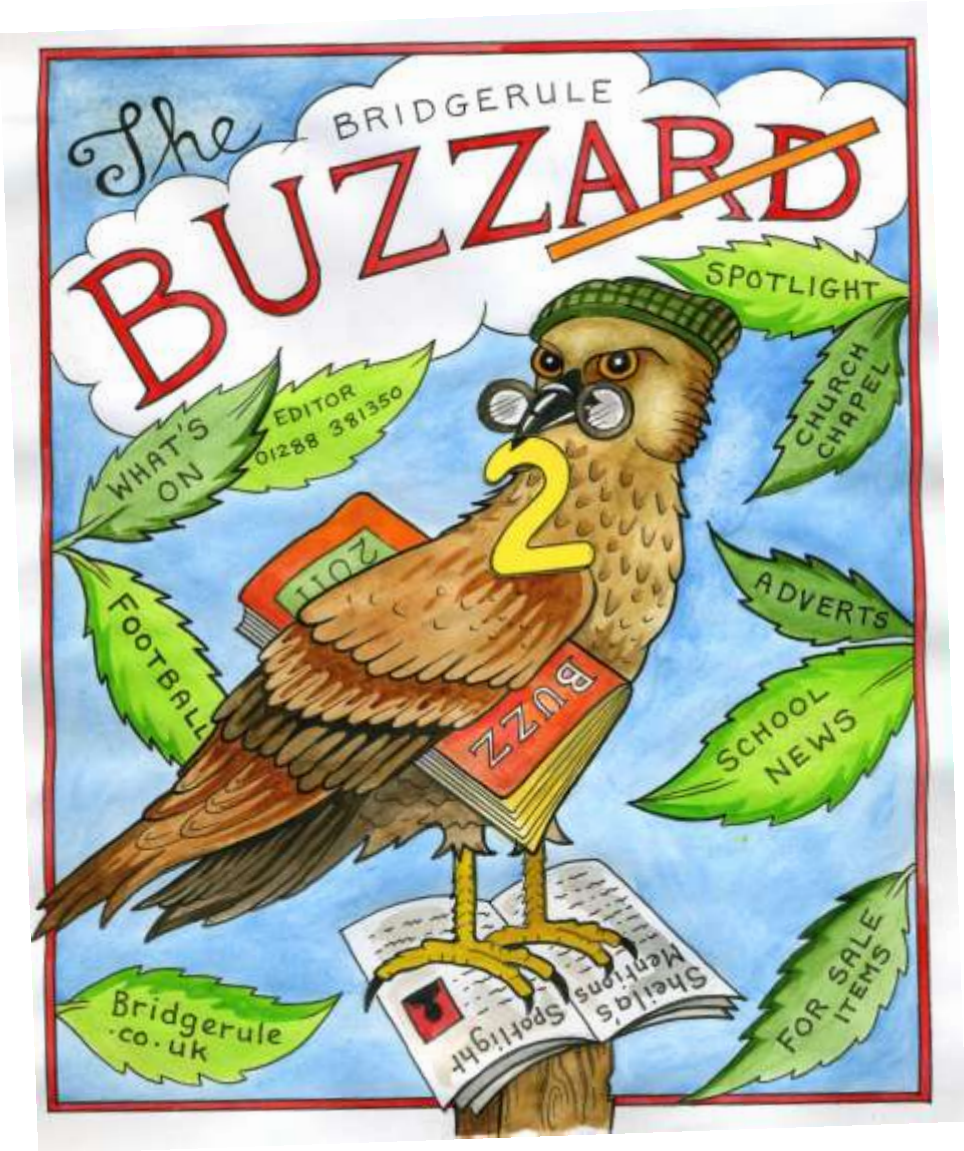


BRIDGERULE NEWSLETTER

13TH ISSUE

SEPT/OCT 2011



Dear Buzz Readers,

Can you believe it our village newsletter, The Buzz, is celebrating its 2nd Birthday and again this issue has increased its pages to 36. I am particularly grateful to those who are beginning to regularly forward things that they feel may be of interest to our readers. Please keep it coming!

The Spotlight this time is not on someone who has lived in the community for a long time, quite the reverse but nevertheless I hope that you find it interesting. I did anyway!

Thank you everyone for the recent support given to the Revel Week. I apologise for the report appearing rather late in the local paper but please don't shoot the messenger, she's not guilty!
Full details and more in newsletter.

The Hall Committee has written a report to bring everyone up to date regarding our project. One way of course you can show your support is by sponsoring this newsletter. A bargain at £5 a year delivered free to your door!

Enjoy your read.

