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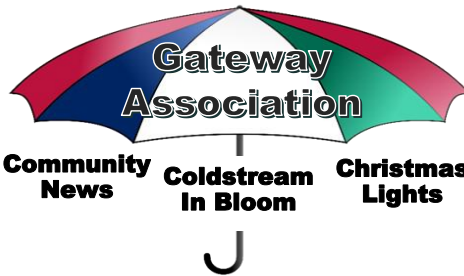


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Coldstream in Bloom
this town's amazing all year-round floral displays

Coldstream Community News
this town's unique & informative 4 editions each year

Coldstream Christmas Lights
this town's festive lights & decoration display

ALL TRULY "SECOND TO NONE"
but in danger of "BEING NONE"

We desperately need some input from the "younger generations" in the town if we are to continue! If you can offer help in any way, please come along to the rescheduled AGM on:

Wednesday 30th August in the Community Centre at 7.00pm

If you can't make it but can offer support, contact
Gateway Secretary: Pat Fulton patfulton@hotmail.co.uk

Coldstream & District Community Council (CDCC)

Top Awards for two top Townsfolk!

At the closing ceremony of Civic Week, Community Council Chairman, Iain Dickson announced with the greatest of pleasure, that this year's Community Awards had been won by Caroline Lauder, Presenting Coldstream (Jim



Patterson Rose Bowl) and John Fulton, Coldstream Gateway Association (The Brown Scott Quaich).

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

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Deadline for the Winter Edition of CCN is Friday 10th November
Don't forget, you can read and download the latest edition of the CCN online any time at www.coldstreamcommunity.com

Contd from page 1 - Caroline Lauder has certainly proven herself over the years to fit these criteria! Her nominator explained, "I have known Caroline for a number of years and her dedication to the town, town sports and Civic Week is second to none. She is passionate about her town, the community and promoting the summer festival. She's a great supporter of the football club amongst many other things. She has held events to raise funds. She volunteers within the community. She has joined committees to promote civic week and she has represented Coldstream throughout the borders and beyond. There won't be much she hasn't done for the town. Flodden day alone she works tirelessly, from working on the gate at Flodden field to clearing tables at the end of the ball to more recent years supervising on the torchlight procession. She has organised band nights in the past during Civic Week to again raise funds. She always offers help and support to the new principals, and I have seen some great friendships formed as a result."

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

John Fulton was very deservedly nominated in particular for his work with Coldstream Gateway Association's Christmas Lights and Coldstream Community News.

When he retired from his Head Teacher's post at Swinton Primary School in 2010, John became Jock Law's "apprentice", working alongside him and Dick Mitchell on the Christmas Lights.

After a short time, he became the lead man on this annual project which starts in November each year running through to the end of January. Completely voluntarily, John does all the paperwork for SBC & Scottish Power, plans the display, maintains the lights, orders the real Christmas Trees and manages the putting up and taking down of them – not to mention dealing with the numerous calls and e-mails from the townsfolk when they spot some have gone out and need replacing! He has done significant fund raising for them as well over the 13 years he has held this post.

In addition to his Christmas Lights commitment, John has also been Editor of Coldstream Community News for the last 10 years, a huge task to meet the deadlines for the 4 issues per year, with John not only physically creating CCN from articles submitted by members of the public but raising funds to meet the cost, searching out advertisers and billing them. He distributes the printed versions amongst his delivery team and also makes it available on-line.

There have been a few occasions we know of where John & Pat have had to defer holiday bookings in order to facilitate the issue of an edition of CCN.

John's ongoing dedication to these two arms of Coldstream Gateway Association is hugely appreciated and will be a difficult act to follow.

Thinking in particular of the future of CCN, he asked in the Summer edition for contact from anyone who might take on the editorial role in the future to come forward. Please get in touch via coldstream.community.news@outlook.com if you can help.

Iain also announced that next year the Community Awards would be extended to include a Youth Award. More detail of this will be available in the Winter edition of CCN.

Well done and thank you, Caroline and John! We are so lucky here in Coldstream to have people like you in the Community!

Joy Thomson, For Coldstream Community Council

Coldstream SWI

Let's begin at the end; the end of our SWI year. In June a number of us enjoyed afternoon tea at Pier Red in Berwick. A delicious meal, seasoned with laughter.

In July the picnic walk began in sunshine and ended in torrential rain and thunder. Naturally the picnic element took place inside where we ate and chatted and dried out for a couple of hours. Great fun.

Yet again we had our very own champion at the Highland Show. Our Treasurer, Lou Washington, won the Best in Show trophy for the second year running. What an achievement. Many congratulations to her.

Berwickshire Federation is one hundred years old. It celebrated with an afternoon tea party in Duns which was attended by eight of our members who enjoyed both the meal and the musical entertainment.

So we move on to the new season 23/24. Preparations are well underway for our entry to the Berwickshire Show in October. Many of our more recent members are taking part, which is a great testament to the talents of our local group. At the last show our community entry was third so this time we are hoping for higher things.

We have an exciting programme in prospect for **23/24**.

