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Coldstream Police Station has been put up for sale by Police Scotland. There is also an opportunity for interested bodies to take on this property via an Asset Transfer. Any interested individual, group or organisation should take a look at the following links: [www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015/](http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015/) [www.voluntarysectorgateway.org/organisationservice/community-ownership-support-service/](http://www.voluntarysectorgateway.org/organisationservice/community-ownership-support-service/) If you require any further information please contact [john.greenwell@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:john.greenwell@scotborders.gov.uk)



We were one of the few Community Centres or village halls in the Borders to have been open outwith the enforced lockdown periods and Pilates, yoga, exercise, art, handicraft and Latin classes have been enjoying regular sessions in a clean and safe environment. We were able to do this because of the hard work done behind the scenes preparing our risk assessment, deep cleaning, signage and getting PPE equipment in place. Adrian's presence at the entrance whenever a group came in provided reassurance. Going forward the deep cleaning with our fogging machine and regular cleaning of surfaces will continue so you can feel confident when you attend an event or a class at the Centre that we are keeping you safe. At the time of writing, although some restrictions have eased, you will still be required to wear a face covering and sign in for test and trace purposes. Also be aware of other people's personal space as there will still be a degree of caution from some.



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## Contact Details for Coldstream Organisations, Clubs, Groups etc.

In the next edition of the Community News we will publish our annual list of contact details for local clubs & organisations. Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume that there is no change from last year. An online copy of the 2020 Winter CCN can be viewed in the News section of the Coldstream Community website: [www.coldstreamcommunity.com](http://www.coldstreamcommunity.com) If you wish to update/amend the information for your organisation, please email us on the address above (before 12th November) or use the contact details to the left. Please also inform us if your organisation wishes to be removed from the list and, similarly, if there are any additions which were not included on the 2020 list, please let us know. Thank you.

**Deadline for items for the Autumn Edition of CCN is Friday 12th November**

CONTD FROM PAGE 1 - It was good to see so many local people and visitors pop into the Centre during Civic Week. The layout of the hall was much praised and we got lots of positive feedback about the exhibition, crafts and refreshments. It takes a lot of hard work to put something like this on so thank you to everyone who helped. A lot of photographs were taken of Joey who was positioned in the front garden. The exhibition also featured on local TV so well done to Anne for organising that. After the success of Civic Week, the Centre's cafe will be open over the August Bank Holiday weekend, Friday 27th to Monday 30th.

We have some interesting events coming up with a family fair organised by BAVS on Saturday 18 September from 11am to 3pm. If your children have outgrown their clothes there will be the chance to swap them for others. Many groups will be in attendance and there will be lots of fun activities for children. It's all free so come on down.

Rhodes2Safety are running an emergency canine first aid training day on Sunday 3 October from 10am to 1.30pm. You will learn how to perform CPR, bandaging, how to cope with choking, stings and many other ailments. Knowing how to behave in an emergency could save your dog's life. Contact 07946 208817 for more information.

On Sunday 10 October there is a craft de-stash from 11am to 4pm. If you had great ideas during lockdown about learning a new craft, bought all the kit and didn't do anything with it, take a table and sell it on to someone else who wants it. There will be tables with all sorts of crafting items - buttons, wool, crochet hooks, card making, stencils, fabrics and much more. Take a table for £10 and book it through the Community Centre on 01890 883332 or email admin@coldstreamcommunity.com. There will be light refreshments of tea/coffee and home baking available.

After the success of last year's festive teas we will be holding them again on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December. This will give people the opportunity to see the Christmas decorations. More details will follow nearer the time and hopefully this year the regulations will allow us to have music playing.

Would you be interested in joining the Board of Trustees who help run the Community Centre? There are currently seven of us but we still don't have the time to do all the things we would like to do in order to keep the building in good shape for the people of Coldstream. If you are able to commit a few hours a month we would love to hear from you. Many of you will have skills and knowledge gained from your working life which could be of great benefit to us. We are supported by our part-time staff Adrian, Margaret and Susan who have great enthusiasm and commitment. Please email admin@coldstreamcommunity.com or phone 01890 883332 and one of the Trustees will be in touch.

After many years of hard work Pat Fulton and Mary Murray stood down from running the Centre's 200 Club and handed over the reins to Sandra Law and Sally Campbell. The handover has been seamless and prizes are still being awarded every month. For only £5 per month, if you would like the chance to win up to £250, contact Sandra on 07989 893620 or Sally on 07979 271097 for details and a standing order mandate. All proceeds from the 200 Club go towards the upkeep of the Centre.

Susan Burnett

## THE MILK BOTTLE TOP SAGA

Sadly, after many years, the milk bottle top collection in Coldstream is no more! However, before it is consigned to the realms of history Ella and I thought it would be nice to memorialise it in the CCN and also thank all the people who have helped over the years.



It all started with Ella collecting tops mainly from SWRI (as it was in those days!) members and then she and her husband John taking them to Hector Innes in Kelso where they were added to those collected by members of the Kelso Rotary Club. I joined the SWRI and told Ella that I was happy for my shop in Market Street to be used as a collection point and that kind of opened the floodgates! My husband Eddie used to take bags and bags up to Ella and John and they took them on to Kelso. Quite often it was a tight squeeze to get themselves into the car with the bags of tops!