Sheila Cholwill

Editor

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THE BUZZ By Marie Field

The little Buzz is two years old,
 Growing fast as the months unfold.
 Starting small with lines but few,
 Grown apace to page Thirty-Two!
 Sunday newspapers are laid aside.
 To read the Buzz and the features inside.
 For millionaire footballers and their wives
 Cannot compare with village lives.
 And Spotlight is an engrossing read,
 With folks joys and sorrows and hopes achieved.
 And news of village, now looking in better trim,
 With its neat green litter bins.
 And notices for dogs to read,
 Asking them to take heed,
 Not to leave their calling cards on the grass,
 For folks to tread in when they pass.

In cities and in many towns,
 A great deal of loneliness abounds.
 Busy people rarely cross the floor,
 To knock upon a neighbours door.
 To offer help in some small way,
 Or just to pass the time of day.



How lucky we are in Bridgerule,
 To have all the happenings in Hall, Church and School,
 Recorded in our cheerful Newsletter,
 To bring all the news and draw us together.
 The covers drawn by clever artist Rose,
 Each character depicted with an amazing nose.
 And special thanks to Sheila who writes and edits the data,
 To help us note events for later.
 Nostalgia, travel, adverts, fun,
 There are items of interest for everyone.
 So like honey bees buzzing around a hive,
 Our Little Buzz has brought Bridgerule alive!

COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

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WANTED
Cover for the next Buzz



Rose our regular artist has suggested that maybe a child / teenager of the village would like to draw/sketch/paint the cover for the next edition of The Buzz.

We do not mind what you draw but normally Rose makes it topical or seasonal and perhaps remember that the next edition is for Christmas!

The Buzz reaches at least 350 homes and several public places so the winner will have their picture printed quite a few times.

Please Pass them to Rose or the Editor.

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL

SUNDAY LUNCHEON

16th October

Bridgerule Parish Hall

**Tickets available from
Sylvia Lucas 01288 381231
Marion Abbott 01288 381440**

**Tickets £8.00
Luncheon 12.30 for 12.45pm**



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Saturday 29th October

Bridgerule Parish Hall

7.00pm - Midnight

**Adults £2 to include a free Vodka Jelly Shot
Children £1**

Competitions to include:-

**Best Pumpkin - Best Costume - Best Made Mask
Best Thriller Dance**

Mystery Box Game Raffle Licensed Bar

**If no support is shown from the community it will be our last.
Thank you.**

Sheila's Mentions:

Our thoughts are with **Mavis D'Praser** of Southfields on the recent passing away of her husband, Vivian. (see thanks elsewhere in Buzz)

Maureen Ames Deceased -

The family of the late Maureen Ames would like to say thank you to everyone in the village who sent cards and letters of condolence. The passing of Maureen came as a great shock so soon after the loss of her husband, Derek.

The family would also like to thank those who attended her funeral and the generous donations made to the North Devon Hospice.

Mrs. N. Higgs (daughter).

Reg Gee Deceased -

Christine would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kindness, support and the many cards and messages of sympathy on the death of Reg on 12th June. Donations have been passed on to Cancer Research UK.

Grateful thanks to you all - Christine Gee.

Birthday wishes to: Kelsey Peschke on the 4th September.

Terry Brock on the 17th September.

Mr. Walter Lashbrook on the 18th September.
(Congratulations on your 90th birthday).

Happy 21st Birthday to Daniel Abbott on
19th September.

Tony Goodman also on the 19th September.
(this too is a special one I believe)

Samantha Seymour-Smith on the 21st September.

Rachel Cann also on the 21st September.

and Lisa Pinn on the 30th September.

Congratulations to **Samantha Seymour-Smith** who has passed her BEd (Hons) Early Primary Education with Qualified Teacher status. A proud day for Cliff and Liz on 3rd September who will be travelling to Wolverhampton University for Samantha's graduation day.

(photo of Samantha in her graduation attire in next edition of Buzz).



SOME CARNIVAL WEEK SNAPS!

Didn't Abi & Holly do well!



Two cuties!



Behaving herself!



Not behaving herself!



Our own Rick Stein!



Buttsbeer 6 – Winners of Skittle Tournament.



Beware—on the loose!



Behind the bar this time!!



Don't recognise the one in the middle, looks a bit dodgy!!

Our Carnival Week was once again a wonderful success . Each event held was very well supported and good profits were made for our local organisations. Congratulations to Abigail as Carnival Queen and Holly as attendant on the way they carried out their duties for this years carnival week. Many thanks to their parents for the support shown.

