



**REMEMBERING HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926-2022**





Dear Buzz Readers,

**Is Father Christmas really going to pay us a visit in 55 days time?
Well, I must find my stocking!**

A busy Buzz which makes for an interesting Newsletter I hope. Special occasions for two local families and two readers responding to something they felt they had to be part of many miles away and memories of which will last with them for ever!

Remember any items for the next Buzz please have it with me by 20th December.

Thank you for showing your support to The Buzz for another year and I hope you feel it continues to be a village asset.

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DOG MESS WARNING.

The Parish Council have purchased one more new Dog Litter Bin and its been placed close to the bus shelter on Under Road. Another has been moved adjacent to the entrance of Little Bridge Meadows. Couple these with all the others placed around the village, there really is no excuse if you own a dog and he does a poo not to use a dog bin.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS:

If you do not:

BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A FINE!



BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL TABLE TOP SALES**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH/DECEMBER 3RD****FROM 1.30 PM**

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



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



**Our September Table
Top raised almost
£200 for our Village
Hall Fund.**

If you have any contributions for our Table Top, with all profits made going to our Village Hall Funds please bring them on the morning of the sale or contact Christine on 01288 381033.

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome you to their SERVICES 11.00am



6th	November	Mrs. Joy Wilson
20th	November	Dr. Paul Fitzpatrick
27th	November	Join St Bridget's Church
04th	December	To be arranged
18th	December	United Carol Service 6.30pm Followed by Tea and Mince Pies
25th	December	St Bridget's 10.30am

BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = *facebook page*

*'If you wish to promote an event in our village...
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*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 shil-

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WINTER WARMTH & WELLNESS FAYRE 2022



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This year, Dan & Eva's food van will be joining us, serving delicious street food all day.

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2022

10.00am - 4.00pm

Bridgerule Village Hall, Bridgerule EX22 7DY

FREE ENTRY

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Winter Warmth & Wellness Fayre Bridgerule 2022

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SHORT MAT BOWLS

Friday from 2.00pm
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or email *sdwhatmore@gmail.com*





**RON AND MARION
CELEBRATE THEIR
BLUE SAPPHIRE
ANNIVERSARY**

These are the flowers my parents received for their 65th Wedding Anniversary from the Chapel family.

I was able to fly home for two weeks from Canada to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

Mum and Dad have been blessed with 6 grandchildren, Alex ,Michelle ,Ryan, Carolyn, Tracey and Daniel, and truly blessed with 4 great Grandson's and 4 great Grand-daughters!

Mum and Dad were married at Whitstone Chapel on September 12th 1957.

We all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Holsworthy Golf Club to celebrate their special day.

It was also so nice to come to the coffee morning and see many familiar faces and meet some new ones!

Lynn

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	13.15	13.30	13.35	13.50
Bude	Red Post	BRIDGERULE	Holsworthy	Bude

Why are hedges important?

Hedges are significant features in the landscape of Devon and Cornwall. Our local hedges mostly consist of an earth bank faced with turf or stone and with woody growth along the top.



The majority of farmland in the south west was enclosed piecemeal from 1150 to 1350 AD. Mediaeval enclosures were typically irregular in shape, bounded by natural contours, streams and existing tracks; and small in size, one or two acres being all that a family could enclose, clear, drain and cultivate in one season. These hedges contained mature trees, planted and grown for a variety of uses. Oak, ash and elm provided timber. Willows and poplars were often grown as pollards with the fresh shoots harvested for basketry. Fruit trees including crab apple, wild cherry, hazel, elder and wild pear yielded an edible harvest without sacrificing land for an orchard. In livestock areas, hedgerow trees provided shelter, shade and feed.

Between 1600 and 1850 many parliamentary enclosure acts were approved, turning more than 7 million acres of open common land into fields. These later enclosures were typically undertaken by wealthy industrialists with the resources to operate at scale in an open landscape, resulting in much larger rectangular fields served by straight roads laid out in grid fashion. One consequence was a dramatic increase in hedges as many more boundaries were created.

After the second world war government incentives encouraged the removal of hedgerows for increased food production using ever-larger machinery. Hedgerows in England halved from 500,000 miles in 1946 to 236,000 miles by 1993.

The Hedgerow Regulations of 1997 gave legal protection for the first time to hedgerows in existence before 1845. These powers were devolved to local authorities which nevertheless continue to approve planning applications for new homes that damage or destroy ancient hedges, a process that is still happening in our village today.

