Mar <i>From 2pm</i>	Round 5	Ireland v Scotland	KO 2.10pm
		Wales v Italy	KO 4.40pm
		France v England	KO 8.10pm

Coldridge Village Hall

THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB

NEXT MEET

Thursday 19th February, 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

Guinness Men's Six Nations 2026 Planned Livescreen Fixtures in Coldridge Village Hall

Not long now to wait before the 2026 Six Nations Rugby Union tournament which starts on **Thursday 5th February** and all being well we are hoping to show a number of the 2026 tournament's matches live on the big screen in the Village Hall during February and March.

A provisional match screening plan (matches and timings) is shared below; updates/revisions (as required) will be advised via our WOICD Facebook page, Coldridge Calendar and the Village Hall noticeboard.

Entry to the match screenings is free, all are welcome, and our licenced bar will be available serving alcoholic/non-alcoholic refreshments and snacks.

Let the challenge begin!! IK

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

January saw Coldridge WI celebrate the New Year with a celebratory meal at the, ever popular, London Inn in Morchard Bishop. It's always lovely to spend an evening with friends and to enjoy the company alongside a delicious meal made it an extra special occasion.

We kick off the 2026 schedule on **Monday, 11th February at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall** with 'Life During the War'. The evening's speaker is our own Beryl Meier, and we are privileged to have her talk to us about her experiences as a wartime evacuee in Drewsteignton. These first-hand accounts are becoming increasingly precious, so please join us for what promises to be a most fascinating and moving talk.

New members are always welcome or come as a guest (£3). 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)

Craft4Crafters & Stitching4All returns to Westpoint: 26th–28th March 2026

If you love stitching, quilting, sewing, textiles, and making of all kinds, you won't want to miss **The Craft4Crafters Stitching4All Show at Westpoint Arena** this March.

It's a brilliant few days of inspiration, shopping, learning, and meeting fellow makers and packed with creative energy and some familiar faces from the world of sewing and craft. Expect an exciting mix of UK craft and textile traders, a huge workshop programme for all abilities, and a fantastic line-up of textile and craft celebrities.

Show Features

An amazing **Quilt and Textile Exhibition** from South West Quilting groups featuring their new textile challenges;

Crafting celebrity Stephanie Weightman who specialises in crafts arts and textiles. Plus: local and world renowned textile artists.

BBC Sewing Bee winners and past contestants will be attending, running stands across the show — a great chance to say hello, pick up tips, and discover new ideas for your next project.

Over 60 craft and textile workshops and demonstrations daily, including Easter Workshops, create wonderful gifts for

friends and family.

Whether you're hunting for beautiful fabrics, quilting supplies, tools, patterns, or simply a fresh dose of creative motivation, this is the perfect day out for Devon's artist and maker community.

Event: The Craft4Crafters & Stitching4All Show

Venue: Westpoint Arena

Dates: Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th March 2026

Opening times: 10:00am – 5:00pm daily

Tickets: Adult £12 | Concession £11

Advance tickets: Save £2 vs on-the-door prices

Children: Under 16s go free

Parking: Free parking on site

Refreshments: Full refreshments available, including a restaurant plus catering and cafés



SAVE THE DATE:

“Carved in Time - The Hidden History of St Matthew’s”.

Saturday, 21st March 2026

Place: St Matthew's Church,
Coldridge

Times (all approximate and subject to confirmation):

Doors open for refreshments at

10.00am

First talk 11.00am

Lunch 12.30-2.15pm

Afternoon talk 2.15pm

Finish approx: 4.00pm

There will be Q&A sessions after each talk.

Price: Talks £10, Lunch extra (price to be confirmed)

Speakers: Hugh Harrison and Jo Cox

Email:

