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Coldstream Civic Week is Back! Sunday 31 July - Saturday 06 August 2022

After a long two years, Presenting Coldstream Association was delighted on Friday 8th April to install Mr Christopher Lyons as our Coldstreamer 2022 and Mr Harry Shepherd as our Right Hand Man. Sadly, due to a change in circumstances and the past 2 years of pandemic, Mr Jono Wallis will be unable to fulfil his duties as Left Hand Man and he has stepped down from this role. We would like to thank Jono for his term in office and wish him well for the future.

Since the Installation, our Principals have been busy attending the Installations of the 2022 Principals around the Borders. They represented the town at the Berwick Bounds, the first ride out of the Common Riding season. It was a glorious day, with a great turnout of horses and a good day was had by all.

They were present at Coldstream Burns Club Bridge Ceremony on Sunday 8th May to celebrate the historic visit of Robert Burns to Coldstream in 1787.

The Presenting Coldstream Association committee members are busy working hard putting together our 2022 programme. Civic Week will be a bit different this year, with some events moving days and venues. Raffle tickets, Flodden Day Breakfast tickets and Civic Week Ball tickets will be on sale shortly so please look out for posters and social media for details of these events. We are also busy putting together the Civic Week printed programme. We are looking for photographs of the Queen's visits to Coldstream. If you have any photographs you would be willing to share with us, please send them to the Secretary, Fiona Shepherd.

If you have not been in contact and would like to sponsor an event or help in any way during civic week, please get in touch with any committee member or with our Secretary on 07842 885870 or via email fionashep@btinternet.com Flodden Day is Thursday 4th August. We look forward to seeing you all in August to celebrate the return of Coldstream Civic Week. Hip Hip Hooray!



Good luck and best wishes from the CCN to Christopher Lyons, our 2022 Coldstreamer

COLDSTREAM/BENNECOURT TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWS - We're almost ready to pack!!



It is so exciting to confirm that Coldstream Twinning Association is definitely travelling to Bennecourt, France in a few weeks' time. We are all so looking forward to catching up with friends we haven't seen since their New Year visit to Coldstream in 2019!

We now have a confirmed 38 people taking part in the trip. 29 of the Group will be travelling on the coach which leaves Coldstream on the evening of 9th July 2022 and arrives in Bennecourt the next day. There is something glorious about travelling this way!

We just walk up the street with our suitcases, pop into The Besom for a bite to eat, get rid of luggage directly onto the coach when it arrives, then settle down to a relaxing journey reading and snoozing along the way. We have a number of "comfort" stops throughout the journey and time to have breakfast too, before arriving in Bennecourt – where the fun really begins.

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

COLDSTREAM/BENNECOURT TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWS contd.



Just imagine: No busy airport or station to get to then find your way around, No security to go through, No baggage reclaim to negotiate

JUST BLISS !

There are still a few places left on the coach – so get in touch if you would like to join us.
The coach returns to Coldstream on 17th July 2022

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Each Adult fare is £160, each school aged child fare is discounted by 50% so £80 per child

To reserve your place or for any other enquiries contact:

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Vice Chairman: Joy Thomson – joyalex@btinternet.com 07765 778708

Joy Thomson

Ever wanted to volunteer but don't know where to start? BAVS is holding a volunteers' fair in the Community Centre on 1 June where we, along with a number of other local organisations, will be showing you the volunteering opportunities on offer. The Community Centre in particular, is hoping that we may be able to attract some more people to join us as trustees. If you don't want to commit as a trustee perhaps you would be able to give a few hours a month. We need help in areas such as fundraising, HR, events planning and ICT (computers). We'd love to hear from you.

We are holding a taster session for social dance classes on Wednesday 29 June at 7pm. You don't need a partner but if you have one bring them along. Our instructor, Richard, will help you perfect your footwork in dances like cha-cha, waltz, salsa and tango. This taster session will cost £5.00 per person.

Put 24 September in your diaries for the beer festival. As well as local beers we are hoping to highlight some other local drinks such as gin and whisky. We are running it in conjunction with Presenting Coldstream but if you'd like to help us in the planning process do get in touch.

