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ISSUE 47

Dear Buzz Readers,

On the History Day held recently, organised by Rose Hitchings a copy of each issue of The Buzz since its' first publication; September 2011, was on view.



The first issue was 8 pages. This issue has 40!

Please read the Revel Show Schedule on pages 20/21 and start thinking what you might enter.

Anything for the next issue to be with me by 20th June please.

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BRIDGERULE REVEL WEEK THIS YEAR WILL BE

SUNDAY 23RD JULY—SATURDAY 29TH JULY

The Revel Committee are now requesting nominations to come forward to be our Queen for 2017.

To be eligible the young lady must live in the parish of Bridgerule and be at least 11 years of age by 23rd July.

Some financial assistance will be given by the Committee towards the expense.

If interested please forward your name to Sheila Cholwill Revel Chairperson on Telephone: 01288 381350 by 13th May 2017.

If more than one nomination comes forward a village ballot will take place.

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

JOHNNY RETURNS TO BRIDGERULE

SATURDAY 6TH MAY AT 8.00PM



Tickets £10 each including refreshments

Licensed Bar applied for

Raffle

Book your tickets from Sheila on 01288 381350

Proceeds to support Hall Refurbishment

LIFE SAVING DEFIBRILLATOR IN BRIDGERULE

It was very pleasing that almost 50 people turned up for CPR training recently.

Paul Harrison, a paramedic, Graham Hodgson and Ruth Snell from Bude, first responders, very kindly led a training session in respect of the defibrillator recently donated to the village by The British Heart Foundation.

The evening although very serious was led in a very light hearted way and everyone learnt a lot with many questions coming from the floor to the trainers. Most people tried their hand at CPR and will receive a certificate to say they attended the session.

Matt Gliddon has kindly said that he will be the responsible person who will make regular checks on the defibrillator.

Some residents could not attend this session and so Paul has kindly said that he can carry out another session on MONDAY 29TH MAY AT 8.00PM.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A BASIC FIRST AID COURSE?

If so please make contact with Sheila 01288 381350





I'M LOOKING FOR

A NEW HOME

I am a 4yr old Yorkshire terrier named Teddy. I'm very loving & love company. I am chipped & all my vaccinations are up to date. Oh and I also have a year of pet insurance.

My number is 07788283067





PRESENTATION TO CHURCH ORGANIST

Mrs Sybil Prouse has retired from being the official organist at St. Bridget's Church.

Sybil has played regularly at the church for 50 years.

She is seen here receiving her retirement gifts.

Sheila's Mentions:-

Birthday Greetings to:

Fran White for 2nd May.
Alison Tomlin for 10th May
Christine Gee for the 12th May.
Mrs Farcus for 15th May.
Matthew South for the 16th.
John Bowden 90 on the 24th May.
Harvey Cholwill for 1st June.
Gwyneth Cameron for 5th June
Your Editor for 5th June.
Julia Trayford for 5th June.
Todd Peschke for 7th June.
Barry Williams for 10th June.
Jo South for the 11th June.
Ella Cholwill for 16th June.
Cliff Seymour-Smith for 16th June.
Angela Brock for 26th June.



Congratulations to Hannah South who in October will begin her studies at Loughborough University.

It was just over three years ago that **Jean Hammond** agreed to start a Table Top Monthly sale with all proceeds going to the Village Hall. When she left the village with her late husband John, she handed the reins over to **Christine Gee and her helpers, Brenda Tole and Sheila Gatland.** To date this Monthly Sale has raised £3000. Combine this with other traders who have supported it and refreshments sold, the hall has benefited immensely.



At a recent Ladies Skittle Dinner Freda Lacey was presented with the Heather Fraser Handicaap Knockout Cup. Angela Brock was runner-up.

