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COLDSTREAM/BENNECOURT

Welcome to our annual COLOUR EDITION!

TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWS

It's been and gone and was FANTASTIC!!

t was a long time coming, with what felt like a huge gap since their last visit to Coldstream for New Year 2019, but on Saturday 21st October 2023 a 54seater coach full of friends (with a few flying in later!) arrived from Bennecourt, France at Coldstream Community Centre, excited to start on their week-long stay.

As most will know, but if you are new folk to the town you may not, Coldstream has been Twinned with Bennecourt since 1990 and is one of the most successful Twinning Associations in this country!

Our 30th Anniversary should have been celebrated in September 2020 however travelling being curtailed by Covid, meant that we had to do this remotely – but we did it, of course we did and shared cake and wine together via a Zoom video link! The first opportunity for us to get together f2f was in July 2022 when 40 of us travelled by coach and plane to meet up for the first time since our New Year Celebration in Coldstream in January 2019.

In glorious sunshine we had the best of times refreshing friendships – which is always so easy as without exception that feeling of "déjà vu" takes over and it just seems like "yesterday" since we were last together.



Perhaps something which might cause you concern about being a part of Twinning is:

What will we do to entertain them for a whole week?

Well - You don't have to worry about that as the Twinning Association arranges the programme! 😂 On page 2 is a potted version of what happened!

COLDSTREAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

will be illuminated for the first time on Sunday 3rd December. See page 5 for more details.



Deadline for the Spring Edition of CCN is Friday 9th February Don't forget, you can read and download the latest edition of the CCN online any time at www.coldstreamcommunity.com

Saturday 21st October:

Welcome reception at the Community Centre for light refreshments and a "Meet & Greet" with host families who took their guests home for a light lunch.

An optional, guided, afternoon stroll around the town with John "Humie" Elliot & Jacquie Forrest to acquaint/reacquaint with the location.

In the evening arranged in groups we joined up with other families for at home suppers around the town. (Rumour has it that much partying went on!!)

Sunday 22nd October:

A visit to the farm at Whitsome, East Newton, hosted by Janet & John Hodge, allowed Pumpkins to be bought to make lanterns for the forthcoming Halloween Party. **Thank you for a fun filled breath of fresh air** in preparation for

the Welcome Sunday Lunch at the Community Centre in the afternoon.

Thank you, Adrian, for decorating the Tweed Room for us – it looked spectacular!

Newcastle Arms, you did us proud with your catering!

Entertainment: The Bennecourt group surprised us with some "avante garde" dance items, not least of which was an interesting, French interpretation of an old favourite, the eightsome reel!

And so, the week progressed with:

Monday 23rd October:

a guided visit to Berwick Jail,

Ten Pin Bowling at Eyemouth,

an amazing Curry & Bingo Night at the British Legion – Thank you Sandersons Butchers for the glorious Curries and Louisa Coates for the Bingo calling.

Tuesday 24th October:

a relatively free day for all with host families in preparation for the fun filled Fancy Dress Halloween Party at the Eildon Centre

Marie/Donald & Lynsey thank you for the venue, the amazing decorations and the music. Thank you also to Harry Shepherd & Jake Kerr for coming along and presenting the prizes.

Wednesday 25th October:

Scottish Borders Council hosted a visit to Council Chambers at Newtown St Boswells and provided a buffet lunch. Thank you, SBC, and Councillors Donald Moffat & John Greenwell for hosting this event.

A visit to the Great Tapestry of Scotland Drinks and Supper with host families

Thursday 26th October:

A day trip to Edinburgh guided by John "Humie" Elliot, Jacquie Forrest & Bernadette Nixon

Bernadette took the Junior "Pompiers" to the Fire Museum in Edinburgh and then to meet up with Coldstream Fire Brigade Supper Parties in groups around host families - and more partying reported.

And in a flash the week was gone, and it's Friday!!

A free day for packing

A joint Committee meeting to discuss the week's highs and lows and arrange the next exchange visit. Packing and loading the bus.

The "Farewell Supper" at the Community Centre

Thank you, Derek Elliot, for a splendid repast and to your helpers for excellent service!

Thank you to all our hosts and helpers and entertainers!

So much fun was had in such a short time and although, to say the least, a little tiring for all concerned, Twinning leaves you with wanting to do it all over again – so why not join us next time?

