

The Village Pump

Nymet Rowland

May 2026

What's on...

CUPPA & CHAT with a Book Swap

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 5 May - 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 Tuesday 5th May in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

W.I.

At our next meeting on 13th May, we will be having a go at Chinese Brush Painting.

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 village socials.

Hope to see you soon.

W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

Lyn Green
WI Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. See inside for agenda.

TREE WORK AT FOUR GABLES

During the coming weeks we have to do some tree surgery on the big elm tree on our roadside bank.

To do this safely we will have to close the road for short periods (up to 20 mins) to remove dead branches.

We hope that when the work is going on you will be patient if waiting to pass or find an alternative route.

We will be working at weekends when the traffic is lighter and will put up signs when we are working.

Thank you

Oliver and Sue

WANTED

Volunteers to help restore the telephone box to its former glory. Elbow grease and rubbing down and painting help needed.

Please contact:

Elaine Little

Enfield House

clerk@nymetrowland-pc.gov.uk

AGENDA FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday 18th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

- Apologies for any absences
 - Review of minutes of meeting held on 11 February to be approved and signed
 - Questions from members of the public
- Matters Arising
1. Planning Decisions & Enforcement Updates
 2. Nymet Rowland Car Park
 3. Update on Defib
 4. Road conditions / Road closure Signage / Missing village signpost
 5. Churchyard Maintenance Costs
- Financial Report Update
6. Current bank balance and expenditure New/Any other business (AOB)
 7. VOLUNTEERS needed to help restoring of the phonebox new home of the Defib
 8. AOB

You may be aware that for quite a while now, I have been liaising with Devon Air Ambulance – DAA, to try and identify a night landing site in the village. The concern is the extended emergency ambulance response times by road to here.

However, until recently, finding a suitable location that met the DAA past criteria for a safe landing site, especially in the dark, has proved extremely difficult. Of course, we are not unique in that and DAA have been working on answers to the problem.

I talked to them again last week and I'm delighted to tell you that with the introduction of new technology and additional pilot training, they are now able to identify suitable landing sites from their helicopters, at night.

For our part, we can significantly help by reducing their response times, by giving them a precise location of the incident by using What3Words – W3W. This is a very simple to use free to use app, that can be installed on most smart mobile phones.

Once installed, its possible to take the phone outside, click on the app icon and it will display a sequence of three words. These are unique to your location and identify your position to within 3 metres

(anywhere in the world !) You can make a note of the words and keep that somewhere easy to find. Should you need to call 999, when they ask for your location, you simply click on the app and tell them the What 3 Words location. As with other emergency services, the call centre can then instruct the Air Ambulance crew accordingly. They are keen to encourage use of W3W as its very effective for them.

It's also excellent in other situations such as reporting a road or other accident, police related incidents or even telling someone how to find your house, broken down car or where to meet for a walk etc.

More information can be found by searching on line for What3Words and the following gives an excellent explanation Know Exactly Where (UK) | what3words

I hope this is helpful. Just in case anyone wonders, I assure you, that I have no commercial interest whatsoever in W3W!

Its free, so why not give it a try...

Anthony Odhams

Nymet Rowland Parish Council

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Tuesday 5th May

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 11th May

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste
Black Bin Wheelie: Non-Recyclable Waste

Monday 18th May

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Tuesday 26th May

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 1st June

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling
Black Bin Wheelie: Non-Recyclable Waste

WI

Coldridge WI presents...

Chinese Brush Painting

with
Mary Moul

Join us as we are introduced to this gentle and relaxing artform of simple, stylised designs with an opportunity to give it a try. Materials supplied.

Coldridge Village Hall
Wednesday, 13th May at 7.30pm
Non-members are always welcome (£3, women only)

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



techniques. We will be encouraged to give it a go and all materials will be provided. Find out more on Wednesday, 13th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall about this gentle and relaxing artform.

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WI Secretary

In April, Coldridge WI welcomed Kate Fitch as she gave an eye-opening and moving talk about her role as a Street Pastor. Volunteering during the small hours in the city centre to provide compassion and care to anyone in need, these kindly souls, working closely with the emergency services, ensure everyone gets home safely.

