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## Coldstream Civic Week 2023

Spring is here and unbelievably Coldstream Civic Week is only a few months away. Planning and fundraising for the week continues all year round to help bring us the week that so many of you look forward to. Last summer it was wonderful to hold Civic Week again for the first time since 2019. The week was a great success and was wholeheartedly supported by the townspeople of Coldstream and our many neighbours. Let's hope that we can build on that success again this year. The committee works hard all year round to raise funds so that we can make Civic Week as successful as we can. If you would like to sponsor any event, please contact any member of the committee. Sponsorship starts from as little as £25 and all support is very gratefully received. Civic Week doesn't just happen and a lot of work is required to plan and hold the numerous events in our programme. Please help us to keep our Civic Week running for years to come by continuing to lend your support at the events leading up to, and during the week. If you would like to get involved and join the committee or help out in any way, please speak to any member of the committee.



This year we have launched the Presenting Coldstream 200 club, it costs £5.00 per month, with a chance to be a lucky winner each month. If you would like to join our 200 Club, please contact our secretary Fiona Shepherd on presentingcoldstream@btinternet.com for a bank mandate form. The Installation of our Principals for this year takes place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7:00pm in Henderson Park**, where Coldstreamer elect Harry Shepherd (centre), Right Hand Man elect Jake Kerr (left) and Left Hand Man Chris Lyons (right) will be introduced as our town's representatives for 2023. They then begin what will be a very busy summer, attending the other local Festivals and Common Ridings before culminating in our own Civic Week in August. We wish them well as they carry out their duties on our behalf.

An Installation Disco will be held in the British Legion Club from 9:00pm and you are all very welcome to come along and celebrate with our 2023 Principals.

### Civic Week 2023: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

We look forward to seeing you all again at The Installation and during Civic Week itself.

Derek Balmbro



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**Deadline for items for the Summer Edition of CCN is Friday 12th May**  
**Don't forget, you can read and download the latest edition of the CCN online any time at [www.coldstreamcommunity.com](http://www.coldstreamcommunity.com)**

The following are amendments/additions to the list of Coldstream groups & organisations published in the Winter edition:

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## Coldstream Bowling Club

As many of you reading this will already know our late President, Ivor Clark, passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his family. He was a fervent and enthusiastic member of the club and a great inspiration and support to all new members, including myself. He will be sadly missed, not only for his wisdom but his cheeky sense of humour.

The season will open on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1:00pm and members should be there from 12.30. You are invited to join us to try out the game, bowls will be supplied and there will be players on hand to help you out. We would, of course, be delighted if you decided to join the club. Membership is £100 for the year.

As well as active participation in the Border Bowling Association League, Coldstream is also a member of the Berwickshire League. This provides plenty of opportunity for some high calibre bowling. Last summer we enjoyed some degree of success with wins over Greenlaw, Spittal, and Berwick among others and a very narrow defeat at Coldstream at the hands of league champions, Gordon. We also hosted the Hamilton Trophy in which The Borders played East Fife which resulted in a win for the Borders. It was a day of wonderful bowling for players and spectators alike.

We are looking forward to a busy summer with several major regional tournaments. Coldstream will host the Borders Top Five semis and final on August 19<sup>th</sup>, The Tweedside Tournament on June 4<sup>th</sup> and Berwickshire Senior Ladies playdown will be held here on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May.

As the incoming President, let me thank all members of the club for your support throughout the year. Thanks also are due to all the members of our '100 Club' who continue to provide much needed revenue through their loyalty. The '100 Club' was re-launched last year at a subscription rate of £5 per month or £60 annually and that much needed revenue has already been put to good use paying for items of equipment. New members are very welcome to join at any time throughout the year.



If you ever fancy sitting watching one of our games then have a look over the wall and see whats going on – there's a warm welcome, plenty of seating and you are bound to see someone you know. You might even get a cuppa and a bacon butty if it's a competition day!

Greens open every day to members – please check that the Green Keeper is not cutting the green.

Members regularly meet on - Monday night at 6.30pm; Wednesday & Friday afternoon at 2 pm.

Full membership £100. Social membership - £10. Visitors fees (players) £5 per session

Club house available by arrangement for small functions and group meetings.

Contact - George Beveridge, Club Secretary for more information. tel no. - 07934 810763 email: [g.beveridge64@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:g.beveridge64@hotmail.co.uk)

David Newbury, President Coldstream Bowling Club

## Coldstream Community Centre

The previously announced date for our AGM has now been changed to **Monday 17 April at 19.30** in the Leet Room. This has been changed to avoid clashing with the installation of the Coldstreamer. An official notice will be sent out to members nearer the time along with details of some proposed amendments to the constitution.

Other dates to note are a fundraising coffee morning on 11 March, Andante Choir on 14 May (along with afternoon tea) and the Beer Festival in conjunction with Presenting Coldstream on 27 May. Our events team have ideas about further activities so look out for announcements. Anyone who is on our occasional email bulletin list often gets advance notice of events. If you don't get the bulletin sign up now by emailing [info@coldstreamcommunity.com](mailto:info@coldstreamcommunity.com)

The new cinema group is going well. Due to restrictions with our licence we can't promote the details of screenings on Facebook or outwith the Community Centre but we do advertise them on our own noticeboards. You can be added to our mailing list and get advance notice of what is coming up. So far we have screened Cinema Paradiso, The Manchurian Candidate, The Holly and the Ivy and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. These screenings do not replace the group that Ann runs which screens more recent films.

After many years, the building is showing signs of wear and tear and we have appointed a surveyor to let us know exactly what needs to be done. Up to now we have been doing occasional patching jobs so hopefully a good overhaul will keep it running for many years to come.