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| Sunday - | Crowning of Queen - profit donated to Parish Hall | £347. |
| Monday - | Wine and Wisdom - Parish Church | £396. |
| Tuesday - | Skittle Tournament - Ladies Skittle Team | £129. |
| Wednesday - | Ramble - Hog Roast - F.O.B.S. | £500. |
| Thursday - | Fun Dog Show - Carnival Funds | £140. |
| Friday - | Bingo - Football Club | £355. |

Revel Fund Income £1862. Revel Fund Expenditure £1188.

It has been agreed that the Church, Chapel, Parish Hall and Primary School will each receive a donation from the Revel Fund this year of £150.

Results:

Scarecrow Competition

Best Idea - The Peschke Family - The Invisible Man.

Best Scarecrow - The Dymond Family - The phone hacker.

Judge - Mrs. Pam Bowler.

Tallest Sunflower Competition

1st - Mr. Terry Brock - 9' 3".

2nd - Master Marley May - 8' 6".

3rd - Harvey and Ella Cholwill - 7' 9".

Smallest Sunflower - Lola Ingram 2' 10".

Childrens Art Competition - 17 entries

Age 2- 4 1st. Marley May. 2nd. Keeton Pinchess.

Age 5-7 1st. Harvey Cholwill 2nd. William Cottier.

Age 8-11 1st. Abigail Cottier 2nd. Abi Neep.

Judge - Mrs. Linda Chilton.

Decorated Wellie Boot / Trainer - 6 entries

1st. Abigail Cottier.

2nd. Tia Jenkins.

Judge - Mrs. Linda Chilton.

Cookery Competition - Victoria Sandwich - 17 entries.

- Cup - Mrs. Katharine Davey.
 2nd - Mrs. Angela Brock.
 3rd - Mrs. Audrey Bewes.
 Judge - Mrs. Carol Palmer.

**Fancy Dress:**

**Under 5 - Old MacDonald's Farm -
 Bridgerule Pre-School.**

- 6 - 8 years Princess** - Georgie Harris.
8—12 years Alien - Samuel Jones.

Cycle Class - Tour de Bridgerule Bryant, Bewes & Leighton.

Tableaux:**Children's Open**

- 1st - Little Red Riding Hood** -
 Lisa Lucas and Friends.
2nd - Geisha Girls -
 Shirley Jenkins and Friends
3rd - Knights and Princesses -
 Cottier Family and Friends.

**Humorous**

- 1st - Bridgerule's Got Talent—Bill Eastcott and Friends.**

Trade

- 1st - Short and Abbott.**
2nd - Colin Cholwill (Bobcat)

**The North Devon Pipe Band and the Barnstaple Youth
 Marching Band took part and played to a very
 appreciative crowd after the procession.**

**Some vintage vehicles also took part in the
 procession together with a miniature steam engine
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**Many thanks to them and to all our judges
 throughout the week.**





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BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL

**Preaching Appointments
September / October 2011**

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| September 4th | Rev John Henry | Sacrament | 9.30am. |
| 11th | Mr. J. Guy | | 11.00am. |
| 18th | No Service - <i>Circuit Service Tetcott Hall</i> | | |
| 25th | Mr. Boundy | | 11.00am. |
| October 2nd | Harvest Festival | | |
| | Service to be taken by | Rev. A. Curnow | 11.00am |
| Monday 3rd | Mrs. S. Risdon | | 7.15pm |
| | Followed by Supper and Sale of produce | | |
| October 9th | Mr. B. Bryne | | 11.00am |
| 16th | No Service - SUNDAY LUNCHEON | | |
| | Parish Hall—12.30 for 12.45pm. | | |
| 23rd | Mr. J. Guy | | 11.00am |
| 30th | No Service - <i>Circuit Service</i> | | |
| | <i>A warm welcome is given to all</i> | | |

Spotlight on John Nettles.

John Nettles was born on 11th October 1943 in St. Austell; a very deprived area at that time.

He attended St Blazey Primary School. His head-teacher was Marjorie Wilson, sister of the late British Prime Minister, Sir Harold Wilson. John recalls that she was very loving towards her small charges. He distinctly remembers falling in love at the age of 6 to an equally young Miss Barbara Gillespie who too attended St Blazey School, but sadly her desires for him were not as strong. To his surprise, though many years later when they had both gone their separate ways he received a letter from Colorado in U.S.A. where Barbara Gillespie now resides saying how much she admired his acting.



John remembers having a very loving, happy, safe and supportive childhood and was always encouraged to do well. Much of the time spent after school with his friends were outdoors visiting the local beaches or playing at cops and robbers with the use of an old potato gun.