Hedgerow management has traditionally involved the periodic cutting and laying of woody stems to stimulate fresh new growth from the base. The invigorated hedge could then be trimmed

regularly or left to grow up for re-laying on a regular cycle to support the broadest range of wildlife due to the complex structure and the spread of flowering and fruiting times.

Bridgerule hedge and coppice group has been working across local farms and gardens for the last eight years to restore neglected hedges by laying in the traditional style and to pass on the necessary skills. The emphasis is on the safe use of hand tools including bill hook, axe and bow saw, with novices learning from more experienced hands. There is good camaraderie, and cake! The resulting firewood is shared among participants, of particular benefit during a time of soaring energy prices.

Local landowners with potential projects, or anyone interested in trying their hand at hedge laying, is invited to contact Alan Beat at the Bridge Mill. Email: alan@smallholders.org

Tel: 01288 381341.

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL

The Methodist Chapel was decorated a few weeks ago to celebrate Harvest Festival. Mr Courtney Drew was the preacher for the Sunday Service and Mr. Mark Shears taking the service on the Monday.

Light refreshments were served after the Monday service and Colin Cholwill then auctioned the fresh produce for chapel funds. All the remaining items were donated to the Holsworthy Food Bank.

The chapel funds realised £400.00 .

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL— SEPTEMBER 2022

Applications granted permission – Information Only,

1/0753/2022/AGMB, Change of use of Agricultural Building to 4 no: Dwellings, Borough Farm, Bridgerule and

1/0303/2022/FULM, Redevelopment of Clubhouse and Facilities, Hedley Wood Caravan Park, Bridgerule, Devon.

BRIDGERULE'S NEW CIVIL CELEBRANT

**“Celebrating the rhythm of life
from beginning to end, with
ceremonies unique to you”**



Bob Spry moved to Bridgerule in June of this year, and having settled in to village life he is pleased to offer his services as a Civil Celebrant to the area he now calls home.

So what does a Civil Celebrant do? Broadly speaking, a Celebrant is someone who is qualified to host ceremonies and officiate at Weddings, Funerals, Baby Naming's and other important lifetime events. The role has no religious ties, so their focus is on creating ceremonies which are unique to the people whose lives are being celebrated.

In the 21st century, more and more people choose to celebrate the special occasions in their own way, and we are spoilt for choice when it comes to venues for the life events which mean so much to us; they can literally be hosted anywhere from stately homes to barns and everywhere in between.

For many, this freedom of choice enables them to have ceremonies which concentrate on celebrating the joy of the occasion (or, in the case of a funeral, to truly celebrate the life of their loved one). This is where a Celebrant comes in, as he or she can work with those involved to write and conduct a service which is unique to them and their occasion.

Bob is a qualified Independent Civil Celebrant, dedicated to preparing and delivering the perfect ceremony to mark your celebration. He is passionate about making his clients' special day the best it can be, and with one which you and your guests will remember and cherish for years to come.

With over 40 years experience of public speaking and script writing, he specialises in producing unique services which make your celebration .

All this is done not only with Bob's trademark professionalism and personality but also with respect, sensitivity and carefully crafted consideration. Every ceremony is unique; It really is all about you and your wishes.

If you're planning a Wedding, Funeral or any other form of ceremony and would like to know how Bob can help you make it a truly unforgettable occasion, please contact him.

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ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am



Sunday	6th November	Morning Prayer
	13th November	Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance
	20th November	Joint Service at Methodist Chapel
	27th November	Ecumenical Eucharist
	04th December	Sung Eucharist
	11th December	Morning Prayer
*	18th December	Joint Carol Service at Methodist Chapel 7.00pm
	24th December	Crib Service
*	25th December	Eucharist 10.30am
* <i>Please note change to normal time</i>		

Ruby Wedding Celebrations for John and Sonia Gardener

Well, well ,where have 40 years gone!

It all began on 9th August,1977 when we met at a surprise 21st birthday party at Lewtrenchard Manor .We were both involved with the Young Farmers

organisation. John a member with Stratton

and I with Launceston. YFC was always known as the dating agency!.

We were engaged on my 21st birthday at the Woodford Bridge hotel.

Our families knew each other as my grandparents lived at Sanctuary, Bridgerule for many years and attended the Methodist church. I have

many memories of staying with Grandma Allin. I remember walking to the shop several times a day to see John Moore and buy some sweets. I also remember Mr Walter Woolridge looking after her vegetable garden.

