It’s a bumper edition in glorious **COLOUR**!

Welcome to the first ever 16 page colour edition of the CCN. After this special edition we’ll continue with our normal black print on coloured paper however, if finances permit, another colour edition will appear a year from now. We hope you enjoy it.

**SANTA’S COMING ON SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER**!

At Coldstream Community Centre preparations are well in hand for a *great* reception for Santa and all the *(good)* boys and girls of Coldstream who come along to see him switch the Christmas lights on in the High Street. As always Santa will set off from the police station at 4:00pm and with the help of Coldstream Pipe Band he will parade along the High Street to the Community Centre as the Christmas Lights come on for the first time this year.

Once Santa gets inside the Community Centre he will make his way to his grotto where he will be available to meet all the boys and girls who come along, he may even have a small present for the boys and girls, just to keep them going till Christmas Day. **There will be no charge to meet Santa** despite increases in the cost of hay (for reindeer) and toys.

This year there will be a craft corner (free), face painting (which costs £1) and movies to keep everyone amused whilst they wait to see Santa. Note that there is no age limit on face painting but priority will be given to ten years and younger.

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**ANNUAL LIST OF CLUBS, GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS**

Coldstream is a vibrant community with lots to do and a wide choice of things in which to participate. To assist you with this, on page 15 we publish our annual list of contacts for community groups & organisations. Please inform us of any omissions/amendments and we will display them in the next edition.

Don’t forget, you can read and download the latest edition of the CCN online any time at www.coldstreamcommunity.com

Deadline for items for the Spring Edition of CCN is Friday 9th February
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All these entertainments will be in The Leet Room, whilst Santa’s grotto will be in The Tweed Room.
Orange juice will be free but if you are an older person you can have some “special” mulled wine, which will be £2.50 and includes a warm mince pie or sausage roll. Teas, coffees and a limited licensed bar will also be available and all food and drink will be in the café area.
We are all very excited about seeing Santa again as well as all the boys and girls. We look forward to seeing you all - young and not-so-young on Sunday the 2nd December.
The Community Centre Elves
(for further info on this event, please see the articles on page 13)

BADMINTON FOR OVER 40s

THURSDAYS 7.00 - 9.00pm in the TWEED HALL at Coldstream Community Centre
ALL LEVELS WELCOME
Pop along and give it a try!

Four Border Abbeys U3A

December - Members only meeting.

January - The January meeting of the Four Border Abbeys U3a will be held on Monday 14th January at 2.00pm in Kelso Rugby Club when Charles Burnett will give a talk about ‘Heraldic Commemoration of Death’.

February - The February meeting of Four Border Abbeys U3a will be held on Monday 11th February at 2.00pm in Kelso Rugby Club when Pat Clark will give a talk entitled ‘People, places and piazzas - life and art of Charles H Macklemore.’
Tea and coffee available. Members and visitors welcome. www.u3asites.org.uk/fourborderabbeys
Membership Secretary - 07561 827740

Over 60’s Club

On the 11th October, the Over 60’s Club invited Julie Frost from Hospice Care. Julie gave an insight into the work she and Hospice Care do for the elderly and to support families. A group photo was taken which will appear in the Hospice Care magazine.
New members are always welcome. We meet in Coldstream Bowling Club every Thursday at 2:00pm.
Colleen Howard, President
Pam Seddon, Vice-President
Choose to support Coldstream Christmas Lights as your Co-op Local Cause!

Every time Co-op Members buy Co-op branded products and services, from buying a loaf of bread to planning a funeral, 1% of their spend goes to local causes and 5% goes into their own Co-op Membership account. Coldstream Christmas Lighting is currently one of three local causes which are being generously supported by our Coldstream store. While we’re part of the fund, the money builds up and is added to by money raised from carrier bag sales. Members can choose which cause their 1% contribution goes to and the Gateway Association hopes that you’ll choose to support our Town Lights! You can make the Lights your chosen cause by signing into your online account at www.coop.co.uk/membership. If you’re not already a Co-op member, go to the same web page and click “Become a Member” - it’s only £1 to join!

THANK YOU!

When Members buy Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give 1% to a local cause, i.e. the Christmas Lights. Please go online to: https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/ and make the Christmas Lights your chosen cause.