Susan Burnett



**Coldstream**  
Community Trust



## Coldstream Premier Cru Cycling Club

Happy New Year to all. February may be a bit late for resolutions but it is NEVER too late for revolutions (of the bicycle wheel variety!).

Winter is on the wane and the days are starting to draw out as we head for Spring. The Club has only been stopped riding for two Sundays in December when the snows put paid to any thoughts of cycling. Although the weather has not been particularly kind in January, it hasn't stopped any of our Sunday rides.

It has been dry for the most part, cold and windy at times but nothing we could not handle. The company and craic is always good and there is always a coffee stop to enjoy too. Our Sunday rides at this time of year are of the 'maintenance' variety. We don't race or go too fast, our winter rides tend to be shorter than the summer ones

and no-one ever gets dropped. If you don't feel like doing a whole ride at least join us for part of our ride. You can drop out at whatever stage you feel comfortable with. We start and finish in Coldstream so you won't get lost in darkest Borders. We meet (and leave promptly) every Sunday at 9:00am from the Court House Car Park and cycle to Kelso where we are joined by other riders. From there we may cycle up to 30 miles as a group and always have that refreshing coffee break at some point.

The Club is free to join (just remember to bring some cash to pay for your coffee) and everyone (over 16) is welcome. A reasonable degree of fitness is required along with a mechanically roadworthy bike. A telephone is useful too in case of emergency. Cycling helmets are, however, compulsory. A strict rule of 'No Helmet.....No Ride' is adhered to. Cycling is a great way to exercise and make new friends. Why don't you give it a try this Sunday? We look forward to meeting you and cycling together.

Rob Smith



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A few months ago the Men's Shed purchased a defibrillator which is mounted on the outside wall between the Men's Shed at No. 40 High Street and Calico at No. 42. It is for use by the general public in times of emergency and, to help with this, we have arranged for the Coldstream Fire Service to give a demonstration on how to use the machine.



This will take place in the Community Centre on Friday 3rd March between 1.00pm and 3.00pm and is open to all.

Jock Law, Chairman

## Ella's Quizzes

Once again thank you for supporting my quizzes. The 2nd Coldstream Girl Guides quiz raised £285 which has helped boost their funds. My current quiz is for Children 1st, Ettrick Centre, Selkirk. This quiz has the last letter of one answer being the start of the next answer. It closes on 31 March and is available in the usual shops or from myself. The following quiz which runs April / May will be for Breast Cancer Now. If there is a group / club in the town I have not run a quiz for then please let me know and I will do my best to include them. Email address:

[purvesjewk@yahoo.com](mailto:purvesjewk@yahoo.com)

Ella

**Leader Valley Enhanced Provision @ Duns are 'Feeding the Birds.'**

Our children are currently working towards the Silver Wild Challenge Award as part of the RSPB Schools "Wild Challenge". We are looking to fundraise for our school but also raise our profile a bit as many do not know about us and the service we provide. We do support a number of children from the Coldstream area.

The children are working hard on their enterprise, to fundraise by creating different types of bird feeders. We have recycled old juice cartons to make large bird feeders, threaded Cheerios' to create hanging feeders, and we got messy making fat balls.

Our aim is to sell these to raise funds to provide resources for activities to support learning through nature.

Helen Park at Coldstream Crafts has kindly offered to sell our bird feeders in her lovely little shop. Please go along to Coldstream Crafts and have a look OR buy our creations.

Zara Lunn, Class Teacher

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Back row L-R: Miguel Freire, Shane Bonnington, Matt Corfield, Kieran Ingram, Max Fox, Jimmy Taylor, Kit McRitchie, Matt Hall, Kevan Wright, Ejay Gay, Thomas Hume, Chrissy Briggs, Tommy Malcolm, Buster Briggs.  
Front Row L-R: Ross Aitchison, Jamie Whitehead, Thomas Grey, Sylvia Lees, Craig Heugh, Ben Wright, Kieran Ainslie, Kieran Bullen, Gary Smith, Robin Lees, Gary Windram, Bailey Paterson

Robin and Sylvia Lees of the Newcastle Arms Hotel are the main sponsors of Coldstream Football Club and their support is very much appreciated.

The last report left Coldstream heading to Ayrshire to play Auchinleck Talbot in the Scottish Cup. Unfortunately this did not turn out too well and the Blues suffered a seven nil defeat. Fortunately morale was not affected and the following match saw a creditable home draw against league leaders Dunbar United. Victories were then recorded against Luncarty, Leith Athletic and Whitehill Welfare in the League and Edinburgh College in the East of Scotland Qualifying cup. This mini run came to a shuddering halt with defeats at home to Rosyth and Burntisland Shipyard.

Nothing daunted, loins were girded and Harthill Royal were knocked out of the South Challenge Cup and Kirkcaldy and Dysart were defeated in a League encounter. However this preceded a dismal run and matches were lost to Glenrothes, Newtongrange Star and Kennoway Star Hearts before the Blues were knocked out of the South Challenge Cup by Broxburn Athletic. Hope raised its head again when on the 26<sup>th</sup> November the "Streamers" knocked Penicuik Athletic out of the East of Scotland Qualifying Cup. This was an exceptional victory as at the time Penicuik were leading the Premier Division. Buoyed by this victory the following week saw Dunipace beaten in a league match. Unfortunately since then the Club has only recorded one away draw against Leith Athletic and two defeats against Newtongrange Star and Glenrothes. At the time of going to press Coldstream sit in 12<sup>th</sup> place in the First Division of the East of Scotland League of 16 teams. The bottom three will be relegated so victories in the coming weeks will be essential as our goal difference is currently minus 27, the second worst in the league and all the four teams below have games in hand.

