



THE BUZZ

MARCH/APRIL 2024

Dear Buzz Readers,



Our History Day was supported really well and thanks is expressed to Rose for all her hard work not only on that day but for all the preparation of it. Several have said that they didn't have time to see everything so perhaps we can do it all again one day. It was also good to have such a positive feed back from those that took a look at our new community shop on the same day.

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Bridgerule Village Shop



SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2024

FAMILY BINGO

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At Bridgerule Village Hall

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Saturday 13th April 2024

Bridgerule Village Hall

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T A M A R

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ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

*I needed to speak to my bank last week,
So thought that I would ring.*

I did, I rang them straight away, but here's the ruddy thing.....

It's never a person who answers, rather a high robotic voice

That says you'll be recorded before you make your choice.

Press one for this and two for that and three should you need more

But if you need some dialogue, then that is number four.

To hear these options again, you press the
star key and the hash, but don't dawdle before choosing—or the
whole thing might well crash.

If you pressed the number four before, this is what we'll do:

Play you some dire music as you're placed in a queue.

'Your call is so important to us, of that you are assured,

You'll wait so long we all have bets on how long you've endured.

So I went in person to my bank on the following day,

But the lights were off and the door was locked with a notice on display:

This branch is closed from now on - there's fewer people come;

'Our customers are now online—that's the rule of thumb.

'If you need to speak to someone then please do use your phone'

Our numbers on the website, we've made it widely known

'Your call is so important to us—you need to be aware'.

But after 50 minutes' waiting time,

YOU REALISE, NO ONE'S THERE

Dear Bridgerule Buzz Reader,

Newly arrived into the area, I'd like to introduce myself to you as your new Rector. My name is Alison and I love being a parish priest, meeting people and talking about my faith! I am also an (ex)-farmer, a wife to Chris, and mum to five youngsters. I am just beginning to get to know Bridgerule and I hope that over the coming months I shall be able to meet many of you.



It was a really good introduction to the village of Bridgerule to visit your History Day in the Community Hall in February. The displays were most informative and I found it an enjoyable introduction to the village. I also enjoyed meeting some of the community shop volunteers and the potential of what will become a welcome and valuable local service.

I have met a few of you at one of your fortnightly coffee mornings. What a wonderful opportunity for me to introduce not just myself but also the Tiny Teddies I take into schools to the reception year pupils! Thank you to all who have volunteered to knit teddies, they are welcomed with delight by the youngsters and schools alike. *The Editor of the Buzz, Sheila, has a copy of the pattern for anyone who would like to knit the teddy.*

I have been asked to write a little about myself for your magazine and so here is a brief summary of my life journey which has brought me to Bridgerule. I attended Okehampton College before working in agriculture on two farms in Cornwall. I settled back in Devon on the livestock farm from where I married and where our family grew up. Alongside working on the farm with a growing family, I started to attend our local village church because I wanted to learn more about Christianity. This led me to becoming baptized, then confirmed, and learning to take part in services. I enjoyed helping out, putting on events and leading children and youth groups at a nearby village hall with a wonderful team of enthusiastic volunteers.

After a while I sensed God calling me to do more in the church and so I began training through the Church of England. This led me to study for a degree in theology through St John's, Nottingham, which was completed at Exeter University. I became an ordinand in 2012 for my formal training towards the priesthood. In 2014 I started working full-time as a church minister (curate) in Bude and more latterly in Launceston (vicar), working both in town and village parishes. We moved to Holsworthy in November where I was appointed as the Anglican parish priest for the Holsworthy Benefice which includes Bridgerule & Pyworthy with Pancrasweek as well as Holsworthy & Hollacombe.

I am very happy to be here and I am thoroughly looking forward to settling into the local community, sharing with you in worship at the various churches, and sharing in your various events. There is much to learn and meet and do - and I have discovered an enormous amount of goodwill in the area to help me on the way. Thank you for your kind and generous welcome.