His parents could not afford holidays but as a special treat he would be taken to Plymouth or hiking on Dartmoor. He remembers going into Plymouth before the bridge was built and seeing the huge amounts of debris still lying around from what was known as The Plymouth Blitz.

John won a scholarship from his grammar school to attend Southampton University to study history and philosophy. It was whilst at the university that he joined a drama group. His first performance was in their production of 'Caligula' to which the society won a drama award. He said this was probably won by the great props they had acquired from someone in London not by the acting!

To supplement his acting work before it became regular and sustainable he taught all age ranges in London as a Supply Teacher.

Over the next few years he acted in various roles both on stage up and down the country and in television but his first big break, which was to change his life came in 1981 when he was asked to play Detective Sergeant Jim Bergerac who would travel around in a 1947 Triumph Roadster. Bergerac was filmed in Jersey and so became a special place for John, especially St Brelade's Bay; a place he often returns to. His only daughter Emma, who works in the police data department in Jersey and John's two grandchildren, Nathan aged 11 and Sophie aged 2 have yet to visit granddad at Pyworthy but this is something I am told is due to happen quite soon.

A typical days filming of Bergerec or Midsomer Murders would mean that John would be up by 5.30am to go to the film location to begin shooting at 8.00am. The filming would continue throughout the day until about 7.30pm.

He then returned home to learn his lines for the next day before he could retire to bed. Bergerac had solved nearly 200 murders before the series ended as a Christmas special in 1991.

John's other huge success which has sold the world came in 1997 when he was asked to play Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby in *Midsomer Murders*. This was filmed in the counties of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire alongside other fictional places. Each episode that the viewer watched of two hours length, would take about 28 days to shoot and it would be about three months before it appeared on our screens. This I was told was a very quick turn-around and each episode would cost well over £1million to produce! This series ran for 75 episodes until John quit in December 2010. I asked him if during any filming he had been presented with any potential danger. His reply was if in doubt call in the 'stunt man'.

John met his present wife, Cathy at a party organised by the late Les Dawson after each of them had been in pantomime. Les was doing one of his many party pieces and when he wasn't noticing John invited Cathy out for a drink and as they say the rest is history. They were married in 1995 in Evesham and before moving to Pyworthy their home was near Stratford Upon Avon. In 2010 John was honoured with an O.B.E. or in his words 'Old Barnaby's Exit' for services to drama. To be presented with this prestigious award in front of the queen made him unusually tongue tied he said, but that he had been privileged to have met Her Majesty on a few other occasions and each time she had always been very funny and that she is a very petite lady.

When John relaxes he enjoys listening to all kinds of music but especially that of Bob Dylan and Nigel Kennedy. He also enjoys going to the theatre to watch opera and classical plays. When he chooses to watch the television he prefers to watch the CSI films and the daily news.

He still receives quite a lot of fan mail. Mostly from this country but quite a lot from all parts of the world especially from France. These people he said mattered a lot to him, but coupled with the fan mail he had also received the occasional stalkers mail. One of the funniest fan mail he had received had been a pair of knickers from it said 'the nun'. He was a great friend and admirer of the late Les Dawson whom he said would get very upset if he saw his regular fan mail becoming less; thinking that he was becoming less liked. John believes he has worked with some of the best actors and over the years these colleagues have become his friends. Actors like Alan Howard and Sir John Gielgud alongside his favourite and the very charming actress Eileen Atkins.

Since finishing the filming of *Midsomer Murders* John has not been involved in any acting but there may be plans in the pipeline for 2012. He enjoys the classics and believes he would have enjoyed being in the Jane Austen series

or being a Dickens character. At present he is continuing to write another book based on a Jersey theme.

He and Cathy's favourite holidays have been spent in the Caribbean or the clear waters of the Maldives. He also plans to revisit some European cities especially Rome, again probably reflecting on his acting career.

I asked John if there had been a specific reason why they had chosen Pyworthy as opposed to any where else in the west country and he said the house and the land were right. Since moving here he has found the community wonderfully friendly and that they had already met some great characters. (maybe a play or film based on some people we all know could be in the pipeline I suggested).

Three things he said a happy man needs - a lovely wife - lots of money - and access to a good Indian Restaurant. A great compliment which he has given to Rachel's Indian Restaurant in Holsworthy - The Bay of Bengal. Since moving here he and Cathy have acquired several rescue animals. The first was Hector the donkey. This was followed by Minty another donkey, some alpacas and the latest being two Dartmoor ponies.

Although our roads are very narrow with high hedges surprisingly he said he had not got lost whilst travelling along but that they were similar in Jersey.