We will be developing our artistic talents with Brian Turnbull giving us a drawing masterclass in **September** and our very own Isobel helping us make fabric wreaths in **November**.

In **October** we will learn about the work of the Air Ambulance Service in saving lives in Scotland.

The Christmas party in **December** will be the usual evening of fun, food, games and surprises.

A new year arrives and **January** will see us trying our hand at archery. Perhaps an evening for the local populace to steer clear of the Community Centre!

In **February** Hugh Millington will join us to tell of his experiences as a funeral director around the world.

Visitors' Night in **March** is sure to be memorable. It's already sorted but secret for now!

In **April** with John Elliot we will be sharing the History of Luke's Brae.

Then very quickly it will be **May** and the AGM.

We look forward to welcoming returning members and would be delighted to extend a warm welcome to any new members.

Have a very happy SWI New Year.

Jan Brown

“WALK-IT” - LOCAL WALKING GROUP

We undertake a local walk in the Coldstream area every other Tuesday morning, starting at 10.00hrs outside the Community Centre. The walks are for all abilities and usually take around an hour to complete. The purpose of these walks is for people to join together and have a chit chat, whilst enjoying the wonderful walks Coldstream has to offer. We finish the walk with some refreshments afterwards. What's not to enjoy? No sign up required, no obligation, just come and go as you feel.



Further details are available from either Paul or Geoff - 07718664282 - Otherwise the dates to remember for the rest of this year are - 29th August / 12th & 26th September / 10th & 24th Oct / 7th & 21st Nov / 5th & 19th Dec.

PILATES

We run 2 sessions every week as follows:

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

Thursdays: 11:00 - 12:00 aimed specifically at those who have orthopaedic concerns, such as aching shoulders, stiff backs etc., and helps improve posture, mobility, and flexibility.

Classes cost £6.00 per session - payable 1 month in advance, or £7.50 on a pay as you go basis. You will need to bring your own mat with you. Please note that you do need to contact me in advance as we need to complete some paperwork before you start your first session.

GENTLE EXERCISE (GEx)

We run 1 session every week as follows on behalf of Fitborders:

Thursdays: 10:00 - 10:45

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

For more information on any of the classes, please contact Jan on 07741 530777 or email jdconsultants@hotmail.co.uk. You can look on my Facebook page - JanD Pilates for updates on classes.

Jan Dow

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Coldstream Social & Literary Society

Members enjoyed a summer outing to Bamburgh on 5th June, the highlight of which was an excellent guided tour of Bamburgh Castle. We spent a full day in the village, which gave the opportunity to take in the spectacular Northumberland Coastal scenery and visit the RNLi Grace Darling Museum and St Aidan’s Church. The weather was dry, thankfully!

There are some very interesting talks lined up as part of our programme for 2023/24. We will be welcoming speakers from Rosslyn Chapel, The John Buchan Museum, Berwickshire Marine Reserve and the National Mining Museum Scotland to name but a few. Meetings resume at **2.00 p.m. on Monday 9th October** and our speaker on that occasion will be from Scottish Air Ambulance.

Meetings take place at Coldstream Community Centre. We have a Christmas Lunch too (4th December this year) and a summer outing in June. Annual Membership is £15.00 or you can come as a visitor (£2.00 per meeting).

We are a friendly, long-established local group, keen to welcome members old and new. Our meetings provide the opportunity to socialise over tea/coffee and biscuits after each talk. We hope to see you in October for what should be another enjoyable and varied year’s activities.

Elsbeth Shepherd (Secretary)

Join us at the Hirsell for



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Coldstream Bridge Club

Coldstream Bridge Club is starting up after the summer break on Monday September 4th, 6.30pm in the British Legion Club. Also, from November 6th until the end of January we are playing on Monday afternoons in the Legion Club from 1.30 - 4.30pm.

Stuart Breckons

Coldstream Community Larder

On Monday 3 July the Coldstream Community Larder was officially opened by Jeanna Swan, Lord Lieutenant for Berwickshire, and Harry Shepherd, the 2023 Coldstreamer. We have now had a full month in our lovely new premises in the Community Annexe in the grounds of the primary school and have seen the footfall dramatically increase. Our main aim is to reduce food waste and we collect fresh produce from local supermarkets, including our local Co-op, which would otherwise go to landfill. We have received home grown fruit and vegetables from local gardeners when they have had a surplus. It ALL goes to a good home and as little as possible is binned. The Larder is there for YOU so do come and visit when we are open. Our opening hours with effect from September are Tuesday 8am - 10am (this is an hour earlier than usual to catch the school run), Thursday, 5pm - 7pm, Friday 1pm - 2pm (after our Sainsbury pick up) and Saturday 8pm - 9pm (after our M&S pick up). These openings are all dependant on availability of volunteers.

Our opening would not have been possible without the hard work of our volunteers and without generous funding. Our thanks go to Berwickshire Housing Association, Development Trust Association Scotland whose funding enabled us to buy our display fridge and freezer and to Hudson Hirsell for our second display fridge as well as shelving. An enormous thank you to Neil and Stephen from PMR who came to our rescue when we realised the new fridge would not get through the door. Bish-bash-bosh - job done in minutes!

