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## Coldstream & District Community Council (CDCC)

We know it feels like we have been here before, and some will say "Pigs Might Fly" but please take the time to fill in the pull-out centrefold questionnaire in this edition so we can make some positive changes in the town.

In recent years the community in Coldstream has delivered significant improvements. Our Playpark and our Community Centre are there because our Community cared enough to make them happen!

**There is a very important pull-out survey at the centre of this edition of CCN. Please complete it and return it to Sandersons Butchers or the Community Centre by 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

We will be collecting the views of those 13 years of age and under via the school and from other youth groups.

There are various grant funds, including **£20,000,000** of Levelling Up Funding for the Borders. Funding is available to any town that can:

- ◆ demonstrate it has community support and
- ◆ provide a clear plan of what needs to be done.

### YOUR HELP IN THIS IS VITAL!

Some initial workshops were held last year but now we need some more detail to prepare a compelling plan that will give Coldstream the best chance of getting the facilities we need.

Some of the priorities already identified are:

- ◆ improved parking
- ◆ more to do for our youth of all ages
- ◆ more childcare provision

but there are other improvements to facilities that might also be added e.g. greener heating for the Community Centre.

The survey is also available on line by scanning the QR code below or by looking online at <https://coldstreamcomm.co.uk/place>

We will be posting updates here too, and you can contact the team from this web page.

Iain Dickson, Chair, Coldstream Community Council



## Coldstream Twinning Association Trip to Bennecourt

Why not take part in the 2024 Trip to Bennecourt, 11th - 18th October?

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For further information please contact Joy Thomson: [joyalex@btinternet.com](mailto:joyalex@btinternet.com) / 01890 883911  
or Frances Mather: [frances.mather@leetstreet.co.uk](mailto:frances.mather@leetstreet.co.uk) / 01890 883188

**Deadline for items for the Summer Edition of CCN is Friday 10th May**  
**Don't forget, you can read and download the latest edition of the CCN online any time at [www.coldstreamcommunity.com](http://www.coldstreamcommunity.com)**

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

Club/Society/Organisation	Contact Name	Telephone	Email
Coldstream Burns Club	John Elliot	01890 882176	jh.elliott444@gmail.com
Coldstream Ramblers	This community group is no longer in existence		



It's again looking like a busy year at the Community Centre, with an ever-expanding list of classes and groups using our facilities, the latest being "Roots and Clouds" natural movement classes. We're in the process of reviewing our room hire rates, and clarifying the information we provide about use of the Centre. Energy and other cost increases affect us all, but we're trying hard to balance the needs of all those who use the Centre with our need to ensure we can keep it going as a hub for the community. As we've mentioned before, we're looking at how we can move the Centre closer to being a "zero carbon building" so we can secure its future sustainability, and there's a question about it in the pull-out section of this CCN, so please, tell us your views! We've got our Annual General Meeting coming up on the 19th April at 19.00, so please come along if you can; we will be putting out notices nearer the time. We're also on the lookout for new Trustees to replace a small number who have decided to step down after making vital contributions over a number of years. We'll be giving more detail on them in the next edition. But meanwhile, if you want to come and join us at an exciting time, as we navigate our way to net zero you are extremely welcome. We are looking to commission the work required in response to our recent structural survey and raise the money to do so, as well as looking at innovations in the events we hold. If you are at all interested, please get in touch! Contact details below.

As you know, we organise occasional litter picks throughout the town (weather permitting) so if you'd like to be added to the e-mail list, please get in touch, or watch out for announcements on Facebook. 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 by phone 01890 883332 or message on FB @coldstreamcommunitycentre. For bookings, email [bookings@coldstreamcommunity.com](mailto:bookings@coldstreamcommunity.com), to reserve tickets: [info@coldstreamcommunity.com](mailto:info@coldstreamcommunity.com) or for invoicing queries: [admin@coldstreamcommunity.com](mailto:admin@coldstreamcommunity.com)

Finally, we were sorry that the Youth Club needed to move, the Tower Room being no longer suitable because of disabled access issues. They have used the Community Centre for a long time and our very best wishes go with them to their new venue at the Community Larder.

### **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 future meetings are as follows:

March 7<sup>th</sup> AGM at 6.45 followed at 7.30pm by Ian Hill: The excavations at Hume

April 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Gibson: Kelt Fishcakes and Grilse - net Fishing on the Tweed

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Keith: Are We Nearly There Yet? A journey exploring Scotland's milestone history – and much else besides

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](http://www.coldstreamhistorysociety.co.uk). We also have a Facebook page. Secy: Lynne Burgess Tel: 07766707330

### **Coldstream Charity Fundraisers (formally MacMillan)**

Happy New Year everyone, and as we start 2024 we as a fund raising group start a new venture. As mentioned in previous newsletters we have now left the umbrella of MacMillan and after a meeting with Karen Wilson from the BGH we have decided to raise money for the Margaret Kerr and MacMillan units at the BGH meaning any money we raise is kept in the Borders to help local people. We are hoping you all will agree that this is a worthwhile cause and come out and support our events.

On that note our first event of the year will be a Soup and Sweet to be held in the community centre on Saturday 2nd March, from 11-30 to 1-30 pm where you will be served up a delicious bowl of homemade soup followed by an indulgent pudding all for the price of £6. This always proves to be a popular event so come along and have a blether, meet friends old and new and take a chance on our raffle, and hopefully you'll be able to see us in our new uniforms. Now that is worth coming along for!!!