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***This is a copy of a letter which was sent to MP John Lamont, local Councillors John Greenwell & Donald Moffat and the Biodiversity Officer at Scottish Borders Council. Do you agree or not? CCN would be interested to hear from you.***

### **JURASSIC PARK??**

"I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Coldstream about the state of the town. Things have progressively worsened since I last sent any correspondence to you.

Penitents Walk which runs alongside the Leet River is in a terrible state. Children cannot get down to the river to paddle or play because of the strip of grass that has been left for 'biodiversity reasons' (as per the posters). This has always been a popular area for small children to enjoy and that has now been taken away from them.

The grass was cut yesterday but round the dilapidated benches it has been left waist high. Hardly enticing people to sit and enjoy the grassed area and river.

Regarding the biodiversity poster and wildlife, has wildlife just arrived in Coldstream? When I was a boy fishing the Leet there was much more wildlife, i.e. a variety of fish and eels which I seldom see now, if at all. The Leet and Tweed Greens were always a hive of activity with returning campers and caravans. There is certainly no way this could happen now with the state these areas are in.

We spent many a happy hour as children fishing the Leet and playing at areas that cannot be reached now. If the strip of grass is only going to be cut once a year, maybe we will find a crocodile or lions in there by the end of the 365 days.... I walk my dog down this area numerous times a day and have spoken to passers by and they have asked me why the town is in such a mess. Hardly encourages anyone to stay or come back to the town.

Also, regarding the wooden bridge leading to the Lees, surely it would have been cheaper to put the bridge back to the way it was with chicken wire, for safety, rather than the cost of erecting signs that can hardly be seen now for the long grass. I look forward to your reply as I know as a resident of the town you will want the best for the first true border town."

Kind regards

Guy Stephenson

## **Coldstream Parish Church**

There are services in the Church every Sunday at 11.15am.

As Covid restrictions have been relaxed, so normal church activities such as hymn-singing have been resumed.

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 26 September at 11.15am when there will also be an opportunity to make a donation to Christian Aid.

We expect a normal Remembrance Sunday to take place this year on 14 November.

St. Mary's Church will be hosting evening Taize Services this autumn, and we look forward to joining our friends there.

Please keep up to date with news and developments on our Website:

[www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk](http://www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk)

The Rev David Taverner



## **WANTED - OLD SPECTACLES?**

If you have any old spectacles/sunglasses lying around would you be willing to donate them to me? I will use them to make articles to sell in aid of Mary's Meals and Scottish Air Ambulance. Please contact me on 01890882872 or 07837696647 or e-mail [farmace03@hotmail.com](mailto:farmace03@hotmail.com)

to arrange for collection.

Thank you,  
Ailsa Dickson



## **COLDSTREAM ART GROUP**

The Autumn Term of the Art Group will commence on 6th September 2021 from 1:30 - 4:30pm, in the Parish Church Hall.

Any potential new members can find out more from Gordon Thompson on 01890 882455.







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## FLODDEN 1513 CLUB

On Thursday 9th September, club members will leave the Besom Inn for the club's Flodden memorial on the Tweed Green at 6.00pm. The Club Flag will be carried by Bill Rutherford and the Borderers' Return Flag will be carried by Davey Scott of Duns. Rob Bell will pipe the company to the Tweed Green.

At approx 6.10pm a short service will take place to commemorate Abbess Isobel Hoppringle and the nuns of Coldstream Priory who brought back bodies from Flodden to be buried in the consecrated ground of the Priory. A floral tribute will be laid by the Chairman.

From Coldstream the company will travel to Branxton Church car park. The company will parade from the car park to the Flodden Memorial led by Rob Bell, arriving at the Flodden Memorial for 7.00pm.

The service at the memorial will consist of lowering of the flags, a minute's silence followed by toasts to King James the Fourth given by Michael Aitken from Hawick (official singer to Hawick Common Riding), and the toast to the Border Men Who Fell will be given by Tom Weatherston from Kelso (SBC councillor). This will be followed by a tribute from the Ex. Standard Bearers from Selkirk. A floral tribute will be laid at the memorial by an Ex-Coldstreamer.

Following this, the company will retire to the Royal British Legion, Coldstream for a small social evening.

The Flodden 1513 Club would welcome everyone to come along to these ceremonies.

On the 6th November the Club will hold its popular annual dinner in the RBL Coldstream.

James Bell  
Chairman, Flodden 1513 Club



## Coldstream Men's Shed Re-opens



**Coldstream Men's Shed re-opened their workshop at the Rodger Hall on 10th August and will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now on. The shop on the High Street will be open daily from Monday to Saturday.**



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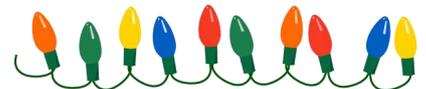
The Hudson Hirsell awards panel is able to meet again and we are looking for applications from local groups and associations for the next round of awards in November. Application forms and guidance notes can be found on the Community Centre's website or call the Centre on 01890 883332 for a copy. Completed applications, marked for the attention of the Secretary of HH, must be submitted to the Community Centre before 1 November.

The fund can grant awards of up to £3000 which will benefit Coldstream community. The request can be for a contribution towards running costs or capital initiatives; for 'seed funding' for larger projects, or to help organisations maintain the momentum of their basic aims and objectives. Who can apply? - Voluntary Organisations with an approved constitution, charities regulated by the Charity Regulator, OSCR or Community Interest Companies where there is clear evidence that assets are locked in the community.

