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Coldstream Community Spirit In Action!

Thanks to a group of dedicated local volunteers and kind public donations, the area of Henderson Park below the viewpoint has been completely transformed! This part of our beloved Park had been totally neglected for a number of years and it had become an overgrown, unsightly jungle of bushes, brambles, briars and, of course, litter. But once the Coldstream "A Team" had got going, the jungle was no more! Read the full story on page 2.



No Civic Week for the Second Year Running ☹️

Once again it is with deepest regret that we will not be able to proceed with the Installation of the Coldstreamer this year. We would like to thank the three young men who have agreed to put their lives on hold until 2022, when we hope things will be back to some kind of normality.

This decision is in line with the guidance we have received from the Scottish Government, Scottish Borders Council, and the Scottish Borders Multi Agency Safety Advisory Group with regard to the ongoing Covid 19 Pandemic.

It is very unlikely that we will be able to hold many, if any, of our normal events in August which would have been our annual Civic Week celebrations. We do realise this is very disappointing news, but we must follow all the relevant guidelines, and our priority must, as always, be the safety of everyone in our community.

However, we are planning to organise many "virtual events" which we hope the whole community can be involved in, as we did last year. If Scottish Government guidance changes, we will review and look at any events which could be held.

This year would have been 1961 Coldstreamer Brian Tait's Diamond Jubilee Year and 1971 Coldstreamer Colin Johnston's Golden Jubilee Year.

We would like to congratulate our Silver Jubilee Coldstreamer 1996, Martin Sturrock.

We would also like to take this opportunity to give thanks to everyone who has worked together through these unprecedented times and supported our elderly and vulnerable people. This just goes to show what an amazing community spirit we have in Coldstream. Our Community is truly Nulli Secundus, we are and always will be Second to None.

Stay safe

Stuart A Galbraith, Coldstreamer 1997 & Chairman Presenting Coldstream
Richard Dickson, Coldstreamer 2004 & Chairperson Coldstream Riders Association

Deadline for items for the Autumn Edition of CCN is Friday 13th August

HENDERSON PARK TRANSFORMATION (contd from page 1)

Like everyone last year during lockdown, David and I would go out for our daily exercise and walk around the town. As lockdown went on, like everyone we noticed how unloved some areas of the town had become. It was the source of many a conversation while out on our walks as we met other locals with the same thoughts.

So, in March this year after lots of discussions, I contacted Scottish Borders Council and asked for permission to take on Henderson Park View Point Garden. A week later permission had been granted and we went to look at the Garden and hatched a plan. We both thought, "What have we just taken on!"

We decided to break the garden into 3 phases of work.

We had to cut back brambles just to get in and have a proper look. So, with equipment borrowed from Colin McGregor as well as Malcolm Campbell with his chainsaw and a small team of helpers, the hard work of chopping back brambles, brambles and more brambles began. After some serious hard work, we found the retaining wall, which a lot of people had forgotten was even there!

Then with the help of Martyn, Sandra, Steve, David, Martin, Kirsty, Gareth, Andrew and Mark we started cutting back the overgrown slope which was very slow going and back-breaking work. I must apologise to the neighbours for all the bonfires we had to get rid of the debris.

Once it was all cleared, we could start to plan the Garden rejuvenation. We were being asked by lots of people if they could make a donation so we set up a "Gofundme" page. I can honestly say we have both been overwhelmed by the amazing generosity of everyone who has donated.



Phase 1 - We bought sleepers and JT Doves of Berwick donated gravel. The hard work of moving soil and tons of gravel began. We have made a raised seating area and have bought four new garden benches, which hopefully will be here soon. We must say a huge thank you to Steve McGregor of McGregor & Clark Joiners and Gingey's Joinery for all their hard work and joinery expertise.

So phase 1 seating area more or less completed.

Phase 2 - Planting up the garden. Who would have thought buying plants would be so difficult?! We decided to go with roses and cottage garden plants and David and

Chloe had great fun with the planting and this will be ongoing from now on. We will be planting Bluebells and in containers, some small-growing fruit trees as a nod to The Bluebell Gardens and Orchards of the past.

