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## Welcome to another Community News COLOUR EDITION!



**This year's Coldstream Christmas lights display will be switched on for the first time on Sunday 29th November. Unfortunately, for obvious reasons, there will be no High Street parade or Christmas gathering that evening in the Community Centre.**



## Coldstream Health Centre Update

We're now 8 months into this pandemic and it is becoming clear that this is a marathon for us all, not a sprint. We are really grateful for the help and support we have received from Coldstream and the surrounding communities throughout this period – thank you.

Out of the 23 GP Practices in the Borders, 16 remain at Level 2 of the Scottish Government escalation strategy, which is the managed suspension of services. However, 7 practices, including Coldstream, have moved to Level 1 and are now offering more services whilst continuing to protect everyone.

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## ANNUAL LIST OF CLUBS, GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

Despite this year's unfortunate Covid restrictions, Coldstream remains 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](http://www.coldstreamcommunity.com)  
Deadline for items for the CCN Spring Edition is Friday 12th February**

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PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and infection control remains our biggest challenge as what used to be a 10 or 15 minute appointment now takes at least 30 minutes. We need to put on our PPE (in the correct order), collect our patient for their appointment, see the patient for their appointment, then let them out the building, wipe the door handle of the exit door, remove gloves and apron and put on clean ones, clean the consulting room thoroughly, exit the room and remove PPE (in correct order), sanitise hands and then start all over again with the next patient. It's very time consuming but has worked well so far in protecting patients and staff and stopping the spread of COVID.



Unfortunately the additional time taken up with PPE/infection control has a knock-on effect to the amount of appointments we are able to offer but we are trying to ensure that those patients who need to be seen are seen.

We are continuing to offer telephone triage as a first point of contact with a GP and if they feel that you need seen, after speaking to you, then they will offer you an appointment at the practice. Remember that if you have any worries or concerns about your health then please contact us. The ways we have to work may have changed but we are still here to help throughout this pandemic.

As we move into the winter months we will be offering patients the option of using the waiting room rather than standing outside. The number of people allowed in the waiting room is restricted to 4 due to the need for social distancing, so please don't turn up too early for your appointment as you may then have to wait outside. Patients will be given the option to stand or sit in the waiting room, if you choose to sit then you will be asked to wipe the chair with cleaning wipes (if you are able) and then sanitise your hands before going in to your appointment.

For GP appointments please continue to use the 'poppy' door nearest the town. For nurse appointments please use the main practice door. Both doors have doorbells for alerting us to your arrival or alternatively you can phone to let us know you are outside.

If you can't make your appointment then please phone to let us know so that we can offer it to someone else and help prevent a backlog

Thank you again for your help and support – we will get through this together.

*Yvonne Archibald, Practice Manager*

## **COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH**

There is a new website: [www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk](http://www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk) on which there appears a short Service every Sunday during the coronavirus restrictions.

Rev. John Shields decided to retire fully earlier this year as our Associate Minister. John has made a great impression since his arrival in September 2016 and has enabled regular services to continue in our area. We are very grateful to him for his friendship and for all that he has done for Coldstream Parish Church.

We are glad that Rev. Robin McHaffie has been willing to take over this role. Robin was Minister of Cheviot Parishes for 25 years and was based in Kirk Yetholm. He is now retired and lives in Coldstream.

The Parish Church has been open again for worship every Sunday since 9 August. Numbers are limited to 50 people, face coverings are mandatory and physical distancing has to be maintained. People are enjoying the opportunity of meeting together for worship.

The extra Christmas Services will be as follows, coronavirus restrictions permitting:-

**Christmas Eve : Christingle Service at 6.30pm.** This will be a short Service designed for children and their immediate families. Please bring a torch this year.

**Christmas Day : Short Family Service at Eccles Church - 9.45am**

**Short Family Service at Swinton Church - 11.00am**



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## Ella's Quizzes

Thanks to everyone who bought the Breast Cancer Now quiz which finished at the end of September. The total I raised was £396 but, with Eleanor Moffat being a great salesperson, the combined final total was £1186.

My current quiz for the Community Centre ends on 30 November. The next quiz ready at the start of December is for Coldstream SWI with the theme being famous women. If you would like a copy costing £1 please email [purves.ella@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:purves.ella@tiscali.co.uk).

Thanks to Susan Burnett for setting the clues and to everyone who supports my fundraising efforts.

Ella Purves

### Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland

- F** Face coverings 
- A** Avoid crowded places 
- C** Clean your hands regularly 
- T** Two metre distance 
- S** Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms 

## BAVS Charity Shop



It took us a while but we finally were able to reopen our little shop on the High Street in September. We have had to make some changes and thank the community of Coldstream for embracing them in such a positive way.

The biggest change was closing the shop twice a week for donations only. By doing this we are able to ensure social distancing is carried out and that customers wanting to buy our bargains are not being disturbed by customers wanting to drop their donations off. Monday's is a great day for dropping off your donations as the street is quite quiet now that a number of the shops on the High Street do not open. Most of the time you can park right across the road outside Keystore!

All our donations go into quarantine for a 72 hour period after which we sort, steam and clean everything from books to bric-a-brac to clothes before anything is allowed to be sold. On a daily basis all our rails, shelves, books, toys, DVD's and CD's are wiped with sanitizer and we will shortly be receiving a fogger to further ensure the cleanliness of our shop.