events@stmatthewscoldridge.church

for more information



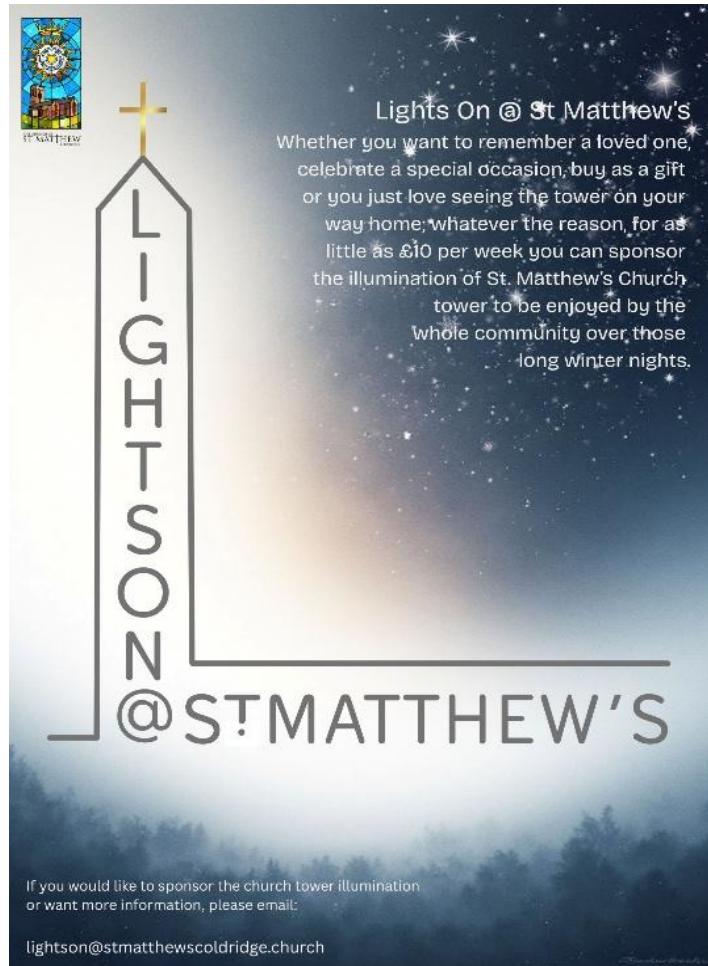
COLDRIDGE WI PROGRAMME 2026

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.
Venue – Coldridge Village Hall (unless otherwise stated).

New members are always welcome.

14 January	Christmas/New Year Meal
11 February	Life during the war <i>Beryl Meir</i>
11 March	Building Strength: What, Why & How <i>Becky Horton</i>
8 April	AGM & Talk – Street Pastor <i>Kate Fitch</i>
13 May	Chinese Brush Painting <i>Mary Moulton</i>
10 June	The Bookery, Crediton <i>Dominic Myers</i>
8 July	Day Out – details tbc
9 September	Celebrant & Adventurer <i>Zena Birch</i>
14 October	CPR Training <i>Jay's Aim</i>
11 November	Baobab Cafe: Middle Eastern Food <i>Eran</i>
9 December	Willow Christmas Decorations <i>Jane Welch</i>

For further information please contact Lyn Green, WI Secretary on 07773 370205 or email lyn@chilverton.co.uk



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Coldridge Village Hall Social Group are
proud to present

SIDE
by
SIDE



JAZZ DUO

Live in Coldridge!

Friday 20th February

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

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

*Join us for an evening of jazz classics and re-imagined
pop-hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s performed
live by Mandi & George.*

There's something for everyone!

**For further information and to buy
your tickets please scan the QR code**

For all enquiries please email: enquiries@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk



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**Side by Side - Live Jazz at
Coldridge Village Hall, 7pm
Friday 20th February 2026**

*Tickets on Sale NOW, but hurry to
avoid disappointment!*

If you enjoyed the visit by Opera Lele to Coldridge back in June 2025 then there's a treat in store later in February as we welcome return of the duo of George and Mandi performing as 'Side by Side' for our village community. Throughout the evening they'll be entertaining us with a collection of jazz classics and re-imagined pop-hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s - something for everyone as they say!!

If you're curious then have a look at some recent examples of their performances and music through a selection of sample videos on their Side by Side website at...
<https://www.sidebysidejazzduo.co.uk/>

or through their YouTube Channel at...

<https://www.youtube.com/@SidebySideJazzduo-zf1oq>

NOTE: This is a TICKET ONLY event - tickets can be booked directly via the Village Hall Website by copying and pasting the link below into your favourite web-browser or by scanning QR code included in the poster above.

<https://coldridgevillagehall.lemonbooking.com/events/13/details>

Here's looking forward to a great evening of live music on Friday 20th February in the intimate surroundings of Coldridge Village Hall! IK

AND, FINALLY.....

A REMINDER FROM MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL:

SAFE DISPOSAL OF BATTERIES:

Mid Devon residents are being reminded

of the importance of disposing of household batteries correctly.

Batteries, especially lithium-ion batteries commonly found in everyday devices, can pose a severe fire hazard when disposed of incorrectly. Fires caused by batteries can spread rapidly, resulting in extensive damage to waste vehicles and facilities, and creating danger for residents and waste operatives.

Recycling batteries correctly is not only a matter of safety but also a vital environmental responsibility. Batteries contain hazardous materials that can leach into the soil and water if not recycled properly. By ensuring batteries are placed in designated recycling boxes, we contribute to the protection of our environment and reduce the risk of fires.

Councillor Josh Wright, Cabinet Member for Environment and Services, said:

"Correct battery disposal is a simple step that can make a big difference. By recycling batteries safely, residents can help protect collection crews, reduce the risks of fires, and prevent harmful materials from damaging our environment.

"We're asking everyone to take a moment to check how they dispose of batteries and follow the guidance provided."

To help prevent battery-related fires, residents are encouraged to follow these essential guidelines:

1. Use designated recycling boxes: General household batteries can be recycled as part of your fortnightly recycling collection - batteries must be placed in a clear plastic bag or tub, and left on top of the black box clearly visible for our collection crews. We do not collect Lithium-Ion batteries at this time.

2. Wrap or tape batteries: Used batteries are not always completely discharged so take caution when disposing of multiple used batteries that could come into contact with one another. To dispose of the batteries safely, cover the positive terminal of each battery with tape.

3. Drop off at recycling centres: When in doubt, consider dropping off batteries at designated recycling centres or collection points.

4. Educate others: Spread the word about the importance of proper battery disposal to friends, family, and neighbours.

See our website for more [information on what to put out and where](#).