Now, however, is the time to show true grit and for the team to knuckle down and face the fight for survival in a hopeful and gallant spirit. Our next two games are against Camelon who have 17 points the same as the Blues and victories here would have gone far in assisting the Blues to improve their current position in the League. Regrettably the away fixture was lost 5-3. Hopefully Saturday's game will put the "Blues" back on the road to recovery and will propel us once more into the broad sunlit uplands of the first Division. If you cannot wait until the next edition of the CCN to find out what happened, all fixtures, results and general Club news can be found on the Coldstream Football club website along with the weekly letter draw and monthly "100 Club" draw winners.

At the time of writing our top goal scorers are Thomas Grey on 8 with Gary Windram on 6 and Buster Briggs on 5.

To aid Club Funding, the following sponsorships are available:

Match Sponsorship £75      Pitchside Advertising £125      Player Sponsorship £100      Social Club Membership £10

If you are interested in any of these please contact Dave Lauder on 07514 270100 or Allan Easton on 07801 332650.

In addition the Club runs a "100 Club" with a monthly draw. First Prize is £150 followed by £75 and two £50s. Numbers are available through John Elliot on 07761 791803.

Will Murray

## COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH GUILD

The Guild is open to everyone – male and female – and takes place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month in the Parish Church Hall at 7.00pm.

The second half of the session started on 11<sup>th</sup> January with a talk on dreams by David Taverner which was most thought provoking. This was followed by a Members' Scottish Night on January 25<sup>th</sup> with a quiz followed by supper and Scottish songs & recitations by members. As always, our Members Night was a great success and enjoyed by everyone! Janet Hodge demonstrated "Desserts" on 8<sup>th</sup> February which was very popular among the sweet-toothed members! Who doesn't enjoy a good pudding?! Chris Faldon is talking about "The Logie Legacy" on 22<sup>nd</sup> February which should be most interesting. This is followed by Lou Washington's talk on "The Life of the Honey Bee" on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Hopefully we will get some tips on encouraging these essential wee insects into our gardens in the summer. Our A.G.M. is on 25<sup>th</sup> March when a presentation will be made to Rev. David Taverner to mark his retirement and that is another year over!

Notices of meetings are posted around town and also in the Berwickshire News. We do hope you will come along and join us – we are a very friendly bunch and you will be made very welcome – and we make excellent tea and coffee!!

Helen Park

## Coldstream SWI

**2023**, a new beginning! First we look back to our very successful 2022 season culminating in the Christmas Party in December. The evening was a great success with a delicious meal, catered by Pier Red from Berwick, which was held in the Community Centre. An enjoyable event to which all in attendance gave a resounding thumbs up.

During the evening we were very happy to present a cheque to Macmillan for £235 raised by Coldstream SWI in a raffle of a special Advent Calendar box containing gifts supplied by members. An original idea by Chris W.

At the end of the year members had attended knitting and cookery courses, a real homage to traditional skills, as well as a carol service in Duns.

In a change to our programme, in January we welcomed Emma Gardner, a retired diplomat's wife. Her insights into the contrasting postings of Bolivia and Abu Dhabi made for a very interesting evening.

On February 16<sup>th</sup> Jim Casey will be sharing his expertise on the whisky making process. Definitely not one to be missed.

March 17<sup>th</sup> sees us host many visitors for our annual Visitors Night. This year Richard Little will be helping us 'trip the light fantastic' with his dancing skills.

April 20<sup>th</sup> brings Anne Burgess from Birgham to demonstrate sugar craft techniques for icing cakes. She scored a perfect 10 at last year's Federation Show for her picnic cake so we are sure to learn a great deal.

May is our AGM and the end to another very enjoyable and productive SWI year. Perhaps you are tempted to join us in 23/24? Don't hesitate, come along and be made very welcome.

Jan B«rown

## Coldstream Social & Literary Society

On 9<sup>th</sup> January, Rick Taylor of the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project gave members a fascinating insight into the work that's being undertaken to strengthen the population of Golden Eagles in the Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway. Translocated eagles are housed in custom-built aviaries (confidentially located in the Southern Uplands) for around two months, prior to release into the Moffat Hills. Rick showed us some wonderful photos of the eagles and was kind enough to answer the many questions that were asked after his talk. What a great start to the second half of our 2022/23 programme!

The Fire & Rescue Service visited us on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to give a presentation on Home Fire Safety and we learned about the new law that came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 relating to interlinked smoke alarms. The advice on how to prevent fires in the home was extremely helpful and well received.

At our third meeting of 2023 (6<sup>th</sup> February), we welcomed John McConnell, whose talk was about Scholarships for Street Kids (S4SK) and Hope for Shining Stars (H4SS), helping children and their families in Myanmar. It was fascinating to hear about the excellent work that these organisations are undertaking to improve the life chances of children in the country.

The Life of Grace Darling will be the subject of Jack Arrowsmith's talk on 20<sup>th</sup> February, before we welcome back Patricia Keppie from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) on 6<sup>th</sup> March, who will talk about 'Gardening the World'. Patricia visited us in February 2022 to talk about the work of the CWGC and her talk was so popular that we were extremely keen to have her back again.

The Society's Annual General Meeting and Social event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a raffle, quiz, cake, fizz and other refreshments and it promises to be a fun occasion.

Finally, the Society's 2023 summer outing will be on 5<sup>th</sup> June, when we will be taking a coach to Bamburgh and enjoying a guided tour of the castle.