The next big project is the community garden which is situated next to our building. There is a fair bit of shade so will require some clever planning to make the best use of the space. We have invested in a "hot bin" which will help create lovely compost from any food waste we have.

Susan Burnett



Ella's Quizzes

The quiz for Breast Cancer Now raised £1391.00, thanks to Eleanor Moffat's great selling power. Kelso British Heart Foundation Group quiz raised £390. My current quiz for the Bowling Club runs until the end of September and quizzes are available from the Chemist, Butcher, Petrol Station or myself. Coldstream Heart Rhythm quiz will follow in October.

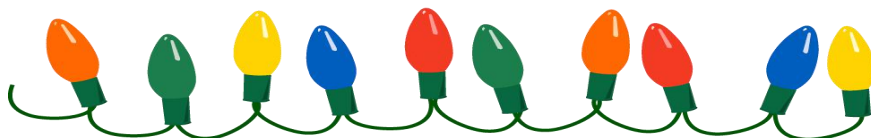
Thank you to all who support my fund-raising efforts.

Ella Purves

COLDSTREAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

will be illuminated for the first time on
Sunday 3rd December.

Look out for more details in the next edition of the Community News.



OVER 60s CLUB

The Over 60s Club meets twice a month on a Thursday afternoon in Coldstream Bowling Club at 2.00pm. Membership is £6.00 per year plus £2.50 per meeting.

The first meeting of the new session is on Thursday 26th October and is the Opening Party which should be great fun! I look forward to seeing members, old and new, then!

Colleen Howard, President

COLDSTREAM PREMIER CRU CYCLING CLUB

This year to date we haven't lost a single day's cycling due to bad weather. Admittedly we have been wet a few times but skin is waterproof and our powers of recovery are fast!

What a cycling year it has been so far! A very exciting Tour de France. Our local (now professional) rider Oscar Onley finishing 10th overall and winning the youngest rider prize in the Tour of Poland and the biggest cycling event in the world happening here on our doorsteps in Scotland with the UCI championships!

Recently I've been asked by a few potential riders for our Club how to get "bike fit" so I've compiled the following 3 week regime to help get everyone back in the saddle without too much effort.

Week 1. Cycle EVERY day to Cornhill and back (or a route of your choice of similar length) No more. No less. (2/3 miles)

Week 2. Cycle to Wark EVERY day (or a similar route of your choice) Once again no more. No less. (5/6 miles)

Week 3. Cycle to Carham EVERY day, the total distance there and back is only 12 miles. No more. No less.

Week 4. You are ready to take on the world. Increase your distances weekly to whatever you are comfortable with. You could then join the Club for our Sunday rides confident that you could manage. Even if you rode with us only for part of the route and built up from there, you would be well on your way to being "bike fit!"

It is important to cycle the required distance EVERY day. It can be in the morning, during the day or evenings. Whatever suits you! Missing a day or going further will not work! You MUST be consistent.

It is also important to stay hydrated so make sure your water bottle is full each time.

It is vital to wear a cycle helmet. As a Club we are strict on our Sunday rides. No helmet. No ride! It could save your life!

We meet and leave EVERY Sunday (weather permitting) from Court House Car Park at 9am. We cycle to Kelso to pick up more riders and then cover approximately 40 miles. Included in that ride we stop for coffee and cake (and a blether!) at some point. The pace is easy. The company and the craic is excellent and no-one gets left behind. The Club is free to join and there are no subscriptions to pay.

If you follow the above regime YOU could be joining us very soon. Age is no barrier (under 16s should be accompanied by a responsible adult) and certainly no excuse.

Follow us weekly on Facebook. Cycling is healthy exercise. Hope to see you all next Sunday.

Hills hurt. Couches kill!

Rob Smith



Coldstream Community Centre

Many of our classes and regular events took a break over the summer but we were thrilled once again to be the base for some of Presenting Coldstream's Civic Week events. Everyone involved with the Community Centre hopes that Harry, Jake and Chris had a memorable week. Life at the Centre will start to get back to normal in September when we will have a wide range of classes and meetings taking place. Each Sunday evening we post a note on Facebook showing what is on during the following week so be sure to follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/coldstreamcommunitycentre/>

We commissioned a structural survey of the building and many urgent repairs have been identified. The Trustees will be working hard to get funding in place to deal with these but see this as part of a bigger project in making the building more sustainable. Quite a challenge.

Big events coming up are our mega book, DVD, CD and jigsaw sale on Sunday 17 September. Doors are open 11am - 3.30pm and we have a fantastic selection of bargains. There is bound to be something of interest. Light refreshments are available.

The following weekend on the morning of Saturday 23 September you can learn how to make a pottery Highland cow. Tickets costing £35.00 are available from the Community Centre and this includes tuition, clay and firing. The class runs from 10-12. It is suitable for children but they must be accompanied by an adult. Numbers are limited.

