



# COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Coldstream & District Community Council (CDCC)

**Come on Coldstream people – where are you??**

**An appeal for YOUR input from CDCC Chairman Iain Dickson**



No doubt over the last year, you'll have heard the Community Council banging on about **"Place Planning"** – which is just another name for Town Planning.

I hear you ask: "What is it?", "Does that affect me?", "What does it do?"

"Is it just a load of rubbish?" and so on.....

Most of you will know me. I've lived in the town all my life and am very proud of my town and what it has done for me. **I like to get things done**, so that's why I am writing this article to inform you all that: **No**, it is **not** rubbish

**Yes**, it affects you all

It is the mechanism for **YOUR** Community Council to go to SBC and say:

**"THIS IS WHAT COLDSTREAM IS NEEDING" "THIS IS WHAT COLDSTREAM IS WANTING"**

It is also the **only** way we have of recording what the people of Coldstream want, so that we have **evidence for Scottish Borders Council** that it's **your input**, input **from all of you**, not just a few. We need **everybody** to get behind this process as it is the way forward for change in the town. The local SBC councillors do not have the power to make the change that is required unless it comes from you all. From clubs to groups, young and old, I need you to become active in this process and come on board and make a difference.

**SO COME ON COLDSTREAM!** Please get behind **Place Planning**.

We had one workshop in April, which was well attended by the school but not the public.

Another workshop is scheduled for: **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**7pm – 9pm at Coldstream Community Centre**

This is **your** town! **You** can help develop it into a better place!

**OR**, you can just sit back and keep on moaning - it's up to you!

For more information on how you can help, email me at: [chairman.coldstreamcc@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.coldstreamcc@gmail.com)

There will be posters round the town and updates on Facebook and on the local website [coldstreamcomm.co.uk](http://coldstreamcomm.co.uk) so keep an eye out for more information.

**Iain Dickson - Chair. Coldstream and District Community Council**

## **THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS!**

You may not be aware, but I have been producing the quarterly editions of Coldstream Community News for almost 10 years now. In many respects, I feel I have "done my bit" and we have to think about how the CCN is to continue into the future. I would therefore love to hear from anyone (contact details above) who would be interested in taking on the quarterly production of our important newsletter at some point in 2024. Some IT/Desktop Publishing skills are obviously required but within our community there must be a number of individuals capable of continuing (and developing) the production of the CCN. I'm obviously able to provide any necessary guidance and support and anyone is welcome to contact me for a chat. If no-one comes forward in the next few months, I'm sorry to say that production and distribution of the CCN may well cease. That would be a great shame and a significant retrograde step for our community.

John Fulton

**Deadline for the Autumn Edition of CCN is Monday 14th August**  
**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)**

## COLDSTREAM CIVIC WEEK

Coldstream Civic Week is nearly upon us again and this year the festivities run from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

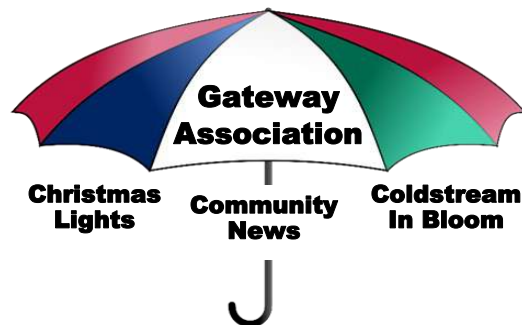
Our Coldstreamer Harry Shepherd, Right Hand Man Jake Kerr and Left Hand Man Chris Lyons will be looking forward to leading the celebrations and welcoming our many visitors from near and far to our wonderful wee town. Civic Week is indeed the highlight of the year for many people in the town.

Both Presenting Coldstream and the Coldstream Riders' Associations have been working hard all year to bring us the packed programme of events that make up Civic Week. Please come along and support the Streamer if you can. It means such a lot to the Principals to see everyone taking part and enjoying the different events. Our biggest day of the week is Flodden Day where Coldstream is seen at its very best, welcoming visitors from all over the Borders to take part in, or to witness, the annual cavalcade to Flodden. It's a long but extremely rewarding day and is always *'Better felt than telt'*.

Another one of our main events is the Grand Civic Week Ball, which will again take place in the Community Centre. Last year's ball was a great success in this venue and we hope it will be equally popular this year. Tickets are priced at £45 each and will be on sale prior to Civic Week. Look out for details about where and when the tickets will be on sale via social media or posters around the town.

I sincerely hope that everyone has a great Civic Week. Let's make it another one to remember.

