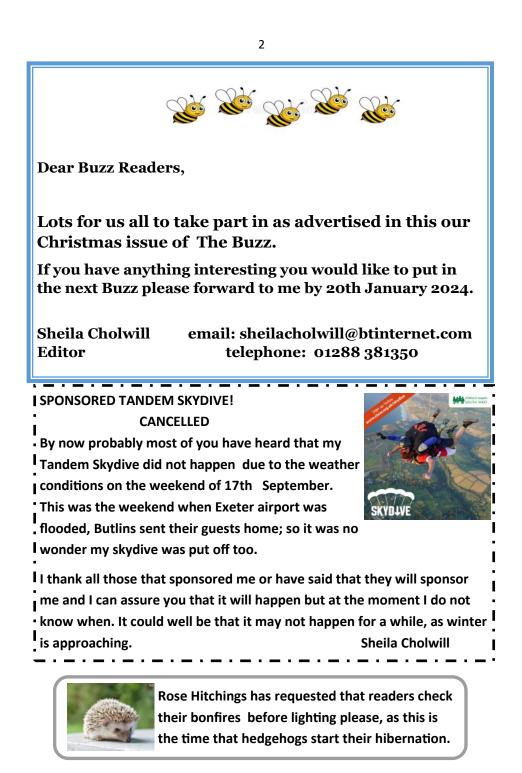


THE BUZZ NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023





## CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

Bridgerule Methodist Chapel Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm

> Christmas items by The Tamarside Singers

Come and Sing some Favourite Christmas Carols

Collection to be donated to

The Friends of Bridgerule School and Chapel Funds

Mince Pies, Tea and Coffee to follow



## BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL 4th NOVEMBER and 2nd DECEMBER



BOOK YOUR TABLE ON 01288 381350

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Any contributions for the village hall sale contact Christine on 01288 381033

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## TAMAR ROCK AND ROLL CLUB

## Saturday 25th November

£5 on the door entry 7:30-11:30 No bar but welcome to bring own drinks, free tea/coffee

## NEW YEAR'S EVE !! Sunday 31st December

Record hop 8pm-12:30am Free entry! Raffle! Bring your own drinks Free tea/coffee Bring a plate of food to share

### Any enquiries to Jackie Tape email freewayalbus@mail.com Mobile 07533353388

**Bridgerule Coffee Club** meet on a two weekly basis. The next one taking place on 7th November 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.

#### **BRIDGERULE OUTREACH POST OFFICE SERVICE**

It has been reported that on Monday 23rd October 29 attended the Outreach Post Office in our hall. Please continue to use this service.

#### **NOISY OYSTER PRESENTS**

#### **DaSilva Marionette Circus Troupe**

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls ... **the Circus is coming to Bridgerule!** Come and be amazed by aerial acrobatics on the flying trapeze, spectacular cycling stunts, trampolining ups and downs, and laugh at the antics of the cheeky clowns, one of whom takes the joke that bit too far - with disastrous consequences! This traditional family show, now in its second generation, has been brought right up to date with all the thrills and spills of a real-life circus.

#### BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

#### **THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

#### NOISY OYSTER PUPPET SHOW

#### DOORS OPEN 6.30 FOR 7.00PM PERFORMANCE

#### TICKETS £5.00





Noisy Oyster are Nik Palmer and Sarah Rowland -Barker. Nik and Sarah together with Nick's mum and dad, Ray and Joan now live at Tamar House. Visit their website at:

www.noisyoyster.co.uk. Meet them and their puppets on Thursday14th.

## FISH AND CHIPS ARE COMING TO BRIDGERULE Olly the proprietor says:-

# Potters fish n things is doing the rounds in our new fish and chip van!

Following on from our lock down success from our restaurant in Bude, we wanted to bring our fish and chips to the local villages and surrounding areas of Bude! The demand has been there, you have asked and here we are!

## We will be VISITING BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY EVERY THURSDAY 5.00—7.00PM. STARTING NOVEMBER 2ND.

We will be bringing plenty of Atlantic cod, Icelandic haddock, Cornish monkfish scampi and all will be battered to perfection using Cornish potatoes for our chips and will certainly have tartar sauce, mushy peas, and curry sauce.

Alongside these we will have meat and vegetarian options, with a few classic fish and chip shop specials thrown in for good measure! We will be able to cater for gluten free and dairy free diets and so we have everyone covered.