Coming up in classic movie night we will be screening Restless Natives, The Thomas Crown Affair (the original) and, our Christmas screening, The Shop Around the Corner.

Our ever popular craft market returns on 19 November with some new stallholders and we are thrilled that Andante will be returning on Friday 8 December for a special Christmas concert. Look out for more information on both events in the coming weeks.

Once again Coldstream will be taking part in the Big Community Clean Up which is taking place across Berwickshire on Saturday 16 September. When we have instructions from the organisers we'll let you know the plan of action.

Susan Burnett

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

At the very end of last month, we welcomed Sandra Wright formally into the Berwickshire Group of Churches (St. Mary's Coldstream; St. Ebba's, Eyemouth and Christ Church, Duns) as our Lay Reader. This is an exciting time for St. Mary's and the group as we continue to slowly build up the three churches and their relationships within their respective communities.

Looking back, since the last issue, we had a great time celebrating our 2 year milestone for our Sunday Morning Gathering – meeting in the Community Centre on the 1st Sunday of every month.

We have also now re-established a monthly service in Lennel House, a joint venture with the Parish Church – and you are always very welcome to come and join us in this – 3:00pm on the last Wednesday every month.

Our Rector, Chris, will be away on a Sabbatical break (tied in with some holiday) during September and October. However, St Mary's pattern of Sunday services (see below) will continue as usual.

We will be running our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 7th October in the British Legion.

As always, contributions to the Raffle and the Cake and Produce stall would be much appreciated.



We are now planning to offer an 'Exploring Christianity' group and a Bereavement Journey course early in 2024.

Please do continue to watch our Facebook page for information on these and other happenings at St Mary's.

Services at St. Mary's: You are welcome to any or all of our services.



1st Sunday of the Month: Sunday Morning Gathering – We meet at 9:30am in the Community Centre for a relaxed time around good company and refreshments as we explore together what faith might mean for today.

2nd & 3rd Sundays of the Month: Communion service – We meet at 9:30am at St. Mary's church, Lennel Road, for a more traditional style communion service.

4th Sunday of the Month: Taize Service – We meet 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.

For up-to-date information on all of this and more see our web-site: www.stmaryscoldstream.org.uk

or: follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandallsouls> or: phone Chris: 01361 884326

Coldstream Parish Church Summer Teas

Although only running for 4 weeks this summer, the teas have had great support from Coldstream community and beyond. It was lovely to hear the chatter in the Church Hall whilst people were enjoying their afternoon tea.



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Many people have contributed to the success of these afternoons (and Flodden morning) and we would like to thank everyone who helped in any way by donating baking, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac and also those who served teas and manned stalls.

The marvellous sum of £1437.23 was raised!

We look forward to welcoming you next year.

Anne Coltherd & Irene Letham,
Conveners





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As the building was a former art gallery we took the bold step of retaining the art side. This is not such an odd decision as it may appear. We at Hastings are passionate about property and homes are enhanced by beautiful art. With so many talented artists and makers in the Borderlands it is great to make use of the exhibition space in this fabulous old building to highlight the Borders and Northumberland as an inspiring place to live.

Current works on display include paintings, ceramics, turned wooden bowls and fine bespoke furniture. We have some choice pieces on display by Julia Linstead and Luke Batchelor who have their glass and sculpture studios at the nearby Hirsell Craft Centre.

If you are along the High Street please do pop in and say "Hello". You will be more than welcome to browse at your leisure (there is no need to buy). Our property and legal teams will be on hand should you wish to discuss moving home or the benefits of an up-to-date will or power of attorney. This can now be handled here in Coldstream without the need for you to travel out of the town. The initial meeting is free!

Visit our website at www.hastingslegal.co.uk or call us on 01890 230 999 if you would like to make an appointment.

COLDSTREAM MEDICAL PRACTICE SERVICE UPDATE

Civic Week has been and gone, schools are returning at the end of the holidays and that means that the "Flu Jab" season looms on the horizon.

Unfortunately, Staff members at Coldstream Medical Practice have been subjected to highly distressing and unnecessary abuse, so I thought that clarifying areas of responsibility for some services would be useful.

Due to changes ordered by Scottish Borders Health Board, our GP Practice can no longer offer any vaccinations/immunisations.

All Childhood, Flu, Pneumovax, Shingles, Covid Booster and Travel vaccinations are now done by the NHS Borders Immunisation Team. Owing to the fact the service is entirely out of the Practice Team's hands they have no knowledge of when vaccination campaigns are running and no access to their appointments system.

A further source of patient frustration has been the Health Board Reception. (This is to the right on entering the practice.) This is staffed by the Health Board and again the Practice Staff members have no control over it. More importantly they have no access to this appointments system to help you.

Our Staff has taken it upon themselves to hold a stock of hearing aid batteries in reception having previously had to turn so many people away.

Physiotherapy and Podiatry services are accessed via self referral and the relevant forms can be obtained from the reception.

I would also like to highlight that this midsummer there were 75 appointments that patients did not attend and had not cancelled. This equates to 10 hours or 1 full day of appointments that could have been used by others. If you cannot attend please think of other patients and cancel your appointment.