Phase 3 - Below the retaining wall down to the Nuns walk wall has been cut back and sown with lots of wildflower seeds. We will see what existing plants grow back and will continue to deal with the brambles as they appear. We will look to see what we can do with this section in the future.

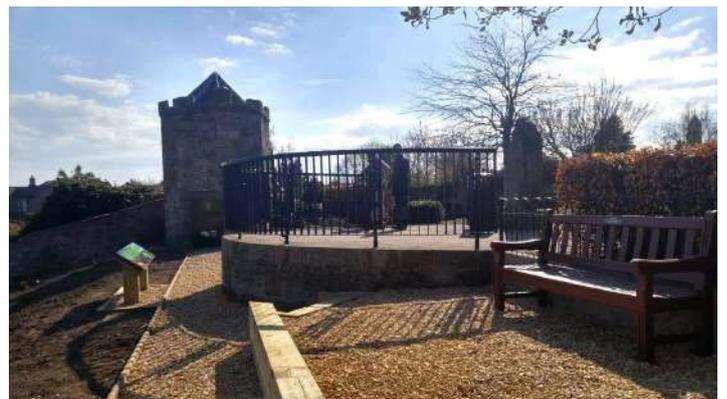
When they can, the Men's Shed members are going to make us bird boxes and bug hotels to encourage the wildlife.

David Shepherd Signs & Print has kindly donated an information board pointing out the points of interest seen from the view point as well as some local history. Also, an information panel about Dr Henderson (after whom the park is named) has been erected. Thanks to Trevor Swan and Will Murray for their help with this.

We would like to thank every single person who has donated money, plants, time and given us their support in the rejuvenation of the viewpoint garden. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we have had to keep helpers within guidelines. As restrictions are eased, we hope to get more people involved to help with this and any other areas in the town that may be in need of a make-over.

Henderson Park View Point Garden is now a lovely place to sit, relax and admire the view, the wildlife and let the Tweed take your worries away. We hope you go down and enjoy it, and, if we all work together, we can make our wee town braw again.

A huge "Thank You" to you all, Fiona & David Shepherd





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The limit on the number of people permitted to attend worship for normal Services has been increased to 70 at Coldstream Parish Church, which allows for 2 metres distancing. The national limit remains at 50 for weddings and funerals.

Covid-19 restrictions are easing, the incidence of coronavirus in our area is very low, the most vulnerable people have now been offered two vaccinations and we are keen to welcome people back to Church. For this reason, the Services on the Church Website are ending. The last Service took place on 16 May. Although there will not be weekly Services online, both the Website and Facebook page will continue to be important places to go for news and information. The website: www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk



A number of Weddings and Baptisms will be taking place soon, most of which were postponed from last year. We offer our very best wishes to all the people who have been waiting patiently.

The Rev David Taverner

New Community Council?

As everyone will be aware, Coldstream has been without a Community Council since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is not possible to hold an election until August due to Covid-19 restrictions. If anyone is interested in standing for election to the Community Council, please contact Iain Dickson ijdickson@aol.com or John Greenwell 07872 122273. It is vitally important that Coldstream has a Community Council to represent our community. We have a few volunteers already but we need more so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

John Greenwell

Coldstream Art Group

Our local and much valued Art Group is restarting meetings commencing 17th May 2021. We meet in Coldstream Parish Church Hall on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Should you be interested in joining us, please contact Gordon Thompson on 01890 882455 to see if spaces are available, according to Covid 19 rules.



Coldstream Playgroup & Toddlers

We are sorry to announce that Coldstream Playgroup and Toddlers will be stopping our services by the end of June. After 20 plus years and upwards of 500 children enjoying opportunities to play alongside their peers, the committee and staff feel our groups are no longer viable. While Covid restrictions have not helped, it is the underlying issues of low numbers, few parents able to take on committee roles and the challenges of competing with the statutory sector in terms of staff pay & conditions or SBC support that have led us to finally close.

We would like to thank the many people who have helped us over the years. We have been so lucky to have had enthusiastic and committed staff, community-minded parents taking on vital committee work year on year and, of course, the wider community who supported our fundraising events so generously. Thanks too to the many businesses who have donated raffle prizes or funding with a special shout out for Andrea & the Co-op staff who supported us several times through their Community Fund. We are working hard to ensure our assets are passed on to local groups so that Coldstream families will still benefit by inheriting out toys & resources.