Our next event will be a coffee morning to be held in the British Legion on Saturday 1st June at 10-30am, entry is by donation and the usual cake and candy stall, raffle and much more will be available.

This takes us to the end of June when Ruthven garden will be open on the Sunday 30th, we will be selling afternoon teas at this event, so please keep an eye out for further information around town nearer the time.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in the past. We hope you'll keep supporting us in the future, and for those who haven't come along to one of our events, come along to the soup and sweet as not only will you be supporting a good local cause but you'll also get a delicious lunch.

The Coldstream Charity Fundraisers

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## COLDSTREAM PREMIER CRU

Was your New Year's Resolution to save money and get fit and healthy? No need to break that resolution just yet. We can help! Come along every Sunday and join other like minded people as we enjoy a social cycle on quiet (ish) Borders roads.

During the winter months (weather permitting) we enjoy a weekly 40 or 50 mile social ride where the emphasis is on good company, craic and coffee. We do not race. No-one gets left behind. We are all fitter and healthier as a result. The recent storms have been challenging but we have managed to find a window of opportunity each Sunday which has allowed us to ride unimpeded. There is no such thing as bad weather.....only bad clothing choices for the conditions!

Our `maintenance` rides over the winter months take the form of shortish, gentle rides. After Spring appears we can ramp up our weekly efforts but our winter rides are within most people's capabilities.

All that is required is a well serviced bike and a reasonable level of fitness. We meet every Sunday at 9am in the Court House Car Park. From there we cycle to Kelso where we join more riders for our social rides of approx 40 miles. The Club has no joining fees, no annual subscriptions to pay and therefore no committee to answer to. We always stop at the half way point for a coffee, cake and a blether.



The only rule we have is that the wearing of a cycle helmet is compulsory. No helmet....no ride!

Under 16s must also be accompanied by a responsible adult. You can follow our weekly meanderings on Facebook (there is a weekly blog with lots of followers) and any announcements are always made through these columns.

Don't give up on your New Year's Resolutions just yet..... come and join us on Sunday! You know you REALLY want to.

**Legion Club Entertainment**  
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**24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY: REG MEUROSS £10.00**  
**FOLK SINGER**

**23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH: THE BEARDY BUSKER £5.00**

**13<sup>th</sup> April: SCOTTISH NIGHT AND A BIT OF**  
**COUNTRY WITH BOB LIDDLE**  
**AS MUCH AS YOU CAN EAT BUFFET £10.00**

**27<sup>th</sup> APRIL: ELVIS TRIBUTE £10.00**

**25<sup>th</sup> MAY: DOLLY PARTON TRIBUTE £10.00**

**29<sup>th</sup> JUNE: ROD STEWART TRIBUTE £10.00**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!**  
**Coldstream Royal British Legion**

### Coldstream Handicrafts

Sorry to say that Coldstream Handicrafts is no longer happening. There were too few people coming along to make it viable. We have had a lot of fun and productivity since we started so it's a bit sad we are having to close. The Tapestry however, is almost complete. It is at 10 Victoria Place, being worked on by a dedicated few. We still have the grant from Hudson Hirsell to help pay for the framing. Many thanks to all who have supported the group over the years.  
Ailsa and Elspeth

# THE FRAMERS BOTHY

**42B High Street, Coldstream**  
**theframersbothy@gmail.com**  
**07950 555703**

Coldstream residents Andy Nordstrom and David Duncan are thrilled to announce the opening of "The Framers Bothy". A small start up business dedicated to providing Picture Framing and associated services including the rehabilitation of old pictures or artwork. Our commitment is to provide the best possible service to support the village of Coldstream and the surrounding communities. We look forward to seeing you in our beautiful new workshop conveniently located on the High Street.  
Andy & David

## Coldstream Civic Week

Spring is with us again and we've got a lot to look forward to in the coming months.

The installation of our 2024 Coldstreamer Mr Jake Kerr will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April and will be the start of a busy few months for him and his Right and Left Hand men. They will represent our town throughout the summer at all our neighbouring towns, and will finish on a high with our own Civic Week at the beginning of August. We wish them well for the summer ahead.

Fundraising for Civic Week goes on all year round, and Presenting Coldstream Association was delighted to recently receive a grant of £1018 from the Hudson Hirsell Community funding scheme. This has enabled us to purchase a new portable PA system which will be used throughout Civic Week and at other events during the year.

To keep our fundraising activities going throughout the year we have introduced a 200 Club which is drawn monthly. Numbers cost £5 per month, paid by standing order, and there are three substantial cash prizes every month. All profits go towards funds for Civic Week.

Another key fundraising mechanism for us is through the sponsorship by businesses or individuals of the different events taking place during Civic Week. If anyone would like to sponsor a specific event, please contact any member of the Presenting Coldstream committee for more information.

We will be compiling the Civic Week programme very soon and would welcome any articles relating to Coldstream and the surrounding area for inclusion within the publication. Similarly, if any business would like to place an advert in the programme, we would be very pleased to do so. Again, please contact any member of the committee for details.

Let's hope that we all have an enjoyable Spring and Summer ahead and look forward to another successful Civic Week in August.