THE BRIDGE MILL GARDENS

WILL BE OPEN FOR THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

SUNDAY 28TH MAY 11.00am—5.00pm



£4 Adults/ Children Free

Homemade Teas



Exhibition of embroideries by Linda Chilton

Lake and riverside walks through wildflower meadows

Sheep with lambs—Sorry no dogs

https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/31105/



MONTHLY TABLE TOP SALE

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

TRADERS £5 A TABLE

Can set Up from 12.0 Noon

Buyers from 1.30pm

NEXT TABLE TOPS

SATURDAY MAY 6TH & SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

PLEASE show your support to this regular sale even if its just to browse and have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake.

We would very much appreciate any donations for our Table Top

Please have a look in your cupboards!!

WE WILL EVEN COME AND PICK IT UP

Christine can be contacted on 01288 381033 or Sheila on 01288381350

THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS WHO HELPED TO GET OUR HALL FLOOR







FROM THIS!



TO THIS!



FUTURE BELL RINGERS?

After a recent Family Service Stella, Jaydon, Phoebe, Ella and Caitlin enjoyed ringing the bells at St Bridget's Church.



On Monday March 6th, 24 pupils from Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School went into Holsworthy Community College to have an RE lesson with a difference! Organised by the Charity "Counties" this 50ft long trailer has been on the road since 2000 and Holsworthy were very lucky to have its use for the whole week. Led by Jonathan Schnarr, the Youth Chaplain the pupils engaged in this fully functioning multimedia state of the art mobile class-room for their interactive lesson on Fear, Forgiveness and Rejection. When asked what had been the "best bit" of the lesson, one pupil commented "EVERYTHING"!



HISTORY OF BRIDGERULE TAPESTRY

A lovely cross-stitch work of art has just taken pride of place In the foyer of the village hall depicting some of the historic buildings of Bridgerule.

This is the work of Joan Marshall of Littlebridge Meadows. It also depicts various events that take place in and around the hall.

Joan is a member of the local Knit and Natter Group.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

Phone scams ! Possibly the easiest ones to perform, and if only one works "they" have made their money.
Your computer probably isn't broken or hexed, there's no need to turn it on for them. How does that work anyway? Do they suck up the information through the broadband connection? Or are they simply asking for bank details to "Fix- it" for you? Don't fall for it.

Why would a supposed police officer ask to call round to see you on a matter of some delicacy and not know which station he's based at?
It's happened. It's a con.

Having had a phone call use 1471 to get the number used. Validate, or otherwise, the number on the internet. Some providers offer a blocking procedure to stop that number ever getting through again.
Offers, looking too good to be true, are also an enhancement for you to provide funds to get the prize, or whatever.
Don't do it.

These offers also come through the post. Don't pay to get it - as you will only lose.
You can't win if you didn't join.
Even if they stand on your doorstep with amazing offers - if you didn't want it before they knocked you don't need it now.
Send them off. Shut the door.
Let them all know you are about to report them to the police. See what happens.

Phone 999 if in fear of harm or 101 otherwise. You can also phone Citizen Advice Consumer Service for free help and advice on 0345 404 0506.
There will have been a Torridge District neighbour hood watch meeting in our village hall on Tuesday 18th April. If successful we may have others. These meetings are free to t@O:kjhg neveryone and refreshments are provided beforehand.

John McDougall
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
01288 381237





MAGICAL MINIBEAST DAY AT RHS ROSEMOOR

On Monday March 13th, 22 pupils from Class1 at Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School, along with Class Teacher Mrs Joyce Pankhurst (above left) and Teaching Assistants, Mrs Amanda Linney and Mr Mark Crocker embarked on a Woodland Exploration Day, at RHS Rosemoor. Led by RHS staff member, Richard, the pupils learnt about which invertebrates may be found, in a woodland environment, including woodlice, beetles, slugs and snails, spiders and centipedes. A delighted Kalem Gliddon (third from right) even discovered a rather sleepy, hibernating toad! Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful learning experience, on a glorious March day with active signs of Spring all around-budding Magnolia, blossoming trees and an abundance of daffodils and crocus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT H.A.T.S !