Brenda Robb

SWI NEWS

Despite not being able to meet in person the SWI has been trying to keep connected with various activities. There was a challenging town trail with the clues being in rhyme. Maybe the reason no-one got all the answers correct was because the rhymes were so bad! Well done Wendy and Eleanor who got most of the answers correct. We then had a competition to create one photograph, or a series of photographs, with objects beginning with the letters C, O, V, I & D. Congratulations to Isabel who won with her montage of flowers. Some of us have also been connecting via Zoom with other institutes both at county level and nationwide listening to talks and watching demonstrations. We are hopeful that we will be able to hold our summer walk this year and we are already working on our programme in anticipation of us being able to meet in person from September. Our trip to London will have to wait a bit longer. It's a fallacy that you need to be an expert baker, seamstress or knitter to be a member of the SWI. We are a group of likeminded women who meet once a month for an interesting talk, demonstration or chat. We try to make our meetings as diverse as possible so that over the year there will be something to please everyone. If you would like more information or are interested in joining us in September please speak to Susan on 07517084160.

Susan Burnett



**Coldstream
Community Trust**

After nearly five months of enforced closure the Centre was finally able to open its doors to regular classes on 17 May. There were many eager people keen to get back to their exercise, art and handicraft classes. For the foreseeable future the restrictions which we have become so used to must remain in place - social distancing, hand sanitising, signing in. These restrictions mean that some meetings or classes can't resume just yet but we look forward to welcoming you back when it is safe for you to do so. The deep cleaning in the form of our fogging machine continues so anyone using our facilities can be assured that we are making the building safe for you.

We now have a dedicated QR code so if you have a scanner on your smart phone please use this to sign in and out of the Centre. It is quick, safe and easy to

use. If you need help with it just ask. You can still use pen and paper if your phone does not support a scanner.

Anyone visiting the building may have noticed some rather unsightly areas at the main entrance. The snow in February brought to light a problem with damp around the door and roof. We are in the process of seeking funding to get this repaired and hope that it can be fixed very soon.

We are grateful to the National Lottery for funding to do much needed work on the kitchen by upgrading units and replacing some of the white goods. Work will be starting soon. Following feedback from many of the Centre's regular users we will be looking to introduce more exercise classes to the Centre.

We had another very successful May Day cake sale so a huge thank you goes out to everyone who baked, manned tables and came along to buy some of the delicious food on offer. We were also open for teas and coffees and many enjoyed the opportunity to sit and have a natter with friends (in line with social distancing rules of course). We made just over £400 - all of which helps keep YOUR Community Centre open and running. We hope to have our cafe open over the Bank Holiday weekend so if the sun is shining look out for the tables on the driveway.

We have been looking at other ideas to raise funds and have made a small amount selling books and DVDs. Activities such as easyfundraising and the energy switch bring in small regular amounts.

We are also grateful for the donations we have received from people in the Community - some of whom want their donations kept anonymous. Jan Dow's Pilates classes donated the proceeds from their online zoom sessions which have been taking place during lockdown so we thank them very much for their support.

If you don't currently receive our occasional email bulletin with Community Centre news, please email admin@coldstreamcommunity.com to have your name added to the list.

Susan Burnett

Ella's Quizzes

Thanks to everyone who entered my last quiz, it raised £371 for Children 1st.

The Meeting of Minds quiz ends on 31 May and the following quiz starting 1 June is for the Henderson Park View Point Garden Project. If you would like to take part in this quiz which costs £1, please email purves.ella@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01890 882551.

NORHAM OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 4 July 1pm - 5pm
Fourteen lovely gardens to view - Trail Map £3 from Norham Village Hall.
Refreshments, Plants Sale and Ginger House Garden Flower Stall

ST CUTHBERT'S FAIR, NORHAM

Relax Spend Eat Ice Cream Repeat!
Sat 17 July 2:00 - 4:00pm
Norham Village Green
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Coldstream History Society

The new History Society season will start on Thursday 7th October and thereafter, as previously, it will be held on the first Thursday of each month in the Community Centre. Posters will be displayed in the town with the details of the monthly talks.