Derek Balmbro, Chairman Presenting Coldstream Association



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

**Coldstream Community News** – this town's unique 4 editions each year

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

**ALL TRULY "SECOND TO NONE"**

We are a small volunteer committee and a group of helpers who work tirelessly to produce these three important Coldstream Civic enhancements, **which if lost would be sorely missed by everyone in the town.**

**Coldstream Gateway Association** is the name for the Umbrella Organisation supporting these 3 functions and whilst we have achieved considerable financial support through coffee mornings, donations and successful funding applications, we are in danger of not being able to continue without active physical support from volunteers as well as support at Committee level.

It must be pointed out that the "advancing years" of the majority of the committee members and volunteers is becoming a concern and whilst the spirits are willing to climb ladders, do the planting and deliver the newsletters, it would be fair to say the bodies are (in some cases) weakening a little!

**We desperately need some input from the "younger generations" in the town if we are to continue!**

**In the Civic Week Programme of 2019 our article took readers back to where it all began:**

"Things began moving in the Spring of 2000 when a letter appeared in the Berwickshire News commenting that *Coldstream was becoming rather dull and run down*. Stirred to action, *Jock Law called a public meeting to be held in the Community Centre.*

***This attracted an amazing total of 90 people!"***

Can we possibly match that in 2023? If you can offer any support please contact:

Secretary Pat Fulton [patfulton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:patfulton@hotmail.co.uk)

## Coldstream Premier Cru Cycling Club

Summer is just around the next corner so come out of hibernation, get into the garage and dust down that poor neglected bike and get out there! Cycling is healthy. Cycling is cheap. Cycling is enjoyable.

Our rides have continued every week this year. We have not had to cancel any rides due to bad weather. Admittedly, we have got wet a few times but we have waterproof skins and the ability to recover quickly. There is no such thing as bad weather....just being badly prepared for whatever is thrown at us.

Some of the newest bikes to come onto the market have all mod cons ....but at a price! Compared with driving a car ( electric, hybrid or fossil fuel powered) a bike can match all the latest developments for next to nothing. Air con...got it! Plug in power...we go to bed early! Music and entertainment...we sing and talk to each other! Comfort...we use correct clothing ( and saddles!)! Telephone connectivity...we carry phones but only need them in case of emergency! Emergency braking...we have two brakes both front and rear! Lane assist...we have handlebars! Air suspension...we pump up our tyres!

The advantages over driving don't stop there. We pay no road tax. We have no MOTs each year. Our insurance costs are minimal. Depreciation is non-existent. Maintenance and servicing is next to nothing.

We meet at 9am every Sunday at the Court House Car Park. We then cycle to Kelso to pick up more riders at 9.30am and then we all ride together for a 40/50 mile round trip. We always stop for coffee and cake at a half way point. We don't race. Our rides are purely social. Company, coffee and craic are the orders of the day! No-one gets left behind. If you don't feel up to doing a whole ride then you can join us but drop out at whatever point you feel comfortable with.

The Club is free to join. There are no membership fees to pay. A reliable bike and a reasonable level of fitness is all that is required. Age is no barrier (and no excuse!) Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and a cycling helmet MUST be worn. No helmet ...NO RIDE!

Follow us on Facebook for further information but make the effort to join us next (and every) Sunday. All welcome. Hope to see you all soon!

Rob Smith



Join us for a gentle walk around Coldstream every other Tuesday, starting at 10.00am from the Community Centre. Join us for tea and coffee in the Centre afterwards. The walks are led by accredited SBC Walk-It leaders, Paul and Geoff. The upcoming dates are June 6th, 20th, July 4th, 18th, August 1st, 15th, 29th. The easy way to remember the date - it's the same Tuesday that you put the black bins out!

Susan Burnett

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10am - 12 noon

**Venue: Waste 0 Reuse & Refill, 6a Market Square, Duns**

Come along to find out how to use the new **Borders Green Map** and how to add your favourite place!

Scan here to view the map

Think Global, Map Local!

#BordersGreenMap

**COLDSTREAM PARISH CHURCH GUILD**

The Guild is open to everyone – male and female – and runs from October to March. Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month in the Parish Church Hall at 7.00 p.m. and consist of a speaker or a demonstration followed by tea and coffee.

The latter part of the 2022/23 session saw Chris Faldon talking about “The Logie Legacy” which is the St Francis Hospital Zambia Twinning Partnership with NHS Borders named after Dr Sandy Logie who, with his wife Dorothy, laid the foundations of the whole project. This was very interesting and a very worthwhile charity. This was followed by Lou Washington’s talk on “The Life of the Honey Bee” which was fascinating and included a demonstration on how to make beeswax wraps. Lou very kindly gave all members samples of her home made lip balm and hand cream and brought along the most delicious macarons dusted with bee pollen! Needless to say she is welcome back any time! Our A.G.M. was on 25th March when a presentation of a National Gardening Voucher, together with a card signed by all the members, was made to Rev. David Taverner to mark the occasion of his retirement. This was followed by a tasty supper provided by the members and that was another year over! It was so nice to get back to normal after the pandemic and happily the Guild is back to the numbers it was when we had to close.

