

THE COLDRIDGE CALENDAR

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DIARY FOR MARCH 2026:

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www.middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge
AND OUR **"WHAT'S ON IN COLDRIDGE, DEVON (WOICD)"** FACEBOOK PAGE AT:
www.facebook.com/groups/coldridge

VILLAGE HALL 'REGULARS':

TAI CHI: CLASSES RUN FROM 4.00pm, EVERY MONDAY

PILATES & CHAIR PILATES: RESTARTING ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH@ 5.30pm

- Monday, 2nd**
2.30pm: CHURCH: CHURCH CAFÉ
- Wednesday, 4th**
2.30pm : HALL: SUNSHINE SINGING
- Thursday, 5th:**
7.00pm: HALL: VILLAGE HALL AGM
(Followed by Village Hall Committee Meeting)
- Friday, 6th**
7-7.30pm HALL: SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT:
Fast-paced action on and off the track, as a former driver comes out of retirement to mentor an upcoming young driver.
- Saturday, 6th**
4.30pm: HALL: SIX NATIONS ROUND 4
(Italy v England....4.40pm Kick Off)
- Sunday, 8th**
10.30am: CHURCH: HOLY COMMUNION
- Monday, 9th**
7.30pm: HALL: GARDENING CLUB
"Building a National Collection"
Talk by Caroline Stone
- Tuesday, 10th**
2.00pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE QUILTERS:
- Wednesday, 11th**
7.30pm: HALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
"Building Strength: What, Why, How?"
Talk by Becky Horton
- Thursday, 12th**
7.00pm: HALL: ADULT TABLE TENNIS
- Friday, 13th**
7:00pm: HALL THE COLDRIDGE ARMS
- Saturday, 14th**
2.00pm: HALL: SIX NATIONS ROUND 5
"SUPER SATURDAY": All 3 Matches on-screen
- Sunday, 15th**
10.00m: CHURCH: MOTHERING SUNDAY
SPECIAL FAMILY SERVICE

- Saturday, 21st**
10.00am: "CARVED IN TIME-THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH" History talks. *Please see Editorial and Adverts*
7.00pm: HALL: DISCO NIGHT (£2 Entry)
- Thursday, 26th**
10.00am-3.30pm: HALL: COLDRIDGE CAFÉ
7.00pm: HALL: TABLE TENNIS
- Friday, 27th**
7.00pm: HALL: CRIB CLUB
- Saturday, 28th**
HALL: COLDRIDGE 'BIG BREAKFAST FOR FORCE'
Details to be confirmed

EDITOR'S NOTES FOR MARCH:

Thank you all for your Notices, News and Events for this issue.
The copy deadline for our APRIL issue is **SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH (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: MARCH SERVICES & EVENTS:

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
It's cold outside,
So pull up a pcw.

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.

The Cafe, this month, is on **Monday 2nd March 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.
Please Note; Our monthly service of **Holy Communion** will be on **Sunday, 8th**, at **10.30am**, led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey. Our **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE** is on **Sunday 15th at 10.00am**. This 'Family-Friendly' service will be led by Rev. Jeremy Putnam and we extend a very warm welcome to you all to come to this traditional English celebration of the family. We offer **refreshments and companionship** after our services, to which everyone is always very welcome to stay.
John Smith & Andrew Green (Churchwardens)

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"LIGHTSON@STMATTHEW'S"

(FLOODLIGHTING THE TOWER)
We've not got long before we turn off the church tower illumination for the season. The church tower will cease to be lit up in the evening when the clocks go forward on Sunday, 29th March. Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQs) if you're not sure what it's all about...
Do I have to pay £10 every week?
No, you don't. Dedication weeks are Sunday to Saturday (November to end of March) and you only pay for the week you would like your dedication. By all means request as many weeks as you like. The minimum period is one week.
What does my £10 cover?
It costs roughly £10 per week to light up the tower. This covers electricity and maintenance. Therefore, £10/week is the suggested donation. Any donation you are able to give will help towards the upkeep of St. Matthew's and is very gratefully received.
All money donated to St Matthew's "LightsOn" stays here in Coldridge. It does not go to the Diocese or to the CoFE.
You also get your dedication displayed as a poster in the church for the duration of your sponsorship, if desired.