The committee intends to invite the same speakers who were lined up for the 2020/2021 season and, hopefully, they will still be available. Whatever the outcome, we shall have a full programme of interesting talks over the winter months, pandemic permitting.

Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact the secretary, Veronica Fairbairn on 07775 350440 or simply come along to the first meeting. The annual subscription has increased slightly to £10 and visitors are also very welcome to attend any meetings of their choice for a charge of £2 per meeting.

We look forward to seeing all members again, along with any newcomers.

John H Elliot, President

FRIDAY HANDICRAFTS

Friday handicrafts starting up again on 21st May.

1:00 - 3.30pm in the Community Centre. £3 per session.

All crafters, knitters, or any others most welcome.

Any queries call Elspeth on 882211 or Ailsa on 882872.



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BAVS Charity Shop, Coldstream

It was great to be able open our doors again at the beginning of the month of May after lockdown and a flood! We took advantage of this and gave our shop a little facelift and it is really looking great. I would like to take this



opportunity to thank our Landlord, his contractors and an amazing group of volunteers who worked hard to get the shop to look the way it does.

For the time being we are still only receiving donations on a Monday and a Thursday but hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, we will revert to taking donations as we did prior to the pandemic. Look out for more information on any changes on Facebook and in our windows. We have had an overwhelming amount of donations come in since we reopened which is gratefully received, however, we highly recommend you contact the shop on 01890 882988 to book a time slot to avoid any congestion. As mentioned before, Monday is a great day to drop off your donations as the

street is often quiet with a number of the shops closed on that day. Unfortunately, due to limited space, we currently cannot take Reference Books, CD & DVD's but hopefully we will be able to accommodate these at some point in the future.

We look forward to seeing you in the shop soon.

Wendy Acornley

Coldstream Primary School Newsletter May 2021

Since we have been back from the second lockdown, there have been a lot of changes due to COVID-19. For example, we now have staggered lunch times and playtimes. The younger pupils of the school go out before P4/5, P5/6 and P7. We are using hand sanitiser more frequently as well as washing our hands. The teachers still wear masks too.

Each class has a different topic this term:

P2/3 and P3/4 are learning about Our Local Area.

P5/6 are learning about the Rainforest.

P1 are learning about Minibeasts.

P4/5 are learning about Future Toys.

P7 are learning about World War Two.

The whole school are enjoying their new topics and are learning a lot. We've settled back at school nicely since the second lockdown, considering all of the confusing changes that have been made.

Keeping in mind that the COVID-19 restrictions are still lingering, we're all keeping safe and having fun.

This is the last term before the Primary 7's leave for high school. They are looking forward to going and they're very excited but also nervous.

by Kiera and Charlotte, Primary 7.

We thank parents and our community for their continued support this year. We are excited to work with groups and partners in the community. If you have any ideas or projects that would enhance the learning of the pupils in the school, please get in touch with Mr Alan Reid, Class Teacher. Either by phone on the school's number or via email gw16reidalansteven@glow.sch.uk

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www.theoldpostofficeflowerroom.co.uk



CONNECTING THREADS

Tweed Forum, along with other partners such as SBC, has received funding for a project known as Destination Tweed. The aim is to create a shared use trail from the source of the Tweed near Moffat to Berwick where the river meets the sea. Part of the project will be a major 5 year heritage and cultural programme called Connecting Threads which will focus on the Tweed and its connections with the communities who

live near it. The project is still in the development stage but local communities and organisations will

be encouraged to identify, uncover and explore the cultural heritage of the Tweed and the value it holds for the people closest to it. Several exciting events are envisaged such as conferences, exhibitions, art workshops and a biennial river festival.