Donation Days – Monday and Thursday from 10:00 to 15:30. Ring for a drop off time on 01890 882 988.

Normal socially distancing shopping days Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 to 15:30; Saturdays 10:00 to 12:30.

*We believe in the need for a more environmentally conscious attitude in light of our global climate crisis. Charity shops provide good quality, low cost clothing that helps people to reuse, re-purpose and recycle before opting to buy new.*

**Look out for our Christmas Raffle & Tombola coming up soon! Please pop into the shop for tickets.**

Thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times. Stay well and stay safe.

Wendy Acornley

## Coldstream Men's Shed

On behalf of the members of Coldstream Men's Shed I would like to thank the Co-operative Local Community Fund for the magnificent sum of £2097.21 which we have recently received.

This amount was generated by support from our Coldstream & district community who chose us to benefit from their shopping at our local Co-op, for which we are very grateful. As we are hoping to encourage new members, the funds will enable us to buy extra tools and machinery and, if needed, could help towards the cost of any large expenses e.g. insurance.

We have been closed since the start of the Covid lockdown but contacted Scottish Borders Council in October for guidance about what safety measures would be required before we could re-open. However, with tighter restrictions being re-introduced, it is now doubtful just when we will be allowed to re-open.

During lockdown we continue to work from home doing small jobs including making face visors. If anyone finds it too difficult to wear a face mask then we have visors available in return for a small donation towards the cost of materials. Just phone me on 01890 882333. Thank you all again and stay safe.

Jock Law, Chairman

## SAY NO TO COLD CALLING

Councillor John Greenwell has recently been working with Police Scotland's Safer Communities team to refresh Lennel Mount's No Cold Calling zone. The aim of these zones is to deter bogus callers and rogue traders. Lennel Mount residents have been given updated crime prevention packs and window stickers. Residents are being encouraged to report anyone suspicious to police Scotland via 101.

Police Scotland in the Scottish Borders is planning to roll out the refreshing of existing zones and promotion of new zones over the coming months. Anyone requiring further information on either refreshing an existing zone or creating a new one should contact Police Scotland via 101 and ask for their local community policing team. If you have any difficulty then please contact me at john.greenwell@scotborders.gov.uk



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## Very Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas & New Year from St Mary's

Well, Christmas will certainly be very different this year, what with (as I write) the potential of no large family gatherings, limits on church services, a potential reluctance to go Christmas shopping etc.. But, with all of this difference it is actually an opportunity for us to ponder the question: So, what is the true meaning of Christmas? As we think about this, let me tell you a short story.

Imagine a cold, snowy Christmas Eve. Inside the house it was warm, the fire was ablaze, the Christmas tree lights sparkled cheerfully, and round about it were dozens of presents. Mum and the children were dressed and ready for church, with their big coats, boots, hats and gloves. But dad was sat, cosy, by the fire.

"Come with us daddy" the children urged, for they loved him, and longed to go to church together on Christmas Eve. "No, not me, I don't believe in all that religion. How can God come down as one of us, what does that mean" he said.



Now for a long time mum had been trying to tell her husband about God's gift at Christmas, about Jesus born as a baby, about what it means, and about how God, in Jesus became one of us, so that he might save us.

"Nonsense, it just doesn't make sense" he would always say.

Well, the family left for church. The man was all alone in the house and was just settling back down into the chair when something outside caught his eye, some movement in the garden. He went to the window to take a closer look, and to his amazement he saw three little kittens shivering in the snow. The fools, dad thought,

they'll freeze for sure on a night like this. So he put on his hat and coat, pulled on his boots, opened the door and stepped out into the snow.

"Puss, Puss, Puss. Come here little kittens, come here, come inside and you can warm up. I can save you", dad called out. But the kittens, instead of coming to the man, ran away, frightened by the stranger in the doorway.

Dad went further into the garden to try and find the kittens. "Don't be afraid, I want to help you, I want to save you, don't be afraid" he cried.



But the cats were gone; into the cold night. Dad looked, searched, but it was no good and as he walked back to the house he muttered to himself, "What more could I have done to save them, I would have to become a kitten. I would have to become like them to reach them and save them. If I became a kitten like them, then they wouldn't be afraid. I could show them and tell them and then they would believe me."

Just as Dad reached the house door, he heard the church bells ring in the distance. And suddenly all that his wife had been saying, about the meaning of Christmas, of God coming to us, being like us, came back to him and he understood it all, all that his wife had been trying to tell him. And instead of going back into the house, he locked the door and ran to the church.



What is Christmas really all about? It's about God, becoming like us in Jesus so that he can offer to each one of us love, so that he can save us, and bring us back to himself. May we all, from St. Mary's, wish you all a blessed and peace-filled Christmas.

At St. Mary's we'll celebrate 'God with us' within our Christmas services this year which are:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 4:30pm** – A family nativity service.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 7:30pm** – Our Christmas Eve service, with Communion.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10:45am** - Our Christmas Day service will be held at Christ Church in Duns.

If you'd like to attend any of our services in the building you would be very welcome. Although if you could let me know in advance this would be helpful as we are currently limited in our capacity due to Government restrictions. However, all of our services will also be available on-line via 'Zoom'. Please contact me for the log-in details. Apart from the 17th & 24th December, there is a Communion service in St Mary's every Thursday at 10:00am.