Coldstream Twinning Association could not continue with this long term and greatly valued relationship with Bennecourt without the support of and funding from:

Scottish Borders Council
Hudson Hirsel Fund
Coffee Morning
Supporters
Local Businesses
The Twinning Committee
Thank you all!!
Join us for the return
visit to Bennecourt 1118th October 2024

Joy Thomson (Chair Coldstream Twinning Association)

Coldstream Social & Literary Society

At the time of writing, we have had the first three meetings of our programme for 2023/24 and members have enjoyed engaging talks on each occasion. We have heard about the work of Scottish Air Ambulance, the History & Mystery of Rosslyn Chapel and the role played by Berwickshire Marine Reserve in managing and conserving the unique marine environment in the area. Thank you to these excellent speakers, who entertained us so well.

We have one meeting left before Christmas and are looking forward to hearing about The Cathars and the 1st Inquisition (20th November). Our Christmas Lunch at The Wheatsheaf at Swinton will take place on 4th December and will bring the first half of the year's programme to an end.

Meetings will resume in January 2024 and we have a wonderful variety of talks lined up, as follows:

Monday 8th January: National Mining Museum of Scotland - David Bell

Monday 22nd January: Berwickshire Marine Reserve: Surprising Seaweed - Lauren Nieuwenhuys
Monday 5th February: The History of the Cheviot Memorial & Crash Sites - Chrys Murphy

Monday 19th February: John Buchan The Man & The Museum - David Brackenridge

Monday 4th March: A Career in the Police – John Sim

Monday 18th March: AGM / Social Event

Meetings will take place at the Coldstream Community Centre at 2.00 p.m. on the dates above.

Non-members are very welcome to attend at a charge of £2.00 per session and you can enjoy a chat after the talk over tea/coffee and biscuits. We hope to see you in January!

Elspeth Shepherd (Secretary)

ELLA'S QUIZZES

The quiz for the Bowling Club raised £462! Thanks must go to Kath Fletcher who sold over £100s worth, a great sales person. Winners came from Derby and Redcar.

My current quiz is raising funds for the Coldstream Heart Rhythm Defibrillator Group. Quizzes are on sale in usual shops or direct from me, purvesjewk@yahoo.com closing date 30 November.

The December/January quiz is for Coldstream Primary School P7 excursion.

The February/March quiz will be for Guide Dogs in memory of my daughter's guide dog Angus, who died suddenly earlier this year. She will hopefully get a new dog sometime next year.

Thanks to everyone who supports my quizzes raising money mostly for local charities.



COLDSTREAM CHARITY FUNDRAISERS (FORMERLY

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events since we left the 'umbrella' of Macmillan and set up our new group Coldstream Charity Fundraisers. We had a good turn out for our Coffee Morning at the end of September where we raised over £445 and a fantastic turn out for our Soup and Sweet event at the end of October where we raised over £660.

To keep everyone up to date with what we propose doing with the money we raise, we intend keeping it in the Borders and to that end we are having a meeting with the fundraising manager for Macmillan at Borders General Hospital. Hopefully in the next edition of the CCN I can update you further. Unfortunately Cancer touches us all in one way or the other and we as a group are trying with your support to help in some small way.

We have a few events planned for 2024, which include a Soup and Sweet Lunch on the 2nd March. This is another opportunity to have a bowl of steaming hot homemade soup, a delicious hot or cold pudding (calorie free of course!!!) and a good blether with old and new friends. Come along, you don't know what you're missing.

On the 1st of June we are holding a Coffee Morning in the British Legion Club and on the 30th June we will be serving our famous Afternoon Teas at Ruthven Garden Opening. Look out for posters with all the details which will be displayed in various places around town nearer the event.

Other events are planned for later in the year which will be announced at a future date.

Please come along and support us in our new venture and help others in the process.

Thank you from Coldstream Charity Fundraisers



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G J SANDERSON BUTCHERS CROWNED BEST BUTCHERS SHOP IN SCOTLAND AT SCOTTISH BUSINESS AWARDS

Sunday 29th October we travelled through to Glasgow for the Scottish Business awards at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel where we as a business were among the finalists competing alongside other businesses in their respective categories with 800 people attending and 44 awards up for grabs.

To our amazement, when the "Best Butchers Shop" category came up and we were announced as the winners it came as a surprise and a shock as we were up against some strong opposition. No speech prepared, up Malcolm and myself went, me walking as if I had

one leg shorter than the other because my heel had come off my brogues, to collect our award and mumble through a speech, with a few beers on board as we were going to celebrate the result win or lose!