Susan Burnett

### COLDSTREAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

will be illuminated for the first time on Sunday 28th November. Look out for more details in the next edition of the Community News.



### Time to Change

Hello to all my wonderful customers new and old. I am changing the shop at the Old Post Office Flower Room. I have been at the shop for 2 years and most of that has been behind closed doors because of Covid. Well, now is the time to start phase 2 of the shop plan. 69 High Street will be changing to Castrim Coffee Shop and Ice Cream (Giacopazzi). I will still be selling cards, wool, gifts, toys and knick-knacks just as before but with the addition of coffee tables, sofas and chairs for the coffee shop. There will only be 16 seats. The Flowers will be moving to their very own studio at 1 Nursery Lane.

All this is an ongoing process and, from the 18th of August, flower orders will be online or by phone until the shop is up and running at the beginning of September. So, please remember to place your flower orders online at [www.theoldpostofficeflowerroom.co.uk](http://www.theoldpostofficeflowerroom.co.uk) or call 07481 008060. We will only be providing delivery until the 1st week of September.

Castrim Coffee Shop and Ice Cream will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm (this may change slightly but we shall start with 7 days a week).

Hope to see you all soon.

The Coates Family



## COLDSTREAM SWI



Even though our last proper meeting was in February 2020 Coldstream SWI hasn't been idle. In-between lockdowns we managed a pop-up meeting to make Christmas decorations and in May we were able to hold our AGM. On other occasions we had virtual coffee mornings, virtual summer drinks, quizzes, competitions, raffles, walks, and zoom meetings. A large group had a very enjoyable afternoon tea at the Plough at Allerdean and most of us left with doggy bags!

We are so pleased that we can finally all meet in person on 16 September for the start of our 2021/22 season. The committee is working hard to get the programme ready in time and once again we have some interesting talks and demonstrations lined up. "Gadgets" is the key word for our September meeting.

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Community Centre. If you would like to join us or just find out more about what we do please call Susan on 882562. Apart from our Visitors' Night which is for invited guests only, you are welcome to come along to any of our meetings (men too).

Susan Burnett

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## BOYS' BRIGADE

It's a new session, but where will we meet? That at the moment is the unknown.

Like last year we will meet outdoors until we know more.

While we meet outdoors, we will meet once a month, on a Saturday afternoon. Our first session will be on Sat 28th August in the afternoon at the Hirsell. I will message parents with the time & place to meet.

Boys Brigade is open to any boy in Primary 2 - Primary 6. If your son would like to join, please contact me.

Fiona Mann, Captain

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# THE MILK BOTTLE TOP SAGA

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Sadly John’s health started to fail and Ella had to give up the top collection but Myra and Norman Thomson from Birgham offered to take the tops to Charlesfield to be processed. This continued until Eddie died and then they came to the shop and collected them. When ill health forced them to give up Rob Smith’s cousin Christine from Kelso used to come to collect them every Friday morning!

And then we had COVID and everything stopped! When things started getting back to normal Rob Smith offered his shop as a collection point and this continued until sadly the Rotary Club closed in June, 2021.

Over the years the tops have come, not just from Coldstream, but from a’ the airts! I had bags of tops from Perth Prison via Martyn Law. Alison in Norham brought me bags that her daughter who ran a canteen in Cramlington saved and brought up to her mum when she visited. I had a lady who came with bags that the Brownies in her village collected from all the villagers.

One lady turned up on January 1<sup>st</sup> with 16 bags and was surprised that I didn’t greet her with open arms! (We were grateful for the tops – her timing was just a bit off!) I had holidaymakers who visited Coldstream a couple of times a year who saved their tops for us! One lady used to come in with her bag of tops – every top that she could prise off the bottle or jar! She was so pleased with them that I never had the heart to tell her that I had to dispose of most of them!

One of the nicest memories is the elderly gentleman who came into the shop and asked Eddie if this was where you handed in the tops. When told “Yes” he dug deep into his pocket and carefully put ONE top on the counter! As Eddie said, “It might be the top that tipped the scales” and it was gratefully received.

These were just a few of the people I have met over the years.

So many people in Coldstream collected them and handed them in as well as the school, the Health Centre and lots of other businesses. When you looked at the amount of tops that were collected in a week you would have no doubt that Coldstream was a very healthy place to live - going by the amount of milk drunk!

Over the years the amount of money raised for charity has been considerable and to everyone who collected tops and all the people who helped the onward progression of the tops to their final destination, Ella and I would like to say a huge “Thank you”! We couldn’t have done it without each and every one of you and we are very grateful to you all.

Helen Park & Ella Purves

As Covid restrictions are coming to an end, Macmillan Cancer Support Group, Coldstream Branch will at last be able to arrange some events for the future. The first on our agenda will be the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning which we will be holding in Coldstream British Legion Club on Saturday 2nd October.



We will also be holding our annual Charities Fair in Coldstream Community Centre on Saturday 30th October. Our popular Soup & Sweet event is likely to be on Saturday 19th February 2022 - look out for details in the next edition of CCN.

Our fund raising calendar is still for sale but numbers are limited so if you would like one please email [coldstream2022calendar@gmail.com](mailto:coldstream2022calendar@gmail.com) or contact me Susan Vassallo on 07790384181 or 01890 882696. They’re a bargain at £6 (postage extra). We have had a great response from people and, as you can see, it contains some wonderful photographs. It would make a great Christmas present for people who live in Coldstream and for those living in distant lands who want a reminder of home.