Phone: Chris Jones on 01361 884326; or e-mail [rector\\_bt@hotmail.com](mailto:rector_bt@hotmail.com)

or visit our web-site: [www.christchurchduns.org](http://www.christchurchduns.org)



## Rangers, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

Hello from Coldstream Rangers, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows to all readers of the Coldstream Community News.

Guiding is still going strong in Coldstream!

We have not been meeting face to face but we have been putting out activity packs with ideas for badges, wordsearches, stories for Remembrance, challenges & scavenger hunts. Some even with prizes!

We are hoping to start meeting virtually soon (not involving sitting at a screen for long periods of time) but plenty of interactive fun.

Some of our girls had a fantastic time at a virtual 24hour camp with girls from right across the Borders. This included making a den, bingo, taskmaster challenges using sleeping bags, tea bags, paper aeroplanes, marshmallows & hula hoops as well as meeting & talking to an UK Ninja Warrior & taking part in a virtual planetarium with an astronomer.

Leaders have been busy with virtual meetings & trainings, such as 1<sup>st</sup> Response, Safe Space, learning new skills like using Zoom & new crafts. We are looking forward to these new temporary virtual meetings & then getting back to our unit meetings in the school.

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At Coldstream Primary School, we have been learning lots of new, interesting things from our amazing teachers over the year 2020. Even though COVID-19 has been around, we've had loads of fun and will continue to have fun. Through this tough time, we've been staying two metres apart to keep ourselves safe. The playing field has been sectioned so that we don't socialise and pass germs to other children in other classes. Hand sanitiser has been placed all around the school to help stop the spread of germs and staff have been wearing masks whenever getting close to us and walking around the school/playground.

We also stick to our 4 values: responsibility, relationships, respect and resilience.

One of the highlights was the whole school got to pick the house captains, Charlotte Kennan for Lees, Rosie Kennan for Tweed and Lewis Kiltie for Hirsell. We win points for our teams by doing good deeds and helping out.

It's been an incredible journey to work with different people and experience friendships with other people.

The topics that the whole school are learning: Primary 1 are learning about Julia Donaldson and the environment. Primary 2/3 are learning about keeping the body healthy. Primary 3/4 are learning about Vikings. Primary 4/5 are learning about science and Vikings. Primary 5/6 are learning about the Jacobites and Scottish history. Finally, Primary 7 pupils are learning about Marvellous inventions.

We are looking forward to the rest of 2020 and the start of 2021.

By Kiera, P7

## ANOTHER HENDERSON PARK HERO!

In the Autumn CCN we highlighted the generous contribution made by local farmer Colin McGregor in keeping the Henderson Park grass areas cut during the summer months. Since then it has emerged that there is a second benefactor helping to keep the park in a decent condition for all of us to enjoy. This generous individual is, in fact, John Guthrie, an ex-Coldstreamer born and bred in Coldstream.

Despite living over 300 miles away in Oxford and having a long career in London's financial sector, John has not forgotten his roots and has been paying for a local gardening firm to go into Henderson Park and maintain the various beds and shrubberies. John continues to do this for the time being and it is hoped that areas of the park can be maintained by being trimmed back and tidied up. One particular area which has long required attention is the sloping "jungle" between the park viewpoint area and the Nuns' Walk wall. Nevertheless, thanks to John's financial support, something may at last be happening to improve this long-neglected area which in recent years has become no more than an overgrown litter dumping area. And so, on behalf of the whole Coldstream community, a huge thank you to both him and Colin for their efforts, their generosity and their civic pride.

It's a real shame that this park, once so beautifully maintained and manicured by our local council (and so admired by locals and visitors alike), has been so neglected this year with the result that two private citizens are paying for its upkeep from their own pockets. Perhaps we need to ask Scottish Borders Council why this is the case? It would be understandable if you, our readers, wanted to ask questions of our local authority and its representatives - please feel free!



*Ex-Coldstreamer  
John Guthrie*

## TILLVAS: MYSTERY OBJECT IDENTIFIED



After lockdown began in March, the Till Valley Archaeological Society (TillVAS) Committee decided to keep our monthly newsletter going. With no events to advertise, we needed a few new features, and have run several pieces on mystery objects. Some have been identified and some not. This photo shows the most recent, published in our November newsletter: we are thrilled to have identified something that is exciting but now largely forgotten. It was found just outside Belford, close to a former school. It once pivoted on its vertical axis but is now rusted and immovable. Something must have been attached to the four hooks on the wrought iron finial.

Experts said it was not a maypole. Other suggestions were: the crowning glory to a large marquee; or a hay pole used in the construction of loosely piled hayricks that were then roped down.

Immediately after the newsletter was published, one of our members supplied the answer. It is the top of a rotating rope swing, a Victorian school playground apparatus known as a Giant's Stride. Ropes with handles attached would have hung from the four hooks on the finial, fixed to the top of a substantial pole. Children holding on to the handles would run faster and faster round the pole taking bigger and bigger strides, or big swinging leaps, which must have felt like flying.

Survivals are rare, but there is a complete surviving pole and finial near Consett in County Durham. The school logbook reveals that it was donated by the local vicar in 1866 for the use of the school's boys, his wife having presented skipping ropes for the girls. Perhaps the girls used the Giant's Stride too? It would have been much more fun than skipping.

If you are ever in the area, there is a modern working example at Glendurgan Garden, a National Trust property near Falmouth. You can find film of it on YouTube.

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## Activities at your Community Centre

We are open and running what we are allowed to with the current guidelines.

