

THE BUZZ MARCH/APRIL 2023



Dear Buzz Readers,

The Buzz is an open forum for people to share views. To report in, advertise in and promote events.

All items for inclusion are required by 20th of the month preceding Buzz being delivered. This being a bi-monthly newsletter.

Our best wishes go to those in our village and beyond who are unwell or have attended hospital recently and we wish them a speedy get well.

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BOOKING CLERK Telephone: 01288 381350

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BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL TABLE TOP SALES

SATURDAY 4th MARCH/ SATURDAY 1st APRIL FROM 1.30 PM

*Tables can be booked from Sheila on 01288 381350
at a cost of £5 each*

Contributions to OUR TABLE TOP from which the proceeds are donated to help maintain the hall are welcomed by Christine. Tel: 01288 381 033



Light Refreshments will be available
Traders can arrive from 12.30pm.



PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS!

For those who walk their dogs In the area of THE GREEN and do not recognise this photograph = IT IS A DOG POO BIN.

We have a satisfactory number of these in the village for everyone to make use of. One is very close to where the following occurred and so the owner of the dog has no excuse!!!

A few weeks ago a young man was cutting the grass opposite the hall and because a dog owner had not been responsible after their dog, this person had the misfortune of being covered in dog poo!

Please remember homes are very close by and you are being WATCHED and will be REPORTED. If this does happen you will receive a hefty fine.

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome you to their SERVICES 11.00am



5th March	Jan Orchard
19th March	Rev. Simon Leigh with St. Bridget's - Sacrament
26th March	Joint Service at St. Bridget's
09th April	John Guy
16th April	Mark Shears with St. Bridget's
23rd April	Joint Service at St. Bridget's
30th April	No Service



BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = facebook page

*'If you wish to promote an event in our village...
want something ...or maybe have something for sale'*

*Just let Stacey Hillier Cholwill know and she will upload it on to our
face book page'.*

Stacey is on 01288 381843 or email her on shillier357@yahoo.co.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE - HE'S YER AGAIN

**AN EVENING WITH
JOHNNY
COWLING**



BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 23rd JUNE 8.00PM

PROCEEDS VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHOP



“ YOUR TOWN BAND NEEDS YOU”

As the Local Brass Band for the Holsworthy Area, we are recruiting now for the summer season.

We are a small bunch of musicians who have a passion for making music.

We all learnt within our own band and some moved here and wanted to join in! We would still love for the Band to continue and for others to enjoy what we do. We can't do this without your help. Even if you think you are not musical we bet there is music and rhythm there somewhere, we will help you find it. We teach all ages from the young to the not so young.

This is all provided for free!

Or you gave up playing because of work or family commitments? Just moved to the area and want to join in? Never approached another band because you thought you were not good enough or feel there's too much commitment involved?

Then look no further than us Holsworthy Town Band.

Non-contesting, friendly, local band. Rehearsal Tuesday evenings.

From 6.30pm

Get the whole family involved!

For more information email Sue Lyle, suelyle65@hotmail.co.uk

ZUMBA GOLD – Low Impact

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11.30- 12.30 pm

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Tuesday 6.30 – 7.30pm

Tel: 07805026364 /or email

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TABLE TENNIS

Tuesday from 2.00pm

Contact Alan on
01288 382988 or
email quilts@hotmail.com

ART AND CRAFT CLUB

Every other
Wednesday afternoon

Contact Lyndsey

01288 38116

or email

lindabeadle03@icloud.com



DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Telephone Christine on

01288 381104 or

Mutley Crew Dog Club

Facebook

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Friday from 2.00pm

Contact Scott on 01288 381459

or email sdwhatmore@gmail.com



TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL RECENT PLANNING

1/1074/2022/FUL – Erection of village shop, land adjacent to Bridgerule Parish Hall, The Green, Bridgerule. **Application Granted Permission.**

1/1073/2022/FUL – Erection of 1 no: dwelling, amendment to planning approval 1/1263/FUL, East View, Bridgerule. **Application Granted.**

1/0948/2022/FUL – Erection of agricultural building for the storage of fodder, machinery and livestock, Land at Grid reference 229725 103315, Derril, Pyworthy. **Application Granted Permission**