Elspeh Shepherd (Secretary)

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## Angling Association

Coldstream and District Angling Association AGM, March the 1<sup>st</sup> at Coldstream Bowling Club, 7.30pm start. We are hoping to sell Annual fishing permits on the night and we will also be selling permits on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, again at Coldstream Bowling Club from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Any correspondence please contact David Hermiston, Secretary on [cdaafishing@gmail.com](mailto:cdaafishing@gmail.com)



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Please give some thought to hosting! It could change your life & opportunities for you and your family!

Rich & Aliy Brown and their children record below their experiences both as hosts and as part of the trip to Bennecourt in July 2022.

**We asked them:** *What's it like being a host family?*

**Aliy told us:** *Some years ago now, we hosted a young family from France when our own children were also young in age. It was a great experience with lots of laughs along the way with people who 'got' family life and themselves were being brave by taking two small children to a foreign country and staying with strangers – not that we were strangers for long!!*

*Practically speaking we were only able to offer them one room for their whole family, but this caused no issue for them at all. We really enjoyed preparing and eating our meals together. Doing these sorts of things gave great opportunities for both families to learn more about each other's country, culture and language. We aren't a French speaking family, but that didn't stop us having many interesting and sometimes very funny conversations.*

*As a family we were delighted to go to Bennecourt in July 2022 as part of the Twinning trip. We reconnected with friends we had made when Bennecourt visited Coldstream, made some new ones and also experienced their hospitality as our hosts. We would strongly recommend others to become a host family for the 2023 visit to Coldstream. All you need is a spare room or space for people to sleep.*

*Everyone coming from France is doing so with a spirit of adventure and friendship – they aren't expecting a five-star hotel!*

**We asked Anna, Elizabeth and Elliot:** *What was it like to go to Bennecourt on the Twinning Trip?*

**Anna aged 14 told us:** *Being part of the Twinning is a fun way to learn about another culture and make new friends. I would really recommend becoming part of the Twinning to anyone who is wanting to learn or improve their French.*

**Elizabeth aged 12 told us:** *It was a long journey to get there, but there were lots of activities to do. It was really warm when we were there. We got to see lots of sights, for example the Eiffel Tower and going to visit Monet's garden. I will always remember the fireworks at Versailles, they were amazing!!! I'm really looking forward to seeing our friends again and hosting them when they come to Coldstream this year!*

**Elliot aged 10 told us:** *It was real fun, and a fun place. Being part of the exchange means you make new friends. Our hosts were really nice. I'd ask other people to be part of the Twinning because we need more people/families to join, especially young people like me.*

**For further information on Twinning or to enquire about hosting contact:**

[Frances.mather@leetstreet.co.uk](mailto:Frances.mather@leetstreet.co.uk) (Secretary Coldstream Twinning Association)





## Calling All Girls!

Do you like playing games, making crafts, parties, learning new things, singing, playing outside, making new friends, and having fun?

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Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides meet once a week, most weeks during school term time. We do all of the above and more. Rainbows are for girls aged 4 – 7, Brownies for girls aged 7 – 10, and Guides for girls aged 10 – 14.

At £2 a week we offer great value for money and are almost (possibly totally!) unique in this approach. This covers annual subscriptions to Girlguiding, badge books and resources, craft materials, badges and all weekly activities. It also goes towards subsidising the cost of trips as much we can. We aim to continue our approach of £2 a week for as long as it is sustainable, and have no intention of changing this in the immediate future. We are grateful to the Co-op, Hudson Hirsell Fund, and Ella's quizzes for their donations in the last few years which helps make this possible. We are a uni-formed organisation but uniforms are usually available second hand.

We have a great programme with a variety of activities every week – something to suit everyone.

To find out more visit [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) or contact [claire.livingstone@gmx.com](mailto:claire.livingstone@gmx.com) for more local information.



Why not try asking to come along for just one night or two to see what you think?

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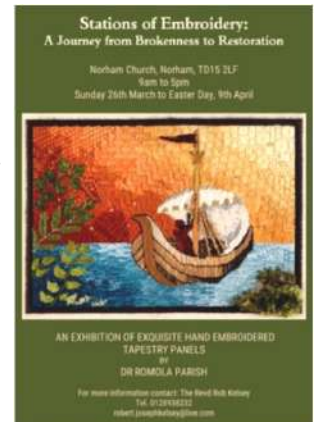


An exhibition which explores the nature of faith is to be installed in St Cuthbert's Church, Norham, and will be on public display from 26<sup>th</sup> March until Easter Day 9<sup>th</sup> April. The exhibition features 14 exquisite panels, hand embroidered by the artist and poet Dr Romola Parish. The works form a journey, with captions that stimulate thought and reflection rather than explain the content of the image, and the accompanying texts allow each viewer to interpret the embroideries in their own way. The sequence is therefore designed to be accessible to a wide range of audiences. These lovely embroideries have already been exhibited at several churches and colleges in the UK, including Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

Romola Parish trained in hand embroidery at the Royal School of Needlework in Hampton Court, specialising in Elizabethan Goldwork and Jacobean Crewelwork.

For more information please contact:

The Revd Rob Kelsey, 01289 382325, [robert.josephkelsey@live.com](mailto:robert.josephkelsey@live.com)



To buy tickets, contact:  
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 Fiona Shepherd - 07842 885870

### Coldstream and District Local History Society

All are welcome to our meetings. Guests are welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting. We continue to meet in the Leet Room in the Community Centre at 7.30pm

We will meet for the final 3 meetings of the year as follows:

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is our AGM at 6.45pm, followed at 7.30pm by a talk by Graeme Watson entitled "Criminal Spirits – Gin and Whisky Smuggling in the Borders"

April 6<sup>th</sup> Jane Bowen will speak on "The Voyages of the Paddle Steamer 'Pegasus' and its wreck off Holy Island"

May 4<sup>th</sup> Joy Lamb will speak on "The History of Haggerston Castle – from mud to mansion"

Our June Field Trip is yet to be arranged. Our website address is [www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk](http://www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk). We also have a Facebook page.