There are plenty of exercise classes taking place, carefully managed with social distancing, these include: \* Seated exercise \* \*Gentle exercise\* \*Pilates\* \*Zumba\*

Other groups such as Art classes and the Handicraft Group are back and attending.

We have a few events happening in December, a weekend of **Afternoon Teas** on the 12/13th December, from 3pm until 5pm both days.

Tickets are £6 and booking is via the Centre and essential for our seating plans.

We are also hosting two **Christmas Wreath** making workshops in December on Wednesday 2nd from 7-9pm and Thursday 3rd from 2.30-4.40pm, all materials are provided and you will learn to make your own wreath. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served. Once again booking is essential.

We are holding a **Table Top Sale** in the Tweed Hall on Saturday 28th November from 10.30-1.30pm, a great chance to snap up some bargains and gifts. Tables are still available if you have had a good clear out and have things to sell, so please contact the Centre if you wish to take a table - £10 per table.

**Fundraising:** All the events are of course fundraisers but we are also raising money through raffles which we thank you for supporting, and we are also selling vouchers as gifts to support the Community Centre. These come as £5, £10 and £20 vouchers, a great gift for Coldstream and it means shopping local!

**Exercise, Health and Wellbeing:** Our exercise classes are so popular we would love to extend them. We have been surveying many of you to find out what you would like. If you would like to take part in our survey or have an opinion on what we could realistically offer then please get in touch, via email: [admin@coldstreamcommunity.com](mailto:admin@coldstreamcommunity.com)

**Coop Communities Fund 2020:** We were pleased to be awarded a small grant from the Coop Communities Fund which will go towards work in our kitchen, helping to fund new equipment. Every amount helps and we are very grateful to the Coop.

Finally, it was gratifying to see so many people appreciating our recent window displays, keep watching for what comes next.

If any local group is interested in using our window for a small advertising fee then please get in touch.

**Contact details as always:** Telephone 01890 883332 (please leave a message we will get back to you)

Email: [admin@coldstreamcommunity.com](mailto:admin@coldstreamcommunity.com) Log on to the website to also see news [www.coldstreamcommunity.com](http://www.coldstreamcommunity.com)

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*(for more info on these events, see back page)*

### Recent CCC Poppy Display



## Coldstream Gateway Association

Although we haven't been able to have our usual coffee mornings to raise money for the Gateway Association the committee haven't been sitting back and doing nothing over the summer.

We have been busy applying for grants to help towards the purchase of plants and for an electric vehicle (see photo) to replace our existing diesel vehicle used for watering, planting and maintenance of our displays. We have been successful in obtaining a grant of £12,500 towards the buggy from Scottish Borders Council Community Fund and we have also kindly been given a private donation of £1,000 towards the purchase for which we are most grateful. If anyone would like to make a donation, please contact our chairperson Alan Vassallo on 07738424838. Remember, we provide the town's floral displays, the Christmas Lights display and, of course, what you are currently reading, the Community News!

The Co-op Community Fund has also once again been very generous and we have just received a total of £2,204.03 in the last round of awards which is towards our flower displays and we have been accepted as one of the recipients in the next round of awards which will be received this time next year for our buggy account. You are able to vote for our cause at the Co-op Community Fund website. We must extend our grateful thanks to the staff and customers of Coldstream Co-op for their continued support. It is very much appreciated by our organisation.

Back in early June a group of eager volunteers planted all the hanging baskets, troughs and three tier planters throughout the town with the summer plants, socially distancing of course. We hope you agree they looked fantastic, although the wind did damage some of the hanging baskets. Those eagle-eyed residents will have noticed these have now been removed and the winter plants have just recently been planted by Harry Brydon and his team of volunteers. Many thanks to all our helpers with not only the planting, maintenance and watering of our flower displays but also the team who are presently putting up all the Christmas lights and also the volunteers who deliver the Community News.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with all aspects of the Gateway. Again, please contact Alan if you would be interested in helping. The volunteers who do all this work to make your town look better aren't getting any younger and we would love to welcome some younger people to join us!





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I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support this year.



Louisa Coates

### WHY NOT CONTRIBUTE ITEMS TO OR ADVERTISE IN THE COMMUNITY NEWS?

Please don't forget that anyone can use the Community News to publicise and advertise - individuals, clubs, organisations and businesses. Please don't hesitate to get in touch (details on front page). If you use email we can add your email address to our mailing list so that you receive reminders to submit any items you may have. Thank you.

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Thursday	17th December	8 am	-	5 pm
Friday	18th December	7 am	-	5 pm
Saturday	19th December	7 am	-	1 pm
Sunday	20th December	Closed	-	-----
Monday	21st December	8 am	-	1 pm
Tuesday	22nd December	8 am	-	5 pm
Wednesday	23rd December	7 am	-	5 pm
Thursday	24th December	7 am	-	3 pm
Friday	25th December	Closed	-	-----
Saturday	26th December	Closed	-	-----
Sunday	27th December	Closed	-	-----
Monday	28th December	Closed	-	-----
Tuesday	29th December	8 am	-	5 pm
Wednesday	30th December	7 am	-	5 pm
Thursday	31st December	7 am	-	3 pm
Friday	1st January	Closed	-	-----



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800 g Gammon Joint  
12 Pigs in Blankets  
1 lb Chipolatas  
1 lb Stuffing/Sausage Mt \*  
½ lb Streaky Bacon