Tables for the craft market on 16 October are selling well and we are looking forward to welcoming back many people who attended the 2019 market.

Any enquires about room bookings should be sent direct to Adrian on booking@coldstreamcommunity.com, general enquiries to admin@coldstreamcommunity.com or any questions relating to this article send to info@coldstreamcommunity.com. Messages can be left on 01890 883332.

Susan Burnett



Coldstream
Community Trust

Coldstream Parish Church

On Sunday, 5 June at 11.15am, a special Service is being held at Coldstream Parish Church to celebrate **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. This will be a community event involving Coldstream Churches Together.

As part of this, every organisation in the town is being invited to send one or two representatives to this service who are asked to wear something which will identify them as a member of their group.

Once again, tea and coffee and biscuits are being served in the Church Hall after Sunday morning services, and the **Men's Prayer Breakfasts** have resumed in the Church Hall every other Saturday morning at 8am.

A **Worship Team**, made up of local people, is now playing a regular role in worship. The Team conducts whole services every other month, and leads part of the service at other times. The Worship Team has an increasingly important part to play in the life of the Church.

Do you like to sing? Every other Sunday at 10.15am, there is an informal gathering in Coldstream Parish Church Hall for a time of singing hymns old and new. All are welcome.

The popular **Summer Teas** will be taking place on Thursday afternoons during the months of July and August. Volunteers are required to help with these.

On a sadder note, the **Boys' Brigade** has had to close because there are no serving Officers. The town of Coldstream should give special thanks to Fiona Mann for her leadership, enthusiasm and commitment as Company Captain over the past eleven years. We are also grateful to all who have helped with the running of the Boys' Brigade. Our best wishes, especially, go to the many boys who have been part of the 1st Coldstream Boys' Brigade Company.

Please keep up to date with news and developments on our Website: www.coldstreamdistrictchurches.org.uk and on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ColdstreamKirk>.

Rev David Taverner





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Ella's Quizzes

My last quiz in aid of the Flower Show raised £323 and the lucky winners were J Brown and B Home both from Coldstream.

My current quiz is for Breast Cancer Now which ends on 31 May and the next quiz is for Berwickshire Riding for Disabled. Email if you would like a quiz which costs £1 to purvesjewk@yahoo.com or pick one up from Sanderson's Butchers.

Thank you for your continued support of my fundraising efforts.

Ella Purves

Coldstream Gateway Association - Volunteer Helpers

As the Gateway Association has a relatively small committee, we are keen to make up a register of volunteer helpers whom we can call upon if and when required. The Association is responsible for the Community News, the Christmas lights and Coldstream in Bloom floral displays. We already have brilliant teams of volunteers for watering the floral displays and for delivering the Community News. However, it would be good to have a group of people we can call upon to assist when planting the flower displays, helping to maintain them and also for assisting when we have coffee mornings and fund raising events. As a volunteer you wouldn't have to join the committee but we would certainly also welcome any new committee members. If you are willing to be included in our list of volunteers or join our committee, please contact our secretary Pat Fulton on 01890 882791 or email patfulton@hotmail.co.uk

Funding Coldstream Christmas Lights Display

Just in case you missed it in the last edition, an online "Just Giving" page has been set up so that anyone who would like to make a donation towards our annual Christmas lights display can easily do so. So far, £404 has been raised and the Gateway Committee would like to express sincere thanks to all those who have given so generously. Our target of £500 has not yet been reached so, although being aware these are financially demanding times, we would be extremely grateful for any financial assistance you feel you can give.

We are always trying to improve the display but new and replacement lights are very expensive and our electricity costs are inevitably going to rise.

To donate, please go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coldstreamchristmaslights or simply go to the "Just Giving" website and search (top right magnifying glass icon) for Coldstream Christmas Lights and then scroll down the results page until you see a photo of the Christmas tree outside the Parish Church.

PS The three elements of Coldstream Gateway Association (Christmas Lights, Coldstream In Bloom and, of course, the Community News) rely entirely on volunteers to keep them going but we sincerely hope that they play an important role in enhancing our local community.