The Scottish Business Awards are presented to businesses which someone has nominated. We received notification in early April that this had happened and promotional material was sent out for voting purposes. Not only is there a voting process, they come to your business as a mystery shopper, watch over your social media sites and see how you interact with the public etc.

In May we received the news that we were finalists for the Edinburgh & Borders area and were invited to Edinburgh to the awards ceremony. Winning this was superb and it enabled us to attend the finals in Glasgow.

May we take this opportunity to thank the people of Coldstream area and beyond for supporting us and voting for us. We take pride in what we do as a business and will continue striving to bring you top quality produce with new and innovative ideas.

Mid-December marks 20 years of trading for G J Sanderson Butchers - here's to the next 20 years! May we take this opportunity to wish all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Graham & Malcolm

Santa's coming on Sunday 3rd December!

Santa will be coming to the Community Centre once again on Sunday the 3rd of December, and he's looking forward, as ever, to meeting the children of Coldstream. At **4.30pm** Santa will travel along the High Street from the old Police Station to the Community Centre, and he should be in his chair, ready to receive his first visitors, by 5pm. Tickets to see Santa are £3 per child, which includes a gift, payable at the door. Adrian will be working his magic to decorate the building and produce the Yuletide extravaganza. There will be a raffle, and mulled wine for adults.



COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS: If you want to enjoy the extravaganza in the Tweed Hall, Festive Teas are being served on Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th December, when a selection of sandwiches, savouries, cakes and unlimited tea and coffee will be available. All for £15, with tickets purchased before the 30th of November, at just £12.50. As always, places are selling quickly, so if you want to book, just get in touch. Attendees should be seated by 2.30pm for a 3pm start.

Another festive treat is a performance by the Andante Chamber Choir and Consort on Friday 8th December, with doors opening at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Entrance fee £10 to include mulled wine (or tea/coffee) and a mince pie. Many of you will have seen that there are musical additions to the repertoire of things going on in the Community Centre, with "Tiny Trebles" for little ones up to five (and their carers), and "Village Voices" for adults who want to sing out among friends and neighbours.

Most of you will also be aware that we have a long-standing Community Cinema, expertly curated and run by Ann Tait. It has recently expanded its screenings, at the request of a member, to include "classic" films, in addition to the more recent ones that are still being screened. There has also been a suggestion that there might be an appetite for occasional afternoon screenings for those who might not be keen to come out in the evening. We wanted to get your views; we'd be keen to hear from you if you'd like to come to afternoon screenings if they were available. Once we've seen what the demand is, we can decide whether it would be feasible to put some afternoon screenings on. Let us know!

Meanwhile, we are awaiting costs for some of the work identified in the recent building survey. We are working towards putting the building on a more sustainable footing, so far as its energy use is concerned, with an ambition to move it towards "zero emissions" a project which will also inevitably incur substantial costs. It is vital that all of this work is brought together, and a proper project plan put in place. We think it's very important that the community is involved in this work, and we will be putting in place ways of informing, and involving, you at every stage. The Community Centre is for all, and everyone should have a say in its future development.

The annual report and accounts are being finalised, and the date for the AGM will be announced in the near future As you know, we organise occasional litter picks throughout the town (weather permitting) so if you would like to be added to the e-mail list, get in touch, or watch out for announcements on FB.

The Community Centre is run by a group of volunteers for the benefit of the town and we are very fortunate to have an excellent team of part-time employees to help us do this. We continue to have a policy in place which ensures that everyone treats each other with respect and dignity, and expect that this extends to people communicating with us. You can get in touch with us byphone 01890 883332, message on FB @coldstreamcommunitycentre, for bookings email bookings@coldstreamcommunity.com, to reserve tickets email info@coldstreamcommunity.com, for invoicing queries email admin@coldstreamcommunity.com

Everyone involved with the Centre would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and thank you for your support throughout the year. Best wishes for 2024 from Adrian, Adrienne, Chris, Dennis, Ian, John, Rosie, Sam, Susanx2 and Wendy.



BOWLING CLUB

Coldstream Bowling Club would like to thank the community of Coldstream for their generous support for the Coffee Morning at the British Legion in September and for their participation in the club's quiz competition (special thanks to Ella for her support). This raises much needed revenue for the club. In return we would extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to pop in to our Saturday evening bingo sessions – keep a look out around the town for posters advertising the next one. The club is also hosting a Christmas Quiz and posters will go up in advance of that event.

