

The Village Pump Nymet Rowland

February 2026

What's on...

CUPPA & CHAT with a Book Swap

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 3 February - 2.30pm to 3.30pm



**Come and join us and meet friends
and neighbours for a cup of
tea/coffee and a catch-up**

Everyone welcome

Profits to Nymet Rowland Village Hall

Please contact 01363 83256 with any queries

CUPPA & CHAT

The next Cuppa & Chats will be on 3rd February in the Village Hall at 2.30pm and then 3rd March 2026.

NYMET WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be Monday 9th February. A walk from Crediton Leisure Centre to Shobrooke Park is planned. Meet at the Village hall at 10.30 for car share.

Contact Angela 01363 83435 if you would like to join our friendly little group

W.I.

At our next meeting on 11th February, we will

be having a talk about life during the war.

New members are always welcome or come as a guest (£3). Meetings are held (with the odd exception) on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Coldridge Village Hall. Subjects range from charities and local interest groups, cookery demonstrations and craft workshops to the arts and wellbeing. Look out for more information on the Coldridge village socials. Hope to see you soon.

W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby give NOTICE that: From THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026 for a maximum of 5 days Until FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026 (both dates inclusive) Between the hours of 07:00 and 18:00 No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads:

ROAD FROM ALLER BRIDGE TO WEST BARTON CROSS, NYMET ROWLAND

This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable RESURFACING WORKS.

About time too! [Ed.]

CHRISTMAS TREE BAUBLES

Thank You to all who bought a Bauble for the Nymet Rowland Christmas Tree this year.

We raised an amazing £196.00 to be shared equally between The Village Hall and St. Bartholomew's Church Fabric Fund.

If anyone would like to collect their Bauble for future display please do come and pick it up from Penny at Upcott House.

Well done everyone! thank you too to Elaine for her great idea and didn't the tree look splendid too.

Penny Odhams.

RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING - BATTERIES

Batteries, especially lithium-ion batteries commonly found in everyday devices, can pose a severe fire hazard when disposed of incorrectly. Fires can cause extensive damage to property and put lives at risk.

Recycling batteries correctly is not only a matter of safety but also a vital environmental

responsibility. Batteries contain hazardous materials that can leach into the soil and water if not recycled properly. By ensuring batteries are placed in designated recycling boxes, we contribute to the protection of our environment and reduce the risk of accidents like these fires. To help prevent battery-related fires, residents are encouraged to follow these essential guidelines:

- 1. Use designated recycling boxes:** General household batteries can be recycled as part of your fortnightly recycling collection - batteries must be placed in a clear plastic bag or tub, and left on top of the black box clearly visible for our collection crews. We do not collect Lithium-Ion batteries at this time.
- 2. Wrap or tape batteries:** Used batteries are not always completely discharged so take caution when disposing of multiple used batteries that could come into contact with one another. To dispose of the batteries safely, cover the positive terminal of each battery with tape.
- 3. Drop off at recycling centres:** When in doubt, consider dropping off batteries at designated recycling centres or collection points.
- 4. Educate others:** Spread the word about the importance of proper battery disposal to friends, family, and neighbours.

MINUTES OF THE 203rd PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD IN VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY 2026 at 19.30

Present:

Councillors: Anthony Odhams (AO), David Gruncell (DG), Elaine Little (EL) – Clerk, Viv O'Dell (VO), 3 MOPs

Apologies: Jan Coeshall (JC), Babs Channing (BC)

1. Reason for calling of additional Exceptional Parish Council Meeting
AO opened the meeting advising councillors and

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 2nd February

Blue Food Caddy

Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 9th February

Blue Food Caddy

Recycling

Monday 16th February

Blue Food Caddy

Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Black Wheelie Bin: Non - Recyclable Waste

Monday 23rd February

Blue Food Caddy

Recycling

Monday 2nd March

Blue Food Caddy

Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

MOPs the meeting had been called regarding the revised planning applications of use of agricultural buildings under Class Q @ Nymet Barton Farm

Both applications were discussed at length and overall, the planning applications received no objection from the council however the following points of concern were raised which will be submitted to the MDDC for further review.

I. There were an extensive series of comments by Historic England, on the 2nd iteration of the Class Q betterment application. The nature of this resulted in a review and revision of that application by the applicant. The Parish Council is not clear about the reasons why Historic England has chosen to refrain from commenting on this latest application.