Coldstream Social & Literary Society

After a very varied and enjoyable programme of speakers and events for 2021/22, the Society's AGM was held on 21st March. Our President, Beth Tweddle, paid tribute to the sterling work of four committee members who were retiring (Jenny Farish, Alison Tams and Colin & Jennie Milne) before gifts and thank you cards were presented as a token of the Society's appreciation. A quiz was held after the AGM, with prizes for the winners.

Our 2022/23 programme has been planned already and the broad range of speakers means that there should be something for everyone to enjoy. Further details will appear in the Autumn edition of Coldstream Community News, but in the meantime, you may wish to put the first meeting date in your diary. It's at 2.00pm on Monday 3rd October 2022 and our speaker is from the Chain Bridge Honey Farm. As usual, the venue is the Community Centre. We look forward to welcoming back current members and we hope, new faces too.

Finally, the Society's much anticipated annual summer outing is taking place on Monday 13th June. This year, we are visiting Duns Castle, which promises to be a very interesting occasion, especially as Alick Hay gave an excellent talk to us in November last year about the castle and the Hay family. Naturally we are hoping that the weather will be good for our trip!

Elsbeth Shepherd, Secretary

SWI

What a relief to complete our first full year of meetings post lockdown, and with only one minor amendment to our programme. We had a cascade of new members join us for the new session in September and they have all taken part with gusto. Thinking it wasn't good enough, Maggie Hanlon very hesitantly submitted an entry to the county level Christmas wreath competition and came third. Coldstream then swept the board with the county level centenary trophy with Georgina Jahre coming 3rd, Isabel Johnston 2nd and Ella Purves 1st with an exquisite shawl (so fine it can pass through a wedding ring). To cap it all we were ecstatic with our results at the Federation Show in Duns in April. Our institute came third in the main community class section and were awarded two scores of 10 (well done Jan Brown and Karen McKinlay) with a total score of 78.5 out of 100. We came first in the second community section - trouncing the opposition - with our exquisite sweets with a score of 28.5 out of 30. As if that wasn't enough Isabel Johnston, Ella Purves and Jan Brown all submitted individual entries and did extremely well. And then didn't Lou Washington just go and win the trophy for the best item in the whole darn show with her amazing needle-felted badger. Go Coldstream!

The other prizes that were awarded were for our own competitions over the year and it was fantastic to see two rookies share the prize for the letter competition - Sandra Casey and Maggie Alexander. The main competition was won by Jan Brown who always seems to come up with the oddest items to attract the judges' eye. Well done to all our members who took part in our competitions - whether they won or not. Instead of a coffee morning this year we had a "win an Easter afternoon tea" raffle which was very popular. The lucky winners were presented with an amazing selection of sandwiches, savouries, cakes and chocolate. We received very favourable feedback from the lucky winners.

In between competitions we had a wide range of meetings - even with some men coming along to listen - and generally had a great year. (No - a FANTASTIC year). We have a couple of outings planned for the summer - our annual walk and afternoon tea - then we return in September. If you'd like to join us for our new session, we meet the third Thursday of the month in the Community Centre, keep an eye on our Facebook page. Can't bake, won't bake? Can't sew, won't sew? Don't worry - you don't need to be able to do anything creative to come along and enjoy our meetings (one of our Chris's and the President will attest to that). Not retired? That doesn't matter - we are there for women of all ages. The committee is already working on the programme for 2022/2023 and we look forward to welcoming lots of new (and old) members on 22 September 2022 at 7pm in the Leet Room of the Community Centre.

Susan Burnett





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- 4 Sausage Rolls
- 2 Gammon Steaks
- 2 Spicy Bacon Bombs
- 2 Lemon Pepper Chicken
- 1lb Haggis 2 Pork Nests
- 2 Marinated Pork Steaks/Schnitzels
- 4 Beef Olives
- 2 Loin Lamb Chops

Bank of Scotland Mobile Bank - Coldstream visits

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Wednesday 27th July	Wednesday 10th August
Wednesday 24th August	Wednesday 7th September



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Coldstream & Hirsell Curling Club

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The Border Ice Rink in Kelso will be holding sessions for beginners. Eve Muirhead's Rink won the Ladies Olympic Gold Medal and you will have the opportunity to experience the sport of Curling.

