



**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024**



Dear Buzz Readers,


Lets make our New Year's resolution to be there for each other and help fellow human beings in need, even if we do not know them personally, spreading some kindness and cheer!

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

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**Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2024**

|                     |                                    |                                       |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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| Advance tickets £10 | On the door £12                    |                                       |

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VILLAGE HALL **BRIDGERULE**

# HISTORY DAY

To be held in the village Hall – 10.00 am. – 4.00 pm.

## SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

Showing early photos of Bridgerule and its people right up to present day – Maps – information etc.

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Come and see Angela Brock's many films of Bridgerule people and events – **AMAZING!**

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PLEASE – if you have old photos – documents – items of interest – bring them along for all to see.

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**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.**

*Buildings - People - village Hall - Hunt - Church - Chapel - Trains - Mill - School - Shop - Glebe - Tackbere - Events etc. etc.*



### OUR BRIDGE IS 100 YEARS OLD!

On a Sunday in early May 1923 the single span bridge over the river Tamar that had stood for over 100 years and considered unsafe for vehicular traffic collapsed causing much inconvenience to the village—and school children couldn't get to school and so given time off!



## THANK YOU FROM CHRISTINE

The Table Top sales were started by three of us - Jean Hammond - Sheila Gatland and myself to raise funds to refurbish the village Hall.

Over nearly 10 years we have raised £ 8125 by organising 78 Saturday Table Top Sales and have only reached this amount by your kind donations of things to sell and of course with the people who supported us by turning up to buy items. Thank you so much for your support in all this time.

We have been able to achieve this with a lot of help over the years having 2 kind men to set up the tables each time and to carry all the stock from the store room. Without this help we could not have managed so **THANK YOU** to **Malcolm** for your many years of help and also **Geoff** who has joined in more recently as a helper - but has always come along to buy from us.

The ladies who have regularly helped in the last few years are **Freda and Hilary** and I'm so grateful to you both - sale days could be long and tiring but you were always there to assist in not only selling but also by unpacking and then packing the unsold items up again.

My thanks also go to everyone else who have helped over the years with special thanks to **Kevin** for doing the necessary checks on all things electrical.

So again I say thank you to everyone who have supported the monthly sales - it has been decided that the **December Table Top Sale 2023 was to be the final one.**

**Christine**

Thanks must also go to the ladies who have so kindly baked cakes and have helped serve them for our Table Top sales. Light refreshments were not served when Table Tops began but the sales of tea, coffees and cake has been very successful.

**Sheila**



## TAMAR ROCK AND ROLL CLUB

We are a fairly new rock and roll club in Bridgerule. We started in July 2023 and have run a dance on the last Saturday of every month since, we are seeing numbers of around 30 people turning up to listen to the music and/ or to dance, we don't mind what you do to the music as long as you have fun.

Our next dance is **on Saturday 27th January** when we have a live band!! They are from Saltash area so whatever the weather is doing they should be able to get here! **Tickets are £12 on the door or £10 in advance.** **Contact Jackie on 07533353388 if you would like advance tickets ( non refundable )**

**Our dance on February 24th is with a top rock and roll DJ Dynamite Dave ! £5 entry on the door.**

**We are not a members only club and everyone is welcome.**

## BOXING DAY RUGBY WITH THE BOY!



Wanted to be on the same team, but ended up on opposite teams. Also only wanted to play 10 mins but played full 80! Don't ask him who won.

My Rugby Career is fulfilled!

***(and Grandad came too)!***

## Lightening does strike twice

I was recently asked to attend a customer's home to check their computer for infected files following yet another scam. I say that as it was the second such scam this customer had endured and the second such scam experienced by two other customers in this area in the past 4 weeks.

These are local people and professional scammers had targeted them, they seemed to have information of very large sums of money and knew them by name, had knowledge of their bank details and approximate amounts held in their respective bank accounts (knowing their bank details maybe wasn't just a lucky guess)!



The scam follows the same pattern as several other people have experienced. The scammers say a bank account is under threat and money should be moved quickly. One customer was asked to login to an online app and upload an image of themselves, this was used by the scammers to authenticate the transfer of money.

The sad thing is their details are now on a SUCKERS List and will be sold on the dark web.

Please, if you receive a phone call referring to your bank account, put the phone down and telephone your bank for confirmation.

### **DO NOT USE THE PHONE NUMBER GIVEN IN THE CALL!**

Users of Windows 7 have found their systems are malfunctioning as Microsoft has switched off all support for the old OS. People using Windows Live Mail 2012 should rethink how they access emails. Why? 3 customers have recently lost all access to their email accounts through this software along with all their emails and contacts.