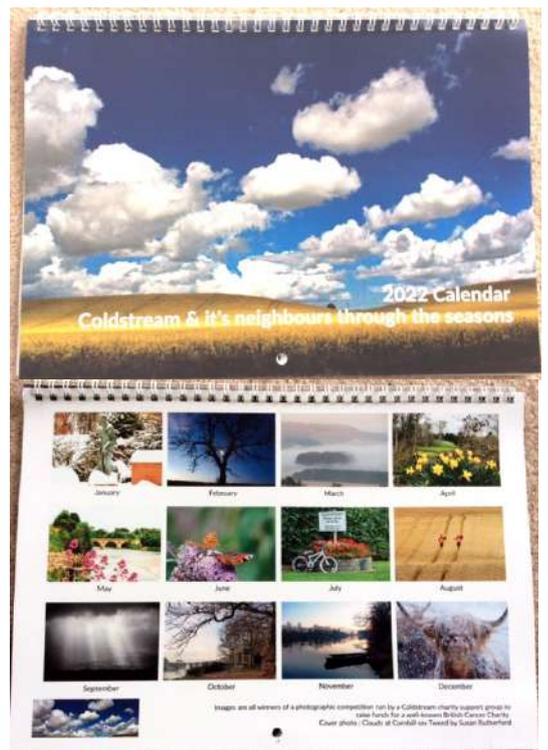
Can I thank the people of Coldstream who attended the garden openings at Marlfield, Ruthven and Coldstream where our committee laid on Covid-friendly picnic bags full of homemade goodies. They went down a treat and over £1000 was raised for Macmillan.

It’s been a hard year for many charities but I personally would like to say a big thank you to my committee and to everyone who has donated to Macmillan over the past eighteen months. It has been much appreciated.

If anyone would like to join our committee, either come along to our meeting in the Parish Church Hall on Tuesday 31st August at 2pm or contact me on the above numbers.

Thank you.

Susan Vassallo, Chairperson



# COLDSTREAM'S VERY OWN A-TEAM!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August saw the first performance by Coldstream Pipe Band since 2019. It should have been the Opening Ceremony of Coldstream Civic Week which was sadly cancelled for a second year due to Covid 19. Henderson Park was once again being used by the community and it was great to see so many people in the park. As we sat there listening to the band, we also listened to the wonderful comments people were making about the park... we have never seen the park as busy and we cannot help but smile!

Yes, David and I have taken on the upkeep of Henderson Park, but we could not have done all the hard work on our own, we press-ganged friends and family to help. We would like to say a huge thank you to Sandra Law, Malcolm Campbell, Steve McGregor, Martin Brims, Mark Goodwin, Keith & Kirsty Guthrie, Sophie Shepherd, Theresa Spencer, David & Wendy Guthrie, Pat & Mike Rowe, Rob & Elspeth Bell, Elaine Balmbro, Chloe McGregor and Alex & Lynne Borthwick. Also, ex-Coldstreamers Derek

Balmbro, Gareth Watson, Martyn Law, Andrew Guthrie, James Bell, Raymond Dickson, Richard Dickson, Kevan Younger and our garden mascot Alba Guthrie. A special thank you to Alex Borthwick and Alex Clark for making the fabulous Bug Hotels and Bird Boxes and a huge thank you to everyone who has donated plants. We cannot thank everyone enough for their help and support. It is Coldstream doing what Coldstream does best, working together for the benefit of the town.



Ella Purves has recently done one of her great quizzes which raised nearly £300 and the collection at the pipe band performance brought in nearly £200. This money to go toward the upkeep of the existing flower beds. Over the winter we plan to work on reinstating the sensory garden. We hope we can get Coldstream Primary School involved in this and we plan to get them to do a time capsule that we can bury in the garden. If anyone knows someone who can read Braille, we need their help to read the signs to know which plants should be planted. We will continue to work on the other flower beds, as they have become very overgrown in some areas. We will be working on the steep slope at the view point and will add some plants to add structure and attract the wildlife.

As well as looking after Henderson Park, we have taken on the Memorial Garden behind the War Memorial - thanks to Steve McGregor for helping in the pouring rain. And, along with Sandra and Martyn Law, on a sunny Sunday morning we cut back the overgrown viewpoint at the layby along from Charlie's Monument. So, you can now sit on the benches and enjoy that fabulous view.



We are not a formal group, we are a group of good old Coldstream folk, who have come together to improve our town. If you would like to get involved just let us know. You don't have to be the best gardener, just someone who wants to get involved in making our wee town looking brow again.

We hope you enjoy sitting at the viewpoints, watching the wildlife and appreciating how lucky we are to have the best view in the Scottish Borders on our doorstep.

Fiona Shepherd



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# COLDSTREAM SOCIAL & LITERARY SOCIETY

Greetings to our members and thank you to everyone who completed the survey that was sent out in late August 2020. With the recent relaxation in COVID-19 restrictions, we will be aiming to return to regular meetings, starting in October 2021.

The Soc & Lit Committee is meeting shortly to develop a programme of activities for 2021-22 and the responses to the survey will be very helpful as we make our plans.