Pilates
Would you like to improve your posture, balance, flexibility and build strength? Come along to Pilates every Tuesday evening from 5.30pm - 6.30pm and begin rebalancing and reshaping your body. Please contact Jan on 07741 530777 or jdconsultants@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Gentle Exercise
Looking to have some fun whilst improving your fitness levels? Gentle Exercise (GEx) is a low impact aerobic dance class, with some great music, designed to strengthen and tone your whole body. Run by a qualified Fitborders instructor, the classes are suitable for all abilities as the exercises can be done seated or standing. The class runs every alternate Thursday morning from 1000 - 1045 and costs £4. Please contact Jan on 07741 530777 or jandow@fitborders.co.uk for more information. The next class is on 22 November and every fortnight thereafter.

COLDSTREAM FOOTBALL CLUB
The new Season is well under way now and the Club has experienced a mixture of fortunes. After defeating St Cuthbert Wanderers in the Scottish Cup the Blues were drawn away to Newton Stewart F.C. And a fine 3-0 victory was recorded. The next round saw another away tie at Strathspey Thistle, a team in the Highland League. Again Coldstream emerged triumphant with a 2-1 victory. Unbelievably, the next round saw another away tie, this time at Brora Rangers, yet another Highland League side who were sitting third in that League. This tie took a marathon round trip of 530 miles and ended our great run with a 6-0 defeat. Beaten, but by no means disgraced, the Brora management were fulsome in their praise of Coldstream and their team spirit.

East of Scotland League results have perhaps not gone quite so well and at present the “Blues” are sitting 8th out of 13 in the Conference A section of the League but have quite a few games in hand on the surrounding teams. For instance, Hawick Royal Albert are two points above us but we have four games in hand. It is encouraging to see that the quality of the team is on the up and the gap between ourselves and some of the ex Junior sides is not as wide as was originally envisaged, and indeed we have already defeated one such side, Oakley United. It is however a fact that the top five places in our League are occupied by five of the ex Juniors with Penicuik at the top followed closely by Hill of Beath and Newtownrange Star. None of these Clubs have yet to lose a match and all have huge goal differences in their favour. Coldstream did lose 4-2 at Penicuik but it was 2-2 until the last few minutes. The gap in quality is narrowing and we hopefully can look forward to more success in the near future.

The Committee is, as always, very active and fundraising continues apace. The Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale soon with top prizes of £200, £100 and £50 followed by hampers and many other delights. The New Year will see a Quiz, a Race Night to be held jointly with Coldstream Primary School Parents Council and a Soup & Steak lunch to be held in conjunction with the Scotland v England 6 Nations Rugby Union series.

The monthly “100” Club Draw is proving very popular and you can help support the Club by taking a number. Cost is £5 per month and a number can be obtained from John Elliot (01890882176) or Will Murray (01890882661).
Thanks from St Mary’s

Our grateful thanks to all those in Coldstream and beyond who contributed so generously in recent months to our appeal for Malawi. We managed to raise £800, enough for the purchase of 100 bags of cement to build a church at Ntaja, and a further £360 for the purchase of 3 sewing machines for the Mothers Union Group at Chinamwali. These machines will help the women there to make clothing and other useful items which will raise much needed funds for themselves and their communities in this impoverished corner of the world.

We had hoped to have some photos showing the progress of both of these projects by now, but we are still working on this. Look out for these in a future issue of the Community News, and thanks again for your support.

Jeffry, Rector of St Mary’s

Churches Together Christmas Cracker 2018

Come and enjoy a seasonal mix of traditional readings, drama, poetry and favourite carols on Thursday 20th December at 2pm in the Parish Church, all to be followed by tea in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Annemarie McCall, Vice-Chair, Coldstream Open Flower Show

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Churches Together at Christmas

PC = Coldstream Parish Church  StM = St Mary & All Souls Scottish Episcopal Church  
EC = Eccles Church  SC = Swinton Church  PCH - Parish Church Hall

Sunday 25 Nov  StM - No Service  
11:00am - Special service at St Ebba’s, Eyemouth instead

Thursday 20 Dec  PC - 2:00pm - An Eccles Christmas Concert with andante Chamber Choir  
SC - 7:00pm Christmas Concert in Swinton Church featuring Swinton Village Choir & local entertainers. Refreshments served.