We were married at Boyton Methodist Church on 16th October, 1982. It rained heavily all day! John milked the next morning so we didn't have a honeymoon. In other words, don't marry a farmer!! I moved to Buttsbeer Cross Farm where the Gardener family have lived for several generations. John was born in the front bedroom .

In 1987,Sarah was born, followed by Joanne in 1991.Both girls were born premature; 7 and 10 weeks early respectively. Quite a worrying time.

Whilst working in Bude, Sarah qualified as an accountant and then moved into a practice in Oxford. Jo received a degree from Loughborough University in Sports Science and Business Studies.



Jo as reported in an earlier issue of The Buzz works on the F1 Circuit travelling the world.



Opposite is a photo of Jo, John and Sonia's youngest daughter and her husband, Paul, who were married in June of this year, at the Bodleian Library, Oxford University. They live in Bicester.

Sonia concludes..... that both her and John have both been in farming all our lives, having seen many changes over the years. We don't look at it as a job but a way of life.

We both share in our hobby of horse racing, and I enjoy being a member of the Tamarside Singers.

Congratulations to John and Sonia on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary and the Editor thanks them for sharing the occasion with The Buzz.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES



I've had a complaint! There is no Good News in the neighbourhood watch notes!

Yes there is. It's that everyone is able to keep crime away and not be afraid of it. Crime displacement is what NHW does. Ensure that the criminals look elsewhere.

Don't be caught out by bogus callers. They're only interested in stealing your property. And don't believe social media or text messages trying to persuade you into links to apply for government discounts etc. They are given.

No respectable organisation does that sort of thing.

Beware cheap meat. Rustlers are about. And I don't mean frilly petticoats.

Cheap meat offered to you is stolen.

Once again I urge you to sign up for the Alerts system. Go to

"www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/"

You will have heard of cloned phone numbers. I had a call, apparently from a Bude number. Don't press anything.

The real owner of that number had no idea his number was cloned.

I had concerns about my phone and viruses and trackers. I contacted Brian Meadows who cleaned and protected my phone. Even he is not spared con tricks. You simply have to be watchful and careful.

From NHW try "www.avast.com/uk-cyberhood#pc".

It's your money and personal information they are after.

Look out for yourself and neighbours.

John McDougall

Coordinator

01288 381 237



SHEILA'S MENTIONS:

Birthday Wishes to:

Lyndsey Beadle for the 3rd November

Pauline Latham for the 14th November

Winnie Westlake for the 24th November

Sally Quilter for the 25th November

Barry Lucas for the 8th December

Colin Cholwill for the 10th December

Kelvin Davey for the 10th December

Mary Bryant for the 10th December

Kath Whatmore for the 13th December

Ray Wallace for the 19th December

Sylvia McDougall for the 20th December

Katherine Davey for the 24th December

Chris Hitchings for the 24th December

Scott Whatmore for the 31st December



Congratulations and Best Wishes

go to **Martin and Helen** on the birth of
Dylon Christopher.

A first grandchild for Hilary Taylor and
Peter and Diane Green.



THANK YOU from St. Bridget's Church

The Church Wardens and Church Council would like to
thank all those who gave donations to St. Bridget's Gift

Day on 17th September 2022. Your gifts were very much appreciated.



PYWORTHY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

PYWORTHY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER FROM 11.00—3.00PM

ADMISSION £1.50 (to include tea/coffee and mince pie)



THE LONG QUEUE

to see her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
lying in State in Westminster Hall, London

A rapid non-stop drive to Guildford for mid afternoon on the 15th September was to join my sister Gayle and her chap Bert to go and pay our respects to Queen Elizabeth II, lying in State in Westminster Hall.

Bert drove us into London parking close to Green Park where we spent some time looking at the mountains of flowers laid there in tribute to the Queen. The smell of the lilies permeated the air and the colours were glorious. Some of the flowers had been woven into intricate shapes, others woven in the branches of trees whilst others made all sorts of patterns on the ground.

We then decided to 'find' the end of the queue and hailed a taxi which I am pleased to say was a black cab with a panoramic roof. The driver didn't know exactly where we could join the queue but with the aid of various bits of technology and asking policemen enroute we ended up at Southwark Park. Little did we know what we were letting ourselves in for.

First we were made to traverse three sides of Southwark Park which in itself was a mammoth walk. Then we saw all the barriers erected to make the public zig zag through the Park. That was the first time we questioned whether we should bail out whilst the going was good. No.