Please be mindful that the Practice was not responsible for these changes and that the arrangements are totally beyond their control. **THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ABUSE OF PRACTICE STAFF.**

Frances Richardson

Chairperson, Coldstream Medical Practice PPG

Email: fran_richardson2@hotmail.com

A Message from Coldstreamer 2023

Dear All, As I am sitting writing this to you, I am a very happy and proud young man. I cannot believe the summer I have had. Since my Installation in April, along with my Right Hand Man Jake Kerr and Left Hand Man Chris Lyons, we have had the honour of representing Coldstream at the Common Ridings all over the Borders. We have attended Installations, Balls and Ride Outs, enjoyed and seen how every town celebrates in their own way. It has been amazing to see how each town does things so differently, and yet we are all bonded by the special link of being part of the Scottish Borders Common Riding Season.

I have been so lucky to have Jake and Chris by my side and I hope that they and their families have had a wonderful summer.

Sunday 6th August, our Civic Week was finally here. I was so honoured and proud to be Sashed as Coldstreamer 2023, by Silver Jubilee Coldstreamer Colin Virtue. Our Golden jubilee Coldstreamer Raymond Dickson sashed our four Streamer's Lasses - Erin Sanderson, Leonie Fairley, Skye Owens and Naya Johnston and also in attendance was Diamond Jubilee Coldstreamer Raymond Brydon. I hope they all had a wonderful week, making new memories and meeting old friends. Due to circumstance beyond our control, I was unable to give our young organisations their civic week medals but I look forward to attending their meeting in September and presenting them with their medals.

During Civic Week, it was great to attend all the organised events and rideouts. They were all such fun. Of course Flodden Day was the highlight of the week - the day I looked forward to so much.

Following the Pipe band and the Coldstream Guards along the High Street followed by so many horses was really special. But nothing could prepare me for the feeling, carrying the Town Standard up Branxton Hill. I cannot put into words, just how proud and honoured that made me feel. That was nothing to the feeling of leading the Cavalcade back into Coldstream, the street lined with cheering crowds. The atmosphere was electric. I think the huge smile on my face said it all!



But all good things must come to an end and, returning the Town Standard and Sash, it was so emotional. Standing listening to our amazing pipe band marked the end of the best week of my life.

I have so many memories of laughing at the Dub Dash, cheering on the kids at the sports, having a wee dance at the Tea Dance, visiting our Care Homes and Gowanlea, the smiling faces at the Torchlight and all the hard work that was put into the Fancy Dress Costumes.

I would like to thank so many people for their help and support. My mum, dad and sister Sophie for being with me every step of the way this summer and for the "Mafia Party Bus" and all those on it for supporting me all over the Borders. I always knew exactly where they were because they gave the loudest cheers!

My thanks also go to the Ex-Coldstreamers for electing me, to the Presenting Coldstream Association and to Coldstream Riders Association for organising such an amazing week. The committees work so hard to put on Civic Week so, if you are reading this and want to get involved or help, please get in touch with either committee. They really do need your help.

My final thank you is for each one of you, the amazing people of Coldstream, for supporting all the events this week and for lining the streets to cheer our cavalcade in and out of Coldstream.

Your support means so much to me and it has been the biggest honour and privilege to be your 2023 Coldstreamer. Thank you all, you are truly "Second to None".

Harry Shepherd

Coldstream and District Local History Society

After experiencing a very good season of talks during the last academic year, we hope to do the same with our new programme which starts in October. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Leet Room at Coldstream Community Centre from October to May, with our Field Trip taking place in June.

We will meet on October 5th to hear Jane Bowen speak on the topic "The Voyages of the Paddle Steamer "Pegasus" and its wreck off Holy Island." Linda Bankier will speak on "For Better or Worse: Irregular Border Marriages" on November 2nd and Kenny McLean will tell us about the "Evacuation to the Border Counties 1939-1945: Myth and Reality" on December 7th. Our Christmas social will take place on 14th December.

All are very welcome to all our meetings. Membership is £10 a year, due in October. This can be paid at the meeting or via PayPal on our website at any time. Guests are welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting.

The website contains details of projects, research etc. as well as our new programme. The website address is www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk. We also have a Facebook page.

Secretary: Lynne Burgess, 07766707330, lynneburgess27@gmail.com

Kelso Ice Rink - Skating & Curling

Border ice club Skating Club returns in October to offer tuition for children up to the age of 16 in a structured form, which allows them to progress from complete beginner to accomplished skater whilst, most importantly, still having fun. Children have regular assessments and, to round off the season, they are encouraged to take part in competitions geared to the standard of their group. The more advanced skaters can perform one and a half and two-minute programs to music.

The club meets every Sunday until the end of March at 12.15 at the Border Ice Rink, in Kelso. New members are very welcome and there is a trial period of two weeks before a membership fee is payable. For more information email Alison Dagg at bordericeskatingclub@talktalk.net

Public Skating is also run on Sundays from 2.45 - 5.15pm. Booking in advance is recommended via the ice rink website, www.bordericerink.co.uk/shop



Skate hire is available as well as a family pass.