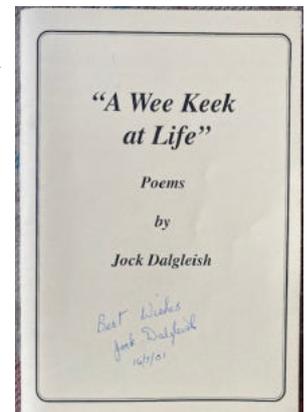
For further information contact Ann Tait, Coldstream and Hirsell Curling Club, email aa_tait@hotmail.com

Hope to hear from you.

Can you help?

Anyone willing to part with a copy of "A Wee Keek at Life" poems by Jock (or Jocky) Dalgleish, please contact 07843 829134. Thank you.

Wanted →



Honour Our Troops Closure

Honour Our Troops would like to thank all the people of Coldstream and surrounding area for all of their wonderful support over the past 12 years. Sadly, due to the current circumstances, Honour Our Troops has had to close. All remaining funds were donated to Legion Scotland, Royal British Legion Coldstream and Coldstream Community Centre (to continue the upkeep of the Memorial Gardens). During more than a decade of work, Honour Our Troops continually assisted military veterans, serving personnel and cadets throughout the United Kingdom in all manner of ways, not just financially. We also assisted within local communities. This was made possible by you.

Honour Our Troops appreciates all of the skills, donations, fundraising, work, materials and so much more that you gave freely. Most of all you showed that in coming together, all things are possible. Thank you for your support and we hope that whatever projects you get involved in or help with will be appreciated as much.

In honour, Mr Chris Palmer

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St. Mary's and All Souls, Coldstream

A view from the virtual pew:

Rae writes: On-line Services for me have been a lifeline, during which (on Zoom) our Rector, Chris, has enabled us to meet for Morning / Evening services with members from each church on both Sundays and mid-week. The on-line Sunday services have been a real blessing and those of us who join on-line have never felt like 'spectators' – on the contrary we have been able to take part in the service through reading and leading prayers. Our on-line mid-week services have included praying for counties around the world as well as prayers for healing and for our families and friends who need our prayers. Evenings around the world have been especially interesting with news and statistics showing how each country is coping with the pandemic. Zoom has also enabled us to 'visit' friends and hold other meetings, and we have had lots of chat, fun, and laughter for which I am so grateful.

Coming up at St. Mary's:

Platinum Jubilee:

We're looking forward to all of the Celebrations that will be taking place in the Community over the Jubilee weekend: 3rd - 6th June. And on the Sunday 5th we'll be joining with our sisters and brothers at the Parish church at 11:15am to celebrate together.



before



after

Memorial Garden:

The work on our garden is coming along, and thanks to the help of so many from the community we have cleared the ground, and now treated the weeds. Our next step will be to turn over the ground and prepare for planting. We're hoping to create one area dedicated to loved ones we've lost, including children, neonatal and still-born, looking to offer a cairn where stones can be placed with the loved ones name written on it. Alongside this we're also looking to create a 'joyful memories' garden where, when it's ready, we'd like to

encourage people from the community to come and plant some bulbs – spring, summer or autumn flowering – to create a space of joyful colour. Please keep an eye on our Face-Book page to see how you can join in and help.

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**Daren R
Bruce**

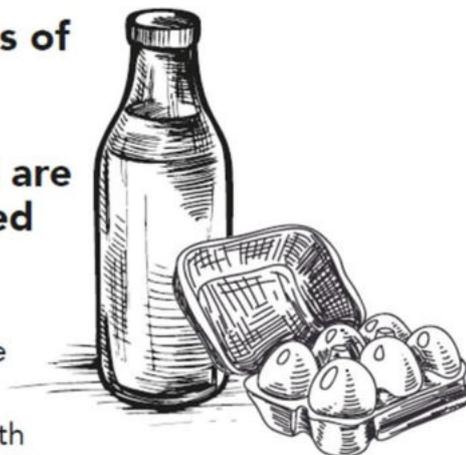
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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

We are celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** with a Volunteer Fair in Berwickshire.