On another costly note, Microsoft has stopped supporting Windows 10 and has released a third version of Windows 11. To continue using Windows as an operating system, you are expected to buy a new computer!!!!

However, older machines can be installed with the Google OS, this free software can be downloaded, installed onto a USB and installed on your PC replacing Microsoft Windows. It works exactly as Google Chrome and all apps are accessible through a free Google Account. Most users are familiar with Google Chrome, it's easy to use and learning new software is avoided. All documents can be uploaded to Google Drive and accessed through an internet link.

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT TRENCREEK FOR COFFEE CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS



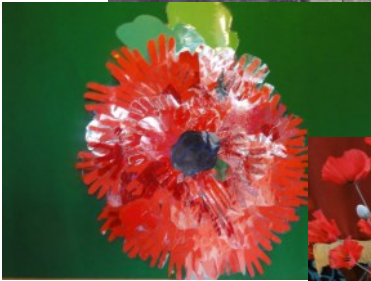
*40 members and friends of the village Coffee Club travelled by coach to Trencreek Farmhouse Restaurant for their annual Christmas lunch. After being served a delicious meal by Richard and Margaret Heard and their helpers, everyone took part in some games of bingo.*

### ENJOYING 'WHITE NOISE'



At a recent dance held in the hall with visiting live band, White Noise, a wonderful profit of £1000 was made for shop funds. Thanks is expressed to those who supported it especially Glebe House.

## BRIDGERULE REMEMBERS



2023



**Bridgerule Parish Council recently purchased 2 Tommy statues as part of our village Remembrance 2023 and for future years. Rose and Chris Hitchings decorated the chapel railings with handmadr poppies. Children of the school made a large picture of painted hands to form a poppy at the entrance to the chapel and poppy pebbles also painted by the children were laid at the front of the chapel. Gill Heal did an apt floral display for the occasion. Mark Shears took the Remembrance Service.**



## MAKING CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR DEMENTIA UK

This year at Tackbear, the annual wreath making organised by Diane Kirby donated the funds raised to Dementia UK. 28 wreaths and a raffle raised an incredible amount of £800. A really lovely Christmas crafting evening was spent and thanks is expressed to everyone who supported the event.



### ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH

**SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am**



- 7th January** Sung Eucharist
- 14th January** Morning Prayer
- 21st January** Joint Service at Methodist Chapel
- 28th January** Joint Service at St. Bridget's
  
- 04th February** Sung Eucharist
- 11th February** Morning Prayer
- 18th February** Joint Service at Methodist Chapel
- 25th February** Joint Service at St. Bridget's

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## WHEN GRANDFATHER WENT TO GAZA

Way back in 1972 our company devised a puppet interpretation of Sergei Prokofiev's symphonic tale for children, *Peter and the Wolf*. The Russian composer intended it as an introduction for young people to the different instruments of the orchestra. Each character in the story has a particular instrument and its own musical theme. Our additional intention was to use the piece to serve as an introduction to various types of puppets. They were very simply made so that children could replicate them and devise their own ideas. The bird, played by the flute, was just a small bunch of feathers crafted onto the end of a long flexible stick; the duck (oboe) a cut-out shadow puppet projected onto a screen at the back of the stage; the cat (clarinet) was a rod puppet made with a cloth-covered *Slinky* toy; and so on. They were all about three-quarters life-size so Grandfather (bassoon) made of cardboard tubes was a string marionette standing about 4'6" high.

The production very soon became the most performed piece in our school touring repertoire. Also, because it was a musical piece with minimal narration, it proved very suitable for our trips to several non-English speaking countries. We even took it 'coals to Newcastle' fashion' to Moscow!

In 1993 Joan and I were booked via the British Council to perform the production on a ten-day tour of Palestine. At Heathrow we found (even then) that El Al's security was much tighter than other airlines.



Our puppets, staging etc were packed in three special boxes. One of these we referred to as 'the coffin' because of its shape: approximately 1' x 1' x 6' long. At the airport we were obliged to open the other two boxes for examination because they were too big to go through the X-ray machine. As usual, the officials found the contents rather strange and we had to explain in some detail that they were the sets and props for performing *Peter and the Wolf*. Meanwhile, the 'coffin', which contained the puppets, was lifted onto a conveyor belt. We watched it being drawn slowly through an opening leading to a screened-off area –it was a bit like being in a crematorium.