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

Helen Park



TILL VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chris Ferguson  
Ad Gefrin Anglo-Saxon Museum



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## COLDSTREAM HEART RHYTHM

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



We have been fortunate to receive further funding since our last newsletter entry - £2,250 from the Berwickshire Neighbourhood Support Fund, and £1,500 from the Berwickshire Housing Association.

We have purchased two new defibrillators as well as some training equipment. A new defibrillator has been installed at the bowling club, and the other is earmarked for a new site.

Training sessions have started, and we are now able to offer training in basic life support and the use of defibrillators, both to groups and individuals. Wouldn't it be great 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](mailto:coldstreamheartrhythm@yahoo.com) You can also follow us on Facebook – just search for **Coldstream Heart Rhythm (SCIO SC051812)**

In the meantime, we are hoping to run a joint training/awareness session with the Coldstream Fire and Rescue Service in early August. Once the details are confirmed we will do our utmost to let you know.

Chairperson,  
Dr Martin Hadshar

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

## Coldstream Men's Shed

Last year we installed a defibrillator outside our premises opposite the War Memorial and arranged for the Fire Service to give a demonstration of how to use the machine and perform CPR.

As we have recently had requests from members of the public for another demonstration, this has been arranged for Monday 26th June in the Community Centre between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Everyone will be welcome.

At present there are several defibrillators sited around the town at:

- Golf Club (external)
- Bowling Club (external)
- Town Hall (external)
- Gowanlea (external)
- Coldstream Men's Shed Shop (external)
- Coldstream Men's Shed, Rodger Hall (internal)
- Jock Law, Chairman



## Lodge St John, No 280

Many thanks to those who came and enjoyed the Coffee Morning on Saturday 29 April, hosted by the Lodge in the British Legion. The morning was very successful, and we enjoyed meeting everyone. Our thanks to all who helped and provided raffle prizes. It was announced at the coffee morning that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had met its target of raising over £1M for Prostate Cancer Scotland. The Dementia Café is up and running and meets in the Masonic Hall, Duke Street on the fourth Tuesday of the month. If you need to know anything or wish to have a chat, then come along and meet the Team Members from SBC running the event. We have welcomed a number of new Members into the Lodge over the last few months so if you wish to know more, or to join us, please look at our website [www.lodgestjohn280.co.uk](http://www.lodgestjohn280.co.uk) or contact us. We have also just started up a Facebook page dedicated to the Lodge.

Peter Greenwood 07891 449732

## COLDSTREAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre looks wonderful in the spring sunshine but warming the building in the winter months and keeping it weather proof is a difficult job. We have commissioned a report on the building to see what structural work needs to be done, rather than us doing patching jobs as and when they are needed. We need to make the building more eco friendly and this will be quite a challenge given the height of the ceilings in the Tweed Hall and its listed status. We are grateful to BFMVH who granted us some funding towards the cost of the survey.

Via Bavs, funding was also received to enable us to open up the Centre as a warm hub on Sunday afternoons and as a contribution towards our gas and electricity bills.

We are in full flow at the Community Centre planning lots of wonderful events for you. September is busy as we are planning a fashion show later so if you know of any budding models (any size, any age) do get in touch. It might not rival Milan but it is still sure to be a glittering evening. This will be followed by our mega book, DVD, CD, and jigsaw sale. We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations we have received so far. The month ends with a pottery workshop where you can learn how to make a Highland cow. Details of all our events are posted on Facebook and on the noticeboards. We also advertise them in our occasional bulletins. If you don't yet receive our bulletin drop us an email and you will be added to our list.

In our new venture of Classic Movie Nights we are showing older films with recent screenings being "An Affair to Remember"; the original version of "3:10 to Yuma" and Christopher Guest's hilarious "Best in Show". Coming up there is a seldom seen Hitchcock, a French film on 14 July, a children's film and an offbeat Scottish indie film.

Thank you to those who attended our AGM. Our updated constitution, with the amendment that was approved at the AGM, has now been lodged with OSCR. John Dixon stepped down as a Trustee at the AGM having been on the Board since 2018 and we would like to thank John for his time. If you'd like to know more about what is involved with being a Trustee do get in touch.

Susan Burnett



**Coldstream**  
Community Trust



You will all have seen the exciting news that Coldstream Community Larder now has the keys to the Annexe in the grounds of the Primary School and we are now in the process of getting it ready for opening. We don't have a date for this yet but anticipate that it will probably be in June. At the moment we are cleaning it and sorting out a few things that were left behind. We then need to paint and your volunteers are also busy doing their food safety hygiene training. We have funding in place to get fridges and freezers and have applied for funding for shelving so please keep your fingers crossed

for us.