The event will take place during Volunteers' week between 1-7 June 2022.

We would like to invite everyone in our communities to join us in celebrating all the fantastic contribution that volunteers make in Berwickshire but also an opportunity to showcase a range of local causes that people can support.

Come along to celebrate our volunteers and local causes!

We will be providing cakes, scones and refreshments, raffles, and live music - we aim to make the events celebratory and fun.

The events will take place in the following towns (open to the public from 2-6pm):

- Coldstream**
1 June, Coldstream Community Centre
- Eyemouth**
6 June, Eyemouth Community Centre
- Duns**
7 June, Volunteer Hall



For information on the Training Courses offered by BAVS, please visit www.bavs.org.uk/training events

Peep Group for 1 - 2 year olds

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Coldstream British Legion Club

The 11th November 1971 marked the opening of the British Legion Club in its present premises. Previously the Club had premises in the Courthouse Building before moving to the Old Fire Station. It was therefore quite fitting that the Legion moved to the old Drill Hall, premises with such military connections.



The club was officially opened by Earl Haig of Bemersyde, son of the founder of the British Legion. Others who addressed those present at the opening were Major C Hickman, Dr B J Sproule and Rev J Jackson. The building had been purchased from Lowland Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for the princely sum of £800 and had now been transformed into a well equipped and luxurious club valued at £6000. Much of the work had been carried out by members themselves but tradesmen who were involved included Geo. C Rutherford for plumbing, Thomas Fulton for building and N.A. Swan for electricians. The building was soon to become a social and entertainment centre for Coldstream and the surrounds.

Those serving on the club committee at the time were Major C Hickman, J Fulton, A Home, J Mitchell, J Bell, R Galbraith, P Hermiston, M Boyle, G Robson, R Turnbull, B Young and F Mitchell.

Covid restrictions prevented us marking our 50th anniversary last year so we are preparing to make amends during 2022. It is our intention to hold a supper evening with entertainment on Saturday 12th November, remembrance week-end. This will be a function open to all but hopefully to some who were in attendance at the official opening. A night to renew old friendships and re-tell old tales. Watch notice boards and social media for further details.

The present committee has strived to continue using the premises as an asset to our community with opportunities to hire the premises for parties, dinners or other social functions as well as providing recreation in the form of snooker, darts and pool. Various local charities and groups throughout our community make full use of the club for Saturday coffee mornings as a means of raising funds.

Once again there will be a full programme of events on in the Legion during Civic Week so watch notice boards and the Civic Week Programme for details and come along and support your Local Branch.

Russell Kirk

Community Larder for Coldstream

One of the suggestions that came out of the Community Action Plan Questionnaire was a Community Larder but **what are Community Larders and how do they work?**



Community Larders are open to everyone and enable us to **reduce food waste by taking surplus food collected from supermarkets and giving people a chance to use it.** We would also accept any donations of surplus fruit and vegetables from your garden/allotment or of food (so long as it is in date). This helps to reduce our impact on the environment and helps save money – everyone's a winner!

A Community Larder includes addressing food poverty as one of its aims but it operates quite differently to a food bank. No referral is required to access the larder and people have the ability to choose what items they want to take.

A group of six of us from the Community Council, the Community Centre and the local churches are working on how we can deliver one in Coldstream. We have looked at a few potential sites but are open to any suggestions and offers of help, particularly from any of you who might have had experience of setting one up or have volunteered at one.

Please let one of us know if you have any ideas or offers of help. **Alison Campbell, Fiona Shepherd, Susan Burnett, Tracey Wiczorek, Mike Rowe, Russell Kirk** or email secretary.coldstreamcc@gmail.com

COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

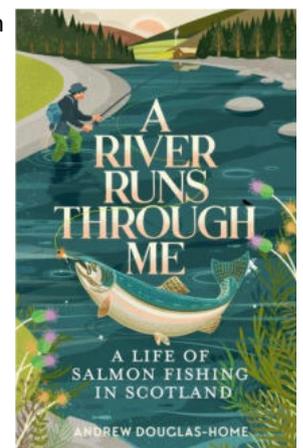
The History Society invites Members and Visitors to a talk by Andrew Douglas Home of the Lees on his book "A River Runs Through Me" on Thursday 26th May, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Leet Room of the Community Centre followed by wine & cheese.