For those who may be interested in joining the Society, our last programme (2019-20) included an enjoyable and diverse range of talks. We learned about Border Search and Rescue, Volunteering at the Commonwealth Games, Marchmont House and many other fascinating topics. Our meetings are friendly and relaxed and we are always keen to welcome new faces. The programme for 2021-22 will be announced in the near future so watch this space!

Paul Shepherd, Joint Secretary

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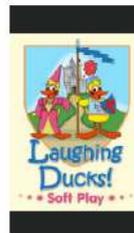
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Berwickshire Connect Youth

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## EXERCISE CLASSES

It has been a difficult year for everyone due to COVID restrictions, but we have managed to offer classes when we can, thanks to all the hard work of Adrian and the team at the Community Centre. As restrictions are lifting, we should be able to offer more spaces on all classes. So, if you would like to shake off some of the Lockdown blues and get your body moving again, perhaps one of the classes below would be ideal for you. All classes are held at Coldstream Community Centre.

### PILATES

We run 2 sessions every week as follows:

Tuesdays: 17:30 - 18:30 open to anyone who would like to improve core strength, flexibility, and mobility. Suitable for all levels as exercises can be adapted to suit your needs.

Thursdays: 11:15 - 12:15 (although this may revert to 11:00 - 12:00 once all restrictions are lifted) aimed specifically at those who have orthopaedic concerns, such as aching shoulders, stiff backs etc., and helps improve posture, mobility, and flexibility.

Classes cost £5. per session - payable 1 month in advance. You will need to bring your own mat with you.

### GENTLE EXERCISE (GEx)

We run 2 sessions every week as follows on behalf of Fitborders:

Mondays :11:30 - 12:15

Thursdays: 10:00 - 10:45

Low Impact, fun aerobics set to great music. Can be standing or seated. Come and sing along to the great tunes whilst doing your heart, posture, and flexibility a world of good. Classes cost £4, payable on the day.

For more information on any of the classes,, please contact Jan on 07741 530777 or email [jdconsultants@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jdconsultants@hotmail.co.uk)



## Hudson Hirsell Trust Fund – Successful funding for Coldstream Riders’ Association storage container

As you are all aware we fund-raise very hard to be able to organise the Civic Week rideouts year after year for the town. Every single penny we raise goes straight back into the pot for the following year which means we do not have surplus funds to make additional large purchases even if they are required for a smoother running of our committee tasks.

Earlier in the year we applied to the Hudson Hirsell Trust Fund board to secure funding to allow us to purchase a container to store our equipment in.

We are delighted to say that we were successful on this occasion and were granted almost the full funding required to cover the cost of the storage container. Without the successful grant funding from the Hudson Hirsell Trust Fund, we would not have been able to complete the purchase of the container as our budget just would not have stretched that far.

We cannot express our thanks enough to the board and Hudson Hirsell for their generosity which enabled us to complete this project. The container has now been delivered and is safe in its new home at a secure location ready to be put to good use.

Hope Leifer, Treasurer, Coldstream Riders’ Association

Hudson  Hirsell



# TillVAS



**Till Valley Archaeological Society,**  
 Website: [www.tillvas.com](http://www.tillvas.com) Twitter: @TillVAS  
 TillVAS is a not for profit organisation  
 recognised as charitable by HMRC

**Wednesday 1st September at 7.30pm in Crookham Village Hall (doors open at 7pm)** - this will be our first live talk in Crookham since March 2020 and it will also be broadcast live. This is a joint venture with the Union Chain Bridge project who have the equipment needed to film and broadcast the talk. Tickets for the free broadcast are available from [www.wegotickets.com/UnionChainBridge](http://www.wegotickets.com/UnionChainBridge)

Katherine Tiernan, a Northumbrian now living in Berwick, will speak on her novel "Cuthbert of Farne" telling the story of the life of St. Cuthbert. It is the first novel in a trilogy about St. Cuthbert and his community, starting in Cuthbert's lifetime and ending in Durham in the eleventh century.

You can choose whether to come to the Hall or to watch the talk live at home. Please note that it is not being recorded so you will not be able to watch it later.

**Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm in Crookham Village Hall (doors open at 7pm)**

David Jones of Coquetdale Community Archaeology will speak about Dere Street, the Roman Road which crosses Upper Coquetdale on its way to Trimontium Roman Fort near Melrose and the River Tweed.

This talk is free for TillVAS members. Visitors are most welcome on payment of £4.00

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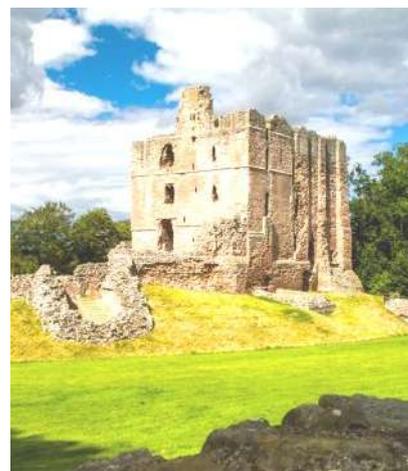
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## Norham Castle Big 900th Birthday Picnic Sat 11th Sept 10am-4pm

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 fair!  
 Gary Dunn, children's  
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 Norham Choir!  
 Guided Tours of the Castle!  
 History exhibition in the  
 Norham Village Hall!  
 Refreshments!  
 And the knightcrows.....



