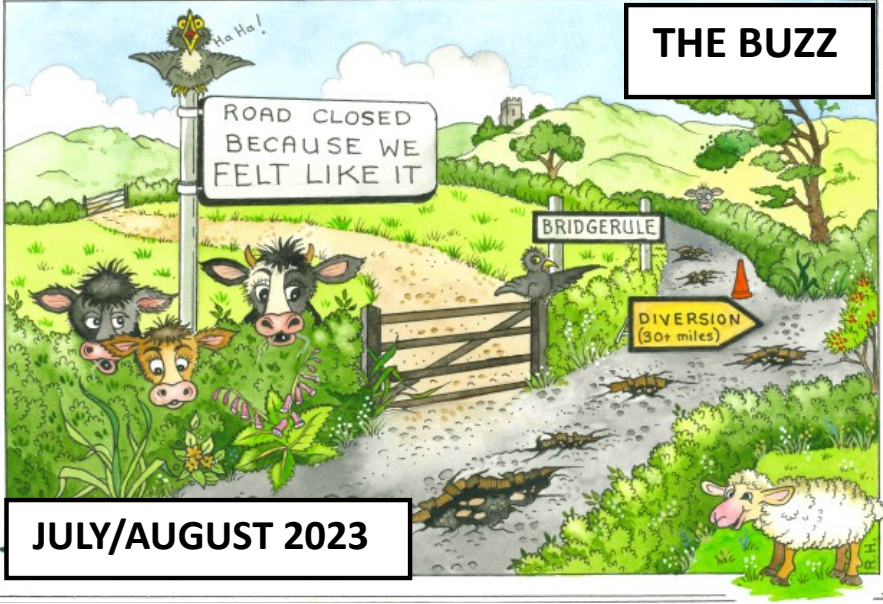


THE BUZZ



JULY/AUGUST 2023



Dear Buzz Readers,

It is that time of the year when we are about to once again celebrate our village Revel Week.

Different things have evolved in order to celebrate this special village week. Some things sadly we have said goodbye to, for now anyway, but the bringing together of our community by the holding of various events continues.

From page 4 of this issue you will be able to see how this year's events is going to unfold. Please show your support to these events where possible.

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Editor

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REVEL SKITTLE TOURNAMENT

Teams of 4 to include at least 2 ladies or children

THURSDAY 27TH JULY from 7.00pm

Adults £2 each - Children Free

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Teams will be contacted for times of playing

Pasties and light Refreshments Available



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BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 1ST JULY



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

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

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Friends of Bridgerule School (FOBS)
FOBS RAMBLE
26/07/2023
BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL AND PARK
ALL CHILDREN TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES!
DOGS WELCOME
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8-12 years
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Adults
Come & Join
BRIDGE RULE'S
FANCY DRESS
PARADE
Saturday 29th July 2023
Starting from 2.30 pm at the village Hall
Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Placed
Sweets
Bar
BBQ
Cakes



**CELEBRATING
OUR ANNUAL VILLAGE REVEL WEEK**

TUESDAY 25TH JULY VILLAGE SHOW

Full details of all Classes overleaf

Exhibits may be viewed from 4.00pm after judging

Come and browse them and enjoy a Cream Tea

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Meet at the Village Hall to get your Entry Forms 6.00—7.30pm

Entry £2.50 per adult. Children free

On Completion of Hunt return form to The Bridge Inn

WEDNESDAY 26TH RAMBLE

6.30pm Start from Village Hall

See official poster opposite

THURSDAY 27TH SKITTLE TOURNAMENT

Teams of 4 to include at least 2 ladies. From 7.00pm

Adults £2 each - Children 50p

See poster

FRIDAY 28TH JULY PRIZE BINGO - Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm = Eyes Down 8.00pm

SATURDAY 29TH JULY FANCY DRESS PARADE

Full details of activities see opposite

VILLAGE SHOW SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Our Annual Village Show will take place as part of our Revel Week on
Tuesday 25th July

All entries to be at the Village Hall from 10.00 am - 1.00pm

Vegetables to be put on a WHITE paper plate. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS

Adults 50p per entry. Children Free.

ADULT CLASSES:

Home Grown Produce:

3 Potatoes on a plate.

3 Onions on a plate.

3 Carrots on a plate.

3 French Beans on a plate.

3 Runner Beans on a plate.

3 Beetroot on a plate.

3 Cherry Tomatoes on a plate.

3 Main Crop Tomatoes on a plate.

A Whopper—Large Vegetable grown by the entrant.

3 vegetables same variety not on schedule on a plate

Cookery:

Victoria Sandwich filled with Jam

4 Sausage Rolls on plate made with home made short crust pastry

Nicely presented Cream Tea for 1 made with homemade scone

Floral Art:

A Floral Arrangement of mixed coloured flowers

Pot Plant:

A house plant not necessarily flowering but one that you have nurtured for some months.