May's meeting sees us introduced to the art of Chinese Brush Painting with artist and teacher, Mary Moul. A gift of a set of Chinese brushes encouraged Mary to expand her horizon from watercolours to inks, and the wonderful world of this stylised Oriental artform. She also runs art workshops using Chinese brush painting

AMAZING NATIONAL HISTORY NEAR YOU!

THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER
British history's greatest cold-case; St Matthew's Church in Coldridge is home to the John Evans mystery. He may be Edward V, one of the princes presumed murdered... until now! The newest research points to evidence which shows the princes survived... and one of them may have lived out his days in rural Devon. He obviously heard about the legendary Coldridge Café!

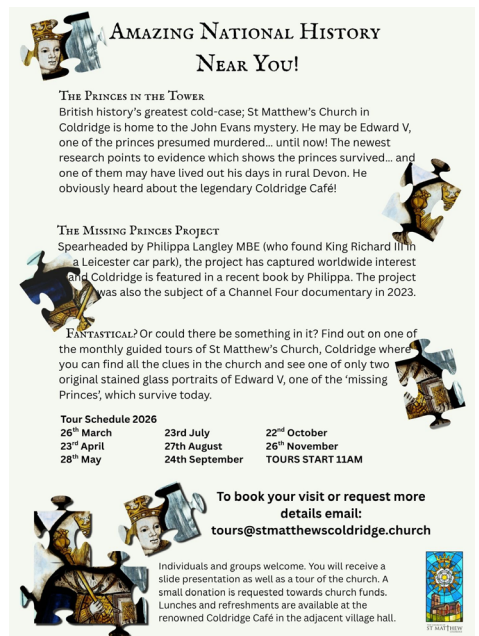
THE MISSING PRINCES PROJECT
Spearheaded by Philippa Langley MBE (who found King Richard III in a Leicester car park), the project has captured worldwide interest and Coldridge is featured in a recent book by Philippa. The project was also the subject of a Channel Four documentary in 2023.

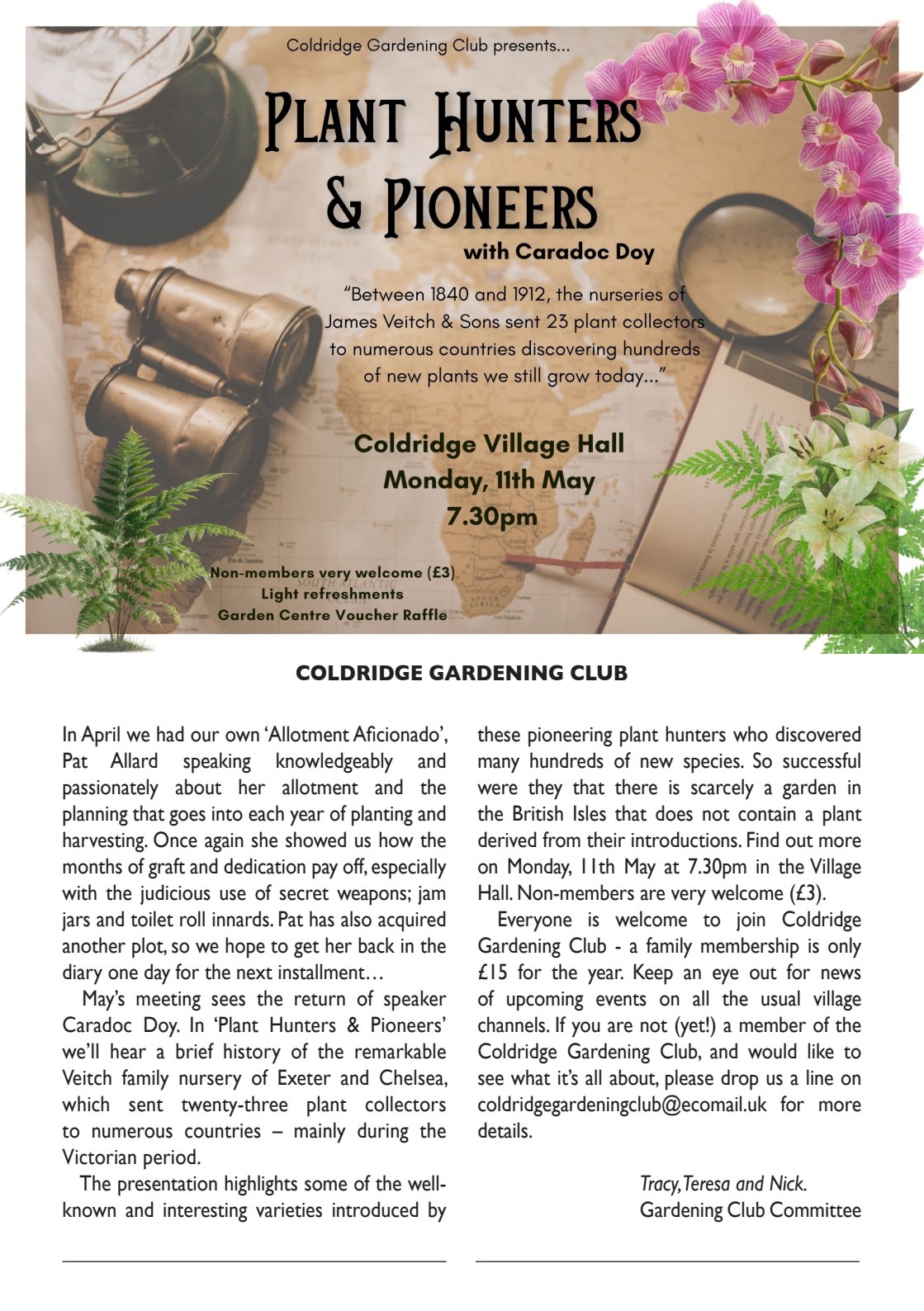
FANTASTICAL? Or could there be something in it? Find out on one of the monthly guided tours of St Matthew's Church, Coldridge where you can find all the clues in the church and see one of only two original stained glass portraits of Edward V, one of the 'missing Princes', which survive today.