The main difference he had noticed since moving here was the quietness.

John reckons it is the quietest place in the country and he loves it.

Cathy and John would like to become part of the community they now live in believing that if they didn't it was a missed opportunity. Not one for sitting on her laurels and taking a deep breath it was at this point the editor did mention we may like his help at some point.

My final question - when did he plan to retire? His reply "actors don't retire"

**John Nettles as
Detective Sgt. Jim Bergerac**



On behalf of The Buzz Newsletter I thank John Nettles for agreeing to taking time out to speak to me about his acting career and his personal life. I wish he and Cathy continued happiness living at Lower Hopworthy Farm.

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Bridgerule School News

Bridgerule School concluded the year with a busy summer term; Children enjoyed participating in a variety of activities particularly sharing a joint sports day, a visit by an inter active 'space dome' and end of term visit to Trethorne with their partner school - Bradford Primary. Children enjoyed violin lessons, Tae Kwon Do, visits to Bridge Mill, Bude lifeboat Station, art, cricket, multi skills and gardening clubs. The older children particularly enjoyed a music day held at Holsworthy Community College as well as participating in a residential trip to Beam House at Torrington. The older children were very interested in their topic work 'the history of Bridgerule' much information was gained from local people who were very willing to share their knowledge and memories. The children were fortunate to have some expert photography advice from members of the Holsworthy camera club. Children's work culminated in the production of a history book about Bridgerule which was launched at an open afternoon. Guests were able to sample some of the delights the children had made including a cream tea – the Devon and the Cornish way!

A photography competition based on the theme of 'water' was won by Samuel Jones with Abby Cottier coming a close second.

The end of term service was held at St. Bridget's church when farewells were said to Father Chris & Midge Davidson and the children moving on to Holsworthy Community College: Tia, Abby, Luke and Shane. Special thanks were expressed to governors in particular long serving members Paul Dymond and Cindy Neep who have given countless hours of their time to support the school over the years.

The Pre-school continues to flourish with sessions being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays – more details can be obtained by contacting the school.

Telephone: 01288 381366

email: admin@bridgerule.devon.sch.uk

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP HOLSWORTHY MEDICAL CENTRE

Have a say about the services provided at Holsworthy Medical Centre

By leaving your e-mail details we can contact you every now and then to ask you a question or two.

Contact forms are available from reception and on the back of leaflets that are available in the waiting area at the Medical Centre. Thank you.

From Christopher and Heather Darwin

During Bridgerule garden open day on 19th June we asked various garden owners to display a poster relating to Horses Help Heroes and a fundraising barbecue at Piper's Pool near Launceston the following Tuesday, at which we were assisting.

Various people that saw these posters made donations then and there totalling £65, which were added to the barbecue proceeds.

A total £1520 plus Gift Aid was raised at the barbecue – many thanks to those in Bridgerule who contributed.

Horses Help Heroes was raising funds for various military charities – mainly Help For Heroes. A team of wounded servicemen, their helpers and plenty of horses intended to drive a replica WW1 horse-drawn ambulance over 1000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats in 10 days, starting on 21st June. The only stops were to change horses and crews.

The ambulance arrived at John O'Groats in the afternoon of Wednesday 29th June – 8 days and 8 hours after leaving Lands End, an average of 5mph.

The aim was to raise £1 million – see www.horseshelpheroes.org.uk for the route, people involved and final result.

Our thanks to those who displayed the posters and – more particularly – made donations.

CAN WE HELP HOLSWORTHY THEATRE CLUB



H.A.T.S. Theatre are putting on the Production 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' in Jan/ Feb 2012. So what

we are looking for are seven young or mature 13 year plus male or female's who are between the height of 4 and 5 foot to play the Dwarves. So if you think you meet these requirements and would like to try your skills at joining in H.A.T.S Panto next year please come along to our AGM on the 19th September 2011 7.30 at H.A.T.S Theatre Bodmin Street, Holsworthy and see what we are all about. Even if you are taller and would like to join us, there is a job for everybody and we would be very pleased to see you. Our first reading will be immediately after the meeting has finished usually around 8.30 -9.00pm. If you cannot make this reading but would still like to have a reading please contact myself Heather Prouse on 01409 253131 for the next date.