Adult Classes Continued:

Art: Drawing or Painting unframed /framed Up to A3 Size.
Decorated Pebble

Craft Section: Knitted item made by entrant
Crochet item made by entrant
Embroidery made by entrant
(can include Cross stitch, Petit Point, Crewel Work and Tapestry)
Needlework made by entrant

Photography: A photo to make the judge smile
A photo of an attractive view

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

Baking: Make and decorate 3 Cupcakes - Ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-16
Decorated Pastry Shaped Crown Ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-16.

Art/Craft: Hand, Foot or Finger Print painting Ages 2-4 and 5-7

Paint Picture of King Charles Ages 2-4 and 5-7

Make a Book Mark out of anything Ages 2-7 and 8-16

Decorated Pebble Ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-16

Painting/Drawing—Any Subject—All age groups

Decorated Tin/Pot to keep your pencils Ages 5-7,8-11,12-16

Rosettes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each class.

Child with most points will receive a trophy to retain.

Adult with most points in Craft/Cookery/Art Section will receive a Perpetual Cup.

Adult with most points in Vegetable Section to a Perpetual Cup.

OVERALL WINNER WITH MOST POINTS WILL RECEIVE A PERPETUAL CUP

ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am



- 2nd July **Morning Prayer**
 9th July **Sung Eucharist**
 16th July **Joint Service at Methodist Chapel**
 23rd July **Sung Eucharist**
 30th July **Service at Pyworthy**

Services for August not to hand before going to printers.

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1

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2

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(Bideford or Holsworthy in Torridge).

3

Foodbank contact details and locations
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 Bideford - Supreme House, Pitt Lane, EX39 3JA
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 Visit northerndevon.foodbank.org.uk for more locations



BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome you to their SERVICES 11.00am



2nd July	Rev. Stephen Skinner
16th July	Rev. Joy Wilson Joint service with St. Bridget's
23rd July	Joint service with St. Bridget's
6th August	Mark Shears
20th August	Clive Smale Joint service with St. Bridget's
27th August	Joint service with St. Bridget's

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SHORT MAT BOWLS

Friday from 2.00pm
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or email sdwhatmore@gmail.com



RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

Ian Moyle and his partner Fran have for a long time attended our monthly table top. At a recent sale Ian agreed that at the next one he would have his hair and beard shaved off for charity. Several gathered to see it happen and his wonderful effort has raised £1800 for Cancer Research UK. Shirley Youldon, representing the local Cancer Research group is seen with Ian before his grand shave.



BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = *facebook page*

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The cost of AI is to be felt by everyone!

Much is being said about AI and it is a very exciting, concerning and an uncertain time as artificial intelligence is FORCED upon us.

AI is the dream of science fiction, but in late 2022 it became a reality, now the world has gone mad over the potentials and threats of this intellectual system, which has to be said, the inventors are not sure how it works, but it does!

So, will it affect us all? The simple answer is yes! Not least the cost of new computers and here's why!

In 2021 Microsoft launched Windows 11 version 21H2, earlier this year version 22H2 was released and version 23H2 will soon be available which will focus heavily on AI.



The upshot of all this is most computers, not built within the past 5 years, will not work on the new software, and possibly later models will not be able to handle AI either, but that's a wait and see!

Microsoft has already released Bing Chat and ChatGPT and is planning to release an AI assistant called 'Co-pilot' which will be capable of analysing texts and images without opening the browser, answering specific contextual questions, and even controlling your systems settings. There are other features in the pipeline as always with Microsoft some of these fixes are to fix things which are not broken! Also, Microsoft's Chatbox is designed to promote advertising, if wanting to test ChatGPT sign into <https://www.openai.com>, it is particularly good and no adverts!

From October of this year, Windows 10 machines built before 2017 will cease to provide satisfactory functionality as updates and patches will stop being sent out. Some printers and scanners are already failing to function correctly as drivers become incompatible with the new software.

People will become frustrated with their none working systems and millions will dispose of them in recycling centres. But, don't rush out and buy a new one, newly bought machines can be 18 months old as they have travelled the high seas for 6 months, or more, or stuck in a distributors warehouse as sales have dropped. Some video and graphic drivers may need to be updated as improved Video morphing will become a new plaything in Laptops, Tablets and Phones. "You ain't seen nothing yet!" Was one comment I received when discussing it recently.