Friday 21 Dec  EC - 7:00pm - andante Chamber Choir, Swinton Village Choir & Duns Windy Pops in Eccles Church at 7:00pm. Soup served in Eccles Village Hall afterwards; donations for Eccles Church & Eccles Village Hall

Sunday 23 Dec  StM - No 10:30am Service; 3:00pm Festival of Lessons & Carols with andante Chamber Choir. All welcome. Mulled Wine & Mince Pies after  
PC - 11:15am - Christmas Service including the Choir.

Christmas Eve  PC - 6:30pm - Christingle Service - a very popular Service for Children  
PC - 11:15 for 11:30pm - Watchnight Service  
Community Singing from 11:15pm; Service starts at 11:30pm  
StM - 11:30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day  StM - no 8:30am Service; 10:30am - Christmas Eucharist with hymns.  
EC - 10:00am - short Christmas Day Family Service  
SC - 11.00am - short Christmas Day Family Service

Sunday 30 Dec  PC - 11:15am - Coldstream Parish Church Service

Coldstream Pipe Band
Concert in Coldstream Community Centre  
on 16th March 2019 at 7:00pm
Artistes include the Pipe Band, Lynella School of Dance, Reston Silver Band and other local artistes.  
Tickets £5.00 & £3.00 from Moffats Newsagents  
Beer & Wine Bar available

Friday Handicrafts
The tapestry is coming along nicely, all volunteers are welcome to come along and put a few stitches in. We are at the Community Centre from 12.30 - 4.00pm. Bring your own project or come and learn a new one.  
£2.00 includes tea and biscuits.  
Any queries contact Elspeth on 882211 or Ailsa on 882872.

Soup & Sweet Lunch
Saturday 9th February  
in the Community Centre  
11.30 - 2.00pm £5.00 entry
COLDSTREAM SWI
We got off to a cracking start in September with 7 new members and they are already getting actively involved. We took part in the Federation Show in October and came third in the Housewives Class. The first time we have been placed in this category. We did well in the Community Class with Ella, Lou and Lyn doing particularly well with their entries. Ella also did exceptionally well with her individual entries. We are now preparing for our Christmas party which, if past years are anything to go by, will be a lot of fun. Next year we are getting crafty with Lou Washington who will be giving us an introduction to needle felting; Malcolm Campbell will be regaling us with stories of his life as a ghillie and we finish our session with a talk on women in the wild west. Our visitors’ night in March will have a musical slant and dressing up will be the order of the day. Members should start thinking about their favourite musical icons. More information will follow. We cover a wide range of topics over the year and are a relaxed and sociable group. Apart from the Christmas party and visitors’ night our meetings are open to guests (even men). Forthcoming meetings are advertised throughout the town and in the Berwickshire News. Please do follow us on Facebook and you can see more of what we get up to - it should be worth looking out for pictures from the Christmas party...

Susan Burnett

COLDSTREAM CRAFTS
10 MARKET STREET
have in stock
COLDSTREAM
CHRISTMAS CARDS
FAMILY & FRIENDS CARDS
BOXES OF CHRISTMAS CARDS
WRAPPING PAPER & GIFT BAGS
TAGS & TAPE
MONEY WALLETS for
ADULTS & CHILDREN
SELECTION of
CHRISTMAS EVE BOXES
BORDER CALENDARS from
ISLAND BLUE
CALENDARS & DIARIES
ALL COMPETITIVELY PRICED

Honour Our Troops
What can I say? I have been kept abreast of all that has been happening over the past 5 years in Coldstream and especially with The Poppy Project. On paper, on the telephone and in emails it sounded wonderful, but nothing could have prepared me for actually being here for the Remembrance Weekend. From meeting the Lord Lieutenant of Berwickshire to meeting most of you who have taken part, it has been a real honour. Laying a wreath at Coldstream War Memorial was a privilege and then The Poppy Project itself......... WOW, absolutely breathtaking and it is well seen just how much work has gone in to it all. I am especially touched by how welcoming you all are and just how quickly you get things organised and in place. You all have an esprit de corps within your community that is to be envied. I would like to say a very heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Honour Our Troops over the past 10 years and also The Poppy Project - you are all truly amazing.

Thank you!