It is pretty full on for the next few weeks but we want everything to be perfect for the opening. For the short term the opening hours will remain the same - Tuesdays 9-11am and Thursdays 5-7pm in the Parish Hall. A huge thank you is due to the parish church for allowing us to share their space.

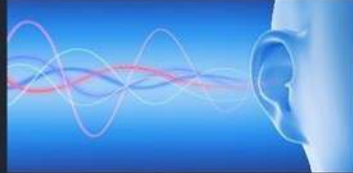
Once settled in our new home we'll be reviewing our opening hours but there will *probably* be an additional morning open and an earlier opening time as well. Please look out for updates on Instagram, Facebook, posters on the noticeboard and the website: [coldstreamcomm.co.uk/larder](http://coldstreamcomm.co.uk/larder)



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## RBLs COLDSTREAM BRANCH & CLUB

With the recent demise of Jedburgh Legion Social Club there are only three social clubs left in the Borders; Galashiels, Kelso and Coldstream. You will be pleased to hear that Coldstream Social Club goes from strength to strength. The newly refurbished upstairs bar is proving very popular with members and visitors. We have live music once a month, and are very excited about Civic Week coming along. See the Civic Week programme for the events we are putting on. The Club Room is always available to hire for any kind of event.

Enquiries to [jdbell1513@gmail.com](mailto:jdbell1513@gmail.com), or pop into the Club and speak to James or Michelle.

Thank you for your continued support. James Bell, Bar Manager.



### FRIENDS OF NORHAM CASTLE present

15th June 7.15pm Norham Village Hall

WORLD HERITAGE - WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT by Dr SIMON WOODWARD

Former Chair of International Council on Monuments and Sites UK, former Principal Lecturer in Heritage Tourism at Leeds Beckett University and most importantly Trustee of Friends of Norham Castle!

Free to members; £2 to non-members Wine and nibbles included (or tea!)

### NORHAM VILLAGE FAIR

1st July 2-4pm

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and of course the Norham Village Band

So come along, shop, drink tea, eat ice cream and relax - and all in a good cause!

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

Since the last issue of CCN a lot has happened, both within St. Mary's and the wider community. There have been the joys as we've shared in services of baptism – where we've celebrated together new life, family ties and community. There have been relationships deepened and strengthened as the 3 congregations of the Berwickshire Group shared lunch at the Homestead café.

And there has been the sadness of departure, as we said our farewells to David Taverner, as he retired from his role as Minister of the Parish Church.

And, as I write this article, so there are, looking forward, lots of exciting things on the horizon. We're looking forward to a great 'Presenting Coldstream' week, and we offer all of our thanks to Harry Shepherd as he takes on the role of representing the town as this year's Coldstreamer – may it be a great year for Harry and for Coldstream.

We're looking forward to celebrating two years of our Sunday Morning Gathering (meeting in the Community Centre now for 10 months) with a 'Birthday tea' on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 4:00pm in the Community Centre – watch out for more details on our Facebook page.



page.

We're looking forward to starting a 'Exploring Christianity' group to which all are warmly invited to come along, ask questions, challenge presuppositions and explore what Christianity might mean in today's world. Again, watch out for more on Facebook.

We're looking forward to the two churches being involved in the re-starting of services in Lennel House from the end of this month.

And we're looking forward to a new member coming to join the team. Sandra Wright is joining the Berwickshire Group at the end of July. Sandra writes:

Hello, I'm so pleased to be joining the Berwickshire Group of churches at the end of July and ready to get stuck in and explore what God has planned. So you know a little bit about me: I was licensed as a Lay Reader with a Diploma in Theology, Ministry and Mission nearly two years ago, after three years of training with the Scottish Episcopal Institute, and am just finishing a placement with Holy Trinity Haddington. I live in Greenlaw with my husband, Steve, my youngest daughter and our menagerie of pets (3 dachshunds and 2 cats!). My eldest daughter has just blessed us with a beautiful granddaughter, our first grandchild, who lives near Perth. I'm also Deputy Head of Operations at Sight Scotland – a Charity for the blind, so both family and work keep me busy! I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all at St. Mary's and becoming part of the wider community of the Berwickshire churches.

### Services at St. Mary's:

You are welcome to any or all of our services.

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

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.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmaryscoldstream.org.uk)

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







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**“Upon a Summer’s Day”**  
Tudor Dance



at  
Crookham Village Hall  
Friday 23 June, 7:00pm  
Tickets £10 adult, £5 12-18s  
(buffet, bar and raffle)

available at CVH Coffee Mornings and TillVAS events or from 07946 501680 and [jennet.cant@gmail.com](mailto:jennet.cant@gmail.com)

Dances will be taught on the night; free practice sessions at CVH on 2 and 16 June at 7pm  
Come and join in! Tudor dress optional!