We gritted our teeth and marched to the other side of the Park in order to obtain a wristband. That took 2 hours and was 2km! Having obtained the much sought-after wrist band the other side of the Park, we foolishly thought we might be home by 3am, having joined the queue now 4.9miles long, at 8.06pm.

Walking through parts of Old London – Southwark/Bermondsey - without the distraction of vehicles was quite magical and atmospheric. Erstwhile Mills had been converted into apartments – Horseshoe Mill, *Neckinger Mill, The Star & Garter public house and many more interesting places that one could feel the presence of the past, in their majestic exteriors.

Walking alongside the Thames on the Queen's Walk, was also calming and London Bridge looked stunning being lit up in mauve and white/golden colours. Sometime later we reached a point in the walk when Bert, looking at his mobile said "It is a 29 minute walk from here." This brushed away any thoughts of leaving the queue but

The queue at that time was moving steadily so our 3am anticipated departure time was looking good. Then someone in the queue started saying that we had another 5 hours to go which we laughed off thinking that the 29 minutes was all we had left to walk for. Wrong - that 29 minutes took 5 hours to walk!

The steady walk became a shuffle and a stop, start affair. Lots of standing around waving arms and legs in the air to keep warm and ease the stiffness that was setting in as the night closed in and got colder and colder, with the wind being relentless.

We came to a standstill at 1.45am and had a 2 hour wait standing on the opposite side of the Thames to Westminster Hall whilst rehearsals took place. This fact we weren't told about until the queue finally started moving again. All that time some poor folks had been standing on Westminster Bridge, which must have been quite a trial. When we finally started moving it was like getting off a ship after a long non-stop cruise. One's gyro toppled from time to time and legs felt a bit like jelly.

The next zig zag was in front of Westminster Hall which again was quite demanding, especially for those who had young children with them. Tiredness, uneven ground, lack of sleep and the cold started to take its toll - some people actually pulled out at that point, having spent many hours queueing. Such a pity.

It was all worth it for the surreal experience of standing at the top of the steps in Westminster Hall, then standing halfway down them to watch the changing of the guards. At both those points I was able to send my thoughts to the Queen, which I am glad I had the opportunity to because being in front of the coffin lasted for about 2 minutes.

When standing in front of the side of the coffin, a green light hit me from the Queen's crown. Magical. The colour green is for healing and the heart chakra. That is what I felt the Queen was doing to everyone as they went by - not only then but wherever she went in the world. We exited Westminster Hall at 6.08am – 10hrs after joining the queue.

We did feel that a Light had gone out. The Queen seemed to be the lynchpin of democracy. The pageantry was spectacular, the like of which we are unlikely to see again. I am so pleased to have been born to this era. The world is moving on to a more robotic state which is good for some people, not for me though.

HD.

Stacey begins.....On Thursday 15th September my friend Emma and I spoke about going up to pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen.

On impulse we quickly decided to book our train tickets and saw that our back packs had warm hats, gloves, liquid refreshment and some food, plus of course our phones fully charged with power banks to keep us going.

Would we just soak up the atmosphere once in London or would we join the long que? At that time, we didn't know.

Friday at 9.30pmon our way and leaving Exeter St David's train station. 3 hours later we were in the big smoke and by 11.45pm we had messaged home saying "in the queue" . This the coldest autumn night so far, but at least it was dry. From Tower Bridge we gradually snaked our way towards Westminster Hall.

A long way from home and joining hundreds of others from all over the world, but all being drawn to pay our respects to the late Queen. Everyone was chatting and we only left the queue when mother nature called. We walked through the cobbled back streets of London following the lying-in-state queue signs. I recall seeing a dad and his young son curled up in a doorway fast asleep covered in a blanket. I imagined that the little boy could not walk any further.

During the night our queue had come to a standstill for two hours. Someone had betrayed the rules and had tried to touch her Majesty's coffin! At least our warm clothing meant we could cope. We were then greeted with a protester who was walking up and down the queue for at least two hours. He didn't seem to care what language he used even with children being present. He got quite aggressive, but thankfully he decided to pick an argument with an undercover policeman and soon got arrested and taken away; everyone cheered.