Mr Chris Palmer
Chairman of Honour Our Troops
COLDSTREAM PREMIER CRU CYCLING

What a glorious summer’s cycling we have enjoyed. The weather has been unusually kind, making cycling through the Borders a pure pleasure. As we head into the winter months we carry on regardless. With the addition of a few extra layers we can withstand most of what winter throws at us and still enjoy the ever changing Borders scenery.

We meet at the Court House Car Park every Sunday at 9am and cycle to Kelso for 9.30am to pick up more riders who join us there. We usually cycle approx. 40/50 miles at a reasonable pace and always have a coffee stop somewhere along the route. You can keep up with all our weekly news on our Facebook page but it would be much better if you joined in every Sunday. We have links with Kelso Wheelers and other clubs if you want to be more competitive in Time Trialling or Racing but our Sunday rides are still regarded as social rides.

There is no joining fee and no annual subs to pay. All that is required is a reasonable level of fitness, a roadworthy bike and a cycle helmet. NO HELMET….NO RIDE!! Riders under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. You can ride with us for the full distance or join in for only a few miles until you feel strong enough to do the ‘big ones’!

We ride all year long (weather permitting) and it is a healthy way to enjoy the beautiful Borders. We also know the best coffee stops throughout the area. Why not join us this Sunday? Go on….you know you really want to do it!!! All welcome. See you on Sunday.

Rob Smith

FROM AN ANONYMOUS READER:
It would help us in Coldstream if our local SBC Councillors let us know what they have achieved for us. A few of us townsfolk would like to know - after all, they get a good salary. We hope they will respond in the Community News. Thank you.

WHY NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS?
If you are a member of a local group or organisation, the CCN is here to help you pass on news & information and to help advertise your meetings & events. Just email in anything you want to publicise. In fact anyone in the community can use the CCN - rates are very reasonable and every household in and around the town gets a copy delivered, over 1300 in total as well as a number of email subscribers.

Interested in Walking? Join the COLDSTREAM WALK IT GROUP!
Walk It aims to help people become more physically active by attending low level and friendly social walks.

AND IT'S FREE!! Why not join us in 2018/19?
Every fortnight on Thursdays at 10:00am. Walks last around an hour. Meet at the Community Centre. Join us for free refreshments at the end if you like.

Forthcoming dates:

December 13th & 27th  January 10th & 24th
February 7th & 21st

Just turn up or phone Guy on: 07717 547861. In the event of a walk being cancelled due to bad weather, call this mobile number where a message will be left on its voicemail advising you of a cancellation. Or email: walkit@scotborders.gov.uk

Coldstream and District Local History Society

Meetings are held monthly until May on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Eildon Centre. The speaker at the meeting on December 6th is Christine Henderson speaking on “The Rise and Fall of Roxburgh”.

The Christmas Social is on December 13th. On 3rd January Castle Productions will be speaking on the subject of “Our River Tweed” and James Bruce will speak on “The Battle of Carham” on February 7th.

All are very welcome to attend these talks and the cost for visitors is only £1.

Our website contains details of projects, research etc. as well as our new programme. The website address is www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk
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COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL - Community Council Vacancies

Coldstream & District Community Council is the link between the town and public sector bodies such as Scottish Borders Council and NHS Borders.

It passes on local views to them and on occasion has organised a town vote – eg the changes to Home Park – to ensure that they are truly representing the view of the majority of residents. Public bodies also have a statutory duty to consult the community council on issues affecting the town (such as planning) and take their views into account when decisions are made.

The community council has in place a Town Resilience Plan, in line with Scottish Borders Council’s resilient communities plans to deal with emergency situations until the emergency services can get here and a recent practice exercise showed that the call to those who have volunteered to help works well.

For many years now they have organised the annual Pensioners’ Christmas Party and this year organised a civic reception for the Coldstream Guards to mark the 50th anniversary of the regiment being given the Freedom of the Burgh.

The community council meets once a month and has a good relationship with the three Mid Berwickshire councillors who take on board the issues raised, speaking on the community council’s behalf to council officers as we work together to resolve the various issues brought to us by local residents.

Coldstream & District Community Council can be represented by up to 12 local people and is currently running on only seven. With five vacant places they are keen to hear from anyone interested in becoming a community councillor. Anyone interested should contact either Martin Brims on 07902 905659 or Janice Gillie on 01890 882892.

andante CHAMBER CHOIR

Following our May Concert for Coldstream Community Centre - singing for a packed audience and enjoying a grand afternoon tea - we were delighted to receive an invitation to give a Christmas themed concert in November on Sunday 25th at 3pm in the Community Centre once again. The concert is entitled Towards Christmas...