**Pack 2 £45.00**  
Beef roasting Joint (approx 1.5Kg)  
800 g Gammon Joint  
12 Pigs in Blankets  
1 lb Chipolatas  
1 lb Stuffing/Sausage Mt \*  
½ lb Streaky Bacon

**Pack 3 £35.00**  
Fresh Chicken (approx. 5 lb)  
800 g Gammon Joint  
12 Pigs in Blankets  
1 lb Chipolatas  
Stuffing/Sausage Mt \*  
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## COLDSTREAM FOOTBALL CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 125th ANNIVERSARY

1895 was in many ways a momentous year. H.G. Wells published "The Time Machine", W.G. Grace scored his 100<sup>th</sup> century, Wilhelm Roentgen discovered the X-Ray and the National Trust was founded. Furthermore, the F.A. Cup was stolen (and never recovered) from a shop in Birmingham and the future King George VI was born, as were the writers Henry Williamson (Tarka the Otter) and Robert Graves (I Claudius). An English golfer Horace Rawlins won the U.S. Open and Lord Salisbury became Prime Minister. In the United States Babe Ruth (baseball), Rudolph Valentino (actor) and George "Machine Gun" Kelly (gangster) first saw the light of day and at Cardross in Argyll Percy Pilcher made the very first recorded repeated heavier than air flights in his hang glider which was named "Bat".

One more momentous event that year was the official birth of Coldstream Football Club. It was known that Coldstream had fielded a team before this date and it is recorded that our first game was against Kelso Athletic on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1890. Other friendly matches were played against such local teams as Cheviot Rangers, Hornclyffe Ramblers and Berwick Pen and Pencil. These games were played at the Earl's Haugh before moving to their current ground in Home Park which had been gifted to the town by the Earl of Home for recreational purposes. The Park had been officially opened in April 1893 and the first visitors to their present ground were the rather exotically named Kelso I. Zingari.

In 1910 Coldstream joined the Scottish Football Association and has held continual membership since then. To celebrate they then won the Border Cup in 1911. The Great War which broke out in 1914 disrupted organised football and three regular members of the side made the ultimate sacrifice during the conflict. They were Private Moses Townsley, Corporal Jocky Renton and Private Henry Kennedy (all serving with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers) and today they are remembered by a commemorative plaque on the Pavilion wall.



**Coldstream Football Club 1906**  
Back row: G. Walker (Secretary), W. Middlemas (Committee), H.B.H. Kennedy, James Brown, Andrew Davidson, William Murray, Jim Murray, Joe Scott (Committee), Alex Dalgleish (Committee).  
Middle row: James Davidson, Len Melrose.  
Front row: Andrew Ford, Neil Young, Jock Plenderleith.



The Golden Age for Coldstream F.C. was the 1920s, almost a century ago. They won the Border League twice and qualified for the Scottish Cup for the first time. They also won the very first East of Scotland League a competition which they had been instrumental in founding. Other achievements included two East of Scotland Consolation Cups, three Border Cups and reaching the final of the prestigious East of Scotland "City" Cup.

*W. Corrie, G. Walker, N. Swan, R. Wilkie, J. Buglass, W. (Hammer) McKenzie, J. Murray, McG. Wilson, J. Thomson, J. Scott, J. Robson, J. Fairbairn, Hon.Secy. R. Mitchell, J. Tocher, A. Mitchell (Captain) J.T. Fairburn, J. Hume.*

The crowning achievement was, however, the winning of the Scottish Amateur Cup in 1925 having been Runners-up in 1924.

After knocking out Greenock High School F.Ps in the semi final they went on to beat Larbert 1-0 in the final played at Western Park, Murrayfield, Edinburgh. The winning goal was scored by Jimmy Tocher following a defence splitting pass from Jim Hume. After the game a sumptuous meal was enjoyed in the Haymarket restaurant before returning home at midnight. The trophy was then displayed in the shop window of Messrs Logan & Son who were drapers in the High Street. This was the first and only time a nationwide trophy has ever been won by a Berwickshire Club.

The following years saw little success on the field of play and the Second World War disrupted play once more with many members of the team serving in the Army in France, North Africa, Italy, Burma, Normandy and Germany as well as with the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy. Fortunately, this time round none of the players fell on the field of battle. Back playing once again Season 1946/47 saw the Club again lifting silverware by winning the East of Scotland Qualifying Cup.

Another barren twenty years followed before the "Streamers" won the Qualifying Cup in 1966 against Gala Fairydean and the King Cup in season 1967/8 where the opponents were Ferranti Thistle now Livingston F.C. These were to be the last cup successes to date although hope continues to spring eternal.

Over the years the Coldstreamers have had quite a few adventures in the Scottish Cup and have played several Scottish League sides such as Raith Rovers, Hamilton Academical, Stranraer, Queen of the South, Meadowbank Thistle, Albion Rovers, Stirling Albion and Brechin City. (Had we triumphed against Brechin in 2000 we would have played Glasgow Rangers at Ibrox in the next round. Unfortunately, the game was lost 6-2. Because of the Cup draw Brechin kindly gave back their share of the gate money).