Curling coaching for new curlers also returns on Saturday mornings at 9.30am, open to all ages. For more information, please email admin@bordericerink.co.uk



Coldstream Art Group - Civic Week Exhibition

Coldstream Art Group held its annual Civic Week Exhibition in the Town Hall this year. It ran from Monday 6th August until Friday 11th August with a Preview held on Friday 3rd August.

All agreed that this year's show was a stunning success with all previous records broken. Various Border artists exhibited nearly 200 works of art and, of these, 32 were sold to discerning patrons. Attendance figures were the highest ever and many commented on the suitability and lighting of the venue (apart from the stairs). It is hoped to use the same venue for 2024 when it will also be the Group's 50th Anniversary. Calendars to celebrate this event are now on sale.



Local artist Brian Turnbull very kindly donated one of his wonderful paintings for the raffle prize and this was won by a delighted Pat Fulton. The Jim Page Memorial prize for the most voted for painting was won this year by Ian Stephenson with his atmospheric painting of "Routin lynn".

The Group would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted in the setting up and dismantling of the Exhibition and dealing with the attendant paperwork. Nothing could have happened without you. The Group is now having a summer recess and will resume for the Autumn term in the Church hall at 1.30pm on the 28th August. New members are always

welcome and, if you are interested, please contact the Group chairman, Gordon Thompson on 01890 88 2455 or 07951446129.



Contact Details for Coldstream Organisations, Clubs, Groups etc.

In the next edition of the Community News we will publish our annual list of contact details for local clubs & organisations. Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume that there is no change from last year. An online copy of the 2022 Winter CCN can be viewed in the News section of the Coldstream Community website: www.coldstreamcommunity.com

If you wish to update/amend the information for your organisation, please email us on coldstream.community.news@outlook.com (before 10th November) or use the contact details on the front page. Please also inform us if your organisation wishes to be removed from the list and, similarly, if there are any additions which were not included on the 2022 list, please let us know. Thank you.

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Coldstream Handicrafts

Coldstream Handicrafts will commence on Thursday 7th September in the Leet Room of the Community Centre. 1pm – 3.30pm, cost £3.00 includes a cuppa and a biscuit or two.

We are working on the tapestry of Coldstream designed by Susan Brodie. If anyone would like to help and add a stitch or two, please come along or bring your own handicraft to work on.

Perhaps you could help someone else with their handicraft.

New faces very welcome. Any queries, contact Elspeth on 01890 882211 or Ailsa on 01890 882872.

BAVS is looking for donations of good quality bric-a-brac. Please hand in any items to our Charity Shop at 47 High Street during opening hours which are:

**Mon - Frid
 10.00am - 4.00pm
 Sat 10.00am - 1.00pm
 Thank you!**

All Welcome!

Are you at home with a baby under one or a child between one year and three years? Don't be on your own!

Come along and join our thriving Peep Groups and shorten those approaching autumn/winter days that are so hard to fill.

Wednesdays 8.45 - 10.15 Babies - from Birth to 1 year

Thursdays 8.45 - 10.15 Toddlers - from 1 year old to 3

Community Room - Coldstream Primary School

(Approach the front of the school and walk up the right hand side of the building. There is a glazed wall. The Community Room door is just past the windows)

You will find company for yourself, friends for your child/ren, loads of advice and information, fresh fruit snacks and a kettle always on!

Come and see and decide for yourself

Any questions? Contact the Community Learning & Development Worker who hosts the groups:

Amanda.Dempsey@scotborders.gov.uk

07776 116936

Email, text or call; whichever you are most comfortable with.

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Cornhill on Tweed Centre, Cornhill on Tweed, TD12 4UE

COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH GUILD

The Guild is open to everyone – male or female – and meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. Subs for the year are £10.00 and are payable at the first meeting. £1.00 is payable each meeting thereafter. Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £2.00.

The new session opens on Wednesday 11th October when we welcome the “weel kent” faces of Will and Trevor with their “Photos of Old Coldstream and District”. This is always a very popular evening and brings back lots of memories! On October 25th we welcome Susan Brown who will tell us about “Time in Dornoch” which will be illustrated with her pictures. November 8th brings a Demonstration Night which is going to be a surprise! On November 22nd we are having a Beetle Drive with prizes! Now there is a blast from the past! Our Christmas Party is on 13th December and hopefully, if we have been really good, Santa might put in an appearance! That brings the first part of the session to a close!

We are a very friendly group who are delighted to welcome new members. Do come along – we make excellent tea and coffee and the biscuits aren’t bad either!