1/1191/2022/FUL – Proposed Wedding Barn, Glebe House, Bridgerule, Devon. **Application Granted Permission.**

1/1028/2021/FUL – Erection of local needs dwelling, land at grid reference E226014 N102780, Bridgerule. **Application Granted Permission**

1/0780/2022/OUT – Outline application for up to 5 no; dwellings land at E 227726 N 102912, Bridgerule. **Application Granted Permission.**

1/1079/2022/FUL – Demolition of existing barn and erection of 3 no: dwellings in lieu of Class Q, Borough Farm Bridgerule
Withdrawn

217 BUDE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

This is the only service the 217 provides for the village now

BRIDGERULE - HOLSWORTHY BUS TIMETABLE

Bude 10.40	Holsworthy 10.54	BRIDGERULE 10.59	Red Post 11.14	Bude 11.40
12.50 Bude 10.40	13.15 Red Post 10.54	13.30 BRIDGERULE 10.59	13.35 Holsworthy 11.14	13.50 Bude 11.40

FROM THE DIARY OF A RECEPTION CLASS TEACHER!



DATE EXTENDED Reminder: your old-style, non barcoded style postage stamps must be used before the **END OF JULY 2023**.



SWAP THEM FOR THE BAR CODED VERSION. Either via Royal Mail Website or Visit your local Post Office or delivery office where you pick up a form and envelope in person.

NEW GOVERNMENT HELP ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SOME HOUSEHOLDERS

"a £200 **Alternative Fuel Payment** (AFP) will be made to households in Great Britain that use alternative fuels such as biomass or heating oil, with eligible households receiving payments automatically via their electricity supplier in February 2023"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vital-help-with-energy-bills-on-the-way-for-millions-more-homes-across-great-britain-and-northern-ireland>

HOLSWORTHY WALK AND TALK

The Dunsland snowdrops were in fine form last month as can be seen from the photo. We have our Buckland Filleigh walk to look forward to in March. Hopefully the daffodils will be in full bloom and maybe some baby lambs to entertain us along the way.

We were pleased to present a Walk Leader Training Course in February. Volunteer walk leaders and back markers are essential to the success of Holsworthy Walk and Talk, enabling us to provide safe, risk assessed weekly walks. We thank those who attended the training and look forward to supporting them in their new roles.



As we like to promote the many benefits of walking it was interesting to listen to a radio programme recently discussing how many famous composers and other influential people have found walking to be essential to their success. Beethoven apparently spent many hours walking whilst composing and Hippocrates, who was born around 460BC and has become known as 'the father of medicine', famously said that 'walking is the best medicine'. We may not be able to promise any symphonies or scientific breakthroughs on our walks but we can promise good company and wonderful scenery.

We walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk.

Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below.

Contacts:

holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com

<https://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk>

Gillian Aston 07854677784





OUR NEWSLETTER, *THE BUZZ* AND ITS FUTURE — The Editor

The printing of your Village Newsletter, The Buzz, is facing its third price rise in just over 12 months! This issue of The Buzz will cost just over £330!! The Buzz has now been operating since September 2008. It was a black and white publication with just a coloured cover and had a mere 12 pages. We were extremely fortunate that for the first few years Cliff Seymour Smith printed them for us at a minimal cost.

Moving on, the number of copies required and Cliff becoming much busier with his own business etc meant that we needed it printed professionally. Phil Tucker who prints almost every Newsletter in the area and far beyond was chosen. He has always been very accommodating. But like your groceries, the cost of paper etc has risen significantly. In those initial years any extra money we accumulated over costs were donated to our village hall but I have not been in that position for many years. I have always been the Editor of The Buzz, and I am quite happy for that to remain. Rose has always painted our covers; this probably makes The Buzz, unique from other Village Newsletters. There are about 10 volunteers who deliver the magazine to your doors. These have obviously changed over the years but give of their time to do it.

I am very grateful to those, who sponsor The Buzz each year and to businesses who have agreed to advertise in it. At the moment I have 374 copies printed. A list of those that kindly sponsor the newsletter appear in the Buzz but one can see that the list and the numbers delivered are considerably less, 90 listed approximately. The newsletter is a resource for the village and although at the moment does not have a price on it to the recipient, as the editor I do need sufficient funds to print it. As they say you “don’t get owt for nowt” not now anyway!! Therefore, I would be most grateful if we can have some more local sponsors, please. Online copies may be ok for some, but will not suit others. To get a daily newspaper is in the region of £1. To sponsor, your village Newsletter, The Buzz for £10 a year which is delivered to your door is not asking hopefully too much. (is it?)