All very exciting and very dangerous, hackers are ahead of the game and legislation is likely to be as toothless as ever. Enjoy the ride, but it could be very bumpy! Beware the elaborate cons, there are plenty, and some will be truly horrendous!

free advice on all computer issues, contact Brian Meadows

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JOHNNY ENTERTAINS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY SHOP



Johnny Cowling has been coming to our hall to entertain us for several years. The first time he came, his kind of humour said that our hall reminded him of an upturned boat! That was before our major refurbishment. Now his comments regarding the hall are very complimentary. He was equally impressed last week when he learnt that the money raised was to support what will be our new Community Shop. Johnny always attracts a full house with everyone going home feeling happy.

**Everyone's efforts raised
£1650 for shop funds.**



Birthday Wishes to:
Rob Honey for 13th July

Audrey Bewes for August 1st
Linda Weekes for 5th August
David Hale for 14th August
Raymond Bewes for 15th August
Ellie Mitchener for 26th August
Linda Goodman for 29th August

SHEILA'S MENTIONS



We welcome Helen and Gareth to our Village having recently moved into a converted barn at Lodgeworthy.

Helen a Swimming Coach and her husband a Builder. Both have placed adverts in this issue of The Buzz

Bridgerule Coffee Club

Meet on a two weekly basis. The next one taking place on 4th July at 10.30am. Sheila, Audrey and Christine welcome you to join them. Perhaps you have just come to live in our village. Coffee Club has proved to be a good way of meeting some new friends.



THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Village may I thank those that are now keeping our graveyard tidy. It is appreciated.

The Village was saddened to hear of the recent passing away of Gary, Landlord of The Bridge Inn. Our thoughts and love are sent to Pam, his wife and family.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE



Thursday 27th July 2023

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORT 217
BUS TIMETABLE**

Bridge Inn 10:14am Holsworthy Library 10:29
Holsworthy Church 12:35pm Bridgerule Bridge Inn 12.50

Bridgerule opposite Bridge Inn 10:50am
Morrisons Bude 11:04am
The Strand Bude 11:10am

The Strand Bude 11.55am
Morrisons Bude 12:00 Noon
Bridgerule - Bridge Inn 12:14pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY SERVICE

**Torrington Mobile Library
visiting Bridgerule**

Bridgerule Village Hall 14:00—14:30

Bridgerule Uplands 14:40—15:20



**JULY 5TH
AUGUST 2ND/ 30TH**



BRIDGERULE FOOTBALL CLUB



Bridgerule Football Club are looking for a club secretary and a treasurer.

There is no requirement for the persons to be interested in football.

It is felt it may suit someone who may be semi-retired or has just retired.

You may have just moved to the area and feel you would like to take an interest in a village activity.

For more information please contact Jackie Tape on 07533353388 or email freewayalbus@mail.com

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Planning

For Information Only –granted permission.

1/0339/2023/FUL - Demolition of existing barn and erection of 3no: dwellings in lieu of Class Q approval

1/0753//2022/AGMB (re-submission of 1/1079/2022/FUL) Agricultural building at Borough Farm, Bridgerule

In the May/June Buzz of 2012 the Editor Spotlighted Gary and Pam of The Bridge Inn. She now feels it would be appropriate to return to the Spotlight and Pam has kindly agreed.

It read:

Spotlight on Bridgerule's friendly landlord and landlady.

Gary Bowler was born on 18th April 1945 in Sutton-in-Ashfield in Nottinghamshire. He went to Eastbourne Secondary Modern school until the age of 15. Gary then started working in a shoe factory, making boots and shoes. Boots mainly for the then coal miners to wear down the pit and gaining his City & Guilds certificate for shoe making during this time.

For the following eight months Gary worked at the Royal Mint as a press machinist, making money! He also worked for a while as a roofer and later as a furnace man, in Sheepridge casting for Jumbo Jet Engines. A few years later in 1969, when he and his previous partner moved to Barnstaple Gary began working for the Clarks shoe factory. Firstly making shoes and later becoming a charge hand at the factory. It was whilst working at Clarks that he became friendly, in fact very friendly, with another employee, a Pam Gammon. Pam was born on 18th June 1953 and lived at Black Torrington. Pam attended Ashford school and as her parents didn't want Pam to 'mix with the boys' she began her secondary education at Barnstaple All Girls School.

In 1975 Gary and Pam married at Barnstaple Registry Office and set up their first home together living in a flat above the local shop in Georgeham. Gary played football for Georgeham and later managed the team. It was whilst living here that they both became very friendly with a delightful young man called Danny.



Danny was the son of the shop owners and regularly visited Gary and Pam in their flat after work. Sadly one day Danny was diagnosed with leukaemia and at the age of 13 he passed away. Before his passing away Danny was the first person to receive Bone Marrow in the Exeter Hospital. Today there is a ward named after him called the Danny Webb Ward. A few years' later Gary and Pam bought their first home and moved to Croyde and in 1977 Paul their first son was born in Barnstaple Hospital, six weeks early. Pam, finishing work at Clarks on a Friday and baby being born the following Wednesday. Two years later, their second son, Mark was born. Their third son, Wayne, was born in 1984, but sadly and very tragically Wayne met with an accident in 2003 at the young age of 20 and consequently died. Wayne had played pool for Cornwall.