## Coldstream Premier Cru Cycling Club

Although our numbers have not returned to full strength since the first onset of the pandemic, they are slowly recovering. Our Sunday rides are purely social affairs when the world can be put to rights and a coffee and cake can be enjoyed at a half way point. There is no racing....if you go too fast you will just have to wait at some point until the slowest rider catches up. We ride, for the most part, as a group and look out for each other.

This summer has been extremely kind to us weather wise and we have had no call- offs because of poor weather. The sun shines on cyclists!

Our routes are many and varied. From Coldstream we head for Kelso where we are joined by more riders and a group decision is agreed upon as to our destination for that day. We always cycle into the wind so that, when we are tired from our exertions after coffee, we can enjoy a tailwind home.

Our destinations have included Hawick, Denholm, Selkirk, Lauder, Duns, Eyemouth, St Abbs, Wooler and all places in between. We know all the coffee stops and frequent only the best. We are an extremely discerning bunch of coffee aficionados.

As you can see from the destinations our Sunday rides are usually about the 50 miles in length at a fairly easy pace. If you cycle at all and are reasonably fit that should present no problem to you. If you are just starting out you could join or leave the ride at any point. Even if it is only 5 or 10 miles to start with it will not take long before you are looking forward to the longer routes as your fitness and stamina improve. Cycling is a superb way to stay fit and it is made more pleasurable when riding in company. With the rising popularity of electric bikes there will be no problem in tackling a longer ride. Just make sure your battery is fully charged.

Bikes don't have to be expensive or fancy. As long as they are mechanically sound and you are comfortable on board, then you are good to go. It is always a good idea to carry spares (especially tubes) and even better if you are competent enough to be able to change a tyre in the event of punctures. If you are unsure there is always help at hand to ensure you complete your ride with us. It is also a good idea to bring a full water bottle ( hydration is always important) and a few quid in your pocket for that welcome coffee and cake. A mobile phone and a waterproof is also a good idea ( just in case!) and maybe a snack to eat during these 'empty' moments!

As always, we meet every Sunday (weather permitting) at 9am (sharp) at the Court House Car Park. From there we head to Kelso for 9.30am to meet the other riders.



## LODGE ST JOHN NO. 280 - Work still in progress

Work continues at the Masonic Hall and, now the scaffolding has been taken down, the building is starting to look good. Externally the front door has still to be replaced and the lower brickwork refaced. The downstairs windows are also to be painted. Internally we have painted the upstairs rooms, which has returned them to their original splendour and also been enhanced by the addition of a new masonic carpet. To cap it all we have installed a dual zone gas central heating system to ensure that all the users of the hall can stay warm in the winter months.



We recently had a set back when part of the lounge ceiling came down and we are currently replacing all the ceiling in the lounge with fire-retardant board. Once that is complete we will replace the front door and renovate the remaining downstairs part of the hall.

We are hoping to complete this work by the end of August as we expect to be able to recommence our meetings and open the hall to our users in September. There is still a lot to do and we thank all those who have helped us in our renovation efforts.

If you wish to know anything about masonry, becoming a mason, or using the hall then please contact Peter Greenwood, Secretary on 07891 449 732.