Changes to landline telephones in December 2025

Over the past few weeks more people are being prompted to upgrade their telephone service. Why? BT is changing the system from analogue to digital!

This means a change to your landline service. You'll still be able to have a landline in your home and your number will be the same, but the changeover needs to happen by December 2025 when BT will switch off the current system. Other phone providers have already started work on switching over to the new network also.

The new system will use the internet to make phone calls and you'll need to upgrade your existing phone. Anyone using a landline will move over to the new system. The change for many will be to plug in a new phone, and it SHOULD work. Specialist services like personal alarms etc. may be affected and those devices may need to be changed or upgraded.

This will cause a problem for those who do not have an internet connection as they will NOT be able to make landline calls from home.



A downside to this change is if you experience a power cut, you will NOT be able to make or receive landline calls without a battery backup and don't switch the router off, the same thing will happen. You must be connected to the internet at all times.

A battery backup system should be available to overcome this issue.

BT has undertaken not to raise their prices above inflation, but expect an increase in charges this April this year as the rate of inflation is around 10% at this time.

As with any change which involves telecommunications, it opens up opportunities for scammers and thieves.

Criminals will become very active and many people will unfortunately be conned.

Before making a commitment over the telephone to **ANYONE**...

STOP – Take a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information.

CHALLENGE – Could it be fake? It is ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to push you into making a decision.

PROTECT – Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to **Action Fraud** 0300 123 2040



Several people have contacted me recently complaining that BT sales department is using quite strong selling tactics, sadly the system is not yet fully up to speed and some consumers have not been able to make or receive calls, or their phone rings for no apparent reason and the line does not connect as their broadband fails.

As yet the system is weak, prone to faults and badly served. The upgrade need not take place until 2025, but here's a thought, when TV broadcasting went digital it took several years for systems to begin to work correctly and there are still faults in that system!!

For free help and advice telephone Brian Meadows on 07534 804101

Nofix-Nofee Computer Repair Services



Congratulations Alex and Emily



Alex and I are the owners of The Old Paddock in Bridgerule. We recently got married just before Christmas 2022 on the 04 December. It was a truly magical

day in every way. Christmas has always been my favourite time of year and to make it even better...it was 2 years to the exact date that we got engaged (04 December 2020). We actually announced some very special news on our wedding day to our guests, we're having a baby due July 2023! Most of the time we live around 300 miles up North in Derbyshire but Bridgerule is our home from home with family nearby. We're down multiple times a year and will be hoping to arrange a fayre/open garden event for a local charity either later this year or in 2024, we're yet to start the detailed preparations but we know it's something we'd love to do.



Torrington Mobile Library visiting Bridgerule

Bridgerule Village Hall 14:00—14:30

Bridgerule Uplands 14:40—15:20



**2nd and 30th March
27th April**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES



- Just because a call comes from an 01288 number doesn't mean it isn't a SCAM. I've had one. Scam phone calls can come from anywhere.
- Is spring coming? Will you get out more as the weather improves (hopefully)? Then think WIDEN. No, no not getting wider, nor Windows N Doors, well almost.
- W - windows, keep locked.
- I - interior lights on a timer if possible.
- D - doors deadlocked or bolted.
- E - exterior lights on or with a infrared movement detector (PIR)
- N - neighbours. Look after yours and ask them to look out for you. This is basically what I have been saying all along.
- Have you been watching the TV episodes on mobile phone scams? It should be easy not to be caught. As soon as any phone call or email or social media site starts asking for details or money for things that are really free, just STOP and THINK. Cut the call - exit the site - don't reply.
- If however you think you have given away information revealing your bank, then quickly call 159 and get through to your bank's fraud section. Most banks are available.
- Oh, and do not press any number on your handset if you get a call saying to press a number to get information.
- If you want it - you make the call - not them contacting you.
- So, enjoy the better weather and keep your stuff yours - not theirs.
- Finally, watch your speed in the village with the new displays that may take your number.