ABBA TRIBUTE - TAKE A CHANCE ON US—FRIDAY 30TH JUNE
TICKETS £10 - Available from H.B.H. Woolacotts 01409 253280

BALLET - SATURDAY 15TH JULY

24TH/26TH AUGUST - 31 AUGUST/2 SEPTEMBER
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SPOTLIGHT ON HILARY TAYLOR



I was born in 1948, the undiagnosed 2nd twin appearing 20 minutes after my brother Bob. Myself and Bob joined 3 older siblings and 14 months later were followed by our youngest sibling David. 1948 was an excellent year to join the world as it was the birth of the NHS! We moved as a family to Trewiland when I was still young and had a wonderful time exploring the Cornish countryside with our dogs by our sides and my sister Mary getting her first horse.

My mother was a night sister at Liskeard Hospital and my father taught Biology at Saltash. I was blessed with lovely parents who allowed me the freedom to roam as I pleased, but woe betide you if you were caught being naughty! We moved to Roseland when I was 11, which was every bit as lovely as Trewiland apart from the hill that had to be tackled every morning in order to make the 7.24 train to school in Plymouth 5 days a week. I took a vow during this time that when I grew up I would live somewhere flat. Thankfully I never kept to this!

In 1960 my father died very suddenly aged 47 and life for the family altered drastically. It was especially trying for my mother who had to work fulltime whilst raising 6 children. We continued to move on a regular basis for the next 5 years, beginning with a move to Carnon Downs, then Truro and after that back across the Tamar and into Devon. Although I was bereft at leaving Cornwall, I soon found the people in Devon to be friendly and settled well into the county.

When I was 17 I decided to leave school after just one year of my A Levels and started nurse training at Torbay instead. My mother made her final move during this time – to Lynton in North Devon – were she then remained until her death at 91. After completing my nurse training, I went on to train as Midwife, first in Bristol and then Winchester.

I followed Winchester with a year working in Jersey and from there embarked on a 2 year volunteer program with the VSO, running a maternity



unit in Malawi and teaching local midwifes. Upon my return, I met my future husband Peter at a mutual friend's wedding and we married 6 months later in October 1976.

As Peter was a Radio Officer on deep sea ships I joined him for 6 months on his ship after we were married. It was quite the adventure, even after Malawi, and we were able to visit places such as India and Sri Lanka.



We eventually settled in a small village near Salisbury in a beautiful thatched cottage which we both loved until Peter left deep sea work and began a career on the ferries. This job change resulted in another move, this time to Kent. In 1983 our daughter Helen was born and 2 years later we had a son, Colin, who was very sadly stillborn. We had a lovely family life and felt very much part of the local community. I continued to work as a Community Midwife in the Folkestone area for the following 15 years until Peter passed away from cancer.

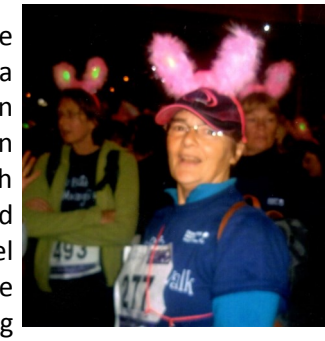
Helen and I then took a leap of faith and moved to Mere in Wiltshire, where she finished her schooling and I continued to work as a Midwife.

Peter was working as a radio officer on Townsend Ferries once he left deep sea. The Herald was the first of the new roll on, roll off ferries built in 1980. Pete joined her from the start and eventually grew used to her and all the new equipment. On the fateful night on March 6th 1987, he was on the FE6 a more traditional ferry and arrived home just as news of the disaster appeared on the news.

I was about to go on night duty in Canterbury and Pete was speechless with disbelief as I left. As the news worsen the whole area seemed to be holding their breath in horror. Many of Pete's colleagues and friends lost their lives or were badly injured and so many children seem to have lost parents and siblings. Many must have suffered for years afterwards. We heard many tales of real heroism and sad ones of people nearly making it only to slip into the black void. R.I.P.