More information is available from Rachel Hunter at rachel@sup.org.uk or, to receive their occasional newsletters, email Emily Cropton at emily@sup.or.uk. www.sup.org.uk

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Mr and Mrs Sweety Lady are chuffed to let you know that Coldstream Sweets And Treats are on the move. We're moving about 100m along the High Street into the old Trotters (52) and also the newer old Trotters (54) which will be reopening as a Bakery with Mia Moo at the helm. It's been a super hard year, for everyone, and we would like to thank all of our customers who have supported us from the very beginning and throughout Covid. We very much look forward to seeing old faces and new in our new little emporiums of yumminess whether it's a Black Jack and a 1/4 dolly mixtures or a bacon roll and a Mia Moo cupcake that tickles your fancy. Love from Mrs Sweety Lady (aka Claire)

Scotland's GARDENS Scheme



Coldstream Open Gardens 2021

Once again there will be a rich variety of gardens open for everyone to explore, many open for the first time. All the garden openers will be delighted to share their garden triumphs and interests with you.



Sunday 11 July, 1pm - 5pm

Admission £5.00, children free.

• 60% to Coldstream Gateway Association

Other details: Tickets, teas, route maps, plants for sale and facilities will be available at the Community Centre on the High Street.



A REAL LIVE EVENT! AT LAST! - Concerts @St Cuthberts are Back!!

FIFI LA MER presents A JOURNEY INTO FRENCH MUSIC from Offenbach to Gainsbourg

Sat 5 June 7pm at St Cuthbert's Church Norham

Fifi La Mer are here to take you on a toe-tapping tribute to French music.

Along the way, Fifi La Mer tell the story of the humble beginnings of the 'Musette' (Parisian folk) in poorer Parisian areas, the Italians moving to Paris with their accordions, Offenbach music being played in more lavish venues, the chanson realist in Montmartre, songs from the first world war, the crazy 20s, Edith Piaf's classic French 'chanson' and finally 60s/70s French pop.

Featuring the vocals and accordion of Stephanie Mair and the clarinet and tenor sax of Olly Wilby, Fifi La Mer are among the best musicians in this style in the UK.

<https://www.ohlalamic.co.uk/listen.php>

And (but this is not compulsory!), come dressed as something French (ooh la la indeed!) - There might be a prize!

And there will be refreshments!

Adults £9 Children £4 Family Ticket £18

THIS WILL BE A COVID-SECURE EVENT FOLLOWING UP-TO-DATE GOVT GUIDELINES.

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Or from Norham Village Shop.So buy them NOW!

LET THE FLOWERS SPEAK - The Art, Gardens and Plants of the Impressionists

Saturday 03 July 5.30pm

St Cuthbert's Church, Norham

A Talk by David Mitchell, Broadcaster, Chair of Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Former Curator, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

Refreshments by donation. Tickets £5 in advance from Norham Village Shop or www.norhamlife.co.uk

TillVAS



Till Valley Archaeological Society,
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Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm Webinar via Zoom
 Dr Greg Finch: "The Dukesfield Project - and the rise of the North-East's lead industry"
 The lottery funded conservation and heritage project centred on the remains of a large lead smelting mill in Hexhamshire has increased our understanding of the regional lead industry, as explained by historian Greg Finch in this richly illustrated talk.
 To join the audience, you need to be a member of TillVAS, Lowick Heritage Group, Border Archaeological Society, or Coquetdale Community Archaeology and you must register in advance. Members of these societies will receive a link for registering a few days before each talk. Once registered, you will receive a further link that you can use to join the talk on the night."

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INTERESTED? Phone: Denise on 01835 826702
 Email: walkit@scotborders.gov.uk

LET THE FLOWERS SPEAK

Exhibition of Contemporary Artworks by Local Artists

2-4 July 10:00am - 5:00pm
 5 July 10:00am -12:00 noon

Norham Village Hall, Entry free
 Artworks for sale (cash/cheque only)
 Ginger House Bouquet Raffle
 Refreshments available



Berwickshire Community Fund opens to support local projects

The Berwickshire Community Fund for 2021/2022 is now open with £57,260 available for local community projects.

The fund provides support and assistance with the development of community-based projects for voluntary and community groups that are active in their local area.

Groups who wish to take forward projects that will be of benefit to the local community can apply for grants up to the value of £5k. The impact of the project needs to be measurable in terms of both the number of community members benefiting and the scale of that benefit, but funding can be used for a variety of purposes such as the purchase of equipment, small capital works, hire and running costs, maintenance costs and capacity building projects.