John McDougall
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator 01288 318237.



Peter Green 8th March
 Ann Maynard 10th March
 Fi O'Reilly 12th March
 Freda Lacey 18th March
 Susan North 19th March

John McDougall 5th April
 Rose Hitchings 7th April
 Shirley Abbott 11th April
 Liz James 21st April
 James Davey 22nd April
 Hazel Cann 22nd April

SHEILA'S MENTIONS



WELCOME!

We welcome Ray and Joan Palmer, son Nick and daughter-in-law Sarah to Tamar House and in particular to our village.

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE CLUB - 10.30AM



MARCH 14TH AND MARCH 28TH
 APRIL 11TH AND APRIL 25TH

COME AND ENJOY COFFEE/TEA SCONES, CAKE
 AND SOME COMPANY FOR A CHAT

£2.50 AND THE FIRST VISIT IS ON THE HOUSE!
 All proceeds support our Village Hall

OUR VERY BEST
 WISHES TO
MARIE FIELD WHO
 RECENTLY
 CELEBRATED HER
 90TH BIRTHDAY.

Marie is a much respected supporter of The Buzz and for a long time had her own written poems published in it.

NEW SPEED WATCH FOR BRIDGERULE

The Parish council have become increasingly aware for some time, of the speed of traffic travelling through the village and safety issues particularly along the road by the school.

The village has grown in size, as has the school which now has over 70 schoolchildren attending. As the school is situated on a busy narrow road, the safety of the schoolchildren, parents and other pedestrians and road users has become of utmost importance.

The council took the decision to purchase at least one VAS speed warning sign to encourage slower driving speeds; a project which has taken some months to complete. The council asked and appealed to local businesses in Bridgerule directly, requesting if possible for them to make a donation or contribution towards the project.

Chairman, David Hale said “ the response has been overwhelming and the generosity shown remarkable”. The contributions had made it possible for the council to purchase two VAS signs, the second being sited along Middle Road. On behalf of the council, The Chairman, would like to express his sincere and grateful thanks to each and everyone, together with the three Torridge District Councillors together with Pyworthy Parish Council, who each gave a grant towards the purchase.

The parish council have also requested Devon County Council to organise the repainting of the yellow warning lines in front of the school and for this work to be undertaken soon. The council has also funded the setting up of the Bridgerule Speed Watch Group. Julia Trayford, becoming the group’s co-ordinator. It will become operational in the very near future. We hope that these measures will help to improve speed awareness and safety for our school and the village, as it is very important to us all.”

Parish council meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at the Village Hall at 7.45pm. All are welcome, please notify clerk if you would like to attend. Bridgerulecouncil@outlook.com.

Mr. David Hale. Chairman Parish Council

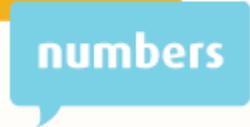
Members of the Parish Council together with the newly appointed Coordinator of the Speed Watch Group Julia Trayford. Also making sure everything went according to plan was Jack and Josh.



Bridgerule C of E Primary School is extremely grateful to the Parish Council for their hard work and perseverance in improving safety for our children and families. Traffic calming warning lights have now been installed on roads leading to and from school; this means that there is a clear indication of the speed for all traffic coming past school and will enable parents to have an expectation of the behaviour of drivers in the area.

The Parish Council have listened to our concerns, worked with businesses in the local areas to raise funds, highlighted the issues and worked with Highways to position the lights. Thank you from all of us at Bridgerule – children, staff and parents – to all who have contributed and made it happen! We have superheroes in Bridgerule who look after our school and community!

Mrs. Ann Bunning



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Holsworthy NHS Dental Care 01409 255525
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Stratton Minor Injuries01288 287701
Post Office The Crescent Bude 01288 352048
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Bude Library 0300 123 4111
Bude Tourist Information Centre01288 354240
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Torrridge is working with the Northern Devon Foodbank, Bideford to provide essential help to those who need it the most this winter. Please see the application process below.