Derek Balmbro, Chairman Presenting Coldstream Association



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**Coldstream SWI**

The SWI got off to a sporty start in 2024 with a hands-on session with Coldstream Archers. Robert gave us a very strict safety talk then, with Shirley and Lyndsey, explained how to actually hold the bow and fit the arrow so that it would fire and not just drop to the ground. Everyone had a go and although there were some spectacular misses Susan Vassallo and Alison Wheelhouse both managed to score a bullseye (luck?!) Later, several managed to hit balloons which were fastened to the targets. If you want to have a go yourself, the Coldstream Archers meet on Monday evenings in the Community Centre. Pop along and speak to Robert.

Our February talk is from a retired funeral director (which we are assured will be light-hearted) and then we have our visitors' night in March. Invitations to this will be going out very soon. Humie Elliot is giving us a talk on the history of Lukes Brae in April, with May being our AGM. All of our meetings, with the exception of the visitors' night and Christmas party, are open to everyone. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7.00pm and you can follow news about us, and the SWI nationwide, on our Facebook page. Our coffee morning on 18 May will be in aid of Scotland's Air Ambulance. Poor weather prevented them coming in October but we look forward to their visit in our 2024/5 season. Our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be coming up in 2028 and we are already planning on ways to mark it.

Susan Burnett

**Ella's Quizzes**

Once again thanks for all the support with my fundraising quizzes. Coldstream Heart Rhythm Defibrillator raised £314 with winners from Gretna and Bovey Tracey.

Coldstream Primary School P7 Excursion raised £376 with winners from Newcastle and Glenrothes. It was great to go into the primary 7 classroom to hand over the cheque, the pupils told me all the activities they will be doing and it looks like they will have a fantastic time.

New quiz is for Guide Dogs and is on sale in usual shops or direct from me costing £1, [purvesjewk@yahoo.com](mailto:purvesjewk@yahoo.com), closing date is 31 March and topic is breeds of dogs.



**Coldstream Riders' Association  
Sponsorship Opportunities 2024**



Every year we write out to / approach many local businesses to offer the sponsorship opportunities for the coming year. If you have been a sponsor in the past, we will automatically contact you, however if you would like to receive the letter / email from us regarding sponsorship for 2024 and how you can support your civic week ride outs for the coming year then please contact our treasurer on the details below. There are various sponsorship opportunities **starting from £30.00**.

**Contact: Hope Leifer, Treasurer, Email: [hopebrown7@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hopebrown7@hotmail.co.uk) Mobile: 07712343884**



## THE PLOUGH INN



**Good Home-cooked Pub Food**  
**Traditional Sunday Roast,**  
**Gluten-free Fish & Chips,**  
**Vegetarian & Vegan**  
**Booking recommended**  
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**South-facing Sitooterie**  
**Full Bar, Real Ale**  
**Takeaway**



### **Coldstream Childcare Centre - We NEED your help!**

As a community, we have very limited childcare options around us. This is something that needs to change and we are therefore looking to create a childcare facility in Coldstream. The aim is to provide pre-school and wrap-around care to families within the community and surrounding area. As part of this, we need your help to complete a simple questionnaire so we can fully understand childcare requirements and help with access to funding which will be a huge part of the project.

**This questionnaire can be found in the centre pages of this newsletter in the form of a pull out document/QR Code and is inclusive of other community projects.**

We are also welcoming committee members for anyone willing to become part of the project. Please contact us at [coldstreamchildcarecentre@gmail.com](mailto:coldstreamchildcarecentre@gmail.com)

All support is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Coldstream Childcare Centre



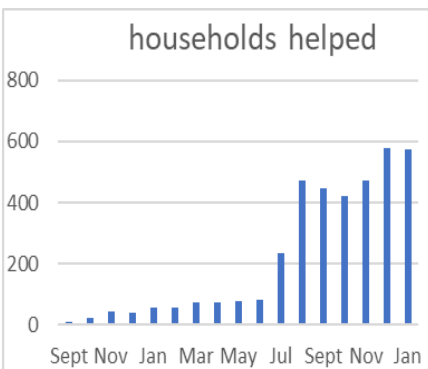
**T**hank you to all those local businesses and the Men's Shed who have helped us set up the larder and the garden. We are very grateful indeed for all your assistance.

The garden is coming along more quickly now – we have compost bins in place and very soon will have working sheds and some new raised beds to start our veg and fruit growing in earnest.

The Youth Club has moved from the Community Centre to the annexe which has better disabled access. They will be in the building on Monday and Thursday evenings and we are looking forward to really getting to know them all.



We have been successful with funding applications to Yorkshire Building Society and Lidl which will allow us to buy some equipment and furniture for the gardeners and some stock for the Larder shelves. Our emphasis is very much on reducing waste but, where we can source specific funding, we do buy a limited amount of essential items to supplement what we are given by the supermarkets and individuals.



We are working with the 3 organisations above to get energy advice for Coldstream residents, assistance with completing disability claim forms (Nicole from Voiceability available most Tuesdays), and we can refer you for mentorship from Wise to help with employability, addiction, mental health and wellbeing, self-confidence, general life skills and energy advice and advocacy. Details available at the larder.



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## Coldstream Bowling Club

The bowling season will open on Saturday 6th April at 1.00pm. Members and visitors should aim to be there for 12.30pm.

We would like to invite anyone wishing to give bowls a try to come along. Bowls will be supplied and there will be players on hand to help you out. We would, of course, be delighted if you decided to join the club. Membership is £100 for the year and can either be paid as a single payment or by direct debit in instalments.

As well as active participation in the Border Bowling Association league, Coldstream is also a member of the Berwickshire league. We are also a member of Bowls Scotland and will be participating in the Scottish nationals. This provides plenty of opportunity for some high calibre bowling.