Secretary: Lynne Burgess, email: [lynneburgess27@gmail.com](mailto:lynneburgess27@gmail.com)



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## The things you learn by chance!

Having lived in Coldstream for 21 years now I thought I was reasonably well informed on things local – but no!

What a lovely surprise I had, when as having recently taken on the role as Treasurer of Coldstream Gateway Association (the umbrella organisation responsible for Community News, Coldstream in Bloom and the Christmas Lights) there was a knock on my door and there stood Jock Law waving a cheque at me as a welcome donation towards the Christmas Lights Fund.

Accompanied by a note from his wife Sheena, the cheque had resulted from the sale of a print of an old Map of Coldstream dated 1862. Sheena's note gave details of a lovely story I'd never heard before and I wanted to share it with you all.

Some years ago, a lady living in Coldstream gave Jock the gift of an old Coldstream Census Map printed on canvas and dated 1862. She was moving away and felt that the map should stay in the town.

Jock, at the time a Picture Framer, kept it proudly on display in his shop on the High Street, now The Men's Shed.

Around Christmas time 2011, a Canadian couple, arrived in Coldstream looking to trace their ancestors and were wisely directed to "font of all knowledge" Jock. There they saw the map!

A beautiful thing, the map gives details of all the streets in Coldstream in 1862 and shows the names of who lived in which house! The visitors were delighted to find reference to their relatives as having lived at 31 High Street. Naturally they were keen to have a copy but didn't want to have to carry it around on their travels with them.

They willingly paid Fantasy Prints to scan it for them and then send it over to their son in Canada.



Not only that, but as they were so impressed with the town's Christmas Lights display, they gave Jock permission to have copies printed by Fantasy Prints for him to sell, with the proceeds going towards the Christmas Lights Fund.

A lot were sold initially, but over the years sales have dwindled a bit, likely because, as with me, only a few people know the story!!

So – if you'd like to see the original or better still, buy a copy, pop into the Men's Shed! Jock no longer does framing, but local artist and framer Brian Turnbull will do the job for you by arrangement. Brian can be contacted on [turnbullbjt@gmail.com](mailto:turnbullbjt@gmail.com) or 07970066532.

Joy Thomson, Treasurer Coldstream Gateway Association





## Coldstream & District Community Council

The Community Council is delighted to announce that during the weekend of celebrations for the King's Coronation 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the undernoted awards will be presented.

The Jim Patterson Rose Bowl is awarded to **an individual or a group** from the town in consideration of performing an outstanding achievement **or** making a significant contribution to the Community.



*The Jim Patterson  
Rose Bowl*

The Brown Scott Quaich is awarded to **an individual of any age** in the town in consideration of performing an outstanding achievement **or** making a significant contribution to the Community.

CDCC has already received one or two nominations but if you would like to add to these please:

send your nomination to CDCC Secretary, Alison Campbell at 61a High Street

or e-mail her at [secretary.coldstreamcc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.coldstreamcc@gmail.com)

providing details of the achievement or significant contribution you feel has been made to the Community by the party/parties concerned.



*The Brown Scott  
Quaich*

**CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Iain Dickson, Chairman, CDCC

## What's going on at St. Mary's?

### A View from the Pew

Carol, who has recently discovered St. Mary's, writes:

"As a fairly new member of St. Mary's I have been asked to give a view from the pew, so here goes.

St Mary's is not just a place; it's a holy place; a peaceful place; a calm place. It's a place of stillness in the storms of life. St. Mary's is also a joyous place; a friendly place. A place of understanding and comfort. St. Mary's has been a place of welcome and acceptance.

The first Sunday of the month we have a Sunday Morning Gathering which is held in the Community Centre here in Coldstream. This is a place where there's lots of chat, laughter and joy. Plus tea and coffee. We also have some lovely prayer and healing services on line.

Why not come and give St Mary's a try, you will be made very welcome."

### Services at St. Mary's:

You are welcome to any or all of our services.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:

Sunday Morning Gathering – we meet at 9:30am in the Community Centre for a relaxed service around good company and refreshments and a gentle Celtic-style service together.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the Month:

Communion service – we meet at 9:30am at St. Mary's church for a more traditional style communion service.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month:

Taize Service – we met at 5:00pm in St. Mary's church for a service of quiet reflection, meditation and stillness (a very popular service). If you've never been, why not pop along.

### Other things going on:

**Open for Discussion:** is open for discussion as we look toward the future and what this might become. Watch this space for updates.

**St. Mary's Community Garden:** is a quiet space behind the church for all to enjoy. If you're passing do please pop in and rest a while.

For up-to-date information on all of this and more see our web-site: [www.stmaryscoldstream.org.uk](http://www.stmaryscoldstream.org.uk)

or: follow us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandallsouls>

or: phone Chris: 01361 884326



## OVER 60's OUTING

The Over 60's Outing will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and will be a choice between Peebles, North Berwick or a Mystery Tour. Due to the rising cost of coach travel, members will pay £10.00 and non-members will pay £15.00. Bookings must be paid for by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. To book and make your selection of destination, please contact Colleen on 01890 882686.