Suddenly, there was a high-pitched female scream “there’s a hand!” The X-ray had picked up one of Grandfather’s hands, which was only slightly smaller than life-size. Everything immediately froze around us. By way of explanation. I said to the officials “that must be Grandfather”; which only made matters worse! The ‘coffin’ was quickly dragged back out and I was ordered to remove the lid. The unsmiling officials were eventually placated and allowed us to board the overnight flight, the last passengers to do so.

A British Council representative met us at Tel Aviv airport and drove us, with our boxes, to Jerusalem. It was very early morning, the sun was only just coming up and for most of the way there was no other traffic. Joan, a *Capricorn*, especially remembers seeing some Bedouins with goats as we passed through gently undulating



countryside; a scene probably unchanged since biblical times. The city of Jerusalem gradually appeared in the distance raised on higher ground. The sun was warming the pale sandy-coloured walls and reflecting off the gold-plated Dome of the Rock. It was all breathtakingly beautiful. We were literally ‘going up to Jerusalem’.

Our hotel was near to the Damascus Gate which enabled us to explore and experience the sights and smells of the old city during our free time. We gave performances at Jericho, Nazareth and Jerusalem and several other places we’d never heard of. The venues included schools, a YMCA building, an ex-cinema and the Palestinian National Theatre.

We were driven in UN vehicles and were surprised when we crossed a border the first time. The driver stopped and changed the number plates! Apparently, Palestinian youths were liable to throw stones at vehicles with Jerusalem plates. Between times our hosts took us to the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem and other biblical sites.

It soon became obvious that we were there at a rather tricky time. It coincided with the famous handshake of Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin in America, and the Oslo Accord when both states agreed to recognise the other’s legitimate existence. The situation was tense because there were large numbers of extremists on both sides who were vehemently opposed the idea.

We saw the very high, much-graffitied, dividing wall as we drove into Gaza and passed sorrowful-looking refugee camps which we were told were occupied by Palestinians who had been displaced from their homes by Israeli settlers. We didn't see any obvious terrorists; but our hosts probably made very sure of that; instead we were taken to visit the homes of a few ordinary folk. I recall a graphic artist who gave us samples of his work and a farmer with an olive grove who made and sold olive oil which we sampled. So, on the whole, we found the Palestinians, although poor, very generous peace-loving people.

Our homeward journey was uneventful, Grandfather and all the puppets came back safe and sound, unaltered by their experiences; but we came back having learnt something about the turbulent Israeli/Palestinian history and politics – probably traceable to the time of Abraham. The puppets have taken us to many places; the Palestinian trip was one of the most memorable – a trip of a lifetime.

Ray DaSilva Palmer (retired puppeteer)

### **BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Welcome you to their SERVICES 11.00am**



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| <b><i>07th January 2024</i></b> | <b><i>Cath Paddon</i></b>                              |
| <b><i>14th January</i></b>      | <b><i>No Service</i></b>                               |
| <b><i>21st January</i></b>      | <b><i>Rev. Simon Leigh Sacrament Joint Service</i></b> |
| <b><i>28th January</i></b>      | <b><i>Joint Service at St. Bridget's</i></b>           |
| <b><i>04th February</i></b>     | <b><i>Jan Orchard</i></b>                              |
| <b><i>11th February</i></b>     | <b><i>No Service</i></b>                               |
| <b><i>18th February</i></b>     | <b><i>Mark Shears</i></b>                              |
| <b><i>25th February</i></b>     | <b><i>Joint Service at St. Bridget's</i></b>           |



**The Tamarside Singers** felt privileged to be invited to take part again in the Remembrance Service at St James Church Kilkhampton in November. Here they joined members of St James church choir to sing solo items and to lead the congregational singing. The church was full to capacity for both the services. Others taking part were the Bude Metric Band, the Chivenor Military Wives Choir, Callum Flew and members of the Armed Forces.