We are looking forward to a busy summer participating in regional tournaments such as the Borders Top Five and Top Ten and The Tweedside Tournament. Dates are still to be finalised.

The incoming President this year is Clive Robison. The outgoing president of last year, David Newbury, would like to thank all club members for their support during a very busy year in 2023. Thanks are also due to our Sponsors who have funded our competitions: Graham Campbell Fencing, Jim Hope Electricals, Steven Brown Scrap Merchants, 1-2-1 School of Motoring, Daren Bruce Milk Deliveries and Blair the Jewellers.

Our '100 Club' continues to thrive, subscriptions are £5 per month or £60 annually. Thanks to our members it provides much needed revenue which is put to good use paying for the upkeep of our bowling green equipment.

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

Clive Robison, President Coldstream Bowling Club.

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

Members regularly meet on Monday nights at 6.30pm; Wednesday & Friday afternoons at 2.00pm.

Full membership £100. Social membership £10.

Visitors fees (players) £5 per session

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

Contact - George Beveridge, Club Secretary for more information. Tel no. -07934810763 [g.beveridge64@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:g.beveridge64@hotmail.co.uk)



Creativity thrives in Coldstream

# HASTINGS LEGAL & S

Hastings Legal and Hastings First Gallery is full of colour for 2024 with our latest art exhibitions. Come into our new office at 51 High Street, Coldstream to view and speak to our property and legal team.

### COLDSTREAM PRIMARY ART EXHIBITION

To start 2024 with a creative burst of colour the Hastings First Gallery teamed up with artists Melanie McEwan, Liz Hardy and Coldstream Primary School. Pupils of P5 & P6 visited the gallery and were inspired by the artist's paintings. Liz and Mel then spent a day working with the children in class as they produced marvellous colourful artworks of their own which were hung in the gallery for all to admire. Thank you to all who took part and visited the exhibition, and a special thanks to artists Liz, Mel and Coldstream Primary School staff.



### NEW EXHIBITION AT HASTINGS FIRST GALLERY

Featured artists are Bella Green, Heather Armstrong and Nancy Chinnery. The exhibition is open during office hours and runs until May 14th. Pop in and see fabulous art at:  
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Please put an "x" in the appropriate box	
1	Do you live in Coldstream?
	Yes
	No
2	Do you work in Coldstream?
	Yes
	No – work elsewhere
	No – don't work
3	Please provide your age within the following ranges
	<i>We will collect the views of those under 13 via the school and other youth groups.</i>
	13-20
	21-35
	36-50
	51-65
	66-80
81+	
4	Do you have any dependents? Please select <b>all</b> that apply
	No
	Parents or Grandparents
	Children or Grandchildren
	Other e.g. disabled spouse
5	Which modes of transport do you use? Please select <b>all</b> that apply
	Taxi
	Car
	Bus including Pingo
	Bicycle
	Motorcycle
6	Do you think there is a shortage of marked car parking spaces in Coldstream?
	Yes
	No – please skip to question 9
7	Please select from below <b>all</b> the areas you think should be considered for additional parking. If you select <u>Other</u> please provide details of where
	Home Park (on site of old playpark behind toilet block)
	Market Square
	Leet Bridge
	Lorry Park
	Other- details
8	What kind of parking do we need? Please select <b>all</b> that apply
	Short stay
	Long stay
9	Do you think there should be dedicated parking for coaches? If so please suggest where this could be
	No
	Yes
	Details

10	Would more obvious (marked) parking encourage tourists?	
	Yes, it would and that would be a good thing	
	Yes, it would and that would be a bad thing	
	No, it wouldn't	
11	Are more disabled spaces required? – If yes please provide details	No
	Details	Yes
12	Do we need more chargers for electric vehicles? If yes please provide details of where	No
	Details	Yes
13	Do we need more provision for bicycles – parking stands etc? If yes, please provide details of what and where	No
	Details	Yes
14	Please indicate all the areas where you think the town would benefit from any additional signage. If you select "other" please provide details	Speed
		Parking
		Facilities
		None required
		Details
15	Please use the box below to add any additional comments on Parking and Traffic Management in Coldstream	
	Comments	
16	Do you have or do you support any children that would benefit from local community run childcare services based in Coldstream? (if No please skip to Question 24)	No
	Yes, I have children who would benefit	
	Yes, I support another's child(ren) who would benefit	
17	How far do you travel for childcare currently (each trip)?	N/A
		0-1 mile
		1 – 5 miles
		5-10 miles
		10-15 miles
		Over 15 miles



18	Does lack of childcare locally affect your ability to work? <span style="float: right;">No</span>
	Yes, I don't work because of lack of childcare
	Yes, I would work longer hours if I had childcare
	Yes, it prevents me from taking a more appropriate position or from taking a promotion
19	Would you use childcare facilities in Coldstream if they were available? <span style="float: right;">No</span>
	Yes
	Maybe
20	Which of these might benefit you and your children? Select all that apply
	Day care
	Wrap around care
	Holiday cover
	Details <span style="float: right;">Other</span>
	None of these
21	What ages are the children? – please indicate all ages below
	Details
22	If applicable, are you worried that relying on family members for childcare may not be sustainable in the long term? <span style="float: right;">No</span>
	Yes
	N/A
23	Would you like to be a member of the team looking at future childcare provision in Coldstream? If so, please add your name and contact details below
	Details
24	Please add any views you may have on how Coldstream can deliver reliable, safe care to aid our children's development. Do you agree that Coldstream should have its own community-led, safe and reliable childcare facility?
	Details
25	Please select all the areas below where you think amenities should be improved in Coldstream. Please bear in mind that we will try to get funding to improve the areas that have the most support. Please add at the bottom any other amenities you think need attention.
	More bus shelters
	Digital information at bus shelters about bus times etc
	Upgrade to public toilet facilities in car park
	Improve paths and viewpoint signage, lighting and surfaces
	Increase tree planting
	Expansion of flower meadows
	Provision of a "shared use" car for Coldstream residents
	Details <span style="float: right;">Other</span>