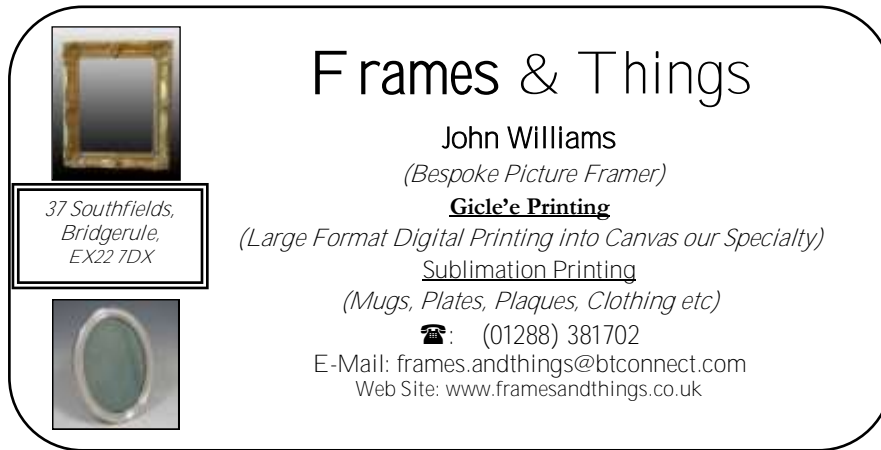
Look forward to hearing from you all Heather.



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One for the ladies to read and laugh at.....

I was due for a smear with the doctor later in the week but early one morning, I received a call from the doctor's office to tell me that I had been rescheduled for that morning at 9:30 am. I had only just packed everyone off to work and school, and it was already around 8:45 am. The trip to his office took about 35 minutes, so I didn't have any time to spare.

As most women do, I like to take a little extra effort over hygiene when making such visits, but this time I wasn't going to be able to make the full effort. So, I rushed upstairs, threw off my pyjamas, wet the facecloth that was sitting next to the sink, and gave myself a quick wash in that area to make sure I was at least presentable. I threw the facecloth in the clothes basket, donned some clothes, hopped in the car and raced to my appointment.

I was in the waiting room for only a few minutes when I was called in. Knowing the procedure, as I'm sure you do, I hopped up on the table, looked over at the other side of the room and pretended that I was in Paris or some other place a million miles away.


I was a little surprised when the doctor said "My, we have made an extra effort this morning, haven't we?" I didn't respond.

After the appointment, I heaved a sigh of relief and went home. The rest of the day was normal - some shopping, cleaning and cooking.

After school when my 7 year old daughter was playing, she called out from the bathroom, "Mummy, where's my facecloth?" I told her to get another one from the cupboard..


She replied "No, I need the one that was here by the sink, it had all my glitter saved inside it".

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A message from The Parish Hall Committee.....

We've started work on trying to provide a new hall for Bridgerule but it's going to be quite a long process. According to the experts at the Community Council of Devon the normal time a project like this takes is around 6 years so given the state of the present hall it's a good job we've started!

The first step was to establish ownership of the hall and we now know the hall and the surrounding land is held in trust for the people of Bridgerule by the Parish Council. It is managed by the Parish Hall Committee who have been doing a lot of work, much of it very boring but necessary preparation work to make sure the Committee has the legal status necessary to control a project of this size.

As already reported in the Buzz we have already put in a pre planning application based on a previous plan to sell off 2 or 3 building sites to provide funding for the process. The reply from Torridge Planning Department was very helpful and has given us good guidance on what may or may not be acceptable. We would much prefer not to have to sell off any land as we think the whole site should stay available to the people of Bridgerule and once sold it will not be available for public use. This will obviously depend on how well the fundraising goes so please everyone support the growing range of activities that are taking place. The Committee has visited parish halls at Ashwater, Bradford, Chilsworthy, Bradworthy and Woolserly where we were given guided tours and very interesting talks on the whole process of building a new hall from planning, heating and obtaining grants to providing the local community with a hall that will be fully used. These halls all seemed fully utilised with several functions going on at a time in warm, well insulated comfortable halls with plenty of storage and modern catering and bar facilities.

We're still working hard and we hope to share our ideas with everyone in the village very soon so everyone can see progress is being made. We'd welcome any new volunteers who can help with any aspect of the project, especially architects, demolition contractors, builders and generous millionaires!

The Big Lottery and the Community Council for Devon are the main providers of grants for new Community Buildings and we have already attended meetings and met them to make them aware that our project is **under way. We're hoping to show you some illustrations of possible new designs and ideas for the new hall in the November Buzz and we'd be very grateful if you could let us know what you think. We have the results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire to show a new hall is required but we'll need your feedback on its design to back up our grant applications as the funders attach great importance to the views of local people.**

Bridgerule Parish Council

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Hi Sheila, here we go for the next instalment.

After an extended stay in England for a wedding and Christening of William Hale, Rachel and I set off again, this time to South America.