We cant wait to get out on the road and to get to know our local community's and see our regulars each week. We hope you are as excited as we are to have Fish n Things iin the comfort of your own home.



#### EE to stop 3G network in 2024

I have mentioned this before, but it is worth reminding some users of older smart phones, or possibly not so smart phones! EE, now part of BT will close down the 3G network server in the new year and it will affect; Apple iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, Samsung Galaxy Ace and Galaxy S3 Mini, Doro 6520, 6521 and 6620, Nokia 30, Nokia C2-01, TCL Pixi 4 and many other lesser-known brands.

These phones will still be able to connect to the internet and Wi-Fi talking may still be available on some systems, otherwise it will mean upgrading to a 4G phone.

ChatGPT can now browse the internet independently and is able to provide users



with up-to-date information sourced online. Until now, the generative AI model's responses have been based on data which it had been trained to find. The updated version of the model was first being made available to its Plus and Enterprise users, but would

be made available to everyone 'soon'. The update means the programme will be able to accurately discuss current affairs and provide more authoritative information to all questions submitted.

#### How to bypass Windows 11 TPM check with MediaCreationTool.bat

From this October, Microsoft will stop supporting Windows 10, patches and updates will no longer be downloaded, some would say "Thank Goodness" but it means the end is insight for Windows 10. The issue here is that systems built before 2017 will not instal Windows 11. The software looks for a TPM V2 chip, which is not available on older computers. This means you'll need to buy a new system.... But, installing the MediaCreationTool.bat tool lets you

bypass the TPM and other hardware requirements to install Windows 11, direct from Microsoft, on to your old machine. The *MediaCreationTool.bat* can be downloaded from...

https://github.com/AveYo/MediaCreationTool.bat



Full instructions can be followed to make the upgrade easy

and according to its programmers, if the install fails windows 10 will be reinstalled without loss of data!

But backup data first and users who continue to use Windows 10 should ensure their anti-virus is working correctly as Windows 10 will be increasingly vulnerable!

For help and advice telephone Brian Meadows on 01288 381061, Nofix-Nofee Computer Repair Services 

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December 3rd Michelle Hogarth See separate poster for Candlelit Carols December 17th Barry Bryne St Bridget's to join us

ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00am



5th NovemberMorning Prayer19th NovemberMorning Prayer Joint Service03rd DecemberSung Eucharist10th DecemberMorning Prayer17th DecemberCarol Service24th DecemberBridgerule Crib ServiceCHRISTMAS DAY25th December10.30am Benefice Eucharist Christmas Service

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SHORT MAT BOWLS Friday from 2.00pm Contact Scott on 01288 381459 or email sdwhatmore@gmail.com



#### **BRIDGERULE COMMUNITY SHOP**



As you can see after nearly nine years of not having a village store we are well on our way of getting a brand new Community Shop in Bridgerule.

Shares are still available from Georgina 01288 381089. These monies will help get the shop up & running and by purchasing some shares it will also give you a say in the running of the shop.

Alternatively any donations will be greatly appreciated.

We hope we have enough to finish the build, however with rising costs more funds are needed to complete the fitting out and to stock the shop well for our opening in the New Year.

"Come on Bridgerule you said you wanted a shop let's dig deep and get it up and running"!

**Kevin Bowditch** 

Members and friends of the village Coffee Club recently went on a Coach Mystery Trip. First port of call was Kernow Mill, at the gateway to Cornwall, Trerulefoot, Saltash. Here a stop for coffee and some retail therapy was made. Kernow Mill was a first for most on the coach and one we will return too.



We then followed the coastal road passing through Port Wenn and on to Polzeath.



Everyone made a comment as to where they thought we were going and eventually we drove into Wadebridge for lunch.





Finally calling into Sea View Farm

Shop, just outside Delabole for afternoon tea and cake. A lovely trip.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch Notes**

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat. Please put a penny in the old man's hat". That penny would probably have been Victorian, which were still in use in pre-decimal days. Don't get scammed that coins and notes showing our late Queen Elizabeth will not be legal tender when King Charles currency comes out.

And Christmas means lots of recycling, more than usual. Please do squash plastic bottles etc so the lorry will hold greater amounts of plastic rather than empty air.

Devon and Cornwall are still the safest area in the country, confirmed by the Office of National Statistics.

However, the police continue to crack down on drug users and pushers with Operation Scorpion. If you think anyone is selling or using drugs you can phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 giving anonymous information. County Lines is the police operation to catch children (yes, children) who have been persuaded to offer drugs by criminals. Similarly becoming a Money Mule is what youngsters are called when used to transfer money into other accounts.