I finish with a Celtic blessing from one farmer to a community of farmers:

May the road rise up before you,
the wind be always at your back,
the sun shine warm on your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Rich blessings in Christ Jesus,
Revd Alison Hardy.



'To those who attended the recent **History Day** in the village hall very many thanks, we are hearing lots of positive comments about it and some are saying there wasn't time to see everything. Thanks also to Sheila and Audrey for serving refreshments throughout the day and everyone who helped set out the room and helped clear away after. Angela Brock did an amazing all-day show of her DVD's containing Bridgerule people and events.. Many thanks Angela. Thanks also to Diane Green for items from Holsworthy museum - it wasn't all my collection.

Also - it has been suggested that I start a folder of people's memories - what you remember of parents talking about the War years here - hardships - frost and snow - events you remember - school days and favourite teachers - people who do amazing kindnesses - difficult years on the farm (foot and mouth)- the canal etc.

Perhaps send to Sheila for printing in the BUZZ and then these can be forwarded to me for this folder. It was mentioned twice that this sort of event could end right here - people take photos on their phones but rarely get them printed - history is recorded on computers now but rarely on paper - lets hope it doesn't happen here."

Rose Hitchings



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SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am

3rd March	Sung Eucharist
10th March	Morning Prayer
17th March	Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
24th March	Joint Service with the Methodist Chapel Palm Sunday
31st March	Sung Eucharist
7th April	Sung Eucharist
14th April	Morning Prayer
21st April	Joint Service at Methodist Chapel
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Computer & Mobile Phone Battery Dangers

I was asked to repair a faulty laptop which had issues with the keypad and mouse keys. Often this is a driver issue and when reinstalled the offending bits invariably work correctly.

Not so on this occasion!

I opened the system to expose the battery, it was a 12v flat Li-ion a type used in most modern laptops, the ultra-thin design allows the manufacturer to reduce the overall thickness of the laptop, making it sleek and lightweight.

This issue was that the battery had blown and swollen, a sign that the battery could explode and possibly self-ignite.

My thoughts were taken to the two electric London buses and other electric cars which had all recently caught fire as their batteries exploded. The swollen battery was pressing on the connections of the touchpad and mouse keys causing the malfunction. Replacing the battery resolved the issue.

As more of this type of battery are required many Chinese fakes are flooding the market, they are cheaper than the branded product. However, it was as a HP branded battery I had to replace. Therefore, both generic and branded batteries may be equally at risk.



It prompted me to check all battery powered systems, I was please I did, an old XGODY mobile phone had broken into pieces, its battery had swollen to twice its size. I dropped it into a bucket of water, blown batteries become less volatile as the build-up of gases dissipate in the water. It may seem a bit "Heath Robinson" but its quick, easy, low cost and it works!

Lithium-ion batteries can explode or catch fire due to a phenomenon called thermal runaway. This is a chain reaction and occurs when the battery experiences an increase in temperature. The risk of this happening is supposed to be low, about 1 in 10 million cells, the average battery has 3 cells. The risk therefore is about 1 in 3.3 million batteries.

As there are about 100 million systems in the UK, the risk is down to about 33 units and I had 2 of them. I must just be unlucky or perhaps the data is incorrect!

The moral of this story is if your system uses a Li-on Battery and is hot when in use, or is constantly on charge, get your system checked out.

Almost all mobile phones and batteries are made in China if there is conflict in the China seas, as is feared, batteries, mobile phones, Tablets and iPads will be in short supply!

**For free telephone advice Contact Brian Meadows
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TAMAR ROCK N ROLL CLUB

We had our first live band Play it Cool on Saturday 26th January, there was a great turnout of around 50 people. Play it Cool had us all on our feet jiving, strolling and bopping! Finishing off with Pink and Black Cadillac...a real favourite of most jivers. Our next band night is on **Saturday 25th May** with **The Roosters**.

Advance tickets are just £10 from Jackie on 07533353388.

These will be £12 on the door!