We started with two weeks volunteering on the Galapagos Islands undertaking conservation work on the island of San Christobel. Using machetes we removed invasive species and planted native species allowing a food source for the reintroduction of land tortoises once indigenous to the island. Though we weren't working with the tortoises we got to visit their nursery for free and see them waiting to be set free into our cleared areas. But the tortoises were only part of the amazing wildlife that we encountered. We snorkelled with sea lions, turtles, reef sharks and marine iguanas. Also we saw an array of bird life including the only tropical penguin in the world.

We met some great people on the Galapagos and were sad to leave when we packed up to go to Cuzco high in the Peruvian Andes. Just before we left Ecuador we went to the equator line and stood with our feet in two different hemispheres at one moment. In Cuzco we joined in celebrations of Peru independence day before setting off to see the Inca town of Machu Picchu. Constructed high on a mountain side surrounded by forest is a town hand crafted from granite where it is estimated 2000 Incas lived. The town was split into two parts one for living and one for agriculture where maize was grown on small strips of land. This practice was still common in the rural areas of Peru where we saw women and men hand ploughing fields and maize growing all in different stages of growth. The Inca King lived here and there was a separate part for the palace and royal temples. It was an amazing sight and it was breathtaking to think how much forward planning would have gone into building it. It was abandoned when the Spanish invaded in the mid 1500's, the Incas set it on fire but it all remains apart from the thatch roofs.

Next stop was Iguassu Falls on the borders of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay. After a walk through the Atlantic forest on the Brazil side we came to the waterfalls of Iguassu. They are 1.5miles long in a slight V shape coming out of the trees wherever they can. The water was flowing very fast due to heavy rainfall in the north parts of the river, they were very noisy and pushed up spray everywhere so that rainbows were formed.

Waterfalls of Iguassu



Unfortunately we didn't have enough time to see the falls from the Argentinian side but we didn't mind as there was a cold wind blowing from the south and we were off to hot sunny Rio De Janeiro.

We sipped from coconuts while walking along Copacabana beach, looking at Sugar loaf mountain and always being watched by the Christ the Redeemer statue.

After a few days warming up on the beach and trying to find a surfboard hire shop we went up to see the statue. It was a lovely sight accompanied by fantastic views over Rio and the bay.



The views were equally spectacular when we went up Sugar loaf mountain, although the statue avoided all our photos by hiding in clouds. We went on a boat party one evening all around the Rio bay and we saw a shark milling about so I was pretty relieved I never found the surf hire shop. We are now in Santiago in Chile which has exceeded all our expectations.

We are staying in Bellavista, a lovely area close to a park boasting



great views of the city and surrounding Andes. Today we topped up our Snowboarding skills from Whistler and spent a day on the Andean Slopes.

Cheers, Chris and Rai

Chris getting up close and personal with a sea lion

D'PRASER.

Mavis would like to thank everyone who sent messages of sympathy on the recent loss of her husband Vivian and to all those who attended his funeral at St.Bridget's Church, Bridgerule. Special thanks to Father Chris Davidson (now retired) for taking the service, to Sybil Prouse our organist and to Trevor Bowden and the bell ringers.

Thank you to Marion and Ron Abbott for their hard work at the village hall; also to Gwyneth and Ron Cameron.

Mavis would like to say a huge thank you for the love and kindness shown to her during this difficult time especially the gifts of flowers, pot plants and homemade biscuits.

To everyone who gave donations in memory of Vivian for the North Devon Hospice. Many thanks. I will let you know the amount at a later date.

Special Mention: to 3 gentlemen who assisted me at home when Vivian fell—they were Mr. Terry Martin, Mr Steven Steele and Mr. Reg Bennett. -

Grateful thanks - Mavis D'Praser.

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When the original buildings became unusable they were demolished and replaced by the existing complex in 1531– when Henry VIII was King of England and two years before the birth of his daughter Elizabeth.

The thatched building, Red Post House, originally house the Inn and is now the owner’s residence. It was closed in 1906, together with many other pubs in the area by the followers of John Wesley, who opposed the sale of strong drink. They succeeded in getting a Private Member’s Bill through Parliament which effectively stopped the selling of alcohol in the building for ever.

The single storey building at right angles to Red Post Cottage, was the forge and joiner’s shop where repairs were carried out on the stagecoaches which stopped overnight on their journeys between Wadebridge and Exeter or Bideford and Launceston to Plymouth. The cottage is now available as holiday accommodation.

The Inn now occupies what was the stable block. It opened in 1973 as a restaurant and in 1975 was granted a full on licence.