Beware also email and social media hackers. Use, if you can, 2 step verification for your email. Visit "Cyber <u>Aware-NCSC.Gov.uk</u>" for advice.

And don't fall for emails impersonating energy companies offering CHEAP or FREE electricity. Of course it's a scam.

If you are a victim Action Fraud is the one to contact on 0300 1232040 or "actionfraud.police.uk".

Devon County Council and Torridge District Council have help lines and information if you struggling with day to day matters. DCC is "<u>www.devon.gov.uk</u>" or 0345 1551015 and TDC is 01237 428700. All sorts of help is available. All my usual warnings apply now and always for the lead up to the festivities. Keep your stuff to yourself, don't leave it on view in the car. Protect your handbag and wallet and phone. Lock doors and be careful who you let into your home. No criminal is interested in you, only what they can get from you for Christmas.

And finally, on Christmas, don't drink and drive, even the morning after.

Have a good Christmas yourselves, not them.

See "devon-cornwall.police.uk"



John McDougall Coordinator 381238





The chapel celebrated their Harvest recently. Taking the service on Sunday was Ms P Burdett and Monday Evenings Services was taken by Courtney Drew. Organist Mrs Vivienne Hale.



The supper was provided and served by members and friends of the chapel. Colin Cholwill then auctioned the selling of some of the items that had kindly been donated to the harvest.

Items such as tinned fruit etc were donated to Holsworthy Food Bank. £460 was raised over the weekend for chapel funds.

#### SHEILA'S MENTIONS

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:**

Pauline Latham for 14th November Winnie Westlake for 24th November Sally Quilter for 25th November Barry Lucas for 8th December Colin Cholwill for 10th December Kelvin Davey for 10th December Mary Bryant for 10th December Kathy Whatmore for 13th December Sylvia McDougall for 20th December Chris Hitchings for 24th December Tanya Peschke for 25th December Scott Whatmore for 31st December

Our very best wishes go to Margaret Eastcott who is in hospital after incurring a fall in her home.

We learnt over the last few days that **Trevor Tucker** who was just about to celebrate his 80th Birthday in our hall has sadly passed away. Trevor grew up in Bridgerule and has always had close links with the village. Over the years he has raised a lot of money for his favourite charities.

#### HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY TO THESE FORMER BRIDGERULE REVEL QUEENS



On the 10th December Caitlin Braund (on right) and Holly Trayford (on left) will be celebrating their 18th Birthday.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations for your special day.

#### BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = facebook page

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

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#### **BRIDGERULE COFFEE CLUB**

A few weeks ago members and friends of Bridgerule Coffee Club travelled to Teignmouth. Time was then spent having coffee, lunch and some retail therapy.

The coach then travelled to The House of Marbles at Bovey Tracey.

Here those travelling were able to watch a member of the Teign Valley Glass Blowers make a Christmas Robin. Also on display was hundreds of marbles of varying sizes made again by the glass blowers. Gifts for every occasion were available to purchase. Afternoon tea was then enjoyed before returning home.



Rose Hitchings has been busy crocheting the Nativity scene. Chris, her husband is going to make the stable and the complete Christmas scene, will be on view at the Candlelit Carol evening.



Torrington Mobile Library visiting Bridgerule Bridgerule Village Hall 14:00–14:30 Bridgerule Uplands 14:40–15:20 NOVEMBER 22ND 2023

## "The Bridge, My Local"

What could be more quintessential than a village pub? How lucky we are to have one on our doorstep.

I live just outside the village and in truth only walk down to the pub maybe twice a month to catch up with friends and find out what's going on in Bridgerule, so not a huge pubgoer by any means!

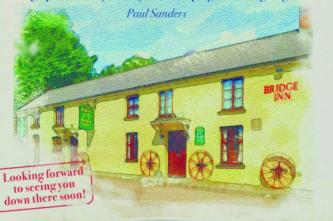
I would like to express just how much The Bridge means to me and share how it enriches my life as part of the community.

It's somewhere to: share stories, meet up, laugh, let go, do a quiz, discover, learn, open up, build friendships, listen to music or play cards. Simply break free from the everyday. It reminds me to be reflective and identify what's important to me, and that is connecting with people, local people.