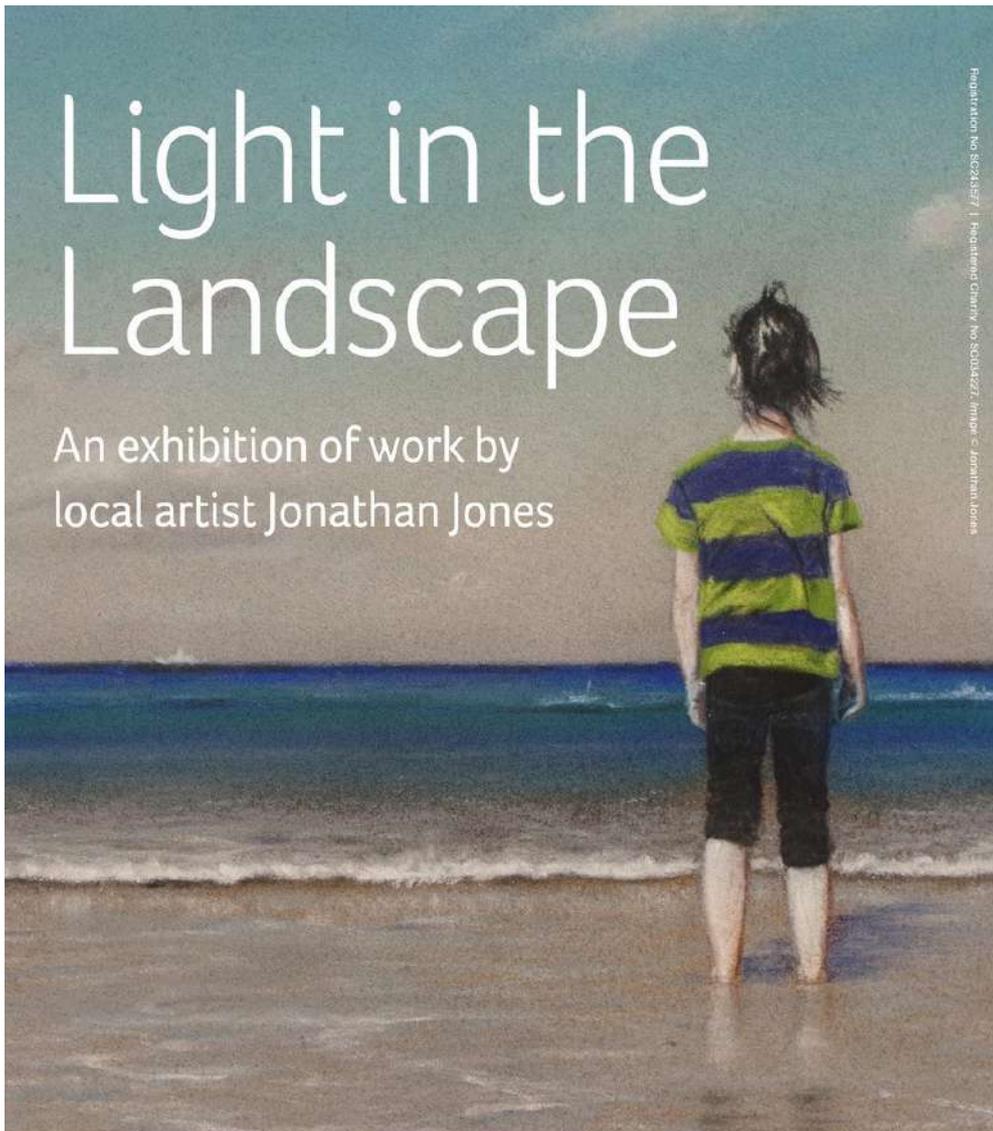


On 1st July a long era came to an end as Rob Smith of Howden's Pet Foods stepped into retirement having sold the business. Rob had been at the helm for 47 years. He started as the youngest shopkeeper in town and finished as the oldest!

The new owner is Christine Grant, a fully qualified SQP with over 30 years experience in the trade.

W.E. Howden is the oldest business of its kind in the world having been established in 1830 and the place where the world's first sheep dip was manufactured and sold. It was last refitted in 1896 and attracts visitors from all over to be regaled with tales of yore and to photograph the unique shop front and interior.

The shop will not change as Christine intends to maintain the historic heritage and provide the same services which have been available over the years. She is only the fifth owner since 1830. The fully qualified staff will remain, the van deliveries will carry on and the service will remain 'second to none'! The two popular brands of dog food, Coldstream Crunch and Kelso Cobbles which are exclusive to the business, will also carry on using the same recipes as ever. If you have a pet, be sure to support your 'local' supplier and ensure it carries on for another 200 years. If you don't have a pet be sure to pay a visit as they supply vast quantities of food for wild birds too! Farewell Rob and welcome to Christine. Coldstream leads them 'a!



# Light in the Landscape

An exhibition of work by local artist Jonathan Jones

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29 July – 30 October 2021

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**Why not contribute to the Community News either as an individual or on behalf of a group or organisation? We are always on the lookout for different items to publish - in fact anything of interest which is relevant to the community of Coldstream & district. Full contact details are on the front cover and we are happy to accept items at any time for publication in the next CCN edition.**

## Ella's Quizzes

Thanks to everyone who bought my last quiz which raised £298 for the Henderson Park Viewpoint Garden Project. It was a very difficult quiz and, although I had 163 quizzes returned, only three people had it all correct, so a third prize was awarded. The winners were J Fulton, Coldstream, J Sims, Barnsley and J Brown, Dumfries.

My new quiz is to raise funds for the Restoration of the Memorial Gardens at St Mary's and All Souls Church. The topic is Beatles songs with the titles in anagram form. If you would like a copy please



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Thanks for your continued support of my fundraising efforts.

# JOHN LAMONT MP

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## SBC Councillor's Update

I hope that this update finds everyone safe and well as we now move into what is going to be an uncertain time with the lifting of most restrictions. I would urge everyone to proceed with some caution.

After nearly 18 months without a Community Council I am pleased to say that we are about to see our Community Council be in place during August and the first meeting will take place in early September. I have had some interesting talks with those people who are keen to see the Community Council back up and running and I am sure it will do its best for those of us who live in Coldstream and its surrounding district.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Fiona Shepherd and her team for all the work they have done in Henderson Park. What a difference this has made. I am sure that this will enhance any visitor's experience when visiting Coldstream. As in other towns, volunteers have shown what a difference they can make when working in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council. What I am now doing is asking SBC now that they do not have to use their resources to maintain Henderson Park, where can we shift those resources to within the town? Having looked at the Leet Green, this could well be an area that has more attention paid to it. Having inspected the benches along the Leet green which are pretty shabby (rotten), maybe these could be replaced.

In response to the key board warrior who wrote to the Berwickshire News recently, I am pleased to say that the new cemetery plans at Ladiesfield are now beginning to move forward. SBC has, as with all new developments, had to have outside organisations carry out investigations on the proposed site. Most of these are done but the archaeological investigation has yet to be completed. The work is expected to take 20 weeks with completion date mid-January, subject to the findings of the archaeology report. I would urge anyone who has an issue to contact me in the usual way either by email or telephone.

I continue to work hard to get the best I can out of SBC for our great town of Coldstream and for all the constituents in Mid-Berwickshire.

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## Coldstream and District Local History Society

After a fallow year, due to the pandemic, Coldstream History Society is delighted to announce a full programme of talks to be given by some excellent speakers for the coming season, 2021-2022.