Berwickshire Community Fund is allocating grants in three rounds with £19,086 available in each round. The closing date for applications to the first round is Monday 26 July. For more information about the eligibility criteria and a copy of the application form, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityfund

All applications will be evaluated by an assessment panel who will then make their recommendations to the Berwickshire Area Partnership. They will then be considered as part of the agenda for meetings to be held on 2 September, 2 December and 3 March.

The Community Fund scheme is divided up between each of the five Area Partnerships - Berwickshire, Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot and Liddesdale and Tweeddale. For more information about other community funds, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityfund. To find out more about Area Partnerships, visit: www.scotborders.gov.uk/areapartnerships.

FIELD T FORK

Our summer term is looking sadly quiet again when normally we would be at our busiest welcoming schools and groups to the Hirsell from across the Borders, north Northumberland and the Lothians to explore and learn about food, farming and the countryside. Hopefully by August we will be up and running once more offering exciting outdoor activities, learning about where food comes from and having fun cooking in a safe and secure way.

This time of year is fantastic for spending time outdoors with so much to see and do, and we encourage you to explore the wild spaces around the Hirsell as permitted. Over the past months we have watched spring unfold, albeit slowly this year – take a look at what we spotted <https://youtu.be/JysdRwMRq4>. Further videos made over

the last year can be found on our YouTube channel.

There are lots of ideas available out there to encourage our young people to engage with the natural world around them and make outings enjoyable for all such as playing hide and seek, making an obstacle course as you go, taking a list of things to find or hugging different trees.

Or why not make a natural rainbow? To do this draw a 6-stripe rainbow on a piece of card (such as the side of a cereal packet) with a cloud at each end. Take it out into the garden, park or woods where there are a variety of natural colours. Collect fallen petals and leaves of different colours (avoid picking anything still living in the wild unless there is lots of it around and then only take small pieces). Sometimes a careful search is needed as some things are not their obvious colour. Lay these on the rainbow outline with the purples on the inside, then blue, green, yellow, orange and red, the whites go in the cloud! If you like your collection can be taken home and stuck down.

Have fun!



Sally Fleming

REFLECTIONS FROM ST MARY & ALL SOULS - PRAYING IN PYJAMAS

A word that has come into common use during the months of lockdown is "Zoom" (with a capital Z). To give Zoom its technical definition, **Zoom** is "a cloud-based video communications app that allows you to set up virtual video and audio conferencing, webinars, live chats...." On television we have become used to seeing people speaking from their own homes; the bigger the group, the smaller each picture becomes.

Starting with very little technical knowledge, using Zoom many thousands of us have been able to visit families – see the new baby, the new dog; meet friends in a virtual pub – bring your own drink; share a gossiping lunch – cook something tasty; take part in a quiz – bring paper, pen and a brain.

When lockdown meant there could be no services in churches, clergy and congregations found other ways of worshipping, with many services being made available on YouTube. The Berwickshire Episcopal Churches Group (St Ebba's in Eyemouth, Christchurch in Duns and St Mary & All Souls here in Coldstream) saw their Rector, Rev. Chris Jones, become somewhat of a Zoom guru.

We started with a live Communion service on Zoom every Sunday morning with Chris presiding in his study. One Sunday we were joined by the Bishop of Edinburgh (and had a good view of his kitchen!) People from all three congregations have been regular attenders and it has been a good opportunity for us to get to know each other - without having to travel. Of course there were some teething troubles. After one attempt we realized that because of the time lag, congregational singing was not an option! The Zoom host now has the responsibility of muting everyone so that we can all "sing to our heart's content" without creating a discordant cacophony. If it is your turn to read you have to remember to unmute yourself in good time. The order of service is now on Power Point so we can all follow easily.

As well as Sunday services we have been able to Zoom into Morning and Evening prayers every weekday. The 10am short service has developed into a time of chat, fellowship, worship and bible study with over a dozen folk involved. This has been especially appreciated by those isolating on their own. But even though we are now out and about more, Morning Gathering is still well attended. At the 6pm Evening Prayer we have been travelling the world looking at how different countries are coping with Covid and other situations.