Coldstream and District Local History Society

The Society meets in the Community Centre (Leet Room) at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month until May. Our meeting on December 7th has Kenneth McLean speaking on the subject "Evacuations to the Border Counties 1939-1945: Myth and Reality.

On 4th January 2024 we have "Photos from D Smith's Collection of Berwick" by Cameron Robertson.

Christine Henderson will give a talk on "The Reivers" on 1st February.

All are welcome to our meetings. Membership is £10 a year. Guests are welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting. The website contains details of projects, research etc. as well as our programme. The website address is www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk. We also have a Facebook page.

Secretary: Lynne Burgess Tel: 07766 707330

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. £1.00 is payable at each meeting and visitors are always welcome at a cost of £2.00.

The new session opened on Wednesday 11th October when we welcomed 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 and this year was no exception! There was an animated buzz of conversation throughout the room especially when the photos of the work done on the old Kirkyard at Lennel were shown. On October 25th we welcomed the Rev. Susan Brown from Greenlaw whose talk was entitled "Time in Dornoch" but which turned out to be so much more! Sue gave a fascinating talk which covered her time in Dornoch where she officiated at the wedding of Madonna and Guy Ritchie; as Chaplain to the late Queen with photos and reminiscences of visits to Balmoral; her time as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland with photos of her trips abroad in her official capacity - all told with a great deal of humour! A fascinating evening and one that was much enjoyed by everyone! November 8th brought Georgina Richardson who demonstrated the art of candle making. The Hall smelt beautifully of gingerbread and made us all feel very Christmassy! Georgina also brought along some of her other creations so we were able to do some Christmas shopping. 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 restart on 10th January when we welcome Rev. Robin McHaffie as our speaker. This will be followed on 24th January by our Scottish Night filled with songs, readings and poems from Members. On 14th February Veronica Fairbairn will be showing her DVD of The Famous Shanghai Circus which sounds very colourful and on 28th February Isobel Johnson will be leading the craft night "Stone Painting with Isobel".

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

FUNDING COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY NEWS

You may or may not be aware but each year since 2004, four editions the Community News have been produced and distributed in and around Coldstream. By my reckoning, that's 76 copies of the CCN which have been delivered free of charge through your letterboxes and all of this has been done by volunteers. Over a period of almost 20 years, Coldstream Community News has been funded by successful grant applications, fund-raising and generous donations from individuals, organisations & from Coldstream Community Council. Currently, we print 1420 copies of the CCN each Spring, Summer and Autumn and the cost to produce each edition is £464. The once-a-year colour edition (like this one) costs around £700. All businesses and individuals who advertise certainly make a valuable contribution towards reducing the cost of each edition and for that we are extremely grateful, however there is still a substantial cost involved in producing each CCN and our current funds will not last for ever.



We have never asked our readers directly to help with funding the CCN and we certainly don't want to start charging for it. So, with that in mind, if any of you would like to make a donation towards CCN production costs, we've set up a "Just Giving" page which can be accessed at the following web address:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coldstreamcommunitynews
Or, go to the Just Giving website (Google it) and search for coldstreamcommunitynews
(no spaces).

Any donations of any amount would be gratefully received and would be a significant help towards the continuation of Coldstream Communty News into the future.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your generosity.

John Fulton

Coldstream Art Group The Autumn/Winter Session of the Group is now in full swing with a full complement of budding and experienced artists meeting in the Church Hall every Monday afternoon from 1.30 till 4.30pm.

> Already this session we have had two demonstrations from well known and excellent artists, Tina Holley and Stuart Norman, who showed the group how to improve their watercolour painting techniques and gave encouragement to their efforts on the day with tips on an individual basis.

Stuart has been chosen to appear on the popular T.V programme "Landscape Artist of the Year". It has already been filmed and will screen in 2024 but, as yet, the results remain a secret. Stuart is pictured during the demo together with the rapt attention of the Group.





It is encouraging to note that group members are showing continual progress and are producing paintings that show their emerging talents

on a weekly basis. Examples of two of these are shown

This year the Group produced a 50th Anniversary celebration calendar for 2024 and this has been a great success with only a few copies left. It would make a great Christmas present and one can be obtained from Helen Park, The Men's Shed, The Old



Castrum Coffee shop or by getting in touch with Will Murray on 01890 882661or Gordon Thompson on 07951 446129.