Do come and join us for a journey that starts with Remembrance, in the context of commemorations of this month’s anniversary of the end of the First World War, and ends with Christmas carol celebrations. We've included some interesting readings about the 1914 Christmas in the trenches and we move on to Advent music before giving a selection of carols, some so familiar we hope you join in and others a little bit different.

We've been promised it'll be a splendid tea too! With all proceeds in support of the Community Centre, we hope to see you there.

Our usual jolly Christmas Concert - An Eccles Christmas - is on Friday 21st December @ 7pm in Eccles Parish Church. This annual event includes the children's band The Duns Windy Pops directed by Cameron Mabon and has carol selections by the choir as well as audience participation. Soup is served in the Village Hall afterwards - always welcome! As usual, this is a free concert with a retiring collection with all proceeds split between the church and the village hall. We'd love to see you there.

Finally, we are contributing to the traditional Christmas service - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - at St Mary and All Souls Church, Coldstream, on Sunday 23rd December @ 3pm.
The Poppy Project 2014-18

Absolutely fantastic. Thank you to everyone involved and well done!!

Annemarie McCall

CCN Comment: A huge thank you from everyone in Coldstream must go to Annemarie and all her friends, colleagues and helpers - near and far - for what can only be described as a magnificent and humbling variety of poppy displays not just this year, but since 2014 really. No-one can fail to have been moved by the sight of the falling poppy petals at the Remembrance Sunday Ceremony at the War Memorial on 11th November. It was stunning and was the perfect finale to what has been an immense undertaking. All of us who live in this community are deeply indebted to Annemarie and all those who have given up their time and their effort so generously to make this wonderful project possible.
**Coldstream’s Coat of Arms**

Who is the custodian of the Coldstream Coat of Arms and when can it be used?

The short answer is that the custodian is Coldstream & District Community Council and the Coat of Arms can only be used by local organisations and clubs after seeking permission to do so from the Council.

Coldstream received a charter as a burgh of barony in 1621 and the burgh Coat of Arms, complete with coronet on top to signify its status as a burgh, was granted in 1952. When Coldstream lost its burgh status as a result of local government reorganisation in 1975, the burgh Coat of Arms needed to be updated and in the early 1990s Coldstream Town Council’s successor Coldstream & District Community Council was contacted by the Lord Lyon King of Arms Office suggesting that the Coat of Arms should now reflect community council status.

The process of creating the current Coat of Arms began and the burgh coronet above the shield, with its castellations and crenellations on top, was replaced with a crown appropriate to a statutory community council. With that one change, the current heraldic design is otherwise based on the old burgh arms.

At considerable cost to Coldstream & District Community Council it was granted the current Coat of Arms in December 1992. As custodian, the community council originally intended to use the Coat of Arms on its own notepaper and documents but a number of clubs and organisations in the town approached them requesting permission to use it and some - like Coldstream Football Club - contributed to the cost of obtaining the heraldic design.

Others have adopted it without appreciating the need to request permission to do so and former Community Council chairman, Rob Smith, explains the thinking of the council in 1992: “The Coat of Arms is the strict remit of Coldstream & District Community Council. Permission for its use can only be granted by the council and each application would be reviewed individually. It was not, and should never be, for individuals to use.”

Coldstream & District Community Council

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**GATEWAY ASSOCIATION - Coldstream in Bloom**

The summer flower displays have once again been very successful and have been much admired by visitors and locals alike. We received a “Highly Commended” Award at the Scotland’s Floral Gateway Competition as well as a “Quality of Life” Award. The summer flowers have now all been removed and the winter/spring flowers have been planted. This year we have also planted Spring bulbs in the grass area behind the War Memorial and in some of the containers around the town.

All the plants, compost and plant food are purchased by the Gateway Association and this costs well in excess of £2,000 over the year so we must thank our sponsors and everyone who helps with fundraising. We also require to maintain, replace and add to the various planters and hanging baskets around the town, again at considerable cost. We have been lucky enough to receive grants of £2841.69 from the Co-operative Community Fund, £1500 from Hudson Hirsel and also various generous donations from individuals, businesses and organisations including £250 raised by the 2p tower in the Newcastle Arms which was given earlier this month (see photos featuring Robin Lees & Alan Vassallo, Gateway Chairman).