*(contd overleaf)*



*Back Row: Charlie Jeffrey, Denis Hutson, Eddie Hope, Les Black, Clark Ledgerwood, Ian Holloway, Ian Wood, (a youthful looking) Jim Leifer, John Scott (Manager and currently Club President ) Front Row: Ronnie Waugh, Willie Graham, Alan Curle, Brian Athey, Billy Turnbull.*

One endearing match saw Coldstream drawn away to Wick Academy which remains a record for the longest journey in a Cup Match. Coldstream won 4-2 with "Spuddy" McElraith scoring all four goals. The price of victory saw the Streamers drawn away again in the next round to Brora which was nearly as far away. Travel fatigue must have set in as the game was lost 2-0. 2018 saw the Club at last have a decent run in the Cup by winning our first two preliminary round ties against St Cuthbert Wanderers and Newton Stewart before going on to beat Strathspey Thistle

in the first round proper. This was the first time Coldstream had won a Scottish Cup tie proper since beating Whithorn in the 1950s. Regrettably the next round saw the Blues drawn away to Brora Rangers, yet again, and the Cup run came to an abrupt end. Still it was fun whilst it lasted. At the time of writing the draw has just been at Hampden for the preliminary rounds of the Cup. Coldstream have been awarded a bye into the second round where they have been drawn at home to Bo'ness United who currently lie fourth in the Lowland League. A daunting task but not insuperable. Good luck to the "Blues" on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December when the tie is scheduled to be played.

The Club has seen some of its players progress to the professional ranks such as Bob Johnstone (Hearts), Tom Johnston ( Peterborough, Nottingham Forrest and Notts County) and Eric Tait (Berwick Rangers). Billy Clazie was capped for the Scottish Schools and was the first Berwickshire schoolboy to receive this honour. Other players had trials for senior clubs. Jocky Ford (Tottenham Hotspur) Hick Ledgerwood (York City) and Len Melrose (Hearts).

Time and tide, however, wait for no man and the last few years have seen many changes to the Club facilities in Home Park. In 1990 a team of volunteers went to Torness nuclear plant, dismantled a wooden office structure and brought it back to the Park where under the tutelage of Jim Patterson it was re-erected to become the new and current pavilion. The old "Pivvy" which had been used by both the football and cricket Clubs was now in a very dilapidated state and was subsequently demolished. The new Clubhouse was officially named the "Jim Patterson Pavilion" in honour of all the hard and tireless work he had put in to and on behalf of the Club. The naming and opening of the new Pavilion was celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1991 when Coldstream played a Newcastle United X1.



Interestingly the Newcastle team featured Ossie Ardiles who had won a World Cup winners medal with Argentina in 1978. The facilities have since seen continual updating and improvements and now include a bar area, a first class kitchen and luxurious changing rooms leading to not a few congratulatory comments by rather envious visiting teams. Many of these improvements have taken place under the overwatch of the current chairman Dave Lauder whose tireless devotion to Coldstream F.C. and hard work is very much appreciated by all those at the Club.

To conform to S.F.A. standards the pitch has had to be partially fenced off and a small covered enclosure was built together with a further enclosure for disabled spectators. This year again to keep our S.F.A membership the Club has erected floodlights which will allow midweek matches to be played during the autumn and winter months. These structures are very graceful in appearance and give the appearance of steel sculptures floating in the sky.

There have also been great and far reaching changes to the East of Scotland League in which Coldstream was one of the founder Members. Many of the original Members have now gone and only Peebles, Eyemouth, Hawick and Coldstream of the Border Clubs remain. Recently the powers that be allowed ex Junior Clubs to join and reshaped the League of 50 teams into a Premier and two first Division Conference Leagues. Currently the "Blues" play in Conference "A". Due to the current Covid restrictions all games must be played without spectators thus giving a rather ethereal atmosphere to the proceedings. Hopefully 2021 will see improvements on this front and with some semblance of "normality" will allow the return of a crowd to cheer their favourites on and utilise the bar and kitchen facilities and bring in much needed income to finance Coldstream F.C. and its future wellbeing.

Will Murray

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Well here we are, November and we are still wondering when we can get back to some sort of normality, hopefully with a new vaccine on the horizon it won't be too long.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold our annual Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning but I would like to thank those people who kindly gave donations. Also we had a boost from the Swintons at Kimmerghame who sold fruit and vegetables from their walled garden and very kindly donated the proceeds to Macmillan.

We are still hoping to print our Macmillan Calendar in the new year, so look out for it hopefully at some of our events throughout 2021, it will make a lovely gift and cheer people up with the beautiful photographs.

We have already been booked to provide afternoon teas at Ruthven garden opening and also at Marfield open garden (the latter managed to hold an open day this summer and also kindly gave the proceeds to us) hopefully by the summer these events will be able to go ahead without any restrictions. I know a lot of people in town enjoy coming to have a wander round the gardens followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea.

To all those people who donated clothes for our pre-loved fashion show, they are still being held in a safe location and hopefully we can organise the event later in 2021.

Stay safe, have as Happy a Christmas as restrictions allow and we will hopefully see you again soon at a Macmillan event.

The Macmillan Cancer Support Committee

### Coldstream Premier Cru Cycling Club

Here we are in Autumn already. This year has been a strange one in many respects but for cyclists and cycling it has been an extraordinary one. Because of lockdown there has been no competitive cycling throughout the spring and summer but the humble bike has made a dramatic comeback in the popularity stakes. There are more cyclists now than ever before. The bike as a means of transport makes a great deal of sense. Economically it will always be cheaper than taking the car or the bus. Health wise, cycling is good for you. It gives you exercise without you noticing and, very importantly, helps to burn calories and keep the weight down. It is a great way to see your local neighbourhood. You will notice little things that you would never see from a car. Your link with nature becomes stronger as you can hear birds singing as well as see all sorts of wildlife from close range.