26	Please indicate below which of the following you have visited in the last 12 months	
		Library
		Coldstream Museum
		Coldstream Community Centre
27	The current Community Centre is not energy efficient and the team there is looking to tackle this so they can increase the range of services and classes provided. Is this something you would support.?	Yes
		No
28	The Golf club is considering building a standalone gym next to the clubhouse which would be open to all. Would that be something that you would be interested in joining? Coldstream Community Gym could not go ahead unless there is significant community support.	
		Yes, I would use a Community gym
		No, I would not use a Community gym
29	What do you think about Coldstream Community Larder?	
	Details	
30	There are already some facilities in the town for children – playpark, soft-play, youth club, brownies etc. What else do you think should be available for children and the teenagers in town to do?	
	Details	
31	Please let us know which amenities you think the town would benefit from introducing or developing further? (some examples might be community cinema, games café, sports facilities). Are these things Coldstream needs? Please share your views below. If you have any idea about where these could be based, please note that below too	
	Details	
32	Please use this box to answer any questions we should have asked you but didn't or expand on anything you feel strongly about.	
	Details	
33	If you want the team to contact you about your ideas, please give contact details	
	Details	






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 Member of Parliament for Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk

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**Coldstream & District  
Angling Association  
named “Angling Club of  
the Year” at the  
inaugural River Tweed  
Awards**

On 1st February the River Tweed Awards were held for the first time in Ednam House Hotel, Kelso. These awards were organised by the River Tweed Commission and the Tweed Foundation. On the night, many awards were presented but the prestigious “Angling Club of the Year” was won by Coldstream & District Angling Association. Many congratulations to all involved!



**Guy Stephenson (right) receiving the award from Peter Straker-Smith on behalf of Coldstream Angling Association**

**NORHAM CRAFT GROUP**  
**EXHIBITION AND CRAFT**  
**& STASH SALE**  
**Saturday 18th May**  
**10.00am to 3.00pm**  
**Norham Village Hall**  
**Refreshments**  
**Entry by Donation**

**Cherish our Swifts**

In Coldstream we’re lucky with our wildlife; we can see salmon and otters in our river, in summer we have ospreys overhead and little egrets nesting. And, we have another summer visitor, the swift. These are wondrous birds, and have their name for a reason, because in level flight, they are our fastest birds, reaching 70 miles an hour. Once they leave the nest, they live in the air for several years, never landing until they return to their nests after a migration of thousands of miles from Africa. And, they come back to the same nest sites year after year, for generations. They mate for life, so the same pair can return again and again. They gather in “screaming parties”, their high pitched calls echoing around Coldstream on summer evenings (they’re usually here between May and August). But, swifts are in trouble. Their numbers have decreased by more than half in Scotland, mainly because they nest in old buildings, often in holes just under the eaves, and if those holes are blocked or there’s scaffolding put in the way, they can’t nest, and their numbers will continue to decline. It’s a sad thing to see swifts returning to their old nesting places again and again, only to find they can’t get in, nest, and raise the next generation. But, we can change that. We can avoid getting in their way while they’re here (there is an incentive, if you “intentionally or recklessly” block them from getting to their nests, you can get a fine of up to £5000 and up to six months in prison). We can also put up swift nesting boxes if our houses are suitable, just as has been done already at some houses and also at the Hirsle House. We can all play our part in encouraging our swifts to bring up more young in peace, and grace our summer skies for years to come.

John Froggatt







## Coldstream Parish Church news

During January and February we have been holding services in the Church Hall while some alterations are being made in the Church. We have enjoyed being nice and warm and having a more informal atmosphere for our worship. And when we get back into the Church we hope to benefit from the more flexible space. We have extended the raised area at the front which will bring the minister or worship leader conducting the service more into the "body of the Kirk" and provide space for a group leading worship. We have incorporated a ramp up to the chancel area so that all parts of the Church are now fully accessible and also created a wheelchair friendly space on each side of the central seating area.

We are still waiting for plans for the allocation of ministers in Berwickshire to be finalised. The Church of Scotland wishes to create a team ministry covering the whole of Berwickshire, with one of the ministers based in Coldstream. The team ministry will have a priority of training and supporting lay leaders to take greater responsibility within their congregations. Meanwhile our Sunday services continue every week at 11.15 a.m. with help from retired ministers and from elders and members of the congregation.

The season of Lent is almost here. We will be having a joint Lent group with members of St Mary and All Souls Church to which anyone is welcome in our Church hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m., starting on 20 February.