We mainly use the grants to purchase new containers and we plan to replace the two wooden containers outside the Parish Church as well as placing a new one adjacent to the Marriage House. We also need to replace the wooden containers on the wall at the War Memorial before next summer.

Also of course, the flowers require to be watered on a daily basis, especially so during our hot weather this summer, and we would like to publicly thank our loyal team of volunteers namely Trevor Swan, Willie Johnson, Tommy Wilson, Frank Mount, Will Murray, Alan Vince, Alan Vassallo, Harry Brydon and John Fulton.
Coldstream Art Group

Our Art Group continues to go from strength to strength, with new members joining and being made very welcome. Artwork has been done for the Coldstream Community Christmas Cards showing winter scenes of Coldstream. The Cards have now been printed and can be purchased at the Community Centre.

We have a number of diary dates organised for demonstrations and workshops:

- 12th Nov 2018  Pastel Workshop by Mary Goulden
- 26th Nov 2018  Acrylic Workshop by Brian Turnbull
- 10th December to 7th Jan 2019 Holiday period
- 14th Jan 2019  Water colour W/S by Brian Turnbull
- 28th Jan 2019  Mixed Media W/S by Sam Folcarrelli
- 11th Feb 2019  Oil W/S by Nev Storer
- 25th Feb 2019  Portraiture W/S by Deryck Henley
- 4th March 2019  Annual General Meeting

If you are interested in drawing and/or painting and would like to join us or would like more information, contact Gordon Thompson on 01890 882455.

We meet on a Monday afternoon in the Parish Church Hall from 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Gordon Thompson

100 Years Remembrance Concert – British Legion 10th November 2018

It was an absolute joy to participate last night in just one of the many celebrations during this particularly special Remembrance Weekend. Such was the experience that I e-mailed CCN Editor during the show to “stop press” and allow me a little time to write something so that those who weren’t there could share in what was a wonderful night’s entertainment.

The mood of the evening was set on entry by the presentation of the venue and enhanced by its hostesses, Sonia & Elaine beautifully dressed in period costume, as indeed were some of the audience. The cast of this show, produced by Rob Bell, demonstrated clearly that in Coldstream there is talent in abundance!

Opening the show were stalwarts and new junior members of the Community Theatre with a musical number and they followed this with a ridiculous ‘Allo ‘Allo comedy sketch, written by member June Campbell.

The concert delivered on so many fronts, in no particular order I mention:

David (the Vicar) Clarke with one of his unforgettable Robert Service recitations
Davy (frae Duns but born in Gala apparently) Scott and his remarkably poignant tribute, encored by my late Dad’s party piece song – Don’t Laugh at Me – unaccompanied!!
Bell & Brodie with a wartime sing-along-a-medley & dance music
Coldstream Pipe Band Pipers Duncan Bell, Keith Guthrie & Ally Curry with their amazing fingering dexterity and a sound to die for
A raffle drawn by Coldstream’s Dad’s Army look-alikes “Captain Mainwaring” and “Sergeant Wilson”

.............. and I leave until last the most moving performance I have witnessed anywhere in a very, very long time! Warhorse entered the room guided by creator and handler David Shepherd and whilst Rob Bell told his story, this imposing character almost stood to attention ..........

And then it happened ............ Seamlessly, Bobby Hanlon exchanged places with Rob at the mic, the introduction to “Bring Him Home” began and Warhorse visibly shrank into himself – just a little! His handler gently stroked his nose reassuringly and Warhorse slowly swished his tail in recognition that he had received the message that it would be “all right”! Bobby’s rendition of this particular song is well known in Coldstream but never has it been so meaningful as it was that night.

I swear I saw Warhorse breathe, and his natural responses to the words of the song were clear testament to the fact that animators, Martin Brims and Stuart Nixon along with David Shepherd are indeed wonderful actors. You see a real actor does not pretend to be someone else, they become someone else. Gentlemen and of course Warhorse – we salute you!!

(BTW – Community Theatre rehearsals are on Monday nights!! See p16)

Joy Thomson
The Guild meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Our meetings are open to anyone, male or female, everyone is welcome!