### VISITS TO BRIDGERULE BY THE MOBILE LIBRARY



**January 3rd and 31st  
February 28th**

**VILLAGE HALL 2:00 UPLAND 14:40**

## SHEILA'S MENTIONS

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

Gary Abbott for the 14th January  
 Vic Pickett for the 23rd January  
 Joan Marshall for the 24th January  
 Paul Cholwill for the 13th February  
 Tony Wallis for the 16th February  
 Marie Field for the 21st February  
 Alan Quilter for the 21st February  
 Harry Cholwill for the 24th February  
 Christopher Darwin for the 29th February

### **HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**On 8th February  
 Ron Abbott will be  
 celebrating his  
 90th birthday.**

**The Buzz sends its very  
 best New Years Wishes to  
 Rosie Beat, Tanya Peschke  
 and Freda Lacey.**

### **POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE**

**Our next Post Office will be on  
 Monday 8th January at 9.30am.**

### **POTTERS MOBILE**

### **FISH N THINGS**

**EVERY 2 WEEKS FROM  
 THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

**VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

**4.30—7.00PM**

### **ROAD CLOSURE-**

Jewells Cross to Littlebridge Cross  
 February 21st—23rd for Kier on  
 behalf of South West Water.

### **HEARTFELT THANKS.**

I would like to thank all those people in the village who have provided help and assistance to myself and my wife Joan, during the past 8 months. It has been a bit of a struggle but thanks to you all for the help with transport to Hospitals, shopping and general welfare. You all know who you are so there is no need to name you. Once again many thanks, and if I can return the favour in the future, I will. I am not "fixed" yet but progress is being made.

**Barry Marshall**

**Village Coffee Club** restarts on Tuesday 16th January 10.30am.

## "A Special Lady"

At the recent Dance held at the village hall, in aid of the Village Shop, **Sheila Cholwill** was presented with an engraved glass vase and flowers as a small token of our sincere thanks for all Sheila does for our village. The presentation was done by Georgina Hemmings, Kevin Bowditch and Rose Hitchings to a very surprised and emotional Sheila - not often is our Sheila left struggling for words !

Bridgerule is SO LUCKY to have living here a lady, who over many years has organised almost every event that has happened here. **Sheila Cholwill** is truly amazing - we can only list a few of her VERY many achievements here - but what a lady !!!!

Sheila as chairman of past Revel Week celebrations and especially the Carnival on a Saturday has brought in large crowds lining the roads 5 deep in places and creating such a lot of fun for so many of us either watching or taking part. Our village hall would not be so smart and well used if it hadn't been for Sheila and others writing for various Grants - a tedious job but one she is still doing towards getting us our village shop. Sheila is on the Parish Council - she's Treasurer and booking clerk for the village hall - she is editor of our bi-monthly village magazine the BUZZ - she organises many events in the hall including Johnny Cowling Concerts - Christmas concerts - and various fund raising events together with our village Royal Celebrations. Since she was 14 Sheila has been playing the organ for the Methodist Chapel. She is also Hon Treasurer of the chapel and started up the Tamarside Singers a few years ago doing concerts in various villages and charities.

Sheila was a volunteer for many years at Little Harbour Children's Hospice in St Austell driving there weekly to help out, that was until the pandemic came and volunteers then had to stop. She now works in their shop in Bude once a week as a volunteer and has had a Telephone Friend for Age Concern for a few years. We see her at the hall when a presiding officer is needed for elections - she is Hon. Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee and is a volunteer cleaner for the Hall doing more than her fair share of keeping the place clean and tidy. The village Coffee Club creates friendships and has become very popular which she, Audrey and Christine Gee organise every 2 weeks - connected to this are the summer coach trips to various amazing places giving lots of enjoyment to many people.



The Cholwill family have been making wooden reindeer for some years with all profits go to Children's Hospice South West - the total to date is a truly amazing £53,000.

Our sincere thanks go to Sheila for her continuing dedication to Bridgerule and its people - how can we truly thank such an amazing lady. We all hope that she continues with this amazing involvement in village life and the people living here - many thanks go to YOU Sheila for the pleasure you give to people - be proud - you deserve it.



**Sheila's response:** It was a total surprise to receive my special gift. I am truly grateful and has been already said "lost for words" is not often in Sheila's vocabulary.

I love the village I have lived in for over 65 years. In life we require leaders but just as important we need helpers and supporters. When these come together things can happen. Therefore, I sincerely thank those who have and hopefully will continue to support me.

**BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = *facebook page***

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it on to our face book page'.***



***Stacey is on 01288 381843 or email her on [shillier357@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shillier357@yahoo.co.uk)***

## RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR SHOP



Gemma Furse led a Christmas wreath making evening recently in the hall to raise funds for our new community shop. The great sum of £290 has been passed over to the shop committee.

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

Is there anything you can't get a scam on? No. We've already had the fake Amazon calls; the parcel that can't be delivered text messages; the WhatsApp not really your relative messages, and now - the TV licence reminder email.