Helen Park

ECCLES POWER STATION DEVELOPMENTS WHY WE NEED BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

Many of you will know that several companies have applied for planning permission to put arrays of batteries near the Eccles electricity sub-station. That is so that power from renewable sources such as sun and wind can be stored, and used when the sun isn’t shining and the wind isn’t blowing. Some of you will also have been at meetings where this has been discussed, and where those present were clear in saying that the local communities near where these developments are taking place, Coldstream, Eccles, Leitholm and Birgham, should get a benefit. Many more of you will have spoken to friends and neighbours, and may also have put your names to our request, a request that says;

“We the undersigned request that the organisations seeking planning permission relating to electricity storage and transmission at Eccles Power Station guarantee that local communities receive concrete and specific benefits, such as community funding, from the investment in this critical infrastructure that are additional to those accruing from the infrastructure itself. The benefits will be agreed in discussion between the companies involved and representatives from the communities affected.”

We think that close to half a billion pounds, (£500 million), and possibly more, is being invested just three miles up the road from Coldstream; we think it’s only right that the local communities should get a share, and we are asking for your support, as we pursue that aim. These companies get permission to proceed from Scottish Ministers via a part of the Scottish Government called the Energy Consents Unit (ECU). The ECU takes comments from those interested into account when giving permission for developments.

We are a small group of people from Coldstream, including a Community Centre Trustee, a member of the Community Council, and other members of the community who are working on your behalf; we have been helped by many people who have gathered signatures and names in support of our request, but we need more help as we move forward.

What we have done so far

- We have gathered signatures from the local community (we have almost 500, but we need more)
- We have met with representatives of two of the companies, Interger and Zenobe, and put our request to them.
- We have met with the local MP, John Lamont, and MSP, Rachael Hamilton, and gained their support.
- We have kept our local SBC Councillors informed, in particular, John Greenwell and Donald Moffat.
- We have made contact with representatives from Leitholm Eccles and Birgham Community Council, and will be having a meeting with them in the near future.
- We have put our views on the need for community benefits to the Energy Consents Unit on the two applications currently being considered. (We understand that one of these applications, from Zenobe, has been given consent by ECU)

Next Steps

This is likely to be a long haul, but we need to keep the pressure up, and continue to let these companies know that we expect local communities to benefit from this huge investment. We can do that best by showing them, and local and national politicians, that the community is behind this. If you need more information on the kind of thing that is being proposed, one of the companies is putting on consultation events in the Community Centre on Wednesday the 6th, and Wednesday the 20th September 1100-1400 and 1600-1900; go along and find out what they’re proposing. We also have written information from another company that has already done a consultation that many of you may have missed.

For more information on how you can help, and how you can add your name to support our request, contact John Froggatt in the first instance at john.froggatt8991@gmail.com or on 07951874225

COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH

Over the summer in our services we have been following the lives of the “patriarchs” in the book of Genesis – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and finishing with Joseph – remember the musical “Joseph and his amazing technicolour dreamcoat”? We have had story telling and readings and have reflected on the lessons that we can learn from their lives.

Our summer services have all been “home-grown”, led by our Interim Moderator Robin McHaffie, our worship team and our Session Clerk. In the autumn we will be additionally welcoming some other ministers to lead our worship.

On four Thursday afternoons in the summer we put on our traditional summer teas and on Flodden Day the church was open in the morning too for refreshments and filled rolls. We were very glad to welcome folk from Coldstream as well as visitors to the town and it was lovely to hear the buzz of conversation in the Church Hall as people enjoyed their teas. Thank you to everyone who supported the teas by coming and partaking, as well as to those who helped in so many ways by baking, giving raffle prizes and items for the bric-a-brac table and serving teas. A total of £1437 was raised. We’re looking forward to welcoming you all again next year.

Sunday morning services continue every week at 11.15 a.m. Other activities include Men’s Prayer Breakfast on alternate Saturday mornings from 8.00 till 9.00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Iona style worship on the third Wednesday of the month in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. and a shared Taize service at St Mary and All Souls Church on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5.00 p.m. Every week there is a Sunday Focus page on the Church website, where you can read a Bible passage and prayers and listen to some hymns and songs and there will also be a short reflection on the Bible passage. Follow the link from the home page of the website – a link is also posted on the Facebook page. The Guild will be starting again in the autumn on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month with a full programme of talks and other social activities.

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>.

Please message us via the website or the Facebook page, or contact the Session Clerk, Michael Rowe, by email at michaelrowe.coldstream@gmail.com or by phone on 883333. Our Interim Moderator Rev. Robin McHaffie can be contacted on 882472.

Coldstream Junior Football Club

Coldstream's U12 girls football team have been enjoying their first-ever year in the South East league – and the U10s are now set to join them.

The U12s have been testing themselves against the likes of Hibs, Bonnyrigg Rose, Boroughmuir Thistle, Bathgate Thistle and others this year. In April they took part in the two-day Caledonia Super Cup at Oriam and in June reached the final of the 7v7 Hibs Girls Festival in what was their first competitive event.

The U10s have been playing other Borders teams in the first half of the year but have now joined the South East league for the autumn block of fixtures.

Training takes place on Friday night at Home Park and matches are on Sunday mornings. New players are very welcome. Contact Phil Johnson on 07895193533 for more info.



He is a Coldstream boy who came through the ranks as a footballer at Coldstream Juniors in his home town before moving on to bigger things. Now, Zach Bruce has signed his first professional contract with Hibernian at the age of 15.