The 2018/19 season began on 10th October with Trevor Swan’s presentation “Bygone Civic Weeks” which consisted of photographs and newspaper cuttings from the advent of Civic Week up to the 1980s and brought back lots of memories and many “do you remembers”. As with all Trevor’s presentations, this one was much enjoyed by the members and guests. On October 24th Mary Shields, the wife of our associate Minister, gave a talk on “The Ups and Downs in the Life of a Minister’s Wife!” Mary’s life was somewhat different in that John was an Army Chaplain and she moved all over the world with him. It was an interesting and amusing talk from an accomplished speaker and was extremely well received. On 14th November we are looking forward to welcoming Kenneth McLean who will be giving his talk on “The War Memorials of Berwickshire” which will be very appropriate being so close to Armistice Day. On the 28th November Elizabeth Erskine will be putting us through our paces with her Craft Night and then on 12th December it is our Christmas Party with, hopefully, a visit from Santa. All in all, a varied and interesting first half year!

Helen Park

Last month ‘Field to Fork’, the Hirsel Estates’s education project, scooped the education award at a Scottish Land & Estates ‘Helping it Happen’ Awards at a ceremony held in the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh! From a short list of three which included the Border Union Countryside Day for Schools and Aigas Estates, Beauty, we were hugely proud, to be announced winners. It is fantastic to have the huge commitment from Douglas and Angus Estates who fund this project (free of charge to local schools and groups) acknowledged at a National level. It endorses what we do and recognises, as we do, the huge importance of connecting children to what goes on in the countryside and where their food comes from.

Image: Education Award (l-r) Karen Brown, Sally Fleming, Hirsel Estate, William Barnes from Lycett, George McNeill, David Johnstone
**COLDSTREAM’S COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (CAP)**

The Action Plan is being led by the Development Group of the Community Trust but with very close collaboration from the Community Council, SBC Ward Councillors, the Gateway Association and other volunteers. Responsibilities in the CAP are generally highlighted to the people listed with no person overwhelmed with duties. The Coldstream residents, businesses and charitable and voluntary organisations have been very robust in highlighting what is good in Coldstream and District and highlighted actions that are either urgently required, or would be useful. The list includes: ‘A Vision for Coldstream: A Look At The Bigger Picture’, Parking, Public Toilet, Community Gym, Caravan/Campsite, Business Improvement District, Festivals, Home Park Play Park, Mapping the Valley, Signage, Affordable Housing, Farmers’ Market and Medical Centre Project. These have reference letters in the CAP but other issues exist like the empty Coldstream Business Park in the Lennel Road. A public meeting on the CAP took place in July and the Development Group met on 12th November with progress on the key actions underway. It should be made clear that some actions could be achieved in a short space of time and others may need a handful of years. However, Coldstream will never give up. Any person wishing to join the group, please telephone 01890-883332.

During the autumn 2018 Energy Switch process and EoN winning the contract, the government body Ofgem has increased advice to various UK bodies to ensure that energy control and savings are based on solid advice and there is a national cap that energy firms have to adhere to. In making household decisions about energy switches, it is worth visiting the Ofgem website www.ofgem.gov.uk. However, a good number of Coldstream households have enjoyed electric and gas savings while others have stayed with their existing suppliers. The next energy switch process is the winter one and quotes can be obtained through the community website: www.coldstreamcommunity.com from 4th December. To assist you, an explanation will appear on the website.

**GATEWAY ASSOCIATION**

It surprised me greatly, whilst manning the Gateway table at the recent Charities Fayre, how many people asked me “what is the Gateway Association?”.

So, to clarify, the Gateway Association is the umbrella organisation which manages the activities and finances of the Christmas Lights, Coldstream in Bloom and Coldstream Community News. As I’m sure all readers will appreciate, a great deal of work is done to keep all 3 financially viable and to produce the CCN publications and the wonderful festive and floral displays enjoyed by the whole of the town.

This year, as well as regular support from our local stalwarts at the Coffee Mornings, we have been fortunate enough to have been supported in all 3 categories by Co-op Grants which means plans for next year’s displays can be made with confidence in our available funds.

With the Christmas Light Up about to take place on Sunday 2nd December, I was thinking back to the first light up and was amazed to find that this was way back in December 2005, when one of the headlines in the Community News heralded

“Santa Claus is Coming To Town”............