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Can I just put 'a tenner in the pot'?

Yes, you can. Any donation you are able to give will help towards the upkeep of St. Matthew's and is very gratefully received. Just pop into the church and put your donation in the green box nailed to the wall just by the inner door. There is also a Sum-Up machine as you walk in. The church is open every day between 10am and 4pm. Thank you.

What if I want to sponsor the lights in the summer?

St Matthew's Church tower is illuminated during the autumn/winter months November- end March. Currently, there are no plans to light up the tower in the spring and summer.

I've got more questions, who can I ask?

Any member of the PCC: John Smith, Andrew Green, Lyn Green, Malcolm Bedford, Phil Bridges, Margaret Morris, Emma Wilby-Inglis, Alan Quick & Kate Fitch.

Or email lightson@stmatthewscoldridge.church

I'd like to sponsor the lights before the end of March, how do I do that?

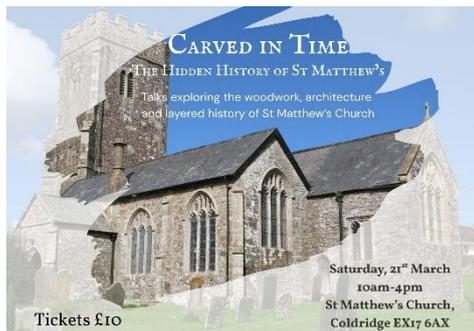
By Email:

lightson@stmatthewscoldridge.church

THANK YOU.

St Matthew's Church PCC

Carved in Time – the Hidden History of St Matthew's



Join us at **St Matthew's Church on Saturday 21st March** between **10am-4pm** for an event exploring the hidden history of our church. The morning talk will be led by **Jo Cox**, who will place the church within its wider historical and architectural context. After a light lunch (available to purchase), the afternoon session continues with renowned wood conservator **Hugh Harrison**, who will reveal the stories and craftsmanship behind St Matthew's remarkable woodwork. Both talks will be followed by Q&A. **Tickets for the talks are £10 each and on sale now** — a wonderful chance to spend a day seeing St Matthew's with fresh eyes.

Find out more about the talks and speakers here:

<https://history.stmatthewscoldridge.church/>

We are still finalising details for the day, and this mini-website will be updated, so please check back.

To book tickets, click here:

<https://coldridgevillagehall.lemonbooking.com/events/14/details>

To get in touch about any of it, email

events@stmatthewscoldridge.church

St Matthew's Church PCC

COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB:



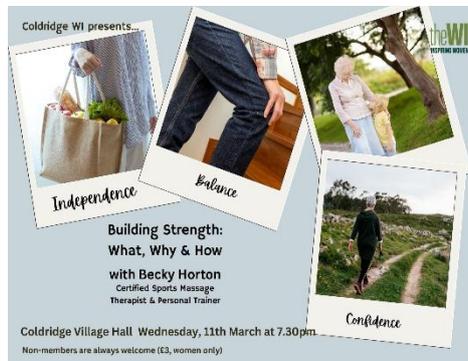
In February we were treated to the very knowledgeable and engaging Michael Gee, who explained 'How Devon Took to Cider'. It turns out that Devon was never, and still isn't, the cidery powerhouse we all thought, coming in well behind the likes of Herefordshire, Somerset and Worcestershire. Were we surprised? Yes. Were we miffed? A bit. Will we continue to support our very local cider producers? Of course... and I'm sure the rest of Coldridge will continue to do their bit for King and County as long as the Coldridge Arms stocks Sam's.

March's meeting celebrates the county flower of Devon - the primrose. Caroline Stone from Glebe Garden in North Cornwall (<https://glebegarden.co.uk/>) holds National Collection status for double primroses (as well as peonies) with over 70 varieties currently cultivated in Glebe Garden. Find out what it takes to build a national collection on **Monday, 9th March 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.