Thirteen hours later and after walking 17 miles, we approached The National Covid Memorial Wall, this was very touching to see. Thousands of hearts filled the wall with messages from loved ones. Just before we hit Waterloo Bridge passing all the media and lots of police, we could sense something was about to happen, but we couldn't lose our space so we moved on. But later heard that we had just missed King Charles and Prince William meeting members of the public. If only we were ten minutes behind in the queue we could have met them too! Not long after that I had my bag taken from me by security. All our food and drink had to be donated to the foodbank as we were not allowed to take it past security. It was airport style, bags searched, and our bodies scanned to keep our Majesty safe. At 14.26pm I messaged home "going in"!

No mobile phones were allowed from this point on. My heart felt a strange sensation of sadness walking up the steps into Westminster Hall. Seconds later, there was our Majesty's coffin looking tiny in this magnificent big hall. The coffin on the catafalque was adorned with the Queen's Royal Standard, her sparkling Coronation Crown and a wreath of white roses.

As we slowly, quietly and sombrely walked down the steps, one of the staff members was quietly but firmly telling us to keep moving. But I had not queued for the last 14 hours to be moved on! I was to continue at my own pace! Upon reaching the coffin where the guards stood motionless like statues and heads bowed, I stopped and bowed my head. I blew a kiss and curtsied as family and friends had asked me to do. I was surprised how high up she seemed. While slowly walking past her coffin, all I could see was her beautiful dazzling crystals on top of her crown.

In the matter of a few minutes, I had reached the other side; constantly looking backwards to get a last glimpse. What had I just witnessed? How does one describe it. Surreal and sad I would say! Wow! Over the last 36 hours had I really queued all night under the stars in the Capital whilst history was being made? Had I just paid tribute to the only Queen I have known in my life for her service over the last 70 years.

It was so crowded, but we then decided to make our way to the Green Park via Whitehall through St James Palace. Quickly we were met with a sea of flowers in a rainbow of colours. The perfume was unbelievable; bouquets, bunches, single roses, the Queen's favourite bear, Paddington and even marmalade sandwiches wrapped in foil. It was unbelievable and so emotional. Trees were made into shrines as far as the eye could see. 36 hours later no sleep and 17 miles walked we were on our return train to Exeter. We chatted on what we had just witnessed and had been part of. It was a small moment in history but one that will stay with me for the rest of my life. We had been amongst an estimated 500,000, full of emotion on a vigil to file past our late Queen's coffin 24 hours a day for the last 9 days. I felt extremely privileged.

Having lost my dad six years ago, I remember the emotional rollercoaster journey my family and I went through and are still on. The upset, the sadness, the grief and pain of losing a loved one, so close. Queen Elizabeth II was also a Mum and Gran and I felt saddened for the Royal Family as they had to do there grieving in the public eye. I'm sure her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II would be extremely proud. I'm proud to be British.
Rest In Peace you Majesty.

Stacey Cholwill

We will all hold images the day our Nation stopped after 10 days of public mourning to witness the amazing pageantry of the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II who had reigned over us with such loyalty, for 70 years.

We saw George, aged 9 and his sister, Charlotte aged 7, walk behind their “Gan Gan’s” coffin with the world looking on in Westminster Abbey. We saw the royal gun carriage, made up of one hundred and forty-two Royal Naval Ratings draw the coffin of their Lord High Admiral from Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey with such dedication. We saw the Royal hearse, which the late queen had helped design, pass, not go in, Buckingham Palace for the final time on its ways to Windsor.

We saw 8 young soldiers from the Queens Company 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards carry the coffin as millions watched. We heard the lone piper play a lament and walk away until we could hear him no longer. We saw Terry Pendry, the queens head groom with Emma, the queen’s personal horse on the entrance to Windsor. Emma’s saddle having the late queen’s headscarf on it and we saw at the bottom of the steps of Windsor Muick and Sandy, two of her Majesty’s much-loved corgi’s.

The majestic long walk to Windsor Castle with the crowds seeming to embrace our queen on her final journey. We will all recall the time so many of us felt compelled to watch our television screens throughout to the final moments when we saw the coffin draped in the Royal Standard, but now minus the Imperial State Crown, orb and sceptre, as her Majesty’s life of duty completed and these had been returned to the altar. Our lasting views of Queen Elizabeth II’s coffin gradually lowering in front of our eyes to be with her beloved husband, the late Duke of Edinburgh.

Our views of the monarchy vary greatly, but the way in which our late International Queen Elizabeth II served her people since becoming Queen at the young age of 25 was exemplary.