Peter stayed at sea for another year after which we did a role swap so he looked after our daughter while I worked full time as a community midwife in Folkestone. Pete eventually turned his music hobby into a business

I have always enjoyed being active and took up running (including some 10km races!) and then Nordic Walking where I also took part in some races and walking challenges including the Isle of Wight 3 day walk. I also got involved with the local Chapel activities and 'went back to school' via the Open University to complete my degree followed by a Postgraduate Diploma from the London School of Tropical Medicine. Goes to show it's never too late!



18 months ago, having found that Mere was growing from a village into a town (I am a country girl) I decided to return to my roots in Devon and Cornwall and ended up here in Bridgerule after falling head of heels in love with Bude! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved with the local community – Table Tennis, Chapel and the Mutley Crew Dog Club - and meeting the friendly folk of Bridgerule and the surrounding area, especially our local weekly walking group. I look forward to many more happy years here!

As editor I thank Hilary for agreeing to be Spotlighted for The Buzz. Since moving to the village she has become a very welcome member of our Methodist Chapel and is always willing to help at our village events. Most recently she spoke most interestingly of her midwifery days at our Village Coffee Club . Many Buzz readers see Hilary and her dog out walking together quite regularly.



On Monday March 20th Revd. Neal Street, along with The Revd Ted E. Bear (pictured above left) officiated over the "marriage ceremony" of Miss Pinky Bear to Mr Mark Bear, at Bridgerule Methodist Chapel. Mrs Sheila Cholwill (pictured above right) played the organ as the "Bridal party" arrived at the Chapel. Revd. Neal spoke with the pupils about the significance of the ceremony prior to presenting Mr and Mrs Bear with their "Marriage Certificate". Class 1 teacher, Mrs Joyce Pankhurst, assisted by teaching assistants Mrs Amanda Linney and Mrs Nicky Martin invited Revd. Neal and Mrs Cholwill to attend the "reception" including the cutting of the "wedding cake" back at Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School.





COFFEE CLUB SPEAKER



Hilary Taylor, who you now know was a midwife, came to a recent Coffee Club and gave an interesting and amusing talk of her time as a midwife both in this country and abroad.

One of the things she did was to blindfold the Editor of The Buzz and see if she could put a terry nappy on to a baby; in this case it was a teddy! It transpired that Hilary had looked after a mum who was blind and was showing how difficult if would have been for mum to do things for her small child. Needless to say the editor did get the nappy in the correct area!







ROB AND JULIE CELEBRATE RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Rob and Julie Honey celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 23rd April.

They were married at St. Andrews Church Stratton.

Rob and Julie live at Higher Beer Farm and have one daughter, Rosalind.

Rob sings with The Tamarside Singers.



Prestigious award for restored water mill

The Bridge Mill at Bridgerule near Holsworthy, Devon, has been awarded a plaque by the Mills section of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) in recognition of good practice in mill conservation and repair.

Sophie Martin of SPAB said: “Plaques are awarded to projects that accord with our philosophy of repair and demonstrate high standards of workmanship. The Bridge Mill is an exemplar of what can be achieved through dedication, inspiration and sensitivity; and presentation of this award raises awareness of what is possible.”

The Bridge Mill was nominated by millwright and mill historian Martin Watts, who has “for many years watched the development of your mill into the success it is today under your careful stewardship”.

The plaque will be presented when the Bridge Mill opens its doors on Sunday 14th May as part of National Mills Weekend. Owner Alan Beat said: “We’ve been taking part in this event since 1997, and I’m delighted that this prestigious award helps to make our 20th anniversary a special occasion.”

Alan will be grinding organic wholemeal flour by water power from 11am to 4pm, with stewards on hand to explain the process. Outside the mill, there’ll be morris dancing by the Lodestone Border Morris team, and the Bridge Mill’s very own song written and performed by local musician Phil Williams; plus madrigals and folk songs by Bude Choral Society, Bradworthy Baroque, and the Tamarside Singers of Bridgerule. Regular features include the mammoth plant sale and local craft stalls, while refreshments and light lunches are served all day.