Coldstream Heart Rhythm



Since our last update to you earlier in the year we have been busy raising funds for more defibrillators in the town, and also providing training in basic life support and how to use the defibrillators.

Since mid-May we have been working in collaboration with the staff of the Royal British Legion Club in Coldstream. We are jointly proud to say that thanks to the herculean efforts of Michelle Stuart, James Bell and their colleagues, that they were able to raise in excess of £2,800 for the provision of a Public Access Defibrillator to be positioned on the external wall of the Legion. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work to make this happen. Truly second to none.

In September we undertook our inaugural Annual General Meeting where we were able to reflect upon a very successful first year of operation. The hard work continues apace.

We are in the process of working with Anna and John Standing at the Laughing Ducks Soft Play to install one of our defibrillators on their premises – this will help provide additional coverage to Douglas Court, Hillview, Priory Hill and Priory Bank.

We are currently working with the Leet Haugh Residents Association Committee to install a Public Access Defibrillator within that development. We are looking forward to concluding this in the near future.

Training sessions have started, offering training in basic life support and the use of defibrillators. We held a joint session with the Coldstream Fire and Rescue Services at the beginning of August. We have run a couple of sessions with the collaboration of the Coldstream Community Trust and the Coldstream Community Larder.

As sessions can be delivered both to groups or individuals, we are very keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in attending one of our sessions whether you are completely new to basic life support and the use of a defibrillator or you feel a refresher may be helpful - it would be great to hear from you. Wouldn't it be something if the whole town was trained? Think of the lives that might be saved.

If you are interested in free training, please get in touch. Contact us on Facebook or email coldstreamheartrhythm@yahoo.com

You can also follow us on Facebook to hear about our latest news – just search for Coldstream Heart Rhythm (SCIO SC051812)

Chairperson, Dr Martin Hadshar

Coldstream Heart Rhythm SCIO

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Community Council Place Planning



On November 9th there was a third and final big meeting to discuss Place Planning. From now on most of the work will be done in smaller groups to identify what needs to be done, who needs to be involved and what quick wins there might be in the following four areas:-

- younger children (primary school age and younger things for them to do, childcare etc etc.
- secondary school and teenagers what can we provide for them to do? What do they want?
- parking, traffic & road safety
- town amenities, facilities and infrastructure

If you would like to add your name to the small list of people who have already come forward to register an interest in joining one or more of these teams please email secretary.coldstreamcc@gmail.com or ring Alison Campbell on 07977 296891.

Let's actually get some things planned so we can test them with the community to make sure they are what you want and then actually make them happen.

For updates please follow the Coldstream Community Group Facebook page, ask to be included in the Place Planning email group, follow the website https://coldstreamcomm.co.uk/place planning or keep an eye out for posters on the noticeboard and articles in CCN.

Follow this link to join one of the sub groups: https://form.jotform.com/233132468746359

Iain Dickson Chair - Coldstream Community Council



We are experiencing a lot of changes within Bavs and are very excited for the coming year. The first change being our new logo which was revealed at our recent AGM. This incorporates the existing Bavs green with colours from our 50th anniversary logo to take us from the past and into the future. We have had some great successes already such as giving away school uniforms and Halloween costumes free! At present we are giving away children's books - free and will soon be giving away children's Christmas Jumpers! This is us giving back to you - our wonderful community.

Wendy and the volunteers at Bavs Coldstream would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for the 2024. We have had a wonderful year

thanks to all your wonderful donations and endless support. We could not have done this without you.

We will be closing from Saturday 23rd December to Monday 8th January.

Wendy Acornley, Shop Manager, Coldstream

TillVAS Talks, 2023-24

Sunday 3 December, Crookham Village Hall, 12 noon - John Nolan, Barmoor Castle Test Pits

John Nolan, a historian and archaeologist who was heavily involved in many of TillVAS's Flodden digs, has been working for a number of years on researching Barmoor Castle, an eighteenth and nineteenth century mansion built round a Pele Tower but uninhabited for many years and now in a ruinous state. The owners hope to convert the building into luxury holiday accommodation. Any planning application requires archaeological investigation first, mainly at ground floor level, to explore the feasibility of this. John has been directing a number of TillVAS members brave enough to take part in this dig in the depths of winter and he will talk about discoveries made.