- 1

Contact Torrridge District Council
01237 428700 - Option 9
customer.services@torrridge.gov.uk
- 2

You will be issued with a voucher number to take to your nearest Trussell Foodbank (Bideford or Holsworthy in Torrridge).
- 3

Foodbank contact details and locations
01237 422243 or 07422 651252
Bideford - Supreme House, Pitt Lane, EX39 3JA
Holsworthy - Manor Suite, Memorial Hall, EX22 6DJ
Visit northerndevon.foodbank.org.uk for more locations




Torrridge Introduce Photographic ID for Local Elections from May for the first time.

Residents in Torrridge and across the UK, will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections, which take place on 4th May in northern Devon. Residents are being urged to plan ahead and make sure they are ready to vote by checking they have access to one of the accepted forms of ID.

The forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass.

Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for a free ID online or by completing a paper form when the application process opens in a few weeks' time.

The changes have been decided by the Government and the full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at: electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

**HOLSWORTHY HISTORY
SOCIETY
PROGRAMME 2023**



Non-visit meetings commence at 7.00pm and are held in the Manor Suite at Holsworthy Memorial Hall, North Road, Holsworthy, EX22 6DJ . If you would like to become a member/know more about the Society please contact Julia Warren at 07938833425 or email julialwarren19@gmail.com

Date	Details
9 March	Peter Christie 'The North Devon Savages'
13 April	Julia Warren ' Jack the Ripper'
11 May	David Kendrick ' The life of Florence Nightingale'
8 June	Visit to Bideford – Walk & talk with Peter Christie at 2.00pm to view learn about historical Bideford.
6 July	Visit to Limekilns at RHS Rosemoor at 2.00pm. (Usual entrance fees, RHS members free, if you are going on your own include another person?)
13 July	Janet Few ' forgotten women- researching the marginalized women on your family tree'
14 September	Visit to Tarka Valley Railway at 2.00pm – talk on history of the railway and plans for the future.
12 October	Paul Rendell ' Hairy Hands, Devils & Black Dogs'
9 November	Julia Warren 'Arguably the British Army's greatest defeat and victory on a single day'
14 December	AGM with refreshments



The good news is that we have finally got planning permission to build the shop!

Sheila has done a fantastic job in applying for grants but we are still short of enough money to fully fund the shop. Grants are becoming more difficult to obtain. Hopefully some fundraising events will be held shortly please support these events as without them our shop will never open!

Lot's of thoughts are going in to what will be inside the shop & so if there is anything different you think will work let us know. We hope to start work in March on the building with completion / opening very much dependent on funding.

The Hall

Good to see so many of you at the Table Top sale. A big thanks to Christine Gee & her merry band of helpers for staging this monthly event. See you all on the 4th!

We are pleased to say the hall now has Wi-Fi. Password is displayed on the notice board and in strategic places. Any problems let me know.

Bookings for the hall continue to be strong. If you want to hold a party etc. please contact Sheila. **Kevin Bowditch - email: btolly@aol.com**

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

If anyone has a family member or friend coming to stay who may be in need of a wheelchair for a short period. The hall has one that can be made available.

Contact Sheila 01288 381350 or a member of the hall

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ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am



- March 5th** **Morning Prayer**
- March 12th** **Sung Eucharist**
- March 19th** **Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel**
- March 26th** **Joint Service with Methodist Chapel— Sung Eucharist**

- April 2nd** **Morning Prayer**
- April 9th** **Sung Eucharist**
- April 16th** **Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel**
- April 23rd** **Joint Service with Methodist Chapel— Sung Eucharist**

A photograph of Tatson Farmhouse, a large brick and stone building with a large tree in the foreground. The tree has yellow flowers. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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tatsonfarmholidays.co.uk

A photograph of the interior of a dining room at Tatson Farmhouse. It shows a wooden table set for a meal with blue chairs. There are pink napkins and a white candle on the table. The room has a stone wall and a fireplace.



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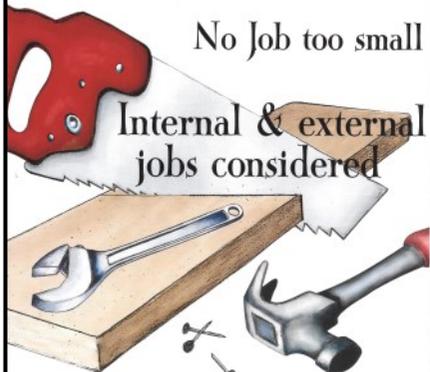
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