Entrance is £3 per adult, 50p per child.

Full details: www.thebridgemill.org.uk

TWO SISTERS BOTH GAIN AWARDS IN THEIR CHOSEN SPORT

On the 4th of march 2017 I competed in a national karate tournament in Birmingham. I only took part in the kata (pre-practiced routine) as I'm too young to spar. It was my first time competing and was very nervous but I did my best. I was the youngest and the lowest graded belt in my group and I came around 16th nationally. I'm super proud. I would like to thank my sensei and team at Holsworthy karate club for all their support.
I'm also very very proud to be part of this tiny team of 10 who competed in Holsworthy and we walked away with a massive 6 medals, competing with teams of huge numbers.



Our club has now been invited abroad to compete, which I'm very excited about.
Storm Piercey Aged 8



A few weeks ago **Angel Piercey** competed in the North Devon gymnastics competition and entered under 15's individual and walked away with 3rd place (bronze).



The U15 team (**Angel, Abby, Briony and Anna)** came second (silver) on novice and 4th on intermediate with less than 1 point between them and 3rd.

CHANGING TIMES by Marie Field

How Gratifying it is to know, now everyone,
Has access to fresh air and fun.
For Holsworthy truly has a Golf Club,
To which folks are welcomed and never snubbed.
For long , long, long ago, the year 1937,
Mr Coombe, (owner of outfitters shops for gentlemen),
Sought membership of Bude Golf Club,
But was refused, and here is the rub.
He did not manage to pass the grade,
For it was known he was engaged in 'Trade'!
But undeterred Mr Coombe and a loyal friend,
With great enterprise vowed they would make amends.
And undaunted, did not become sad or forlorn,
And on resolve and a shoestring Holsworthy Golf Club was born.

But now with changing times and many years,
Gone, starchy rules, lingering from a Victorian era.
For a true gentleman is not defined,
By being pompous and class inclined.
A chap may have mud upon his boots,
But if honest and hardworking will have strong roots.
With a courteous manner to treat others with respect,
So he can look back and feel in retrospect,
He can match the measure of any man.
To embody the true meaning of 'gentle' man.
Someone whose manner is kind and appealing,
Not to ride rough shod over others feelings.

But times change and how satisfying that folks so easily,
Can enjoy a pleasant health giving facility.
To play a wonderfully refreshing round of golf,
Or partake of a delicious meal of Sunday Roast.
And in the Club House a warm cordial atmosphere,
Of bon homie, lively banter and good cheer.
And weddings, bingo, many events held there,
For folks to relax, to blow away their cares.
All welcome to participate in the Club's good bounty,
In one of the friendliest Golf Clubs in the County.

A VERY POPULAR HISTORY DAY / OPEN DAY HELD RECENTLY





SOME OF SHEILA'S CAFÉ' WORKERS!!





The man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink.
He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife.
He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, 'that poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.
As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything.
People closer to the table noticed the lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink..
Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.'
Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?'
She answered.....'The teeth!!!

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Full article of above in next issue

CARNIVAL WEEK SHOW SCHEDULE

We hope that this will help you prepare for our forthcoming show during Revel Week.

Family Classes:

Tallest Sunflower.

(Free Plants available from Rose Hitchings, Meadows Barn Telephone 01288 3811229 in a few weeks)



Scarecrow Competition . Your choice of idea

Longest Dock Leaf.

Children: **Art**

Fantasy Creature 3 Classes 2-4, 5-7 and 8-12.

Decorated Pebble

Baking

3 Decorated Fairy Cakes

Plate of Flapjacks



Model

LEGO MODEL of your own design (not from a kit) and to

Be no bigger than an A4 sheet of paper.

1 Class.

Arrangement

Miniature Garden on a plate

Adults: **Baking**

Victoria Sandwich (Sandwiched together with jam)

Quiche - Any Filling

Novice Bakers - 4 Biscuits of your choice.