The editor of the Buzz has been requested to mention that dog fouling has come to the fore front in our village once more and in particular by the **river bank and on the road to Littlebridge.**

The Parish Council has requested the dog warden knows about this. It was only a few weeks ago that a lady who lives a few miles from Bridgerule received a hefty fine for failing to pick up after her dog.

Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up your dog poo

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH
Welcome you to their SERVICES 11.00am

03rd March Ruth Bealing

17th March Mark Shears



31st March Easter Sunday - Short service followed by Coffee

7th April Rev. Simon Leigh Sacrament

21st April Rev. Simon Leigh

Neighbourhood Watch Notes



SCAM, SCAM, SCAM. Getting a perfectly normal phone call telling you "whatever" and then asking you to press a key for further information - DON'T, DON'T, DON'T.

If it was the real thing, they wouldn't need you to press anything because they would be talking to you.

If however you are concerned that you have fallen for any of these scams, then call 159 and get to speak to a member of your bank in their fraud department.

Above all, don't panic.

If, of course, you have been watching "Scam Interceptors" you will know all about it, and how to avoid being scammed.

On another note, have you been watching Martin Lewis on his money show? The last episode gave very useful information about Attendance Allowance. If you need help with the normal things of life in the day or at night, you may be eligible. Phone 0800 731 0122 for a form to apply. If you are given Attendance Allowance it is dated from your phone call.

Citizen's Advice Bureau could help you complete the form. Their numbers are 0800 144 8848 or 0344 411 1444. Other means of getting in touch are "www.citizensadvice.org.uk" or maybe "www.cabdevon.org.uk".

I do hope that the spring will bring better weather - even if it means the criminals could emerge from their winter break and patrol the territory looking for ways into your house, shed, garage or farm for pickings.

Keep things locked up and be aware.

John McDougall - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Telephone: 01288 381237

SHEILA'S MENTIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Peter Green for the 10th March
 Fi O'Reilly for the 12th March
 Freda Lacey for the 18th March
 Susan North for the 19th March

John McDougall for the 5th April
 Rose Hitchings for the 7th April
 Shirley Abbott for the 11th April
 Liz James for the 22nd April
 Hazel Cann for the 22nd April



Our thoughts and prayers are with Derek Hilleard and his family on the loss of his wife, Diane on the 19th December 2023. The funeral of Diane was held in January at the Barnstaple Crematorium.

Our best wishes go to Ron Abbott who at the moment, following a fall is in Stratton Hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the late Ann Bunning. She had been a member of staff at Bridgerule Primary School for some time, later to become the headteacher.

Members of Staff, children and parents were deeply saddened and shocked to hear the news of her sudden passing away.

Mrs. Bunning was greatly respected by everyone. She had a special connection with all the children, especially those that required additional help.

PRESENTATION TO ROSIE AND ALAN BEAT



Rosie and Alan Beat have been opening their garden at the Bridge Mill on behalf of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) for the last ten years during which time they have raised more than £15,000. They were recently presented with an engraved trowel in recognition of their contribution. The photograph shows Kay Palmer of Marie Curie making the presentation watched by Miranda Allhusen, chair of the Devon branch of the NGS.

The NGS is a major funder of nursing charities including Macmillan, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and others, distributing more than 4 million pounds annually to these worthy causes.

This year the Bridge Mill gardens will be open on Sunday 2nd June and will include an exhibition of embroideries by Linda Chilton of Robin Hill, Bridgerule.

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10.30 AM

TUESDAY 12TH AND 26TH MARCH

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3

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The editor reckons this was taken nearly 70 years ago. She recognises a few. Notice how far the water is up the chapel wall and the bank outside Tamar House has almost disappeared. She thinks The late John Bowden is on his horse and the late Bill Vinnicombe is holding his daughter Margaret, now Margaret Short.

Those who have kindly agreed to sponsor The Buzz are:-

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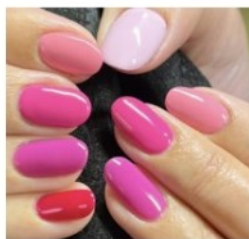
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