Part way through lockdown, before churches were opened to congregations, Chris set up cameras, projectors and screens in all three churches. He braved the cold of unheated buildings (apart from an unseen heater beside him) and, for a number of weeks, led the Sunday services from each of the three churches in turn, with the congregation joining on Zoom.

Now the churches are open so we have people in the building and people on Zoom sharing the service. In church we still wear masks and still can't sing, but it is good to see and speak to people directly (and realise that they still have legs!) Returning to St Mary's it was as if I had never been away; there is an air of excitement in that we can now start to look forward.

Back on Zoom I am **at** church, even if not **in** church. I can sing (provided I am muted). I don't have to travel in bad weather. There is another bonus when worshipping on Zoom: if I oversleep, as has happened at least once, I can just put on a sloppy jumper, run a comb through my hair and pray in pyjamas.

Alison Tams

If you'd like to Join us, or find out what's going on, you would be very welcome (even in pyjamas).

Our Service times in St Mary's are: Sundays – 9:30am.

From July, on the first Sunday in the month we're starting a brand new service – our Sunday Morning Gathering – an open, inviting, reflective service in the Celtic Tradition.



Mid-week – Monday to Friday – on Zoom - 10:00am Morning Gathering, where we chat, engage with what the Bible has to say today and pray together. And 6:00pm Evening Prayer, where we pray for families, friends, congregations, communities and countries around the world.

(Zoom log in details are available on our website or from our Rector.)

If you'd like to know more please check out our web-site: www.stmaryscoldstream.org.uk Or follow us on Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandallsouls> Or contact our Rector, Rev Chris Jones: 01361884326, rector_bt@hotmail.com



Question - what do you do if a wooden footbridge used by the public is slippery underfoot?

- Do you: a) put some sort of netting/wire over the existing boards to help make them non-slip?
 b) replace the boards with new ones which have a non-slip surface?
 or c) commission and erect 4 specially printed, costly signs to warn that the bridge is slippery?

Answer below ! :



Hard to understand the Council logic here! Or is it just me?! - Ed

This is the footbridge over the River Leet at the Dovecote which has recently had these signs erected.

Royal British Legion Club Reopening

Coldstream British Legion Club will be reopening on the 11th June. As everyone is aware, we will be moving to Covid-19 Level 2 from Monday the 17th May. Reopening is going to cause us some challenges, we have to ensure that the club is Covid-19 safe for both customers and staff. We are encouraging anyone who wishes to book a coffee morning, please call into Streamers Sandwich Bar and book it in the town diary. If you want to book an event at the Legion, please contact Elaine Lowrey on 07769 205440 or email Ewager32@hotmail.com

It is planned that Coffee Mornings will commence from 12th June. Maximum numbers we can allow to attend coffee mornings will be 40 due to Covid Level 2 restrictions.

We are also wishing to start Bingo up again. Can anyone wishing to attend Bingo please let us know as soon as possible. Please remember that there will be different seating arrangements so that we can be Covid-19 compliant.

We plan to hold our AGM as soon as possible and members will be informed once we have a date.

Any Legion/Coffee Morning queries, please get in touch with John Greenwell.



COLDSTREAM COFFEE MORNINGS



Please note, these dates are taken from the town diary but there is no guarantee that the list is accurate nor that they will even take place at all.

For more up-to-date guidance/info please contact John Greenwell.

12 June *No booking in Town Diary*
 19 June *No booking in Town Diary*
 26 June *No booking in Town Diary*
 03 July Coldstream Amateur Football Club *BL*
 10 July Coldstream Gateway Association *BL*
 17 July Coldstream Twinning Association *BL*
 24 July *No booking in Town Diary*
 31 July Coldstream Pipe Band *BL*
 07 Aug Presenting Coldstream *CC*
 14 Aug *No booking in Town Diary*

21 Aug Coldstream Junior FC *BL*
 28 Aug *No booking in Town Diary*

*BL - British Legion Club CC - Community Centre
 CT/E - Clock Tower /Eildon*

The Town Diary is now held in Streamers Sandwich Bar. Please fill in full details of your coffee morning or other event. Any queries regarding the Diary should go to Elspeth Bell on (01890) 882211.