## Coldstream Parish Church

**Saturday, February 25: "Saturday Special"** for children of Primary School age. The theme is "Wild Things".

This event, which will be led again by Mark and Stuart of Berwickshire Christian Youth Trust and local helpers, will be held in Coldstream Church and Church Hall from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge. Please book places at [wildthingsday@gmail.com](mailto:wildthingsday@gmail.com)

**Friday, March 3: World Day of Prayer** - This year's event will take place in Coldstream Parish Church Hall at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday.** There will be a Service in the Parish Church at 11.15am.

**Tuesday, April 4: Iona-style Service** in the Parish Church Hall at 7.00pm.

**Good Friday, April 7: Walk of Witness** along Coldstream High Street. This popular annual event begins at Henderson Park at 10am. It ends at the Parish Church Hall at 10.30am for hot cross buns, tea & coffee. Do come along and join in.

**Good Friday Evening Service** in the Parish Church at 7.00pm.

**Sunday, April 9: Easter Day.** There will be a Service in the Parish Church at 11.15am.

Our minister, Rev. David Taverner will retire at Easter. There will be an opportunity to thank him for all that he has done in Coldstream and wish him well in his retirement on Saturday 15th April. All members of the community will be very welcome to join the congregation in the church at 3.00 p.m. followed by refreshments.

After Easter we will be without a minister for a while, but regular Sunday services will continue along with all other church activities. Please message us via the website or the Facebook page, or contact the Session Clerk, Michael Rowe, by email at [michaelrowe.coldstream@gmail.com](mailto:michaelrowe.coldstream@gmail.com) or by phone on 01890 883333.

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



Starters

Cream of a roasted Tomato & Chive Soup  
Breaded Brie Wedges with salad garnish & Cumberland Sauce  
Chicken Liver Pâté with Red Onion Chutney & Oatcakes  
Butterfly of King Prawns with Sweet Chilli Dip

Mains

Chicken Supreme with Fondant Potato, White Wine & Mushroom Sauce  
Roast Lamb Rump - Pan Roasted Rump of Lamb with Parmentier Potatoes, drizzled with Honey and Port Sauce  
Creamy Wild Mushroom Risotto topped with Rocket and Parmesan  
Pan Fried Salmon topped with Asparagus and a chive Butter

Desserts

Apple Crumble with Vanilla Custard  
Sticky Toffee Pudding & Ice Cream  
Strawberry Cheesecake & Chantilly Cream

2 Course for £17.95  
3 Course for £21.95

Booking is essential please call 01890 882678  
Available from 12pm - 6pm

### TilVAS (Till Valley Archaeological Society)

Meetings are held in Crookham Village Hall and all are welcome. Members free; Visitors £4

Wednesday talks begin at 7.30pm, with tea, coffee and biscuits served from 7pm.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Talk by **Joe Lang** – "Berwick Barracks through three centuries".

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Finds Sorting Day**, 10am-3pm, Ford Forge. A chance for children aged 7+ to look at small objects that have been found locally. They will be trained to handle and identify the finds, map where they were found and photograph and measure them. Also sorting and dating pottery, and trying to decide what things were used for. Booking essential as places are limited. Contact Heather at [nordlaw76@aol.com](mailto:nordlaw76@aol.com).

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Talk by local archaeologist **Roger Miket** – "Homes for the Living and Houses for the Dead". A journey through time looking at changing ways of building and of burying the dead in Glendale between the Mesolithic (8000 BC) and the Early Medieval period (800 AD).

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - AGM followed at 7.30pm by a talk by **Richard Carlton**.





Footfall in the Community Larder has increased in recent weeks as the high cost of living has hit many families. Any donations of tinned or packet food would be gratefully received. Items can be dropped off at the larder when we are open, in the church or the Community Centre. As well as food we have toiletries, nappies and pet food. When we find our own premises we will be able to stock a wider range of goods and help reduce the amount of food going to waste.

Work is progressing on finding a permanent home and we hope to give you more information in the next issue of the Community News.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent coffee morning. We hope to do a big raffle soon and await our licence from SBC. Look out for news on this.

The larder is currently open 9-11 on Tuesday mornings and 5-7 on Thursday evenings in the Church Hall.

You can follow us on Instagram and Facebook on @coldstreamlarder or check our page on coldstreamcomm.co.uk. You can contact us by email on larder@coldstreamcomm.co.uk

### Lodge St John, No 280 - Spring 2023 Update

We are now getting back into the swing of things after the Pandemic and our visitors are back again and enjoying the newly refurbished Lodge. Over the winter we have welcomed a number of new joiners and are looking forward to an enjoyable year.

Alzheimer's Scotland came and had a look at our Lounge a few weeks ago and we are pleased to be hosting the Café Connect Coldstream on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, starting this month (28<sup>th</sup> February). The Café is available for people living with dementia or cognitive impairment and their family member, carer or friend. The Café will be open from 2.00 - 3.30pm. There is more information available throughout the town.

If you are interested in using the Lounge or joining masonry, then please contact:

Peter Greenwood, Tel 07891 449732 or [sec.stjohn280@gmail.com](mailto:sec.stjohn280@gmail.com)

Web: [www.lodgestjohn280.co.uk](http://www.lodgestjohn280.co.uk)



### Hudson Hirsell Awards Panel

The Hudson Hirsell Awards Panel has been running since 2016 and in that time nearly £50,000 has been awarded to 23 local groups. At the last meeting of the Panel the British Legion and Coldstream Heart Rhythm were both successful in receiving funding for their projects. Grants of up to £3000 can be awarded to community groups based in Coldstream or to groups that can show that funding will improve Coldstream community.

The Panel will next meet in May with funding awarded shortly thereafter. Application forms and guidance notes can be found on the Community Centre's website or phone 01890 883332 if you would like any more information.