II. We request the inclusion of a joint planning gain community 106 contribution - Currently parking is permitted within the farmyard for those attending the Church. As this will cease, there is a need to include a car parking area for 10 cars. This will also help remove the problem of parking on the narrow public road and a long walk to the Church. This is particularly important for the elderly and infirm members of the congregation.

III. Also, a contribution towards the costs of siting of a new community bench should also be considered.

IV. Ground contaminated in areas with many years of machinery oils & heavy fuels, silage liquids run-off, grey water slurry & livestock urine. There is a consistent history of high volumes of foul surface water flowing from the farm site onto the public highway, particularly during the Autumn to early summer period. We suggest this is surveyed accordingly.

V. We are very concerned about the future capacity of both the disposal of surface water

into soakaways and the proposed usage from a further 8 dwellings into the village sewage facility. The latter feeds into an old reedbed treatment unit that was originally designed to handle output from just 10 households. Of major concern is the resulting pollution into local streams, river and water table from the additional dwellings. The local community's past experience of the periodic sewage effluent and smells from these streams, means we are not convinced by comments by Southwest Water.

VI. The original access entrance adjacent to the Church and cemetery high wall is affected by severe poor visibility of the lane and traffic approaching from the West. To avoid such danger, we recommend that the entrance is widened on its East side and potentially a verge created under the wall.

VII. The condition of the old stone boundary walls with West Barton Farm is not known, but it is suggested these are inspected for soundness and safety. There are no apparent details given for street lighting on the entire site.

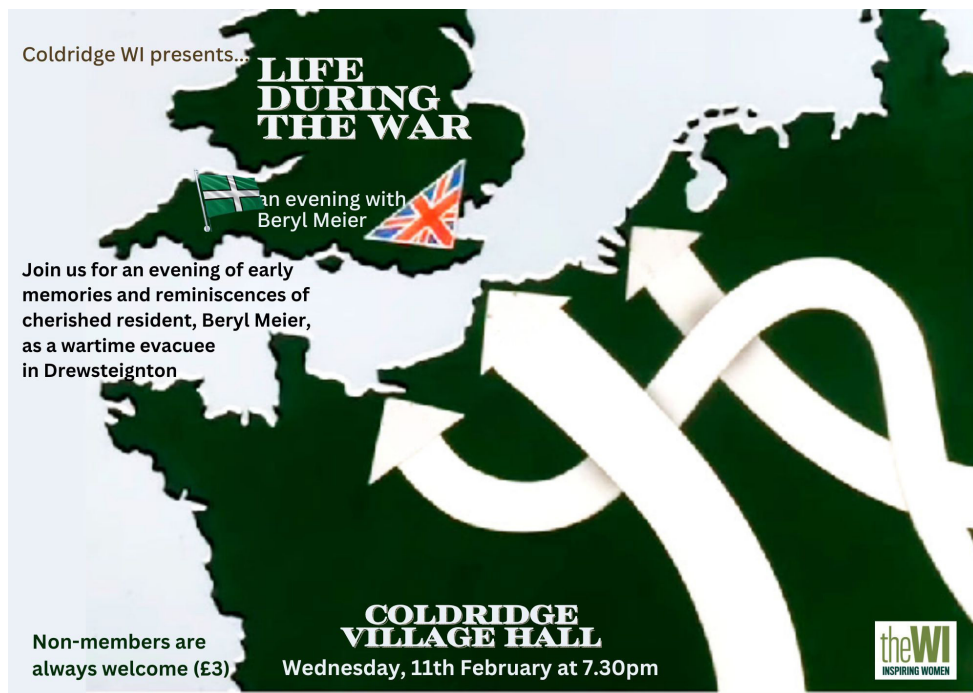
VIII. After many years of appealing to the Highways Dept, remedial work including drainage and resurfacing of the lanes into the Village particularly Barton Hill from Allerbridge is officially planned for March '26. The full repair of inevitable forthcoming damage from a long period of ensuing heavy construction related traffic must be budgeted for and enforced.

IX. Previous experience at the splay entrance to this site, demonstrates that the required planting of appropriate native hedging - Beech etc was not properly enforced or maintained. Stipulation and enforcement of all relevant planned hedging on the site must be applied.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 11 February 2026

The meeting closed at 8.30pm



WI

January saw Coldridge WI celebrate the New Year with a celebratory meal at the ever popular London Inn in Mordach Bishop. It's always lovely to spend an evening with friends and to enjoy the company alongside a delicious meal made it an extra special occasion.