Thank you Stacey and Heather for writing for The Buzz your feelings and emotions of being part of ‘the long queue’. ***The Editor***

Improved marketing methods at your expense

A silent revolution has occurred since the onset of the smartphone, I say this because the use of the smart phone in many quarters has become a disease, gone are the days of simple mobile phone calls. Today it is the realm of the highly sophisticated Multi Media Messaging Service (MMS). Text Messaging (SMS) is in itself a harmless method of contacting an individual in a low-cost medium and unlimited texts are now a feature of many user contracts.

MMS marketing, a form of mobile advertising allows businesses to send rich media such as images, videos and audio clips to their customers. MMS requires your prior consent before sending them, which you'll have automatically done when giving your mobile number to a supplier. MMS is also known as "picture messaging" and is becoming more popular with marketing companies, as data has proven consumer uptake is greater when viewing a picture than when reading a text message.

MMS use the same apps as SMS text, the key difference is that MMS allows up to 1600 words of text and images and video drawn down from 3rd party websites on the Internet. This will cause high data usage levels and some users will experience out of contract costs, especially if you are on a low data allowance contract. These adverts, sometimes called "Brand Promotion" provide opportunities for scammers and thieves. Images and Gifs can be written to include, trojan and worm viruses and as the average smartphone users does not have anti-virus software installed, the hacker can not only interfere with text messages, they can steal your personal data! But as one customer said "It's only a mobile phone" on the contrary it is a highly complex and sophisticated computer comparable to your Tablet, iPad, and some Laptops, Desktops and iMacs, and they store all your personal information, and activities.

On a different note, several users have found issues when using the Google Chrome Browser for certain financial transactions, paying deposits and VAT returns etc. It seems the current version of Chrome is blocking some website scripts which enable these transactions to function, changing to Microsoft Edge has solved this problem.




BT has been hacked yet again. I received a receipt from Curry's.co.uk, referring to a transaction made by me, in Altrincham, that day (I was in Bridgerule at the time). The E-receipt for several hundred pounds was sent to me using a dormant BT email address I've never used. Attached was an infected image of the receipt. Curry's had no record of any such transaction and the credit card number was false! This type of email is sent by hackers to encourage recipients to open the attached file thereby infecting their computer. Extra vigilance is needed by all BT customers, if you receive an email with a suspect attachment, DELETE IT without opening it!



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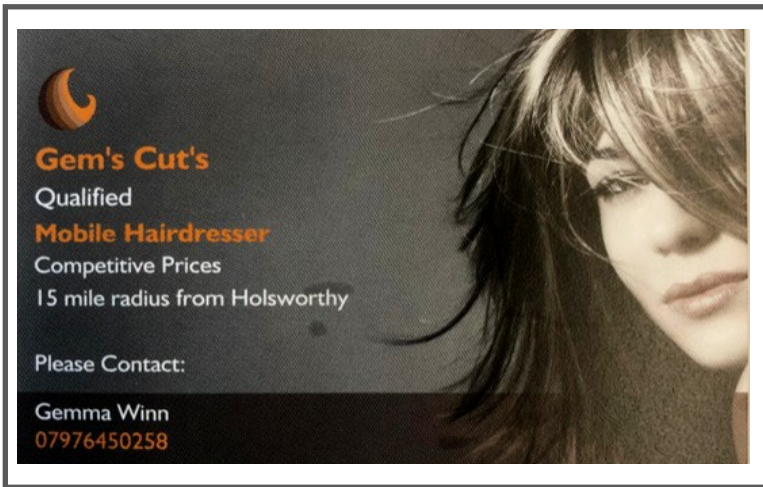
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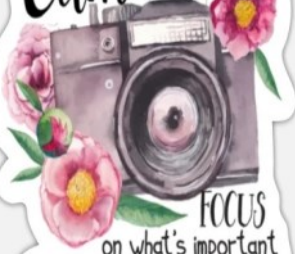


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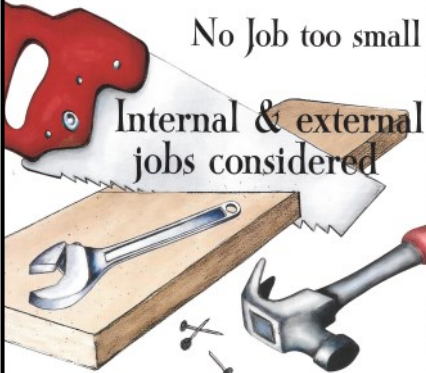
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