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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2026:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON PARISH EVENTS, PLEASE ALSO VISIT OUR **PARISH WEBSITE** *AT:* **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: TUESDAYS at 5.30pm

Monday, 2nd
2.30pm: CHURCH; **CHURCH CAFÉ (See Poster)**

Wednesday, 4th
2,30pm: HALL: **SUNSHINE SINGING**
7.30pm HALL: **VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, 5th
7.30-10.00pm: HALL **ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

Friday, 6th
7 for 7.30pm: HALL: **SOCIAL/FILM NIGHT**

Saturday, 7th:
HALL: W.I. BREAKFAST ***(See Poster)***

Sunday, 8th:
10.45am: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL, FOLLOWED BY A SERVICE IN CHURCH
2.45pm; HALL: **RUGBY: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA**

Monday, 9th
7.30pm: HALL: **GARDENING CLUB**

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

Friday, 13th
7.00pm: HALL: **THE COLDRIDGE ARMS**

Sunday, 15th
10.30am CHURCH: **HOLY COMMUNION**

Thursday, 19th
7.30pm: HALL: **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Friday, 20th
7.30pm: HALL: **ADULT TABLE TENNIS**

Saturday, 21st
10am-2pm: HALL & CHURCH: **COLDRIDGE WINTER CRAFT FAIR**

Thursday, 26th
10.00am-3.00pm: **COLDRIDGE CAFÉ**
11.00am: CHURCH: **CHURCH TALK & TOUR**
7.00pm: HALL: **CRIB CLUB**

Sunday, 29th
4.00pm CHURCH: ADVENT EVENSONG (BCP)

LOOKING AHEAD to DECEMBER….

Along with monthly social and club regulars, get ready for the approach of some seasonal festivities ***in the Hall*** *this month, including* ***Coldridge Café Traditional Christmas Lunch (Thursday, 10th), Quiz Night (Saturday, 12th), Carols Round the Tree (11th December), Nativity Play (19th December) and Christmas Communion (Christmas Eve), Pre-Lunch Christmas Drinks (Friday, 25th)*** *and a* ***New Year's Eve Celebration on Thursday 31st.***

NEWS FROM ST MATTHEW'S:



CHURCH CAFE:

Come along to St Matthew's on the afternoon of **Monday, 2nd November at 2.30pm** for our friendly, monthly get-together over a cuppa, some cake and a few biccies. Everyone is always very welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER:

This month, our service pattern is as follows:

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 8th November: Meet at the War Memorial at 10.45am for our poignant Act of Remembrance, followed by our Remembrance Service in the church

HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30am on Sunday 15th

ADVENT EVENSONG: 4.00pm on Sunday, 29th November (First Sunday in Advent). Join us for this atmospheric service, conducted according to the Book of Common Prayer. A chance to begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas and the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

EDITOR'S NOTES:

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

The copy deadline for our DECEMBER issue is SUNDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER (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 and with Zero Line-Spacing.

Many thanks; **John W Smith (Editor)**
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COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB:

October saw our annual Bangers 'n' Mash Lunch which was very well supported. The kitchen helpers, once again, produced a delicious two course meal and there was a very convivial atmosphere in the hall as diners enjoyed their homemade lunch. This event is our main fundraiser for the year and, as the cost of speakers continues to increase, it is vital to ensure the club is able to carry on providing a varied and interesting schedule for its members. So if you donated a raffle prize or bought a ticket, made a cake or bought some cake, enjoyed lunch or helped make that lunch happen…. Thank you.

November sees our last speaker of 2026 (is it me or has the year flown!) and Christine Skelmersdale, formerly of Broadleigh Bulbs (now retired) will be coming to give the talk 'Bulbs - Winter into Spring' - a detailed look at bulbs that flower in the autumn and early spring. Come and find something to look forward to on **Monday, 9th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall,** where light refreshments and a raffle also await you.

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

COLDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Your Parish Council meets again on **Thursday, 19th November, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

As usual, our meeting starts with an Open Forum which gives you all an opportunity to raise matters that you believe the Council can discuss and possibly help with.

So, do come along and share your thoughts with us. If you like, stay for the Council Meeting (although you may not speak unless invited to do so by the Chair).