The Guild, meeting at 7.00 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings each month have had a good year and will be breaking up at the end of March until the autumn. New members – male and female – are always welcome. Our other regular activities include: Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8.00-9.00 a.m. every other Saturday morning, at which all men will be warmly welcomed; "Sunday Sing", not a choir, just a chance to sing some contemporary Christian songs and old favourites, alternate Sundays at 10.15 a.m. in the hall before the service; a short, informal Iona-style service at 7.30 p.m., also in the hall, on the third Wednesday evening of the month; a joint Taize service at St Mary's at 5.00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month; and a new ladies group meeting in the hall on alternate Wednesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. Check our website and/or Facebook page to confirm dates.

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](http://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](mailto:michaelrowe.coldstream@gmail.com) or by phone on 883333.

## NEW COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Community Council is delighted to announce two new Youth awards.

With the resumption of the two "Citizen of The Year" awards last year, the Community Council members were blown over by the number of people who were nominated by the public, every one of whom was a very worthy nomination. There were indeed a couple of youths nominated. This in turn caused a discussion with Council members about the possibility of introducing an award for the Youth of the town.

This has now been made possible and two Youth awards have been introduced. With the King's Coronation last year it was felt it was appropriate to call them as follows - **The Coronation Youth Awards**.

There are two age categories :- Primary school Age and 18 and Under.

These awards are open to anyone in Coldstream who falls into these age categories. They can be nominated to the Community Council by any member of the public who feels they deserve recognition.

They may have done something special for the community such as:

- ◆ gone above and beyond in the community
- ◆ gone out of their way to help someone
- ◆ contributed to something in the town
- ◆ made a difference to something etc.

The list goes on, but if you feel there is a young person in the town who has done something special, then nominate them.

We hope to announce the winners like we did last year at the end of Civic Week, so you have time to think.

There are a lot of young people in the town who deserve recognition, so let's reward them.

**Iain Dickson, Chair of Coldstream and District Community Council**



## 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 7.00pm. £1.00 is payable at each meeting. Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £2.00.

The second part of the session opened on 10th January with a visit from the Rev Robin McHaffie who gave a most interesting and amusing talk about his ministry with young people in some of the most deprived parts of Glasgow. The Borders would certainly be very different! On 24th January we had our Members' Scottish Night! Eleanor gave us a most amusing parody of Tam O'Shanter - Pam O'Shanter - in the Doric! There was a Scottish Quiz with Lorna and David emerging as winners and Elsie getting the booby prize! Lots of Scottish songs and a Burns reading from Dorothy and then we had a lovely supper provided by the members. All in all, a most enjoyable evening filled with good fellowship!

On 14th February we welcome our own Veronica Fairbairn who will be showing her "Famous Shanghai Circus" DVD which is sure to be very interesting and colourful. Keeping it in the family, on 28th February Isobel Johnston is going to introduce us to "Stone Painting with Isobel" to delve into our artistic talent! March 13th brings a welcome return of Janet Hodge who is going to demonstrate "Tasty Canapes"! Hopefully there will be samples! Wednesday 27th March is our A.G.M. and that is the year over!

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!

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 1st March at 3.00pm at St Mary & All Souls Scottish Episcopal Church, Coldstream. Everyone is most welcome to attend this Service.

Meetings are held twice a month on a Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm in the Bowling Club. £2.50 is payable at each meeting which includes tea and a raffle.

The second half of the session resumed on 11th January when Rob Bell and

Bobby Hanlon treated us to a Musical Burns Afternoon. This was very much enjoyed by all the members. On 25th January Janet Hodge came along and demonstrated some of her lovely desserts which we got to taste! On February 8th we welcomed a representative from the Police to tell us all about their work. We look forward to Katy Telford joining us on the 22nd February. We will be having a Quiz on March 7th and then our A.G.M. followed by a party on the 21st March which concludes the 2023/24 season! We re-open in October. Details will be printed in a future CCN.

New members are always welcome. Do come along - we are a very friendly bunch!



## Cheers to 90 Years of Selfless Service: Beloved Volunteer Val Howard Marks Milestone Birthday

We are thrilled to extend our warmest wishes to Val Howard as she celebrates her 90th birthday! Val has been a dedicated volunteer at Bavs Coldstream shop for over two decades.

Every Thursday morning, alongside fellow volunteer Sue Readman, Val faithfully fulfils her volunteer role at Bavs Coldstream, demonstrating unwavering commitment and reliability. Her presence and contributions are invaluable to our organization, and we are immensely grateful for volunteers like Val who enrich our community.

Reflecting on her years of service, Val shares, "I have had the privilege of volunteering for Bavs since the first shop was opened in Coldstream Market Square; where May worked her magic to get things started."

"I personally have made so many friends amongst both the staff and the customers, one need never feel alone in Coldstream, even when one lives alone like me. Amongst the managers I have known, all have been helpful, kind and friendly but none can compare with our present manager, Wendy. Bavs management have always treated the volunteers with kindness, consideration and generosity and I hope we respond in kind. Personally, I would never wish to work anywhere else!"



Marshall Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, expresses heartfelt appreciation for Val's long-standing dedication, stating, "People like Val are the epitome of what BAVS stands for. Thank you, Val, for your exceptional service, and to all our volunteers for the invaluable work they do."

For over half a century, BAVS has been committed to making a meaningful impact in Berwickshire, collaborating with communities and voluntary groups to foster positive change. Val's longstanding service is a testament to the enduring spirit of volunteerism that drives the organization forward.

As we celebrate Val's milestone birthday, we also extend an invitation to others who may wish to join our team of dedicated volunteers. Whether it's lending a hand in our shops, workshop, or reuse hub, assisting on sorting days, delivering goods and furniture, or teaching employability and digital skills, there are countless opportunities to contribute and make a difference in our community.