Andrew Douglas Home has written and recently published a book about his life of salmon fishing on the Tweed which also covers other aspects of his time at The Lees where he has spent much of his boyhood and most of his adult life.

On learning about the publication of the book, the History Society committee felt that, in terms of local history, it was too good an opportunity to miss and was delighted when he agreed to give the talk, making it a late addition to our scheduled programme. Visitors, along with Society members, are welcome to attend. The book will be available for purchase on the night and wine & cheese will be served after the talk.

CIVIC WEEK

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd August, members of the History Society will be present in the cafe at the Community Centre to show videos, slide shows and photographs from past Civic Weeks. Members of the public are invited to call in and view the extensive collection held by the Society.



COLDSTREAM BURNS CLUB

It was announced at the recent AGM of Coldstream Burns Club that Mrs June Gray has kindly donated facsimiles of two letters belonging to her late husband John Gray, written by Robert Burns. These letters have shown to be of interest, not only to the Club but also to Burns scholars from Glasgow University and a Burns expert in the USA who wishes to study them further. The Club has since had the letters framed and from now on they will be kept with the rest of the Club archives but will be on display from time to time at Suppers and other events. Coldstream Burns Club is extremely grateful to Mrs Gray for her generous donation and has expressed its gratitude by offering her honorary membership, making her the first lady member of the Club. Mrs Gray was present at the Annual Bridge Ceremony on Sunday 8th May when she accepted honorary membership and officially presented the framed letters to Club Chairman, David Douglas.

It was further announced at the AGM that the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns will be delivered at the 2023 Supper by the well-respected Burnsian and good friend of Coldstream Burns Club, Jane Brown. Jane was, for many years, landlady at the famous Globe Tavern in Dumfries which was regularly frequented by Burns during his time in that town. She is also a past-President of the Robert Burns World Federation and a much sought-after speaker at Burns Suppers and other events. Jane was also present at this year's Bridge Ceremony where she gave the toast to the Club.

This year, as Coldstream Burns Club is returning to a normal, rather than a virtual Annual Supper, the committee has decided to merge into one event, the two Suppers previously held, which will be open to all members and anyone else who is interested in joining the Club. An invitation is therefore extended to anyone not already a member, either male or female, to apply for membership. The Club is particularly keen to attract younger people into membership to ensure its 134 years existence is continued into the future. Membership application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, John Elliot, Tel. 07761791803.



Mrs June Gray presents David Douglas Club Chairman, with the framed Burns letters and receives Honorary Membership

St. Mary's and All Souls (contd. From p.6)

“Open for Discussion”

We've recently started a new venture in Castrum Coffee on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the month at 7:30pm. Hopefully creating a space where people can feel free to come along and share ideas, open out questions etc. relating to both local, national and global issues. Then allowing for opportunity to not only explore how these questions might challenge how we live but to see what, if anything, the Bible has to say that might help as we consider these questions. We're seeing these evenings as open, where we're open to exploring the questions without necessarily having to find the answers. You'd be very welcome to pop in and join us as we explore together.



Our regular Sunday services:

- 1st Sunday – 9:30am – Sunday Morning Gathering – our Celtic style service.
 - 2nd Sunday – 9:30am – Communion
 - 3rd Sunday – 9:30am - Communion
 - 4th Sunday – 5:00pm – Taize Service. A quiet and contemplative service which we share with the Parish Church.
 - 5th Sunday – 11:15am – This is our group service where we gather together at one of our churches to worship together.
- The dates/locations for the next 5th Sunday services are:
 29th May - at St. Ebba's
 31st July - at Christ Church.

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Get on YOUR bike this summer!