At that time, the parade started in the Market Square, with music provided by Gordon Tams & Alex Young for a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. We had absolutely no idea how many people would turn out, so as a member of the Community Trust Committee at the time, I had prepared just a small amount of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the Community Centre to keep the Mums and Dads amused whilst their children waited to see Santa in his Grotto.

I remember standing in the square with my back to Market Street and receiving a light tap on my shoulder from a fellow Committee Member. “Joy”, she said, with a slight note of alarm in her voice, “I think you should turn around!!”..................and so I did..............to find somewhere around 120 people behind me..............and even more lining Market Street, up to the High Street! It was with some haste that I made my way back to the Centre to prepare more Mince Pies & Mulled Wine!!

Since then, of course, the Pipe Band has lead Santa in his “Sleigh” along the High Street, whilst the lights are turned on. Until last year, I hadn’t had the opportunity to watch the parade as I have always been one of the helpers inside the Community Centre. I was so looking forward to watching the parade last year but was a bit disappointed to find that Santa’s Sleigh was hardly visible behind the twinkly hats and brightly coloured Christmas Jumpers of the band.

This was mentioned by others to me and so after discussion with the Gateway Committee we spoke to Jock (Law) and his colleagues at Men’s Shed to see if they could help provide Santa with a “lift” to be proud of! So come along to the Light Up and see for yourself, the magic Jock and his team have worked to put an extra special Christmas smile on Santa’s face this year.

Joy Thomson for Gateway Association
Coldstream Twinning Association
Christmas Table Top Sale in the British Legion Club
30th November
7:00pm onwards
Lots of ideas for Christmas presents
Bar open
Body shop
Shopafrolic
Cards & Gifts
Raffle
and lots more

GATEWAY ASSOCIATION
OPEN GARDENS 2019
Following last year’s highly successful Open Gardens the Gateway Association, under the banner of Scotland’s Open Gardens, has decided to open again. Last year the funds which were raised paid for servicing and essential repairs to the watering buggy which keeps our numerous baskets and planters in tip top condition throughout the summer season - a massive task last summer. We are looking for a wide selection of gardens, the only stipulation being that gardens must be accessible from the street. Owners do not have to offer any refreshments, toilet access or collect any money.

As last year, tickets and a route map to the gardens will be available from the Community Centre on the day. Refreshments in the form of afternoon tea and toilet facilities will be available in the Community Centre.

A huge thank you to all who have already volunteered their gardens for next year, but we do need new gardens. The date set for 2019 is Sunday 21st July and the Gardens will be open between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Please contact Christine McLennan either by email: mclennan.christine@gmail.com or tel. 01890 840700

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All hand-made &
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Coldstream Community Theatre

The Community Theatre has had great fun being back together this year and has enjoyed being on stage twice at the British Legion supporting concerts there. We had planned to bring a Pantomime back this Christmas but unfortunately, due to being unable to cast it from the existing membership, we have had to postpone this until the festive season next year.

We decided we wanted to do again one of the funniest scripts ever performed by the group, which was last done in January 2006. This script by David Swan is an absolute hoot! A laugh a minute, it needs a cast of 16 principals including 5 males, and this is where we need your help.

WE NEED MEN!!

Every imaginable Pantomime Character is in this script, an inn-keeper, his wife and their servant, a Prince and his valet, a poor orphan girl and her dog, a vampire and his wicked Granny, a really crazy Professor and last but by no means least, 5 schoolgirls and their “Headmistress”, the Dame (for those of you who are old enough to understand, think St Trinians!!).

As well as the Pantomime, we are planning to do a Civic Week Concert next year so starting early in the New Year we will have lots to enjoy working towards at our Monday evening rehearsals in the Community Centre.

Please come and join us, you will be very welcome – don’t be shy – you know you want to OH YES YOU DO!!!

For further information please contact me at: joyalext@btinternet.com

Joy Thomson (Communications Secretary), Coldstream Community Theatre

FROM THE CCN EDITOR TO ALL IN COLDSTREAM

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year

THANKS FROM THE BOYS BRIGADE

Thank you very much to the community of Coldstream and beyond for your generous support through the Co-op Community Fund.

Fiona Mann
Captain Coldstream Boys Brigade

COLDSTREAM COFFEE MORNINGS

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