Tracy, Teresa and Nick. (Gardening Club Committee)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:



In February, Coldridge WI was privileged to have Coldridge's own Beryl Meier for an evening of reminiscences and life stories from escaping war-torn London as an evacuee to Drewsteignton, working as a professional embroiderer to running the general store with her beloved Bern. And that barely covers half of it! With accompanying slide show, Beryl was a

natural story teller and the group were enthralled by her moving first-hand accounts. Thank you, Beryl xx.

We're getting moving in March on **Wednesday, 11th March at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. If you thought strength training was for competition and fitness models, think again. Gaining and maintaining strength throughout midlife and beyond is vital for illness prevention and well-being. Moderate strength training ensures you're able to carry on doing what you want to do, whether that's carrying the shopping, trotting up the stairs or picking up a grand-child.

Find out more at '**Building Strength: What, Why & How**' with Becky Horton, certified and experienced sports massage therapist and personal trainer. Becky has a practice in Winkleigh and also works from Mark's Gym on the airfield. More about Becky here <https://www.middevonsportsmassage.co.uk/> 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)



COLDRIDGE CAR POOL

Affordable Transport to local medical appointments:

Our Tariff (for return trips) is as follows:

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

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Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents



Live on the Big Screen

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

2026 March Coverage

Saturday 7th Mar From 4.30pm	Round 4	Italy v England	KO 4.40pm
Saturday 14th Mar From 2pm	Round 5	Ireland v Scotland Wales v Italy France v England	KO 2.10pm KO 4.40pm KO 8.10pm

Free Entry
Licensed Bar and Snacks Available
Cash or Card Accepted



Coldridge Village Hall

THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB

NEXT MEET
Friday, 27th March at 7.00pm
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 Fete & Vintage Rally
Flower Festival & Dog Show

11am
Sat 27th June 2026

middevonparish.co.uk/coldridge

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

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL GROUP PRESENTS

SOCIAL NIGHT

FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 6 MARCH | DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START

COLDRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

THIS MONTH'S MAIN FEATURE...

Fast paced action this month as a former top motor-racing driver comes out of retirement to mentor an upcoming younger driver.

"F_ - Th_ M_v _ _" (2-3,5)

Starring: Brad Pitt | Damson Idris | Javier Barde

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Coldridge Village Hall

The Coldridge Village Hall Committee invite you to attend our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on

Thursday 5th March, 7pm
in the Village Hall, EX17 6AX

Everyone is welcome.

Come along to hear what's going on with your Village Hall and how you could get involved!

The AGM will be followed by a regular Village Hall Committee Meeting.

Coldridge Village Hall Social Group Presents

The Coldridge Arms

Friday 13th March

7 - 11pm

Coldridge Village Hall, EX17 6AX

Bar Refreshments & Snacks Available

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

Coldridge Village Hall

Coldridge Village Hall

1960s | 70's

Ready to boogie, twist & shout? Enjoy an evening of past dance favourites!

21st March 7 til 11pm

BAR OPEN!

£2.00 entrance fee

I THINK THAT MAYBE I'M DREAMING

Flower Power

Solemn Vespers – Mozart
Dona Nobis Pacem – J S Bach
Son of God Mass – James Whitbourn



The Winkleigh Singers
with Stephen Tanner, organ and Will Paley, saxophone.

Saturday 21st March at 7:30pm
St Michael & All Angels Church, Great Torrington

Early bird tickets £10.00 (accompanied U16s FREE) available until 28th February from www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-winkleigh-singers
Full price tickets £15.00 from 1st March, and at the door.

Tickets also available from choir members.
Cash bar for wine and soft drinks.
Doors open 7:00pm

The Winkleigh Singers is a registered charity number 1171218 • Hon. Patron: Sir Richard Stilgoe




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Announcing the launch of the 2026 Grand Prize Draw!