We have come through the winter and spring seasons this year with no cancellations because of bad weather. As summer approaches, NOW is the time to make the most of our amazing countryside by getting out on your bikes. After a few shorter rides to acclimatise yourself if you haven't been out for a while, you should be fit enough to join us every Sunday for our weekly Club ride. With Covid restrictions now lifted, our numbers are slowly starting to rise once again which makes for a good ride out in good company.

We meet every Sunday at the Court House Car Park at 9am and cycle to our first stop in Kelso where we pick up more riders. Our rides are usually around the 40/50 mile mark at a reasonably easy pace and well within any reasonably fit cyclists capability. All we ask is that you don't take on too much too early in your fitness regime and that you have a mechanically sound bike. You should be confident about simple bike maintenance and be able to fix a roadside puncture. However, there will always be others there who will be able to help.

You don't even have to do the full rides. You can drop out at any time if you don't quite feel up to it and no-one gets left behind.

We always have a half way stop for coffee and cake and we know all the best local stops throughout the Borders.

After a couple of rides out with us you will notice a big improvement in your fitness. Cycling is a great way to maintain that fitness throughout the year so the more you cycle the easier it becomes.

The Club is free to join and there are no fees to pay. Bring some cash with you for that coffee stop and make sure you start with a full water bottle. On sunny days it is also advisable to use a high protection factor sun cream. Our only rule is that a cycling helmet MUST be worn. No helmet....no ride!! Equally, all under 16s should be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Pump up your tyres and join us every Sunday....you know you really want to! You can also follow us on Facebook for any updates and for our weekly ride reports. Looking forward to seeing you all next Sunday. All welcome.

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MACMILLAN NEEDS YOUR GARDEN!

As we move from spring into summer and the gardens are bursting into colour, it's time to show your garden off to like minded gardeners. Coldstream Open Gardens in association with Scotland's Garden Scheme will be having their open day on Sunday 10th July and we need the good gardeners of Coldstream to come forward and volunteer to open their gardens. It's a pleasant few hours showing off all your hard work to people who also enjoy their gardens and like to chat about their triumphs and disappointments. Macmillan has taken over the whole event this year so would very much appreciate your help in making this a fantastic day and raise much needed funds for a good cause. If you can't open your garden, please donate any cuttings etc to our plant sale and please come along and support us. Our famous homemade afternoon tea will also be served at the Community Centre from 1pm till 5pm. Please contact myself Susan on susanvassallo@hotmail.com or call 07790384181 or Christine on McLennan.christine@gmail.com or call 07585 899304 for any further information.

I'm sure those who attended our annual Soup and Sweet back in February had a great day, I know there was plenty of chat going on. We had a fantastic turn out and raised over £600, thank you to all who attended.

Apart from the Coldstream Open Gardens, Macmillan will be serving afternoon tea at the following events.

Ruthven garden opening on Sunday 26th June from 1pm till 5pm, come along and enjoy your tea sitting on the terrace looking at the stunning garden and views of The Cheviots.

Marlfield garden opening on Sunday 31st July again from 1pm till 5pm, always a favourite with gardeners and you get three gardens for the price of one. Apart from afternoon tea being served there will be a plant sale.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AROUND TOWN ADVERTISING THESE EVENTS.

Other events coming up:-

Macmillan's Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning is being held in the British Legion on Saturday October 1st, please come along and support us.

Our annual Charities Fair will be held on Saturday 29th October, any charity group who would like to have a stall at the event please contact Susan on the above number. This is a unique event purely for charities to raise much needed funds.

Later in the year we have the return of Berwick Male Voice choir, on Saturday 19th November, always popular and a great night will be had by all. Details of the event will be advertised in the next Community News but keep the date free!!!

Once again, thank you to the people of Coldstream for supporting Macmillan and raising much needed funds for this worthwhile cause.

I'm sure we all know someone who has had cancer or is dealing with the effects of cancer and all donations are much appreciated. THANK YOU!



Susan Vassallo, Chairperson

Coldstream Art Group

The Art Group is now into its Spring and Summer season and it is pleasing to be able to welcome new members to the Group.