## CIVIC WEEK PATRON SLIP

Presenting Coldstream Association invites you to become a Patron to help support the ever-increasing financial cost incurred during Civic Week.

All Patrons will receive:

1. Patrons Ribbon
2. Their names listed in the Civic Week Programme
3. Entry into the Opening Ceremony Reception, held in The Community Centre on Sunday 6th August at 4.30pm.

**YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT CIVIC WEEK**

If you wish to become a Patron, please fill in the form below and return it with your donation to:  
**Mrs Fiona Shepherd, 1 Home Terrace, Coldstream TD12 4DN before 28th April 2023\***

**Please find enclosed £10 donation per person**

Name .....

Address.....

**\* Please note that donations received after this date can still become Patrons, but your name will not appear in the Civic Week Programme**

**If you would like to become an association member, please contact a committee member**

# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Happy New Year everyone and a big thank you to everyone who supported our events in 2022. We sent the amazing amount of £4,569.47 to head office and we couldn't do this without the fantastic support of the people of Coldstream and surrounding area.

This year brings a change, as was mentioned in the Xmas addition of the CCN. I (Susan Vassallo) am stepping down as chairperson. As no one has come forward to take over the roll, it was decided at our last meeting to go forward as an independent group. All this means is that a group of like minded people will hold events raising money 'in aid of Macmillan'. Any money we raise will go directly to Macmillan instead of having all the bureaucracy involved. As a small group it was felt that all the 'red tape' involved in staging events was getting too much for us all. This way we can put on events and just relax knowing that all the money raised will still go to Macmillan.

Our first event of the year is our ever popular Soup and Sweet Lunch, held on Saturday 18th February from 12 noon-2.00pm in the community centre. Come along and enjoy a delicious bowl of hot soup followed by an indulgent pudding 🍰🍮🍰, no calorie counting that day!

In the summer we will be serving afternoon teas at both Ruthven and Marlfield garden openings. It's always a great afternoon having a wander around a beautiful garden and sitting in the sunshine with a cuppa and a plateful of delicious home baked goodies. Ruthven will be open on Sunday 25th June from 1.00 - 5.00pm and Marlfield on July 23rd from 1.00 - 5.00pm.

Looking forward to September, we will be hosting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the British Legion on Saturday 30th. Come along, have a coffee/tea and a blether, chance your luck on the raffle and treat yourself to some homemade treats. Once again a big thank you to everyone who supports us.

The Coldstream Committee

## Coldstream & District Community Council (CDCC)

**"CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES!! – Come on!"**



### "Senior Citizens' Festive Bash"



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 marked the first time in over 3 years when 70 of the town's Senior Citizens got together and celebrated the New Year with dinner, drinks, entertainment and dancing courtesy of Coldstream & District Community Council. A large number of local businesses kindly supported the event, and our grateful thanks go to them for their generous sponsorship.

Should we do it again next year? – I think I hear a resounding "YES PLEASE!!"



### The Coronation of King Charles III – Celebration Weekend 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Since asking for your suggestions in the CCN Winter Edition, on how you would like to celebrate the King's Coronation, a meeting of representatives from many of the town's organisations took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January to pull together ideas and explore the desire for us to work together on event planning within the town to:

- \* avoid event dates/times clashing!
- \* maximise funding opportunities!

The consensus of those present was that working together to co-ordinate event planning is a must!

We are trialling the concept using events in celebration of the King's Coronation weekend.

Some suggestions offered include:

- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Live streaming of the Coronation in the Community Centre
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>: Family Fun Day with a picnic in the park to include entertainment, live music
- Fancy Dress for the kids
- Memorial Display of photos/mementoes from Queen's Coronation
- Church Service
- School Event – Competitions etc.

Grant Funding has not yet been announced, but what is clear is that we need to have our plans in place and costed so we are fully prepared for submitting an application when the time is right.

An e-mail address has been set up so you can contribute your thoughts and ideas for entertainment and offer your assistance in whatever way you can. Contact [coldstreamevents23@gmail.com](mailto:coldstreamevents23@gmail.com)

**Closing date for your ideas – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**THE TOWN NEEDS YOUR INPUT TO MAKE THIS A FUN, SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND!!**

**"Let's all celebrate and have a good time, yeah, yeah"**



Joy Thomson on behalf of CDCC



## Football girls just want to have fun!

It began with four girls turning up for an experimental training session on a cold and wet Friday night in the autumn of 2021. Eighteen months on, Coldstream Juniors' girls football section is thriving.

More than 25 girls now regularly attend training and a busy programme of activity has been organised for 2023.

The under-12s have entered organised South East Region fixtures for the first time, meaning they will have 9v9 matches every Sunday from mid February until June against teams from Edinburgh, the Lothians and the Borders. Hibernian away is one of their early games and the team has also entered the two-day Caledonia Super Cup festival at Oriam, Scotland's sports performance centre, in April.

The under-10 girls will soon have games to look forward to most Sundays as well against other Borders clubs, and the under-8 girls will have monthly festivals.

Lynsey Young has stepped forward to assist head coach Phil Johnson and is undergoing her coaching badges and the club is now a full member of Scottish Women's Football, the national governing body. Phil said: "Girls' football is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and we can see it happening right here in Coldstream. It has really gone from strength to strength in a short space of time and the numbers continue to grow.

"The emphasis is very much on fun and participation. The girls train with a smile on their face and have been gaining confidence as they develop their skills. The improvement from all of them has been incredible."