Sunday 7 January, Crookham Village Hall, 12 noon - Speaker to be announced

Sunday 4 February, Crookham Village Hall, 12 noon

Professor Chris Fowler of Newcastle University will talk about the analysis of ancient DNA revealing Neolithic kinships in 35 individuals buried at a site in the Cotswolds. DNA showed that 27 of them were close biological relatives spread over five generations and dating tests showed they lived around 3700-3600 BC.

COLDSTREAM SWI

Suddenly it's November and time to report on the beginning of our SWI year. We began in September with Brian Turnbull giving us a drawing lesson. The object was to copy a drawing of a view with a small cottage, a boat and some sea. Everyone attempted it with very varying degrees of success. A thoroughly enjoyable evening though even for the less artistic amongst us.

Storm Babet proved the undoing of our October speaker from the Scottish Air Ambulance Service.

We made do with a beetle drive and social evening which, while not as instructive, was fun.

Then came the Berwickshire Federation Show and what a show! For the first time Coldstream won the trophy for **most points in the show** and the trophy for

most points for a larger institute. Two shiny cups already but that wasn't the end. Lou Washington once again won the the trophy for best exhibit in the show, plus one for most points in the handcraft section plus another one for most individual points in the whole show, plus one for most points in the Needlework Section. Maggie Alexander shared the trophy for most points in the Photography Section and we also took home the brand new trophy for most points in the Crochet Section. So eight trophies to bring home to Coldstream. But our joy didn't end there. We came 2nd in the Community Class with our Halloween based entry of a very spooky graveyard, missing 1st by just half a point, and third in the small community class with treats for Guisers. Many, many of

our entries received first, second or third places so well done to all who took part. Those taking part enjoyed the experience but it was made even more enjoyable by the silverware we took home. As we came 3rd in the Community Class last time we are moving upwards and are now aiming for 1st in April 2025!

2025 is a long way off but we are fast approaching 2024. We look forward to making wreaths in November with Isobel and then our Christmas Party in December. A lot to celebrate this year. Next year begins with archery, then tales of a funeral director, visitors' night and the history of Lukes Brae; so a very busy schedule for 2024.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month so why not come along? We will be very happy to welcome you to our regular meetings as a visitor to see if you might want to join us as a member.

We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.





Coldstream Parish Church

During the autumn we have enjoyed a variety of styles of worship and some different perspectives with services led by guest ministers from as far away as Durham and Edinburgh as well as nearer to home, along with services led by our worship team, Session Clerk and Interim Moderator.

In October we held our traditional Harvest service followed by a Harvest lunch in the hall. A big thank you to the helpers who decorated the church for the occasion and those who contributed food for the lunch, which raised £100 for the Red Cross Israel-Palestine emergency appeal.

Later in October our autumn Church Fayre was very well attended, and we thank all those who helped out on the day, who provided sale items and baking for the stalls and prizes for the raffle, especially for the ever-popular Christmas hampers, and of course all those who supported the event by coming and enjoying the fun. A total of £827 was raised for church funds.

The Guild, meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings each month has had a good start

to the season, and our other regular activities have also continued: Men's Prayer Breakfast every other Saturday morning, at which all men will be warmly welcomed; a short, informal Iona-style service on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month; and a joint Taize service with St Mary's at 5.00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month. On Thursday evenings we have been following the 8-week Prayer Course, which has been excellent. If anyone is interested we would gladly run the course again.

Plans are well underway for Christmas services. There will be a carol service at the usual morning service time of 11.15 a.m. on Sunday 17 December. On Thursday evening, 21 December, we will be singing carols with St Mary's in Henderson Park at 6.00 p.m. - all are very welcome. We will provide carol sheets, but please bring a torch so you can see the words! On Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December our service will be the Christingle service at the new time of 4.00 p.m. This will be an all age service – adults bring your children and grandchildren, and children bring your parents and grandparents! On Christmas Day there will be a short family service at 10.00 a.m. And finally, on New Year's Eve, Sunday 31 December we will have a short service in the church at 11.15 a.m. followed by seasonal refreshments in the church hall.

If you can't make it to church, 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, with a short reflection on the Bible passage.

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.