Together, with volunteers like Val, we continue to uphold the values of compassion and community spirit that define BAVS and Berwickshire as a whole.

**Happy 90th birthday on Valentines Day, Val!**

Nicky Seed, on behalf of all at Bavs







**Coldstream in Bloom (Gateway Association)**

We have agreed with Scottish Borders Council to take over the two flower/shrub beds at the front of Courthouse Place car park which were becoming very overgrown and untidy. These have now been cleared and we will be planting perennials in these areas over the Springtime. We have been fortunate enough to get a £1500 grant

from Hudson Hirsell to help fund this project and our grateful thanks go to them.





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**What's on in Norham**

**Concerts @ St Cuthberts - Berwick Male Voice Choir**

**Saturday 9th March 7.30pm, Norham Church**

We are delighted to announce the return to Norham of the Berwick Male Voice Choir - once heard never forgotten! A concert to lift the spirits and hopefully welcome Spring! An eclectic mix of musical styles all under one roof. With refreshments and a raffle! All proceeds to the Concert and Charities Fund Admission by donation.

**Concerts @ St Cuthberts - Gertrude Lawrence:**

**A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening**

**Saturday 13th April 7.00pm, Norham Church, Adults £12; U18s £5**

Tickets from <https://highlightsnorth.co.uk/event/gertrude-lawrence-a-lovely-way-to-spend-an-evening/>

The latest collaboration between 'Superbly gifted' actor and singer, Lucy Stevens and pianist Elizabeth Marcus.

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**Friday**

and

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**23rd February**

**10.30 - 12 pm / 2 - 3.30 pm**

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# CIVIC WEEK PATRON SLIP

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

All Patrons will receive:

1. Patrons Ribbon
2. Their names listed in the Civic Week Programme
3. Entry into the Opening Ceremony Reception, held in The Community Centre on Sunday 4th August at 4.30pm.

## YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT CIVIC WEEK

If you wish to become a Patron, please fill in the form below and return it with your donation to:  
**Miss Chloe McGregor, 44 Home Place, Coldstream, TD12 4DT before 28th April 2024\***

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

**Name** .....

**Address** .....

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

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

## COLDSTREAM BURNS CLUB

**C**oldstream Burns Club celebrated their 136<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Annual Members’ Supper held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the British Legion Club to mark the 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. Chairman David Douglas welcomed members to the evening and the proceedings got underway with the Address to the Haggis given excellently by Joy Thomson, the first woman to do so at a Members’ Supper.

A first class meal was provided by the staff at the British Legion Club followed by the Loyal Toast and then the toast to His Majesty’s Forces, admirably proposed by committee member and former soldier Michael Lowrey. The principal guest for the evening, proposing the toast to the Immortal Memory was John (Humie) Elliot, Club Secretary and Treasurer. John has been Secretary for the past 21 years but has signified his intention to stand down at the AGM in April. He based his toast on those years as Secretary and the what, when and where of Coldstream Burns Club, and its efforts to uphold and maintain the immortal memory of Scotland’s greatest poet. He touched on a number of events, causes and initiatives in which the Club has been involved and also went on to remember a number of members of the committee, each of whom, in their time and in their own way had made important contributions to the success of the Club.

The toast to the Toun was proposed by Elspeth Bell, M.B.E who recalled her early memories of Coldstream and the area, including her involvement with Civic Week, the Riders’ Association and the Pipe Band to name but a few of the organisations about which she is able to recount numerous tales.

The toast to the Lasses was proposed by Davey Scott in his own inimitable style. Known throughout the Borders for his knowledge of Burns, he is a true aficionado steeped in the history of the subject.

The reply on behalf of the Lasses was given by Wendy Lough. Although from Eyemouth, she delights in coming to Coldstream to perform and is a member of the Club. She is a true Burnsian and always puts over her points with more than a soupçon of humour. This occasion was no exception.

Throughout the evening, the entertainment was well up to the usual high standard with the 2 Kennys , Brodie and Hilsley, showing their expertise on guitar and their ability to interpret the songs of the Bard in a sympathetic and original manner. Arguably the best singer of Burns songs in the Borders, Bobby Hanlon, was in top form on the night, particularly when singing the audience favourite “Ae fond kiss” Chris Faldon provided the piano accompaniment for Bobby and also throughout the evening. His contribution is invaluable. Piping duties were carried out with style and in the usual reliable manner by Pipe Major (Retired) Rob Bell.

Recitations were given by James Bell and Rob Smith. James’s interpretation of “Holy Willie’s Prayer” always goes down extremely well with the members and this was the case on Saturday. Rob Smith’s rendition of “Tam o’Shanter” stands comparison with any in the land and yet again he proved that point.

At the conclusion of a very enjoyable evening Derek Balmbro thanked David Douglas for the firm but sympathetic manner in which he had chaired the evening. The proceedings concluded in the traditional manner with the whole company singing “Auld Lang Syne”

*As mentioned, the position of Secretary will become vacant at the AGM in April and it is hoped that someone will step forward to fill this vital job. Members are asked to give the matter some thought. John Elliot has indicated that he is more than willing to show any prospective candidate the ropes.*

*Anyone interested in joining the Burns Club should get in touch with the Secretary on 07761791803 or by email on [jh.elliott444@gmail.com](mailto:jh.elliott444@gmail.com)*





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

Looking back, people who follow St Mary's Facebook page will have enjoyed the Advent meanderings of woolly Mary and Joseph with their wonky donkey as they made their way all around Berwickshire before ending up on the doorstep of the church. So again, a very big "Thank you" to pupils and staff of Coldstream Primary School who travelled with them and gave us an intriguing selection of photos which kept us guessing their whereabouts every day through December till Christmas Eve.