**TillVAS & Crookham Village Hall**


invite you to a Tudor Dance  
Tickets £10 adult; £5 12-18s  
(buffet, bar and raffle)  
available at CVH Coffee Mornings and TillVAS events or from 07946 501680 and [jennet.cant@gmail.com](mailto:jennet.cant@gmail.com)


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**Sunday 18th June 2023**

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**13 Gardens - Teas - Plants**

**Entry £3.00 (children free)**

**Trail Maps from Norham Village Hall**

**TD15 2LQ**

## Coldstream Parish Church

Following the Rev David Taverner's last service on Easter Sunday, the Coldstream community gathered together on Saturday 15 April to thank David for his twelve years as our minister and to wish him well in his retirement. We were joined by Rev. Chris Jones and members of the congregation of St Mary and All Souls Church in Coldstream.

On behalf of the congregation David Tait presented David with a shepherd's walking stick, with "Rev. David J Taverner 2011-2023" inscribed on one side of the handle and "A good shepherd" on the other, while Michael Rowe presented him with a card signed by members and friends of the congregation and a cheque to which many had contributed as a mark of their love and affection for David. Rev. Chris Jones also thanked David for fostering warm relations between the Parish Church and St Mary and All Souls Church and presented him with a card and a book.

The presentation was followed by a tea in the Church hall at which David was given a cake reflecting his life-long interest in cricket. The Rev. Robin McHaffie has volunteered to be our Interim Moderator. In this role Robin will guide the Kirk Session through this time of transition. Robin is also taking some of our Sunday services alongside the church's worship team and visiting ministers and will take or arrange funerals. Robin can be contacted on 882472.

Sunday morning services continue at 11.15 a.m. Other activities include "Sunday Sing" on alternate Sunday mornings at 10.15 in the Church Hall, Men's Prayer Breakfast on alternate Saturday mornings from 8.00 till 9.00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Iona style worship on the third Wednesday of the month in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. and a shared Taize service at St Mary and All Souls Church on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5.00 p.m. The Civic Week service will be at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 6 August.

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.

## Opera Under The Stars

Opera Brava, Britain's leading outdoor touring opera company, is returning to Ford & Etal Estates this summer to stage two popular operas in the spectacular setting of Ford Castle courtyard, a venue not normally open to the public. This is the company's only performance in the north of England and a rare opportunity to enjoy the delight of seeing opera performed under the stars.



La Bohème, Puccini's tragic love story, will be performed on Friday 23rd June, 2023

and La Traviata, by Verdi, one of the greatest love stories ever told in opera, will follow on Saturday 24th June 2023.

The company brings together national and international artists, complemented by a small orchestra, to produce world-class performances. Both productions will be sung in English. The event is sponsored by Ford & Etal Estates.

Ticketholders must bring their own chairs and/or rugs. Do bring a picnic to enjoy and please bring your own drinks. You can order a special picnic box to be delivered on the night when you book your tickets. There will be no food or drinks for sale at the venue. Porters will be on site to help ferry bags from the car park to the castle courtyard. The gates will open at 5.30pm, with the performance due to start two hours later, so there is ample time to relax and drink in the atmosphere at historic Ford Castle.

Shannon Denson, Visitor Services Manager at Ford & Etal Estates, commented: "We feel incredibly privileged that Opera Brava has agreed to perform here, a long way from their base in the south of England. They are a world-class international company and we have been blown away by the quality of their performances. Opera Brava tells us that Ford Castle has the best acoustics they have experienced in thirty years, so this is a rare treat not to be missed."

Friday 23rd June: La Bohème 7.30pm (Doors open 5.30pm)

Saturday 24th June: La Traviata, 7.30pm (Doors open 5.30pm)

Tickets must be booked online in advance, adult tickets £40 plus booking fee, child (15 and under) £20 plus booking fee.

Picnic hampers are available to book online if you wish. Free parking on site.

Free parking on site, disabled parking can be reserved in advance when booking tickets.

For more information and to book tickets visit: [www.ford-and-etale.co.uk/events/](http://www.ford-and-etale.co.uk/events/)

Press Queries: Jane Musgrave, t: 01890 820338/07918 601410, e: [tourism@ford-and-etale.co.uk](mailto:tourism@ford-and-etale.co.uk)

## BERWICK CONCERT BAND & NORHAM CHOIR IN CONCERT @ ST CUTHBERT'S - NORHAM

Sunday 2nd July 3.00pm Entry By Donation, Proceeds to Spina Bifida, Refreshments provided.

## FEIS ROIS, Thursday 20th July 7pm

Back on their Ceilidh Trail through the Scottish Borders and back in Norham, their only stop across the border, for the first time since 2018. Come and experience some outstanding young Scottish traditional musicians.