Tour Schedule 2026		
26 th March	23 rd July	22 nd October
23 rd April	27 th August	26 th November
28 th May	24 th September	TOURS START 11AM

To book your visit or request more details email:
tours@stmatthewscoldridge.church

Individuals and groups welcome. You will receive a slide presentation as well as a tour of the church. A small donation is requested towards Church funds. Lunches and refreshments are available at the renowned Coldridge Café in the adjacent village hall.





Coldridge Gardening Club presents...

PLANT HUNTERS & PIONEERS

with Caradoc Doy

"Between 1840 and 1912, the nurseries of James Veitch & Sons sent 23 plant collectors to numerous countries discovering hundreds of new plants we still grow today..."

Coldridge Village Hall

Monday, 11th May

7.30pm

Non-members very welcome (£3)

Light refreshments

Garden Centre Voucher Raffle

COLDRIDGE GARDENING CLUB

In April we had our own 'Allotment Aficionado', Pat Allard speaking knowledgeably and passionately about her allotment and the planning that goes into each year of planting and harvesting. Once again she showed us how the months of graft and dedication pay off, especially with the judicious use of secret weapons; jam jars and toilet roll innards. Pat has also acquired another plot, so we hope to get her back in the diary one day for the next installment...

May's meeting sees the return of speaker Caradoc Doy. In 'Plant Hunters & Pioneers' we'll hear a brief history of the remarkable Veitch family nursery of Exeter and Chelsea, which sent twenty-three plant collectors to numerous countries – mainly during the Victorian period.

The presentation highlights some of the well-known and interesting varieties introduced by

these pioneering plant hunters who discovered many hundreds of new species. So successful were they that there is scarcely a garden in the British Isles that does not contain a plant derived from their introductions. Find out more on Monday, 11th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Non-members are very welcome (£3).

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.

Tracy, Teresa and Nick.

Gardening Club Committee

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
NYMET ROWLAND**

Service for May
Sunday 17th May
9.30am Holy Communion
Rev. Jeremy Putnam

Arthur

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

Sundays: 10:45am service only. .

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reasonable.**

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contact
Alex
(01363 83256)
or Marion
(0136383482)**

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