Coldstream Community Larder is now firmly established in the annexe and work has begun on the garden to get it ready for a decent crop of vegetables next year. We will be looking for volunteers in the new year to help us with planting and all the work that goes with running a garden. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or on coldstreamcomm.co.uk/larder for all the updates

We are very grateful indeed to the Men's Shed for their work on the cupboards in our other room and to the Co-op and all those of you who chose us as your local cause last year- in

total that raised £1,986.79! We are a cause for this year too and would be very, very happy indeed if you could start, or continue to, support the larder by choosing us as your cause. (Other good causes are available).

We have also received £500 from Sainsburys to be put towards the purchase of food for the larder in the run up to Christmas. Although we do buy some food when we get grant funding



specifically for it, the main focus of the larder is always on <u>reducing</u> <u>food waste</u>. We need everyone to help us do that. We are not a foodbank - your larder is **OPEN to EVERYBODY.**

WiFi has now been installed at the larder which means that we will be able to allow anyone to use the printer donated by Community Council. This will be available during usual opening hours. A small charge of 5p per A4 sheet for black and white and 10p for colour will apply to fund the cost of the paper and ink. We hope that very soon we will have people using our other room. We will also be providing the space for one organisation which is willing to give free help to complete benefit applications for anyone who identifies as disabled and another who will work with anyone we refer who wants help via a mentorship scheme. More details will be made available at the larder



FROM THE CCN EDITOR TO ALL IN COLDSTREAM

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year



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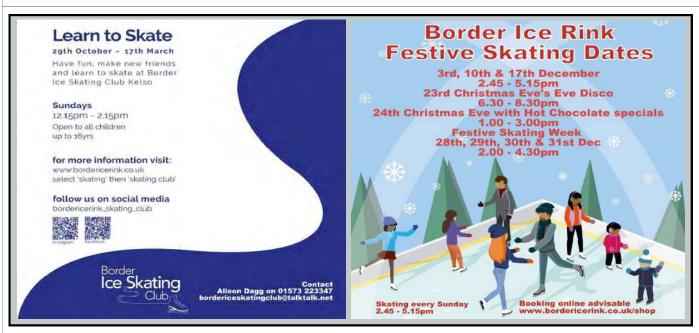
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CrimeStoppers also shares advice on how to protect the people you care about from crime, so everyone feels safe.



COLDSTREAM PREMIER CRU CYCLING CLUB

hat an excellent year we have had so far. We have ridden with lots of new faces on various types of bike. We have enjoyed great company and seen parts of our local countryside not normally visible from a car. Recently, we provided support for the Jed Renilson Wheelchair races near Jedburgh on roads closed to traffic. These racers are truly amazing and can race at speeds over 40mph! We have discovered new coffee stops and have become experts on the finer points of cheese scones and traybakes. We have successfully avoided all the recent



storms and haven't lost a single Sunday this year to bad weather. In cycling, however, there is no such thing as bad weather only badly prepared clothing for the conditions!

As winter now approaches we will continue our Sunday rides and everyone is welcome to join us. Follow our weekly page on Facebook to keep up to date and just in case we have to call off a ride at the last minute. Winter riding takes on a different strategy. Layers of thin clothing (rather than looking like a mobile Michelin man) is the order of the day for warmth. A waterproof outer layer is also advisable along with waterproof socks or overshoes but that can lead to excessive heat being produced and you end up like a boil-in-the-bag meal!

Its important to make sure your bike is well serviced and all components are ready for the winter. There are more thorns on the roads just now so don't forget to carry a spare tube or two and that you are capable of mending a puncture yourself. A puncture, whilst out with a group of riders, turns into a spectator sport as a repair is a one man job for the most part. Practice at home in the dry if you are not confident. It is not difficult.

Cycling is a great way to keep fit without having to pay for gym membership. We cover anywhere from 40 to 60 miles every week at a pace which most can manage. We don't race and no-one gets left behind. Membership is free (remember to bring a couple of pounds with you for the coffee stop!) and there is no committee nor meetings to attend. We meet and leave from Court House Car Park at 9am every Sunday. We then cycle to Kelso where we pick up more riders and leave there at 9.30am en masse.

The company and craic is always good! The only thing we are strict upon is that EVERYONE must wear a cycling helmet. NO HELMET means NO RIDE! Under 16s should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Follow us on Facebook every week and we all look forward to having you join us very soon. All welcome!

OVER 60'S CLUB

eetings are held twice monthly on a Thursday in the Coldstream Bowling Club at 2.00 p.m. £2.50p is payable each meeting which includes tea and a raffle.