Further details to follow



## Untapped Potential

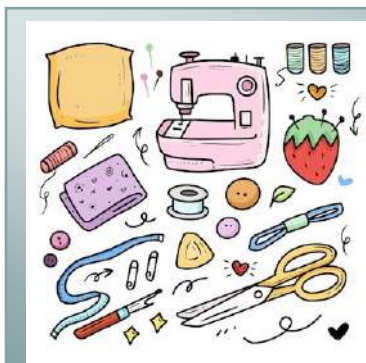
is an art project exploring neurodivergent people's experiences of employment

and our vision for a neuro-inclusive future.

The project is a collaboration between The Frangipane Bakery in Coldstream and fellow social enterprise Allanbank Arts. This has been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, to deliver an art exhibition exploring the experiences of neurodivergent people in employment, whilst highlighting the skills and values employers are missing out on due to their misconceptions.

The exhibition will open to the public at Allanbank Studios on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, before going on a tour of Berwickshire.

For further information, to host the exhibition or to arrange a private viewing for your group or organisation please email [frangipanebakes@gmail.com](mailto:frangipanebakes@gmail.com)



Thursday Handicrafts in the Community Centre is now closed for the summer break.

We will recommence on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1.00 - 3.30pm and every Thursday thereafter.

Everyone welcome.

# John Lamont MP



Member of Parliament for Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk

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## COLDSTREAM/BENNECOURT TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEWS

On 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Coldstream achieved 33 years of Twinning with Bennecourt and is proudly one of the most successful Twinning Associations in the Scottish Borders.

Plans for celebrating this "big style" are now well in hand for when our friends from Bennecourt come to visit Coldstream, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

If you are not already involved in Twinning and would like to take part in any way at all, hosting, joining in the events or helping out in some other way, please contact our Secretary Frances Mather (e-mail [frances.mather@leetstreet.co.uk](mailto:frances.mather@leetstreet.co.uk)) or speak to any Committee Member.

**We have organised as a fund-raising event for the visit a Doorstep Sale on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10am – 2pm**



Do you have any things you would like to find a new home for? Then why not join in this event.

All you need to do is:

- put **£10** in an envelope with your name, address and phone number clearly on the front and
- drop it off at either **Streamers Sandwich Bar or Castrum Coffee Shop** by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**.

We'll then create a map of the town showing your location and these maps will be on sale from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July at a cost of just £1.00 each from Streamers Sandwich Bar, Castrum Coffee Shop, Sanderson Butchers, and Coldstream Holiday Park (and other locations to be confirmed).

The funds raised from the sale of the maps will help towards the cost of hosting the visit. Those whose "doorsteps" are on the map do, of course, keep the proceeds of their sales to themselves ☺!

We are also planning a Car Boot Sale so look out for more information on posters and Social Media.

Joy Thomson

Chair Coldstream Twinning Association

## MUSEUM EXHIBITION

At Coldstream Museum we have an exhibition by printmaker Mo Healy until the 11<sup>th</sup> June and from the 18<sup>th</sup> June we have Charred Wood presenting Fire/Fogo/Feu; Art in Flames. Using a range of tools including pyrography pens & blowtorches, Chris burns designs on carefully selected hardwoods from the Scottish Borders.

Coldstream Museum is looking for a window on the High Street to display an A2 board of a map and images to highlight the presence of the museum in the town, as visitors are often unaware we are hidden down in the Market Square. Would any high street shop consider allowing us to display the board for free? We would be most grateful. Please leave a message for Helen at the museum if you can help. 01890 882630 (10-3 closed Tuesday).

Helen Leighton-Rose [helen.leightonrose@LiveBorders1.org.uk](mailto:helen.leightonrose@LiveBorders1.org.uk)

Museum & Gallery Assistant, Berwickshire & Front of House Coldstream Museum *(please note I work part time: Tues, Wed am)*



## Coldstream Art Group

The Spring and Summer session of the Group is now in full swing with members producing amazing works of art to be exhibited in the Annual Civic Week Exhibition. This year the Exhibition will be held in the Town Hall and will run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Under the watchful eye of chairman, Gordon Thompson, members are using all manner of mediums such as watercolours, oils, acrylics, and pastels to produce fine pencil drawings of animals and birds to intricate landscapes and weird and wonderful abstracts that would have had even Mark Rothko scratching his head. Gordon himself is a fine watercolourist and always has time to help the members with insightful hints to help in their work.

Next year, 2024, is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the group under the tutelage of the late Jim Page. To celebrate this momentous occasion the Group has commissioned an anniversary calendar which features twelve paintings completed by group members. These limited edition calendars are now available and can be purchased from either Gordon or Will Murray for a mere £7.