There is a vast array of bikes to choose from nowadays with a model to suit everyone's abilities. There are hybrids, racers, shopping and gravel bikes and, gaining in popularity, is the electric bike. With such a choice there is really no excuse for not trying it. During the lockdown the roads were exceptionally quiet with very little traffic. As progress with the pandemic has been made so too has the volume of traffic increased. However, with lots of advertising campaigns and publicity, motorists are, in general, much more tolerant towards cyclists. They now risk their licence if they come too close and there is a bit more courtesy being shown all round.

The Borders is predominantly a safe area in which to cycle. Our roads, although potholed and in need of repair in places, are much safer than in central London for example. We have very few traffic lights to contend with and just the odd roundabout to negotiate.

Before the nights start to really draw in.... give cycling a try! It is a hobby you can do on your own ( or with a friend) and the weather doesn't really matter as long as you are prepared. Again there is a vast array of cycling specific clothing available on the market and it need not be expensive. You don't have to be clad in Lycra.....any sensible clothing will do as long as it is comfortable. As you get more into your cycling you could spend vast amounts of money on bikes, clothing and equipment but, in general, it is a comparatively cheap sport.

Coldstream Premier Cru normally meet every Sunday at the Court House Car Park at 9am for a ride with friends. It has been very different this year because of the pandemic as group rides have not been allowed. That does not mean to say you cannot go yourself and lots of people have been doing just that. Our Sunday rides normally cover distances of up to 50 miles but no-one needs do that sort of mileage if they don't want to or are just not fit enough. We usually pick up a few more riders in Kelso and we always have a coffee stop at some point. Why not give it a try? Maybe a few miles to start with until your confidence and fitness builds ....after that you can take on the world.

There is no joining fee for the Club and no annual subs to pay. All that is required is a few bob in your pocket for a coffee and maybe a cake, a roadworthy bike, a puncture repair kit or spare tube and a willingness to make new friends. The only thing that is compulsory is the wearing of a cycling helmet. We are strict on that one....No Helmet....No Ride!!!

Weather and pandemic permitting, we ride every Sunday. Why not give it a try? You would be very welcome and we would love to see you and your bike. Meantime you can follow us on Facebook under the heading of Coldstream Premier Cru.

### Friday Handicrafts

Friday Handicrafts are changing times. We will meet now in the Community Centre at 1:00pm until 3.30pm and the cost will be £3 per session. We really need 8 people each week to make it viable. Any queries, please contact Elspeth Bell on 882211.

#### SWI

We had hoped to be able to resume our meetings in October but the ongoing uncertainty about restrictions made this impossible. Fingers crossed we shall be back in January with our first talk on ghostly goings on at a National Trust property. Sadly, we won't be able to welcome ad hoc visitors to our meetings as numbers will need to be strictly controlled. We have been doing some fundraising during lockdown and had a hunt for hidden treasure, as devised by Jan, and Ella will soon be launching one of her famous quizzes. Lou is doing a sterling job with our Facebook page providing lots of nuggets of information from Institutes elsewhere in the country.

## COLDSTREAM BURNS CLUB

A few weeks back Susan Tait, widow of the late Gerald, handed me some old Burns Club records which she had come across. They dated back to the time when Gerald was Treasurer of the Club and must have been overlooked when he gave up that position and passed most of the records in his possession to me.

Amongst this material was an old style open reel tape which was clearly marked 'Record of the proceedings of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1968'. Lacking a machine to play the recording I decided to get it transferred onto a USB stick to overcome that problem. I found a company in Edinburgh who could do this at minimal cost and duly sent off the tape. It was back in my possession within a week and I immediately sat down to listen to it – all three and a half hours worth!

It is indeed a record of the whole proceedings of the Club's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supper held in the Town Hall under the chairmanship of the late Hans Langmack. Hans will be remembered by many of the older generation in the town having been Provost from 1956 to 1961. He was also a stalwart of the Burns Club having joined in 1929 and been Chairman from 1956.

There are, of course, many familiar voices from the past on the tape which was recorded at the instigation of Bill Jackson of the Hirsell, long time Secretary of the Burns Club. I believe the actual recording, which is of a decent standard considering the limitations of the time, was made by local electrician, Nicol Swan.

Toasts for the evening came from the following:

Alec McGonigal - 'Burns Clubs the world o'er'. Alec was proprietor of R. Carmichael and Sons.

David Thomson – 'The land we live in'. David farmed at Lamden.

Jimmy Brown - 'Coldstream Burns Club'. Jimmy was the local 'gang master' and father of Hamish.

Provost Jim Davidson – 'The Toun'

Ian Raeburn- 'The Lassies'. Ian was an ex-Coldstreamer and a prominent member of the Golf Club.

An excellent and humorous 'Immortal Memory' was proposed by the principal guest James McAuley, MBE, Assistant Chief Constable of Renfrew and Bute. The singers for the evening were Charlie Hanlon, Bobby's father, who sang 'Red, red rose' and the Bonnie Lass o' Ballochmyle'; Jimmy Henderson from Duns who sang 'My nannies awa' and 'Ye banks and braes'; and the aforementioned David Thomson with 'Corn Rigs' and 'Green grow the rashes o'.