The holding midfielder was a member of the Hibs U16s squad last season. He is described on the club website as an “aggressive midfielder whose best position is just in front of the back four, breaking up play and starting attacks from deep”.

An inspiration to all young players in Coldstream, Zach has worked extremely hard over many years and been very well supported by his family, driving up and down to training and games several times a week.

Everyone in the Coldstream football family is extremely proud of what he has

achieved so far and will be following his progress with interest.

Lucy Romanis, meanwhile, will now be playing girls’ football for the first time this season by signing for high-flying Musselburgh Windsor Girls U14s.

Another Coldstream teenager, she came through before there was a girls’ section and played for Coldstream Juniors boys/mixed teams for years until the team had run its course and she moved to Kelso as the only girl in the team.

Lucy is an inspiration to young players in Coldstream.

Congratulations and good luck to both Zach and Lucy.



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Time Capsule

Back in May, at the Kings Coronation Weekend, the Community Council announced that they had purchased a Time Capsule which would be filled with various items from organisations in the town, also some individuals contributed.

I would like to thank the Community Council, Coldstream Larder, Coldstream Community News, Presenting Coldstream, Coldstream Branch SWI, Community Centre, Burns Club, History Society, Twinning Association and our Friends from Bennecourt who have all contributed.

The time capsule is now done and hidden, but will be reopened in 2050, when it will be fun to examine the contents.

Iain Dickson- Chair of Coldstream Community Council.



TILLVAS TALKS

Wednesday 6 September: Cameron Robertson, The David Moor Collection: Berwick-upon-Tweed 1870-1970. Crookham Village Hall, 7:30pm. Tea and coffee served from 7.00pm. Members free, visitors £4.

Sunday 1 October

James IV Memorial Lecture, Etal Village Hall, 2:30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served beforehand.

Dr Gary Bankhead is an amateur underwater archaeologist and an Honorary Research Associate in the Department of Archaeology, Durham University. He has made regular appearances on the Sky History programme *River Hunters*. Since 2007, he has been diving under Elvet Bridge in Durham, gathering over 13,500 objects dating from as early as the 12th century. He will talk about his work and some of these objects, ranging from mediaeval pilgrim badges and lead cloth seals for bales of wool to Victorian dentures. Entrance fee £6.

Tudor and Regency Dancing at Crookham Village Hall

Following our very successful Tudor Dance in June, we will be holding a series of 6 sessions on Thursdays at 7pm, 28 September - 2 November inclusive. The dances, from the 16th to 18th centuries, will be suitable for everyone over 12 and no experience is needed, though soft shoes are recommended. £3 per session, tea and coffee provided. Please contact Jodie at tillvas.archaeology@gmail.com if you need any more information.

Concerts@StCuthberts and Berwick Film Society present

SUNRISE: A STORY OF TWO HUMANS

Norham Church, 9th September

7.30pm (Strictly no late entry) - Doors open 6.45pm for refreshments (including cocktails!)

An Oscar winning silent film from 1927 - Treachery and Deceit! Femme Fatale! Romance and Reconciliation! This classic movie has it all!

Tickets £10 available from the Maltings Box Office 01289330999 and <https://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk>

Norham Village Shop and on the door (subject to availability)

Advance purchase highly recommended

For venue info contact Tory Craig 07745130987 For film info contact Genni Poole 07779663860

17th October 7pm, Norham Church

FREEPLAY - TALK TO ME

Tickets available from <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/freeplay-talk-to-me/>

Adult £12/Child £5

A brand-new show from Toronto based FreePlay, 'Talk To Me' showcases the a cappella live-looping style they have brought to audiences in twenty-five countries across six continents. Featuring music from their most recent album of the same name, 'Talk To Me' sings you around the world... without you leaving your seat.

Norham Events

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

Wednesday 23rd August	Wednesday 18th October
Wednesday 6th September	Wednesday 1st November
Wednesday 20th September	Wednesday 15th November
Wednesday 4th October	Wednesday 29th November

For enquiries regarding the HBOS mobile bank visits, call 0345 601 6943

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

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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.

**** Please note that although one of the Saturdays below is a "free date", this does not mean that there will be no Coffee Morning on that date. Local organisations may decide to take the date so please check with the Legion, Town Diary, posters, social media announcements or simply ask around.**

26 Aug	Riding for the Disabled	CC
02 Sept	Coldstream Guards Association	BL
09 Sept	Town Trip	BL
16 Sept	Coldstream Bowling Club	BL
23 Sept	Coldstream Gateway Association	BL
30 Sept	Macmillan Cancer Support	BL
07 Oct	St Mary's Church	BL
14 Oct	Lodge St John, Coldstream	BL
21 Oct	Parish Church Fayre	PCH
28 Oct	Soup & Sweet Lunch (for Macmillan)	CC
04 Nov	Poppy Scotland	BL

11 Nov	No booking in Town Diary
18 Nov	Coldstream Riders Association BL
25 Nov	Presenting Coldstream Assoc. BL
02 Dec	Ex-Coldstreamers Association BL

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

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