### 2021

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	The Eyemouth Fish Tithe Riots	Norrie McLeish
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	The Why, Where, When and How of the Scottish Border	David Welsh
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Heraldry of the Scottish Border Towns	John Malden

The meetings will all take place either in the Tweed Hall or the Leet Room of the Coldstream Community Centre depending on the Covid restrictions in operation on the day. They will all commence at 7.30pm with the exception of the March meeting when a 2.30 pm start will be trialled. New Members will always be made welcome.

Dates for 2022 will be published in the next edition of the Community News.

# Reflections from St Mary & All Souls, by Alison Campbell

In July we started a brand-new service – our **Sunday Morning Gathering**. This is an open, inviting and reflective service in the Celtic tradition; and one we’re planning to hold every first Sunday of the month. Our aim is these services are a less formal and a more playful way to approach worship. We’re encouraging those who gather to suggest hymns and readings that fit with the theme. They needn’t be traditional hymns; they just need to have some meaning for the person choosing them, and hopefully they will be appreciated by all who come.



The theme of our first service, last month, was **“Hope”** as we started to feel our way back to normality after eighteen months dominated by masks, vaccines and isolation. And as things start to ease and we can all safely stand a little bit closer to each other it was encouraging to see more people being tempted back into the building, and even some new faces.



This month’s theme was **“The World”** and we had some great music (including Louis Armstrong – What a Wonderful World) and readings. Alison Minter shared with us a little from her trip to NASA and how that had inspired her to make the new cover for the altar table (see picture). In our prayers we remembered the 4.1 million people who had died across the world so far from Coronavirus; for those known to us around the world and for the Coldstream Guards serving around the world.

Looking forward our themes for the coming months include: **September (5<sup>th</sup>) - “Reflections in the Ordinary”** - we’re encouraging people to bring their



favourite mug to the service! I hope you are as intrigued as I am about quite what we are going to do with them on the day.... Come along or follow us on-line to find out more!

**October (3<sup>rd</sup>)** - our focus will be **“Harvest”** and how thankful we are to God for the food we grow locally and across the world. There are lots of lovely old hymns as well as many new songs and some different thoughts and prayers.



**November (7<sup>th</sup>)** sees the UN climate change conference in Glasgow and so we’ll focus on **“The Environment and Sustainability”**. We’re already encouraging people to get involved with Stitches for Survival <https://stitchesforsurvival.earth/> who are organising a 1.5-mile banner for the conference with messages of support for Climate Action and Climate Justice. It will be made up of hand-crafted panels, each 100cm wide by 60cm high, predominantly in blues and greens. We are hoping to have enough completed panels from Berwickshire to make our own section and the deadline for local collection is September 17<sup>th</sup>. See our FB page or the website for more details.

**December (5<sup>th</sup>)** will obviously have a Christmas theme – **“Advent Sparkle”** – and we’re hoping to have added sparkle by encouraging all those who want to, to come dressed in something that sparkles to fill us all with Christmas cheer.



If you’d like to join us for these, or any of our services (see times below), then all of our services are both in-person and on-line via Zoom (great if you’re still in your pyjamas at 9:30am!). If you have the internet but struggle with it (like most of us over the age of thirty) it is often best to ask a teenager to help you!

Our Web-Site - <http://stmaryscoldstream.org.uk/> - is now up to date, and we have a new Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandallsouls> - so please keep checking it for any updates including pictures of the Sunday Morning Gatherings we’ve had so far. We also have a YouTube link for the sermons which can be found at ‘Berwickshire Episcopal Churches Group’.



Looking forward, we’re planning to start an **On-Line Alpha Course** around the end of September / beginning of October – so keep an eye on our web-site and FB page for more news. We’re also in the early stages of re-starting an evening **Taize service** – again “watch this space”.

**Our other service times are, currently:**

**Daily Morning Gathering:** Tuesday 9:45am – approx. 45min of catch up, chat and prayer

**Evening Prayer:** Monday – Friday 6:00pm – approx. 30min to find a quiet space at the end of the day to rest in God’s love, to chat and to pray. (these services are on-line via Zoom)

**Sunday Service: 9:30am** - our Sunday services are both in-person and on-line (apart from 12th & 19th September)

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Were these photos taken on a) a C road, b) a D road, c) a farm road or d) Coldstream High Street?

No prizes for guessing! You could easily take a further 40 or 50 similar pictures.

It's bad enough if you're driving on 4 or more wheels but positively dangerous if you're on two wheels.

**Time for some resurfacing perhaps??**



## COLDSTREAM COFFEE MORNINGS



**At the time of going to press, these are the most accurate**

**Coffee Morning dates available in the Coldstream Diary. Usual start time is 10:30am.**

28 Aug	No booking in Town Diary	
04 Sept	Coldstream Riders Association	BL
11 Sept	Coldstream British Legion Club	BL
18 Sept	Coldstream Flower Show	BL
25 Sept	Presenting Coldstream Assoc	BL
02 Oct	Macmillan Cancer Support	BL
09 Oct	Coldstream Amateurs FC	BL
16 Oct	Coldstream Gateway Assoc	BL
23 Oct	Senior Citizens' Trip	BL
30 Oct	Macmillan Charities Fair	CC
06 Nov	Poppy Scotland	BL

13 Nov	Parish Church Fayre	PCH
20 Nov	Coldstream Bowling Club	BL
27 Nov	Coldstream Twinning Assoc	BL
04 Dec	Coldstream Gateway Assoc	BL

*BL - British Legion Club CC - Community Centre  
PCH - Parish Church Hall*

**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.**