If you get one of these then it is bound to be a SCAM. But do check what they laughingly call your licence number. Do they use your name? Of course not. If you pay by periodic Direct Debit, don't panic. Verify with your bank that everything is ok.

If you have a WhatsApp group on your phone then you should know who they are. Isn't that the point of a group? So a fraudster phoning up pretending to be one of your group should stand out like a sore thumb. Strange folk make strange requests, like asking you to accept a 'one time pass code'. At that point IT'S A CON. Accept that code and all your personal and banking information is tantamount to be LOST. Hang up, it's a SCAM.

One of our villagers has recently had both the TV licence email and the "unable to deliver your parcel" scams. What next? The fake Amazon call.

Be wary of things you didn't start. If they are phoning you, ask yourself WHY? Then put the phone down, or delete the email, or send the text to 7726.

Now all we have to look forward to is this January and February on the way to spring and maybe some decent weather. Not too wet, not too hot, gardeners for the use of.

I know it's a bit late now, but if you are going away for a few days, do make sure your home looks occupied - not just closed up - no lights - curtains never pulled. If you can get a neighbour to draw the curtains and have lights on and off at various times it helps the house look lived in. It helps to deter burglars.

Keep your things locked, cars, sheds, garages. Anything with value in them. Keep stuff from view when shopping. It's yours - don't let them have it.



John McDougall Coordinator 01288 381237

OUR LOCAL RESIDENT **MIKE BOSWORTH** ENTERTAINER!

The Reverend Sabine Baring Gould was an exceptional parson and squire from Devon. He is probably best remembered as the composer of the hymns 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and "Now the Day is Over".

Born in Exeter in 1834, some 90 years later he died in 1924 at Lewtrenchard Manor, his estate in West Devon. Therefore 2024 will see the centenary of his death, and in the period before it and into 2024 I am taking the opportunity to spotlight what he considered to be the most important achievement of his life. That of collecting the old folk songs of Devon and later Cornwall, 'from the mouths of the people' to use his own words.

His foray into collecting folk songs started in 1888 as a dinner guest at the house of his friend Mr Daniel Radford of Mount Tavy. Over dinner the subject turned to if any of the guests knew any of the old Devon folk songs? Some of those present knew the hunting song "Arscott of Tetcott" and some knew, "Widcombe Fair." But none could recall others in their entirety.

Sabine said, he remembered how, when he was a boy, he had ridden round Dartmoor on his pony and had put up at little taverns. In them he had seen men sitting and had heard them sing ballads. Daniel Radford the host of the evening said to Sabine, 'Come you are the man to undertake the job of collecting these songs and airs.

But where to start?

Why not ask the good people of Devon if they knew any of the old songs?

He wrote a letter to the Western Morning News who published it on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1888, asking their readers if they knew any of the old Devon Folk songs.

It worked..... he was inundated with letters from readers with countless versions of Widcombe Fair and a few others but proved very successful.

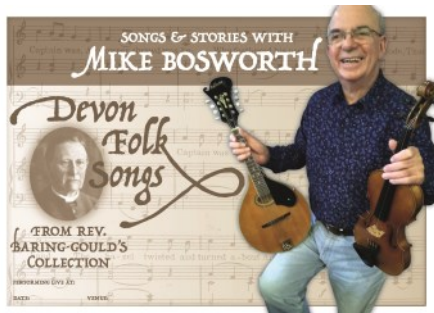
Sabine realised that the response he had received was from those of the middle & upper classes who may have learned the songs as children from their servants. Just as he had as a child from his nurse when the family lived in Bratton Clovelly. They were not from the lower orders as the likes of the pub singers he remembered hearing sing from his Dartmoor travels as a teenager.

James Parsons known as “the Singing Machine” was not in my parish. Hearing of his vocal exploits, I sent for him one winter, and many a cheerful evening did we have together, he sitting in the settle by the hall fire, with a little table before him, singing and sipping hot spiced wine and water. He told me that when first invited to Lew House, he trembled with fright, but he soon got over that and came to relish his evenings with me. He was very strict with me, and insisted on my taking down the airs correctly.

That evening James Parsons first sang to Sabine at Lew Trenchard would have been in the late summer of 1888. That is where the collecting of old Devon and Cornwall songs began for this exceptional Devon Parson and Squire, known as the Squarson.

I am now taking bookings for appearances in 2024 of a 90-minute performance of songs, tunes and stories from the Baring-Gould collection.

For details & enquiries please contact me Mike Bosworth



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for an idea of what I do

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