<p>0001</p> <p>Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show 11am, 27th June 2026</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>Telephone</p> <p>Email</p> <p><small>All counterfoils, monies and unsold tickets to be returned to the promoter by the draw date</small></p>	<p>Coldridge Fete & Vintage Rally, Flower Festival & Dog Show 11am, 27th June 2026</p> <p>0001</p> <p>Grand Prize Draw</p> <p>1st Prize - £200 Cash 2nd Prize - £125 Cash 3rd Prize - £75 Cash 4th Prize - £50 Cash</p> <p><i>~ Plus many more exciting prizes!</i></p> <p><i>The draw will take place in the Fete Field on Saturday 27th June 2026 at 4pm</i></p> <p><small>Promoter: Mrs S. Taylor, Ridge House, Coldridge, CREDITON, EX17 6AT Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Mid-Devon District Council. Licence No. MDV SL0433 Printed by www.raffleticketsonline.co.uk</small></p> <p>Ticket Price £1.00</p>
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Tickets £1 each, or £5/book
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or by contacting Marion Born on 01363 83482

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



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Coldridge Café

Thursday 26th March

10 am – 3 pm

Coldridge Village Hall

You are invited to join us for
tea, coffee, hot chocolate &
home-made cake...

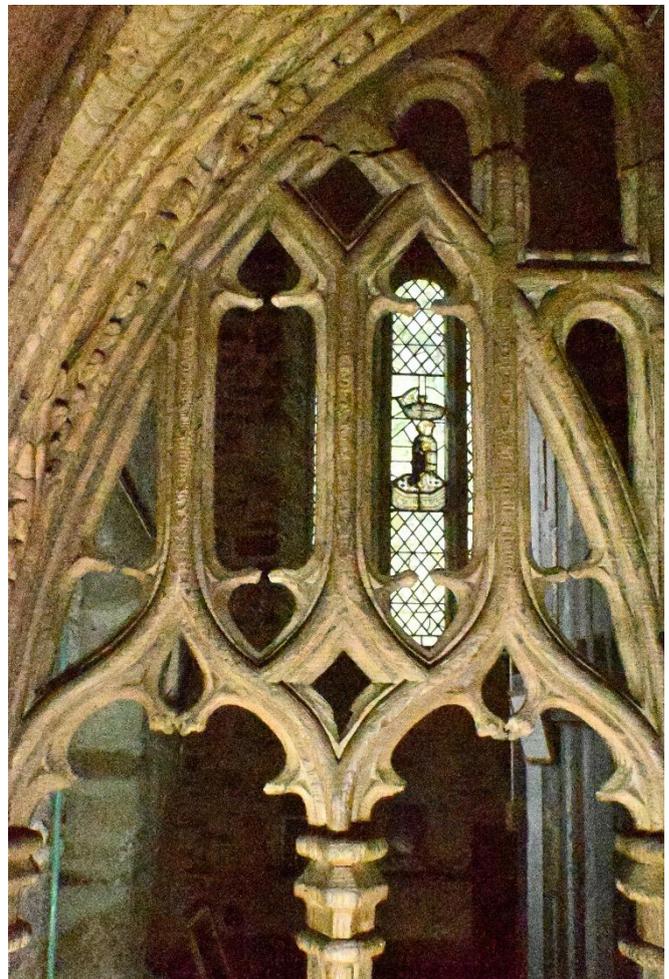
PLUS

...a selection of lunchtime dishes
served between 12 and 2pm

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

Takeaway Service Available

Coldridge
Village Hall



*Thanks to Jamie Inglis for this fascinating and cleverly
framed photo.*

CARVED IN TIME
THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF ST MATTHEW'S
Talks exploring the woodwork, architecture
and layered history of St Matthew's Church

Saturday, 21st March
10am-4pm
St Matthew's Church,
Coldridge EX17 6AX

Tickets £10

STOP PRESS: Please Note, There is to be a Parish Council Meeting in the Hall on Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm.
The meeting start with a public 'Open Forum' before the official meeting commences.