Pam enjoyed doing bed and breakfast and it was at this time that the management of Clarks threatened that the factory would soon shut. Gary feeling that he may become redundant at the age of forty decided to look for new employment. By now Gary and Pam had three sons and three dogs and the criteria for the new venture was to live near the sea and if it was to be a pub, this pub had to have an entrance with a back door which could be used privately by the family. June 1986 the Bowler family became the new owners of 'The Bridge Inn', taking over from Sonny and Bet Houghton. Everything it seemed was then painted green in the pub and in their words a bit run down. To get it to Pam's standards it took quite a lot of elbow grease from both of them.

They can both remember that to buy a pint of Flowers Original at that time was 88p a pint – now the same pint will cost you £2.90! (2012) Another great change they have seen, for the better, was the fact that the 'no smoking' in the pub ban meant that the premises remained a lot cleaner and healthier. Anyone who wished to use the toilets at The Bridge Inn when Gary and Pam first came might have got wet to have used them. Gary soon though rectified this. Upon completing some of the alterations to the living quarters of the pub Gary's dad and mum moved to Bridgerule.

Sadly after a while dad became quite ill and sadly passed away. Just after this Gary and Pam decided to close the pub at lunch times.

Gary and Pam reminisced with me on some of the characters they could remember coming into the pub during those early years. Sadly these people have all passed away but names that were fondly recalled were, Ern Venner, Dickie Piper, Don Nolan, Mac and Jean Gardener, Ned Honey, Tom Honey, Bill Cholwill and Reg Hollis. Shops at the time recalled in the village were Don and Sylvia Nolan's antiques with the one window full of lovely linen. Dickie and Dot's shop beside the pub – Pam remembering the cabinet full of cottons and sylko and John Moore at the Post Office with the late Jean Mariner helping him out on a Thursday (pension day).

I asked Pam if she could recall a 'funny' incident that had happened and the following came to mind immediately! On a hot sunny Sunday a certain Ian Hetherington, John McArdle, Tony Wallis and Kelvin Edwards were playing cards outside the pub. Gary thought he would have a bit of fun and nipped upstairs and threw a pan of water down from the bedroom window over the unsuspecting card players and immediately returned to his place behind the bar. These euchre players thought that Pam had done the dirty deed and so quickly found her, picked her up and carried her to the river and promptly threw her in.

Both of them remember how generous people were when they came to The Bridge Inn. Not only of their time but also with materials. Tony Goodman doing a lot of building works for Gary. In 2012 Gary and Pam had 5 grandchildren. Twins Jack and Lucy aged 18 living in Ashfield, Millie aged 13, Jago aged 6 and Ruby aged 3 all living locally. Pam and Gary enjoy time in their garden or walking the dogs. They



have also raised large sums of money for various charities over the years. **THANK YOU GARY & PAM**

Neighbourhood Watch Notes

Whenever I finish one of these notes, there is always something of interest comes up in the neighbourhood Alert system.

There is, since April, a new Devon and Cornwall police website at "www.devon-cornwall.police.uk". For any non emergency issue we are asked to use this rather than phoning 101 or use email to 101. On the website you can report crime; abuse; road traffic incident or anti- social behaviour amongst others. Also fraud, bribery or corruption. Have a look.

So do keep your things to yourself. Lock up your house; windows; barns and sheds and vehicles. Yes, it is very hot at the moment of writing - with some chance of rain - but if you are away from somewhere don't leave it open. I do hope that you are keeping up with the programme on Scam Interceptors. Why is it that the scammer's voice is always the same, or hears so. I have had two phone calls from the same voice, trying it on - but I just put the phone down. Do the same. They only tell lies.

A recent Alert concerns visiting festivals, close to or away from the sea. Use of drugs and alcohol when trying to swim or bathe is dangerous and could be fatal. You know it makes sense not to. Holiday and festival time always means more traffic on the road. So give yourself plenty of time, have enough fuel, water for drinking and refreshments.

Devon County Council is funding for filling more pot holes in "minor roads" in the next few months. I do hope so.

Devon and Cornwall police have various operations stopping vehicles. Many arrests have been made for drug and drink driving and other illegal matters. They are always on watch in the County Lines operation for drug pushing.

But at the end of the day keep yourself safe and have a regard for your neighbours. Still use 999 if you see something strange, peculiar or illegal happening.

John McDougall
Bridgerule coordinator 01288 381237



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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.

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