In 1643 during the Civil War between the Roundheads and the Cavaliers, the Inn was commandeered by the Parliamentarians (Roundheads) whilst they prepared to attack the Royalist stronghold of Stratton which resulted in the Royalist victory at the Battle of Stratton on Stamford Hill on the 16th May 1643.

The “Red Post” acquired its name and notoriety during the 18th and 19th centuries when smuggling and wrecking was rife along this coast. The Inn was frequented by shady characters who bought and sold loot before it was spirited away at dead of night to Launceston, Bideford, Exeter and Plymouth. A secret room still exists, accessible by climbing a false chimney in the main house, where contraband was hidden from the Revenue men. The Inn was frequently raided and those captured were summarily hanged where the Red Post now stands, and their bodies left to rot as a deterrent to others. A gallows stood at the cross-roads for centuries and the last public hanging in Cornwall took place here for sheep stealing in the mid 1800’s.

It is recorded that Daphne du Maurier stayed here and many locals believe the Red Post to be the real “Jamaica Inn”. Today there is a preservation order on the buildings and the red signpost.

Red Post Inn has just come under new ownership and is due to open very shortly.



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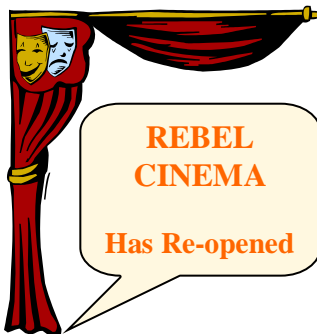
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I received a call from a 'representative' of BT, informing me that he was disconnecting me because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31.00 or it would be £118.00 to re-connect at a later date.. The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media, allegedly VM have to pay BT a percentage for line rental! I asked the guy's name - he gave me the very 'English' John Peacock with a very 'African' accent - & phone number - 0800 0800 152.

Obviously the fellow realized I didn't believe his story, so offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how & he told me to hang up & try phoning someone - he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID !!

My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again.. Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made and he said credit card, there and then.

I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe his name or that he worked for BT. He hung up. I dialled 1471 - number withheld

I phoned his fictitious 0800 number - not recognized., so I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating. Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends & family aware of this.

How is it done?

This is good but not that clever. He gave the wrong number - it should have been 0800 800 152 which takes you through to BT Business.

The cutting off of the line is very simple, he stays on the line with the mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying (This is because the person who initiates a call is the one to terminate it). When you stop trying he cuts off and immediately calls back. You could almost be convinced!

The sad thing is that it is so simple that it will certainly fool the elderly and vulnerable. DO NOT GIVE YOUR BANK DETAILS TO ANYONE UNLESS YOU ARE SURE IT IS GENUINE.


Services for September: ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH.

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| 4 th September | 9.30am 11.00am | Pyworthy Bridgerule | Morning Prayer Morning Prayer |
| 11 th September | 9.30am 11.00am | Pyworthy Bridgerule | Eucharist (Rev Liz Norman) Eucharist (Rev Liz Norman) |
| 18 th September | 10.30am | Pyworthy | Benefice Eucharist Archdeacon |
| 25 th September | 9.30am 6.30pm | Pyworthy Bridgerule | Morning Prayer Songs of Praise |
| Friday 30 th September | 7.30pm | Pancrasweek | Harvest Evensong Revd Michael Reynolds |

Services for October: ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH

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| 2 nd October | 9.30am 11.15am 11.00am | Pyworthy Pancrasweek Bridgerule | Morning Prayer Harvest Eucharist Revd Gerald Smith Morning Prayer |
| Thursday 6 th October | 7.30pm | Pyworthy | Licensing of Very Revd Christopher Hardwick by Lord Bishop of Exeter. |
| 9 th October | 9.30am 11.00am | Pyworthy Bridgerule | Harvest Eucharist Eucharist |

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| Exeter Bus Station | 13:15 | 18:30 | |
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| | Line Dance Classes for Beginners | 7.00pm. |
| Wednesday Sept 21st | Parish Council Meeting | Parish Hall 8.00pm |
| Tues September 27th | Over 50's Coffee Morning | Parish Hall 10.30am. |
| Sat 08th October | Country & Western Dance | Parish Hall 8.00pm |
| Tues October 11th | Over 50's Coffee Morning | Parish Hall 10.30am. |
| Sun 16th October | Sunday Luncheon | Parish Hall 12.30pm |
| Wed 19th October | Parish Council Meeting | Parish Hall 8.00pm |
| Tuesday October 25th | Over 50's Coffee Morning | Parish Hall 10.30am. |
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