As you read this, we are now in the season of Lent leading up to Easter. We are sharing a series of Lent Reflections with the Parish Church on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm in the Parish Church Hall, running from 20<sup>th</sup> February till 19<sup>th</sup> March. There will be the customary Walk of Witness on Good Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Looking forward, we will be running our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April in the British Legion. As always, contributions to the Raffle and the Cake and Produce stall would be much appreciated.



Times of some of our services have changed, so here is a list of **Sundays at St Mary's** for the next three months. As always, everyone is welcome!

18 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.30 am	Communion	<i>(followed by refreshments)</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	5.00 pm	Taize Service	<i>(refreshments from 4.30)</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar.	9.30 am	Sunday Morning Gathering	<b>in the Community Centre</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	<b>11.15 am</b>	Communion	<i>(refreshments from 10.45)</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	9.30 am	Communion	<i>(followed by refreshments)</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	5.00 pm	Taize Service	<i>(refreshments from 4.30)</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<b>11.15 am</b>	Easter Sunday Communion	<i>(refreshments from 10.45)</i>
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	9.30 am	Sunday Morning Gathering	<b>in the Community Centre</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	<b>11.15 am</b>	Communion	<i>(refreshments from 10.45)</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	9.30 am	Communion	<i>(followed by refreshments)</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	5.00 pm	Taize Service	<i>(refreshments from 4.30)</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30 am	Sunday Morning Gathering	<b>in the Community Centre</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>11.15 am</b>	Communion	<i>(refreshments from 10.45)</i>

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

or: follow us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandallsouls> or: phone Chris: 07745 410487



### Coldstream Christmas Lights - thanks to all who made them possible

Another festive season has passed and the town's lights and trees have all been put away for another year. It's quite a task nowadays to put up all the lights, motifs and trees in November and take them down again in January. They stretch all the way from Charlie's Monument to the Leet Bridge helping to bring a bit of festive cheer to our town in the darkest days of winter. All of this would of course not be possible without our willing volunteers and helpers. So, I'd like to say a big public thank you to Rob Bell, David Mycock and Alec Craig without whom this year there would have been no Christmas lights. Teamwork at its very best.

A big thank you also to farmer Colin McGregor for allowing us, free of charge, to use his forklift and cage and to his driver Ewan for his great skill and patience. Again, we just could not manage to put up all the lamp post motif lights without Colin's help.

John, Sandy & Graham Letham also deserve the gratitude of the community not only because they deliver our large town Christmas trees (courtesy of the Hirsle estate) but because they provide skilled assistance erecting, dressing and dismantling the large Christmas tree outside the Parish Church. It seems to get bigger every year but, with the help of their farm teleporter, they make light work of both putting it up and taking it down. Another example of assistance we just couldn't manage without.

And finally, huge thanks go to David and Andrew at W P Purves Electricians for carrying out the electrical tests and completing the report sheets on the lights which Scottish Borders Council require us to undertake every year. The whole community is indebted to each and every one of you.

John Fulton, Coldstream Christmas Lights Organiser





## 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 21st February | Wednesday 17th April |
| Wednesday 6th March     | Wednesday 1st May    |
| Wednesday 20th March    | Wednesday 15th May   |
| Wednesday 3rd April     | Wednesday 29th May   |

**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**

**For enquiries regarding the Royal Bank of Scotland mobile bank visits, call 03457 242424**



# TillVAS

Website: [www.tillvas.com](http://www.tillvas.com)

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**Saturday 17 February**

Crookham Village Hall, 10am-12 noon, Victorian Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 6 March**

Crookham Village Hall, 7:30pm (refreshments from 7:00pm)  
Edward Cawthorn, *Samuel Brown and Union Chain Bridge: its history and restoration*

**Wednesday 3 April**

Crookham Village Hall, 7:30pm (refreshments from 7:00pm), Katharine Tiernan, *Fact to Fiction: Cresswell connections*

**Wednesday 1 May (date tbc)**

Crookham Village Hall, 7:30pm (refreshments from 7:00pm), AGM and talk by Richard Carlton

**Wednesday 5 June:** Crookham Village Hall, 7:30pm (refreshments from 7:00pm), John Nolan, *Barmoor Castle Test Pits*

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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, when you register your coffee morning in the Town Diary, please give the full title of your organisation and do not use abbreviations/acronyms. Thank you.**

24 Feb	Defibrillator Group	BL
02 Mar	Charity Fundraisers (Soup & Sweet)	CC
09 Mar	Community Larder	CC
16 Mar	Coldstream British Legion	BL
23 Mar	Presenting Coldstream Assoc.	BL
30 Mar	Coldstream Community Council	BL
06 Apr	Town Trip	BL
13 Apr	St Mary's Church	BL
20 Apr	Mother & Babies	BL
27 Apr	Coldstream Bowling Club	BL
04 May	BAVS	BL

11 May	Coldstream Riders Association	BL
18 May	Coldstream SWI	CC
25 May	Coldstream Flower Show	BL
01 June	Charity Fundraisers (for Macmillan)	BL
08 June	Defibrillator Group	BL

*BL - British Legion Club CC - Community Centre*

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