As have been included in previous sessions, well known local artists will be giving the Group demonstrations and lined up so far are Brian Turnbull and Victoria Hewat. Brian will be demonstrating his very excellent watercolour landscape techniques whilst Victoria will show off her skills in painting animals in watercolour. Sam "the Fonz" Folcarelli will also be returning to amaze us with her mixed media demo and it is hoped Penny Crichton-Seager will again visit to show us how to draw and paint portraits. Some of her very wonderful work now graces the homes of the great and good up and down the land.

The group will always be ready to welcome new members both beginners and more seasoned artists and if you fancy yourself as the new Turner, Manet, Degas or Kandinski please get in touch with Gordon on 018990 882455 This is the chance to let your hidden artistic talents burst forth into glorious colour and amaze all your friends and acquaintances.



## NEW BAVS CEO

I'm Cris Thacker, the new CEO of Berwickshire Association of Voluntary Services (BAVS). I'm thrilled to be part of this organisation and to work with our CCN and other community partners in Coldstream.

BAVS is a charity that helps local voluntary and community groups to achieve their goals and make a positive difference in their communities. Our Coldstream shop is Nulli Secundus for us, not just because of the generosity of the residents, but being here provides BAVS with a physical link with all that's happening in the town. And as such, we are very much looking forward to getting involved in the Civic Week in August.

I've been working in the voluntary sector for over two decades, in various roles and organisations across Scotland. I love empowering people and communities so that their voices are heard and feel equipped with agency to shape their own futures. I think the voluntary sector is a vital force for social change and innovation, and that collaboration and partnership are key to achieving our shared vision. I will be a regular visitor to Coldstream so that BAVS can be present, and help with the initiatives that we are involved in. Such as the well-established 'Berwickshire Wheels' service, and our innovative 'About Berwickshire' project. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback. You can reach me by email at [cris.thacker@bavs.org.uk](mailto:cris.thacker@bavs.org.uk) or by phone at 01361 883137.

I am grateful to Wendy, our BAVS shop manager, for her warm welcome to Coldstream recently, and for CCNs continued dedication and commitment to BAVS.

Cris Thacker CEO of BAVS



**New volunteers to assist in Coldstream BAVS Charity Shop would be welcome - anyone interested please contact shop manager Wendy Acornley on 01890 882988 / [wendy.acornley@bavs.org.uk](mailto:wendy.acornley@bavs.org.uk)**

## Coldstream Social & Literary Society

The Society's AGM took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March and concluded our programme for 2022/23. We have enjoyed some excellent talks during the year and would like to thank all of the speakers who have entertained us so well. The AGM was an opportunity to present our outgoing President, Beth Tweddle, with a token of our appreciation for her highly effective leadership over the last two years. New President, Paul Shepherd, thanked Beth for guiding the Society out of lockdown and ensuring its continued success. After the meeting, we held a raffle and quiz with cake and fizz to enjoy too.

We are very much looking forward to the start of our 2023/24 programme, which promises to be varied and informative. The first meeting will be at 2.00 p.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October when we will welcome a speaker from Scottish Air Ambulance to tell us all about their vital work. Please do reserve the date in your diary. Further details of our new programme will appear in the Autumn edition of Coldstream Community News. Meetings are held at Coldstream Community Centre and annual membership is £15.00, which covers nine talks between October and March and the AGM. We also hold a Christmas Lunch in early December and a summer outing in June for members. A friendly welcome awaits old and new members alike and we provide lovely refreshments at meetings too! We hope you'll become a member if you aren't already, but if you prefer to come along as a visitor (£2 per meeting), we will make you equally welcome.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June we will be boarding a coach to Bamburgh to spend the day in this lovely part of Northumberland and take a guided tour of the Castle. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Elsbeth Shepherd, Secretary

## Coldstream SWI

All in a rush it seems our year is coming to an end but what an eventful year it has been.

In my last missive we were looking forward to our February and March meetings.

February meant Jim Casey and a look at whisky from field to glass. This was an informative and enjoyable evening with the tasting part of the session proving very popular.

March was our Visitors' Night with other groups and institutes joining us for the evening.

Delicious food was prepared and served by Susan V and her band of helpers. A big thank you to them.

Dance Maestro, Richard Little, led us through Tango, Waltz, Cha Cha and Salsa providing great fun for the participants (even the two left footed variety) and also the spectators. The Glitter Ball Trophy, designed and made by Lou, was presented by Richard to a Coldstream member, much to her surprise and delight.

In April Anne Burgess of Birgham SWI gave a demonstration of cake decorating by replicating her picnic cake, which received a perfect score at the Federation Show in Duns last year. Although our rival on the day of the show, we were very happy to welcome her and learn some secrets of the skill. Perhaps next time our cake will outshine hers!

May brought the AGM which closed our SWI year. This always includes the award of our competition trophies. It is fascinating to see what people find to enter. We have had weeds, leaves, an orca, elephants, a rhino, wasps, coins and bizarrely, fish fingers!