Girls football is currently open to those born between 2011 and 2016. Training takes place on a Friday evening and will soon be split into two groups. Members pay £5 a month in subs, but free two-week taster sessions are available and new starters are very welcome.

To find out more, contact Phil on 07895 193533 or Lynsey on 07891 834496, email [coldstreamjuniorsfc@gmail.com](mailto:coldstreamjuniorsfc@gmail.com) or visit the club website [www.coldstreamjuniorsfc.co.uk](http://www.coldstreamjuniorsfc.co.uk)

Mary-Jane Allan is the club's new chairperson of Coldstream Juniors for 2023. She is being supported by a new vice chairperson, Isla Tait, with Phil Johnson continuing as club secretary and Craig Telford remaining as treasurer. Gavin Tait is the new coaching coordinator, while Michael Brown has taken on the two key roles of kit officer and registration secretary.

Stewart Cockburn is the new fundraising officer, and two other new faces are joining the committee to fulfil important posts. Sarah Paterson is the club's new first aid coordinator, with Ali Sim becoming health and safety officer.

The juniors are running teams this year for those born in 2012/13, 2014/15, 2016 and 2017 and new starters are very welcome. Training is on a Wednesday evening and free two-week tasters are available. Members pay only £5 a month in subs.



## Hello Coldstream Community News readers,

Coldstream Heart Rhythm is a new charitable organisation within the Coldstream community. The organization's charitable purposes are: To save lives and to advance health by the provision and maintenance of public access defibrillators in Coldstream and its surrounds. And also by the training of the general public in the use of defibrillators and in basic life support.



The organisation was awarded charitable status in June 2022 and since then we have been busy securing funding in pursuit of our aims. So far, we have been successful in that endeavour by having an application for £2,700 to the Hudson Hirsell Fund approved in November 2022. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous support of the Hudson Hirsell Fund.

We have also been very fortunate to be able to benefit from a donation of £1,998 from the Yorkshire Building Society's Charitable Foundation. Again a huge thanks to them.

In January we held a coffee morning in the Royal British Legion where we were able to raise a grand total of £484 after all donations were tallied – we are extremely grateful to everyone for their generous support.

We continue to search for other funding sources to support our ongoing efforts.

To help keep you abreast of our activities please search for Coldstream Heart Rhythm in Facebook and you should find us there. We will also provide updates via this newsletter.

Chairperson, Dr Martin Hadshar

### Coldstream Heart Rhythm SCIO

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) regulated by the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)  
Scottish Charitable Number SC051812

## Coldstream Mobile Banking Services



### BANK OF SCOTLAND (HBOS)

The mobile bank makes fortnightly visits to Courthouse Place Car Park on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30am

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Wednesday 22nd February | Wednesday 19th April |
| Wednesday 8th March     | Wednesday 3rd May    |
| Wednesday 22nd March    | Wednesday 17th May   |
| Wednesday 5th April     | Wednesday 31st May   |

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND (RBS) - The mobile bank makes weekly visits to Henderson Park Car Park (or opposite) on Thursdays from 11:40 to 11:55am.

**Legion Club Entertainment**  
**AN EVENING OF 60s & 70s MUSIC**  
**Coldstream British Legion Club**  
**Saturday 18th March**  
**8:00 till late, FREE ENTRY!**  
**A great nostalgic evening where you can enjoy & dance to some of the finest music ever recorded. Don't Miss it! Music by John Fulton**

## BAVS Needs Your Pre-Loved Items!

**W**e would not be able to operate without your generous donations, however our shop has limited space so from time to time we have no alternative but to refuse certain items such as reference books, Readers Digest compilations, cookery and gardening books. We do our utmost to accommodate as many items as we can. We are unable to sell such items as broken, incomplete or unsafe items, video cassettes, large items of furniture, computers, printers and the like, duvets and pillows unless brand new (still have their labels on), baby equipment such as cots and buggies, mobile phones, safety head gear e.g. riding helmets, counterfeit copies of branded items - please do not bring them in!

Our aim is to reuse and promote second-hand as much as possible. Sending items to recycling is our last option, we prefer to ensure items are re-used or re-purposed first. Sometimes, sending items to landfill is necessary but this has a cost - financially and for our environment, which we endeavour to avoid. We are always looking for ways to reduce waste and are

happy to advise that we have recently joined up with Ziffit and World of Books so our excess books can be sent there instead of sending them to be recycled.

Should you be unsure of something please do not hesitate to contact the shop on 01890 882988.

Wendy Acornley



## 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.

**\*\* Please note that although two of the Saturdays below are "free dates", this does not mean that there will be no Coffee Mornings on those dates. Local organisations may decide to take these dates so please check with the Legion, Town Diary, posters, social media announcements or simply ask around.**

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|--------|-----------------------------|----|
| 25 Feb | Presenting Coldstream Assoc | BL |
| 04 Mar | No booking in Town Diary    |    |
| 11 Mar | Coldstream Community Centre | CC |
| 18 Mar | Coldstream British Legion   | BL |
| 25 Mar | BAVS (Charity Shop)         | BL |
| 01 Apr | Coldstream Town Trip        | BL |
| 08 Apr | Presenting Coldstream Assoc | BL |
| 15 Apr | No booking in Town Diary    |    |
| 22 Apr | Coldstream Community Larder | CC |
| 29 Apr | Masonic Lodge St John       | BL |
| 06 May | Lennel House Care Home      | BL |

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|---------|-------------------------------|----|
| 13 May  | Coldstream Bowling Club       | BL |
| 20 May  | Coldstream Town Trip          | BL |
| 27 May  | Coldstream Twinning Assoc     | BL |
| 03 June | Coldstream Riders Association | BL |

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