Tracy Forward, Clerk to the Council

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

In October we had a refresher course on CPR and Defibrillator use from Devon Air Ambulance. This gave us a much needed confidence boost if we are ever required to step up and deliver potentially life-saving care before the professionals arrive. As well as current CPR advice, the message now being delivered is very much 'some action is better than no action'. We were also reminded how vital the Devon Air Ambulance is to our rural community. To say this is a worthwhile cause is an understatement and many events in the parish and beyond are held to donate towards the DAA's work and survival. Find out more about their work and make a donation at https://www.daat.org/support-us/donate/donate-by-online-payment/

November's meeting will be an evening outing to Baobab Cafe in Crediton. Chef/proprietor, Eran, will take us on a culinary journey of the Middle East, and hopefully that will be tea sorted (this is a members only event). Also coming up is the WI's Breakfast is Served… event on Saturday, 7th November. Set yourself up for the day with premium, locally sourced goodies - just what's needed for an autumnal morning. More details to follow, so keep an eye out on the village socials and SAVE THE DATE! Everyone Welcome.

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 WINTER FAIR:

If you're looking for unique or special gift ideas for family and friends ahead of the festive season, then save the date and get ready to join our local artists,crafters and makers as we host our 2026 Coldridge Winter Fair, held across the Village Hall and St Matthew's Church.

From 10:00am until 2,00pm on Saturday, 21st November



Do you enjoy singing?
Do you sing along at home or in the car with the songs on the radio or your device?

Sunshine Singing

It's not quite the same as singing in a group, like we used to do at school, is it?
Well, here's your opportunity to sing in a group - not the hard work of a choir but singing for sheer enjoyment.

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.

Come and join us!

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. Please contact Rachel on 07795 511685 or at sunshinesinging23@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to register to come along. You can also just turn up to see whether it's your sort of thing!

Our next session will be on Wednesday 4th November.







Light up your afternoon with some tea, cake and sparkling good company.

St Matthew's Church Café
Monday, 2nd November
• 2.30pm •

Everyone is welcome at St Matthew's Church monthly café.
You'd be crackers to miss it....

Coldridge Remembers 2026

Sunday 8th November

War Memorial

10:45 am: Service of Remembrance led by Rev. Preb. Peter Rapsey at the Coldridge War Memorial

11:00 am: **Two Minutes silence**

St Matthew's

Following the Two Minute Silence, a Church Service will be held amongst a Parish collection of WW1 & WW2 exhibits on display in St. Matthew's

All are welcome.

"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them".

L. Binyon, 1914









Coldridge Village Hall Social Group
Presents

MOVIE SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday 6th November

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...

An office satire about three female secretaries who decide to get revenge on their tyrannical, sexist boss by abducting him and running the business themselves. After they spend a night together having drug-induced fantasies of killing the slave-driving chauvinist there's panic the next day when one of them suspects she really has poisoned the tyrant!

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Coldridge Café

Thursday 26th November

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

November's Lunch Menu to be advised nearer the date

Takeaway Service Available

Coldridge Village Hall

Coldridge Village Hall

THE COLDRIDGE CRIB CLUB

NEXT MEET

Thursday 26th November, 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 information please contact Andy Fitch
andrewfitch@coldridgevillagehall.org.uk
07990 565973

Parish Act of Remembrance for Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2026

Our Parish's Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial on Sunday, 8th November. Please meet on the Green at 10.45am. The 2 Minutes' Silence will take place at 11.00am, the Names of the Fallen of Coldridge will be read and a commemorative wreath will be laid. Following this we will adjourn to St. Matthew's for our Remembrance Service, followed by refreshments.

Parishioner's Wartime Commemorative Display

Once again, we invite members of the Parish to display any wartime memorabilia or personal conflict memories in St. Matthew's. This can include items from the two World Wars, or more recent conflicts and campaigns. Boards will be set-up and available to display items from 10.00am on Tuesday, 3rd November. The church is usually open between 10am and 4pm but remember it is not permanently staffed.

Feel free to remove your displays after the Remembrance Service on Sunday 8th but if you wish you can leave them there for a few days longer until Armistice Day itself, Wednesday 11th.

Thank you in anticipation. **IK**



A MUSICAL TREAT FOR ADVENT…. WITH AN UNMISSABLE EXTRA 'SOMETHING':

The Winkleigh Singers are delighted to announce that Ginevra Dobson, our Soprano Soloist at our Advent Concert, is not only a hugely talented young singer, but she has just won the national **BBC 'Young Chorister Of The Year'** Award. You may have caught this on BBC 1 on Sunday 18th October when Ginevra deservedly received this amazing recognition of her great talent. She is a local girl and she has already achieved a top-level professional standard.

Our other three soloists are also local to the South West and are of an equally high musical standard. You will be in for a treat.

We welcome you to come along and enjoy this concert of very accessible seasonal music at St Michael & All Angels Church in Torrington on Saturday, 21st November starting at 7.30pm. You can obtain tickets from me or by online purchase (see poster alongside).

John Smith (Bass Baritone)
The Winkleigh Singers