This year the competition trophies were awarded to Susan Burnett for the object and Maggie Alexander for 'something beginning with...'. Congratulations to them.

Karen McKinley decided to step down as Vice President and committee member. She had been a great asset to the SWI and was thanked and presented with a gift by the President.

Maggie Alexander was welcomed as a new committee member.

Lyn Borthwick has been a member for forty years! She was presented with a ruby rose by Susan B. on behalf of the membership. Well done Lyn and here's to the next 40!

We are looking forward to our traditional afternoon tea, this year in June at Pier Red in Berwick and our annual picnic walk.

Our new year begins on the third Thursday in September. We would love to see you as a visitor, hopefully as a member. Do come along and meet our very friendly group who will welcome you into the fold.

Jan Brown



## Coldstream Charity Fundraisers

As we start another era of fundraising in Coldstream we would like to bring everyone up to date with what's been going on over the past few months and our plans for the future.

As you will have read in the last Community News, we as a group, decided to leave the umbrella of Macmillan and have decided to form a new group called Coldstream Charity Fundraisers (formally know as Macmillan Cancer Support Group) we will basically be doing exactly as we were doing in the past but without all the bureaucracy. We are in the process of opening a new bank account in the new name so everything will be above board and future events will go ahead as planned.

We received a lovely certificate from Macmillan thanking us for our support over the 50 years the committee has been going and as a town we have raised over £454,000. We are hoping to display the certificate in the chemist window so keep an eye out for it. It's thanks to you the people of Coldstream and surrounding area who have supported Macmillan over the years that we have raised such a fantastic amount. We hope you will continue to support us.

We have a number of events planned over the summer. The first will be held on Sunday 25th June when we will be serving afternoon tea at Ruthven garden opening and also at Marlfield open garden on Sunday July 23rd. Come along and enjoy beautiful gardens while you tuck into delicious homemade fare.

The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning will be held in the British Legion on Saturday 30th September. Come along for coffee, homemade produce, raffle and lots more. It'll be a good chance to catch up with friends and have a good blether whilst supporting a good cause.

Things are being planned for October so watch this space.

Once more, can we thank everyone who has supported us over the years and we hope you will support us at future events.

Coldstream Charity Fundraisers

Susan Vassallo



## Girls Go Wild at the Zoo!

On Saturday 29 April, Coldstream girls were part of a group of 750 Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides from across the Scottish Borders who descended on Edinburgh Zoo for the day.

We left Coldstream at 7:30am and after picking up more Brownies in Duns, headed to Edinburgh. For some of us it was our first time on a bus!

The first thing we saw at the zoo (apart from lots of other groups like ours) were the flamingos. We loved their bright pink colour and managed to spot some standing on just one leg. We spotted the red pandas even though they were hiding at the top of the tallest trees. Various types of monkeys were up next, and we even saw them swinging through the branches. The sun bears were a particular favourite of ours. We also saw, amongst many animals, a sleeping sloth, baby armadillos, koalas, and kangaroos and wallabies which had an open enclosure and we could walk right up to them. We were lucky to see the giant pandas before they head back home later in the year. One was eating and the other was sleeping. We were entertained by a very active tiger who seemed to love showing off, and even walked above our heads at one point!

We ate our packed lunches at the top of the hill before making our way to see the giraffes, who were all inside out of the cold. The giraffes were very popular and a lot of us would have happily stayed there all day. But we moved on and were transfixed by a very noisy lion which we could hear roaring all the way back down the hill. The most anticipated part of the day was of course the gift shop where various souvenirs were purchased to remind us of our day.

We just had time to fit in visits to the meerkats and the penguins before getting back on the bus and heading home. We were all very tired but had a great day.

Elizabeth Reid



# 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 31st May  
 Wednesday 14th June  
 Wednesday 28th June  
 Wednesday 12th July

Wednesday 26th July  
 Wednesday 9th August  
 Wednesday 23rd August  
 Wednesday 31st 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**



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

|         |                                |    |
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| 03 June | Coldstream Riders Association  | BL |
| 10 June | Coldstream Flower Show         | BL |
| 17 June | Coldstream Gateway Association | BL |
| 24 June | Coldstream British Legion      | BL |
| 01 July | Coldstream Community Centre    | CC |
| 08 July | Friends of Victoria Lodge      | BL |
| 15 July | No booking in Town Diary       |    |
| 22 July | No booking in Town Diary       |    |
| 29 July | No booking in Town Diary       |    |
| 05 Aug  | Presenting Coldstream Assoc.   | CC |
| 12 Aug  | Coldstream Flower Show         | BL |

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| 19 Aug  | No booking in Town Diary      |    |
| 26 Aug  | Riding For The Disabled       | CC |
| 02 Sept | Coldstream Guards Association | BL |
| 09 Sept | Coldstream Town Trip          | BL |

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

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