The session opened on October 26th when we joined together to celebrate our President's 70th birthday with a party! Everyone had a wonderful time including the birthday girl! On November 9th we had a quiz so all the little grey cells were stirred into action. It was another enjoyable afternoon in good company! On November 23rd we look forward to welcoming Shopafrolics with Judy and being able to do some Christmas shopping. Our Christmas Party is on December 7th which is another afternoon to look forward to!

The session resumes on January 11th when Rob Bell will be treating us to a Burns Afternoon. This is definitely one to mark down in the diary! On January 25th Janet Hodge will be coming along to demonstrate some of her lovely desserts and hopefully there will be some tasters! We welcome Carin Tait-Logan back on February 8th to tell us more about her work as a Police Officer which is bound to be very interesting.

Visitors are always welcome so do come along! You will be made most welcome!

Helen Park



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We'd love to hear from you!

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Coldstream & District Community Council (CDCC)

CELEBRATE FESTIVE TIMES AGAIN ON Saturday 6th January 2024



at the Christmas Party for anyone living in the town and over the age of 65

Venue: Coldstream Community Centre

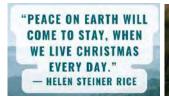
Only £5.00 per head for a 2-course dinner, drinks & lots of fun!!

Bookings with a non-returnable payment of £5.00 ph can be made on Saturday 9th December 2023 at the Coffee Morning for Gateway Association Christmas Lights at 10.30am in the British Legion.

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

I wonder if you've ever thought: What does Christmas really mean? What is it all about? Some of these famous quotes might get us thinking....

We'll come back to these in a moment, but at St. Mary's a number of things are happening over the coming months.







First, as Santa is arriving in the Community Centre on the 3rd of Dec, our usual Sunday Morning Gathering will **NOT** be on the 3rd – **but will be on Sunday 26th Nov** – usual time of 9:30am where we'll explore the season of Advent through the theme of 'Journey'. Also, do watch out for Mary & Joseph (and the donkey) as they meander around Coldstream during December – if you'd like to follow their journey, you can do so by logging in to our Face Book page (for details see below).

Then, looking into 2024, we've a number of things on the horizon:

We're exploring the possibility of having a service toward the end of January in which we'd simply like to bless the community of Coldstream – this would involve asking members from within the community to be willing to share something that's been challenging over the last year and something they're looking



forward to in the coming year and, if possible, to share a favourite reading and/or song that they find encouraging. If you'd like to be involved in this please e-mail our Rector Chris (details below).

EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY?

We're also planning to offer an 'Exploring Christianity' group which would be great if you were baptised as a baby and wondering what that might mean, and find yourself thinking about owning that more personally through confirmation. As well as this we're planning a 'Living with Loss' group, centring around the material provided by the Bereavement Journey https://

www.thebereavementjourney.org Further details, start dates

etc. will be on our Face Book page closer to the time.

Now back to our opening question: What does Christmas really mean? Well, why not pop in to one of our services over Christmas to find out a little more:



Christmas Service Times:

Thursday 21st Dec – 6:00pm – Carols in the Park

Sunday 24th Dec – 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Communion

Monday 25th Dec – 10:30am – Christmas Day Family Communion

Sunday 31st Dec -11:15am – 'Christmas Left-overs'

Regular 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

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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 29th November Wednesday 13th December Wednesday 27th December Wednesday 10th January 2024 Wednesday 24th January Wednesday 7th February Wednesday 21st February Wednesday 6th March

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

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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 some 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 a free date so please check with the Legion, Town Diary, posters, social media announcements or simply ask around.

25 Nov	Presenting Coldstream Assoc.	BL
02 Dec	Ex-Coldstreamers Association	BL
09 Dec	Gateway Assn Christmas Light	s BL
16 Dec	No booking in Town Diary	
23 Dec	No booking in Town Diary	
30 Dec	No booking in Town Diary	
06 Jan	Coldstream British Legion	BL
13 Jan	No booking in Town Diary	BL
20 Jan	Presenting Coldstream Assoc.	BL
27 Jan	No booking in Town Diary	
03 Feb	No booking in Town Diary	

10 Feb Coldstream Community Centre *CC*17 Feb Gateway Association (Flowers) *BL*24 Feb Defibrillator Group *BL*

02 Mar Charity Fundraisers Soup & Sweet CC

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

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