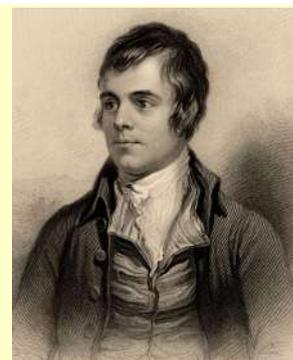
The musicians were Malabar Carrick on piano; Tam Raeburn on the bagpipes; Jimmy Wilkie on fiddle; and an unknown accordionist.

Recitations came from Wylie Turnbull with 'Holy Willie's Prayer' and Alec Keillor with 'The Cotter's Saturday Night'. Alec was the manager at the Gas Works.

Sadly, of all those named only Nicol Swan is still living.

Any Club members reading this who may be interested in the recording should get in touch with me. Using the expertise of Johnnie Fulton it has been possible to provide CD's with selected extracts from the evening on them.

John H. Elliot, Club Secretary



On the 28th January 1931, 80 curlers from Berwickshire posed for a photograph at Haymarket ice rink in Edinburgh while competing for the Laidlaw trophy.

Eight of the men were from Coldstream and I'm trying to put a name to each

face in the picture. Can you help give a clue to who these men were and possibly even identify them?

The first man was William D. Calder, who farmed at Oxenrig. Second, George. E. Collingwood, the butler at the Hirsell. At the moment only these two men have been identified from Coldstream. Next is A. H. Darling, no further information on him.

Then - C. W. Fulton, the farmer at Hatchednize whose christian name was Charles.

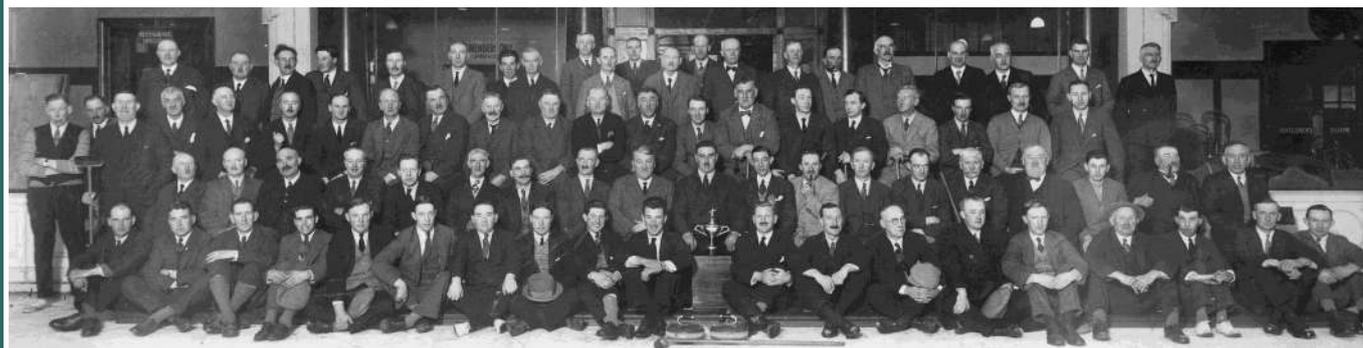
In the second Coldstream team were A. Wood, possibly Alex who was the farmer/milk man at the Lees? J. F/S. Brown, possibly a farmer from Eccles? J. Thomson, no further information on him. And last B. L. Turner. Bartholomew Logan Turner was a baker in Coldstream who had triplets (all daughters).

Any help, however small would be much appreciated, I can be contacted at: waz1152@hotmail.com

If anyone would just like to see a larger version of the picture, please do get in touch.

Thank you, Robert Walker

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Tickets from the Community Centre.



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Contact the Community Centre directly to book please.



### FIELD T FORK

At Field to Fork, the education project at the Hirsell, we, like many others, are having to re-invent how we do what we do! Restrictions mean we are sadly not able to provide school visits or indeed visit any schools for the foreseeable future. As a result,

this autumn we have launched several YouTube videos to share what we might normally do with school classes and others to make the most of our wonderful outdoor setting. The first 'Autumn at the Hirsell' gives glimpses around the estate during this season while 'Make a Story Stick', 'Autumn Treasures' and 'How trees disperse their seeds' share activities that encourage enjoyment and appreciation of the natural world around us. These can be viewed on YouTube or accessed through our website -

[www.fieldtofork-hirsell.co.uk](http://www.fieldtofork-hirsell.co.uk)

### FROM THE CCN EDITOR TO ALL IN COLDSTREAM

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



### COLLECTION OF MILK BOTTLE TOPS

As I am no longer able to collect the milk bottle tops,



Rob Smith at Howdens on the High Street has kindly agreed to take over. All tops should be left at his shop from now on. Many thanks to everyone who has collected them for me in the past.

Helen Park

### COLDSTREAM COFFEE MORNINGS

At the time of writing, to comply with Scottish Government Covid-19 regulations, Coldstream's legendary coffee mornings are still unable to take place. As things currently stand, it seems very unlikely that there will be any relaxation of the restrictions in the weeks to come, although it is hoped that successful vaccines might just bring a glimmer of hope to end the current threat. We all look forward to the day when life can get back to normal and we can enjoy the Saturday morning routine of coffee mornings in the British Legion Club, Church Hall and Community Centre. If there are any changes in Government guidance before the next CCN that will allow Coffee Mornings to resume, a list of dates and causes will be displayed around the town.