We kick off the 2026 schedule on Monday, 11th February at 7.30pm in Coldridge Village Hall with 'Life During the War'. The evening's speaker is our own Beryl Meier, and we are privileged to have her talk to us about her experiences as a wartime evacuee in Drewsteignton. These first-hand accounts are becoming increasingly

precious, so please join us for what promises to be a most fascinating and moving talk.

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Lyn Green
WI Secretary

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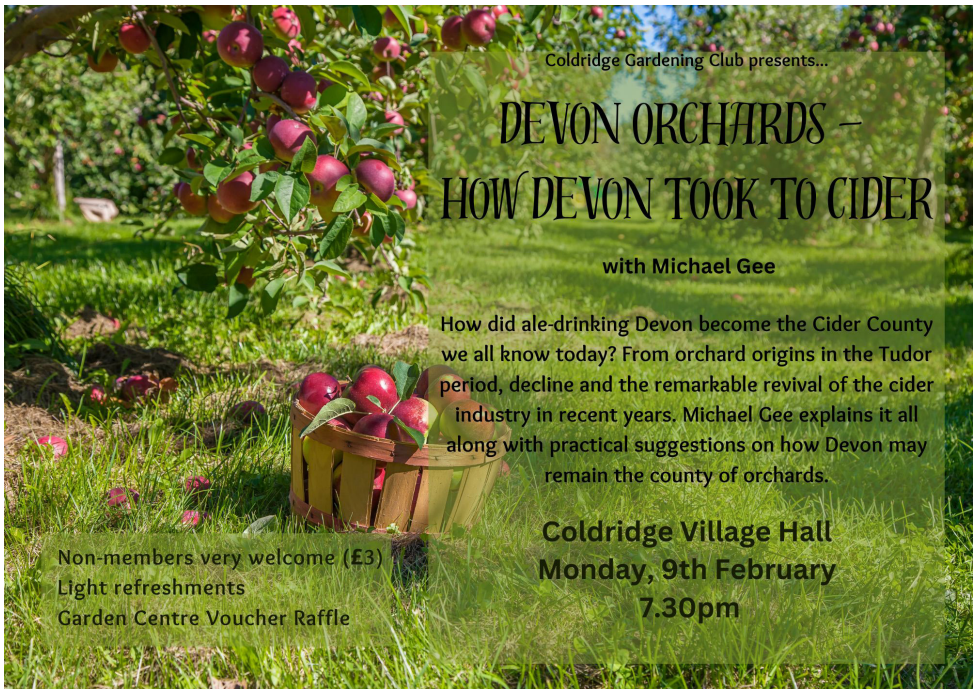
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Coldridge Gardening Club presents...

DEVON ORCHARDS – HOW DEVON TOOK TO CIDER

with Michael Gee

How did ale-drinking Devon become the Cider County we all know today? From orchard origins in the Tudor period, decline and the remarkable revival of the cider industry in recent years. Michael Gee explains it all along with practical suggestions on how Devon may remain the county of orchards.

Non-members very welcome (£3)
Light refreshments
Garden Centre Voucher Raffle

Coldridge Village Hall
Monday, 9th February
7.30pm

COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB

January's meeting was our AGM and social event to ease us into the New Year. As well as reflecting on a very positive year and looking forward to the new schedule, the highlight of the evening was John's quiz, which looks like becoming a tradition. Thank you, John - same time next year?

February's meeting celebrates Devon's cider-making heritage. Entitled '*Devon's Orchards - How Devon took to Cider*', speaker Michael Gee explains how Devon switched from ale to cider, industry decline over the centuries and the renewed enthusiasm for the tippable in recent decades. With pruning tips too, find out more on Monday, 9th February at 7.30pm in Coldridge Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome to join Coldridge Gardening Club - a family membership is only £15 for the year. Keep an eye out for news of upcoming events on all the usual village channels. If you are not (yet!) a member of the Coldridge Gardening Club, and would like to see what it's all about, please drop us a line on coldridgegardeningclub@ecomail.uk for more details.

Thanking you for your continued confidence and support, the committee looks forward to another action-packed Gardening Club year.

Tracy, Teresa and Nick
Gardening Club Committee

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, NYMET ROWLAND

Services for February

Sunday, 15th February

9.00am Holy Communion

Reverend David Robottom

Apologies for the lack of January information

Many thanks to all those who made a very successful Carol Service before Christmas. The church was full and everyone sang well.

Victoria Warren {nee Rice} organised the pageant and Revd. Anthony Geering master-minded proceedings with his usual light touch.

Thanks also to Alex and Adrian Pike for the Christmas tree which was decorated by Emily and Rose

Arthur

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

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