Thanks to a generous award from Hudson Hirsell, a full programme of demonstrations has been put in place for the remainder of this year. On 11th April we were entertained by the wonderfully talented Sam Folcarelli with her mixed media demonstration. Some of the results were interesting to say the least. Further bookings have been made and are as follows:-



9 th May	Brian Turnbull
30 th May	Tina Holley
5 th September	Penny Crichton-Seager
19 th September	Penny Crichton-Seager
3 rd October	Penny Crichton-Seager
28 th November	Selina Wilson



These accomplished artists will instruct the Group in Watercolours, Portraiture, Oils and Pastels and hopefully these demonstrations will help round off each of our members' skills with methods which are perhaps outside their usual genres. In addition, demonstrations from Jan Ferguson, Caroline Underhill and Mary Goulden are currently being arranged. If you are artistically minded and would like to join our group please contact our Chairman, Gordon Thompson, on 01890 88 2455.

Unfortunately, this year we are unable to have the use of the Community Centre for our annual Civic Week Art Exhibition, so we are very grateful for Coldstream Parish Church for making us welcome and allowing us the use of the Church Hall and the interior of the Kirk to hold our annual display of local artistic talent.

The exhibition will run from Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August from 10.00 a.m. till 4.30 pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

Will Murray

TillVAS**The Till Valley
Archaeological
Society**

Our final TillVAS speaker before the summer break will be Mike Oliver, who will talk about the history of textiles and weaving.

The talk will take place at 7.30pm on 1st June in Crookham Village Hall, with tea and coffee served beforehand.

Guests are welcome on payment of £4.

Our talks will resume in September.

Sue Shaw

Open Garden at Ruthven House Sunday 26th June 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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Keith and Karen Fountain welcome visitors to their garden under Scotland's Gardens Scheme, so that all of the proceeds go to charity. The garden's central feature is two ponds joined by a winding stream. The garden is composed of various differing areas - herbaceous borders, woodland areas, a gravel garden, a knot garden, rockeries, an orchard laid to meadow, a kitchen garden, a nuttery, a small lavender field and, adjacent to the house, a formal rose garden. In addition to the garden, Macmillan Cancer Support will be on hand to provide their fabulous afternoon teas.

The majority of the garden can be accessed by wheelchair, and dogs on leads are welcome.

Ruthven is north of Coldstream on the old Duns Road, roughly two thirds of the way to Swinton Mill.

Admission is £5 for adults, children are free.

andante CHAMBER CHOIR

We are delighted to report that following our recruitment drive we have filled all the vacancies in the Sopranos, Altos and Tenors. We are still looking for Basses if anyone is interested. Choir Practices have now moved to Leitholm Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. More information on our website: www.andantechamberchoir.com

Thanks from Councillor Greenwell

I would like to thank all those people who supported me during the recent local elections and put their trust in me once again to represent them for the next term of office at Scottish Borders Council.

As always, I will make myself available to help everyone across the ward to make the place they live and work in a safe and better place for all.

There are still a lot of outstanding issues and battles to be fought for with SBC in all our villages and towns and I am ready once again to take up the challenge.

Please contact me on the email or mobile below if you have any issues for me that I can help with.

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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 May	Coldstream Flower Show	BL	06 Aug	Free date - check diary/Legion	
04 June	Royal British Legion Scotland	BL	13 Aug	Free date - check diary/Legion	
11 June	Coldstream Gateway Assoc.	BL	20 Aug	Free date - check diary/Legion	
18 June	Free date - check diary/Legion		27 Aug	Riding for the Disabled Berwickshire	CC
25 June	Coldstream Riders Association	BL	03 Sept	Coldstream Riders Association	BL
02 July	Free date - check diary/Legion				
09 July	Free date - check diary/Legion				
16 July	Coldstream Town Trip	BL			
23 July	Coldstream Gateway Assoc.	BL			
30 July	Presenting Coldstream Assoc.	CC			

BL - British Legion Club CC - Community Centre

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.

**** Please note that although some of the Saturdays above are "free dates", this does not mean that there will be no Coffee Mornings on these dates. Local organisations may decide to take one of the free dates so please check with the Legion or look out for posters, social media announcements or simply ask around.**