Yes, there are plenty of other ways to do this, and it's not about consuming booze! A pub gifts us the element of surprise, like meeting a proper character with a fascinating past, a chance encounter with someone you can relate to, a shared interest or even a future opportunity perhaps; **Real life, real folk**!

I'm happy playing pool and chatting but often find myself drifting into other interesting confabs with strangers, either way, The Bridge is somewhere I enjoy and appreciate its importance to our village.

Hence I write this, to give Pam and The Bridge Inn a massive big up! And to say thank you for keeping our local going.



John & Sylvia McDougall - Uplands Robert & Julie Honey - South View St Bridget's Church Bridgerule Angela Brock—The Green Mr & Mrs Steel - 8 Southfields. Mr & Mrs Allison - Canna Park Fred Bond -The Green Linda Goodman—1 Bridge Park Christine Gee - Southfields Bill & Margaret Eastcott- Littlebridge Farm Neville & Wendy Rimmer - Silverstone Paul & Stacey Cholwill -1 Littlebridge Cross Joan & Michael Thornton- Atlanta Michelle and Paul Sanders - Rimmersleigh **Gwynneth Cameron - Southfields** Mervyn & Sylvia Lucas - Bude Ron & Marion Abbott - 2 Bridge Park Trevor & Sue Bowden -Churchtown Bill & Jill Knightley—Holsworthy Julie Reddicliffe - Holsworthy Kevin & Leslie Bowditch - Littllebridge Meadows Darren & Tasha Stephens - Sanctuary Lodge Bill & Lynn Keeley - Canada Pete & Angela North - Kents View Tim and Carol Honey - Grove Farm Alan & Linda Weekes - Littlebridge Meadow Don & Georgina Hemmings Littlebridge Meadows John and Michelle - Jardine Miss P Glover - Lower Dux Dave & Karen Thomas - The Forge Mr & Mrs D J Best - Old Mill View Steve and Dee—Southfields June Roger—Springbank Tony Wallis—Littlebridge Meadows Peter & Clarice Harris—Highlands Vic & Sue Cowan-Dickie -Freda Lacey - 8 Bridge Park Derek & Gwen Prouse—Bude Graham & Claire Braund—Littlebridge Meadows Nigel and Crystal - Tackbear Barry & Lisa Lucas - Elmpark Steve & Lorraine—Meadows Barn Alex and Emily—The Old Paddock Rob & Carol Cox - Willow Crest Colin & Helen - Bridgerule Paul & Pauline Latham - The Green Phil and Sue Sanders—26 Southfields Rex and Helen Eccott—Crosspark Ken & Liz James - Merrifield **Christopher & Heather Darwin** H Taylor - Southfields Tom & Lucy Murray Ron & Sheila White—Littlebridge Meadows Jane Charlesworth—Littlebridge Meadows

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## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS FOR PETER AND CLARICE



Bridgerule Village Hall was the venue recently for a very special Golden Wedding celebration.

Mr and Mrs P. Harris of Highlands celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> October after having first met at a dance in the Village Hall in 1969.

Peter had travelled to the dance by motorbike



from Thurdon, Kilkhampton with his friend Neal and saw Clarice across the crowded hall. He finally plucked up the courage to ask her to dance towards the end of the evening, dancing the last waltz together.

They were married in 1973 at St Bridget's Church with the reception at The Bullers Arms, Marhamchurch. The three-course meal at the reception cost the princely sum of £1.50 per head! Peter and Clarice began their married lives living near Tamar Lakes before moving back to Highlands Farm, Bridgerule in 1976.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate with an afternoon tea and looked through photos from the wedding. Peter and Clarice were pleased that all the bridesmaids, both ushers and the best man could join them on the day. Donations in lieu of presents amounted to £300 and have been sent to Cancer Research UK.

Pictured are the wedding party with Peter and Clarice then and now: Ushers – Colin Cholwill and Reg Hambley

Bridesmaids – Dorothy Rich, Margaret Short, Suzanne Littlejohns,

Maria Woods

Best Man – Dave Stevens



Peter and Clarice continue to show their support to our village of Bridgerule wherever they can and we thank them.

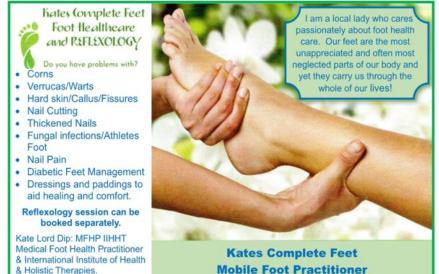


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