Home Grown Produce



3 Potatoes on a plate
3 onions on a plate
3 carrots on a plate
3 runner beans on a plate
3 beetroot on a plate
3 Vegetables same variety of your choice on a plate
1 Funny Shaped Vegetable
A Whopper - a LARGE Vegetable grown by you

Pot Plant

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

Flower Arrangement:

Flower Arrangement in a basket



Photography

A Local View
Funny or Just cute.

Art

Class 1. Drawing or Painting
Class 2. Any Medium Picture (no bigger than 2' x 3' 2 entries max)

Craft Fabric Section -

- **Needlework**
- **Embroidery**
- **Knitting/Crochet—Item made from wool.**

My Craft/Hobby—Something you have made but not entered in first three sections Do not exceed 36".



ART EXHIBITION

Our very own resident artist Karen Thomas from The Forge is to have her own Art Exhibition in the Blanchminster Room at The Castle Bude very soon.

Congratulations Karen.

The Castle Bude Cornwall
Free Admission



SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Vic and Marilyn Pickett have recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Friends of the couple were invited to share their special day at their home in Southfields. Vic and Marilyn moved to Bridgerule in 2011 from Northampton.

Vic enjoys playing golf, Marilyn is a member of Knit and Natter and both are members of the village short mat bowls club.

NEWS FROM THE OLD ORCHARD INN WEEK ST MARY

We are pleased to announce the opening of Week St Mary 's first ever snooker club, with a full size table

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or call The Old Orchard Inn
01288 341 646 (evenings)

HAVN'T THEY DONE WELL!





Holly Trayford was crowned our Queen last July . She chose Phoebe Lucas and Ella Hillier-Cholwill to be her attendants and Kalem Gliddon to be her page.

They have represented our village on several occasions at other carnivals and have been very successful.

Their results have been:

Hartland Carnival:	1st Prize.
Bude Carnival:	1st Best Fairy Group 1st Best Fairy Queen 1st Best Prince 2nd Best Royalty Float
Bradworthy Carnival:	2nd Best Fairy Group 3rd Royalty Float
Launceston Carnival:	2nd Junior Royalty 2nd Royalty Float
Camelford Carnival:	3rd Fairy Queen 1st Fairy Queen Attendants
Hatherleigh Carnival:	3rd Prize
Holsworthy Carnival:	1st Best Royal Tableaux



John Bowden will be celebrating his 90th birthday on 24th May.

John was born at Churchtown Farm in 1927. He attended Bridgerule Primary School; teachers were Miss Morgan and Mrs Phare. At that time things were far more relaxed, one lunchtime he and Messrs Pearse, Spry & Kivell walked to Penny's Lake, they had a lovely time until the local policeman came looking for them; he hiked them back to school to apologise to the headteacher for missing the afternoon lessons.

It was during his time with Holsworthy Town Band that he met Barbara Skinner; he regularly cycled the 7 miles to visit her, romance blossomed and they married in 1953.

John has always been a regular member of St. Bridget's Church, serving as a young thurifer when Rev Kingdon was Vicar. During his teens he learnt bell ringing, over the years he has travelled many miles taking part in competitions and enjoyed many ringing outings to towers throughout the West Country.

John's life has centred around farming, he will often recall changes to the farming way of life. In his early years many men worked on the farm, some of whom lived-in. Great mischief was made especially with Messrs Barkwill and Brock. Horses played a big part in his early childhood, he particularly enjoyed haymaking and corn harvest, and later in the year when the thresher would visit the farm.

John regularly visits Holsworthy Market where he enjoys meeting fellow farmers to discuss market trends.

John will be spending his birthday with family.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday John from us all and the editor thinks we should hear about this mischief in another Buzz.

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BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL

PREACHING APPOINTMENTS 11.00am

7th May	Mrs E. Squire	4th June	Rev Doug Adams
14th May	Mr. J. Hawkins	11th June	Mr. P. Wreyford
21st May	Mr. E. Boundy	18th June	Mrs. S. Risdon
28th May	Mr C. Nosworthy	25th June	Mr M Shears

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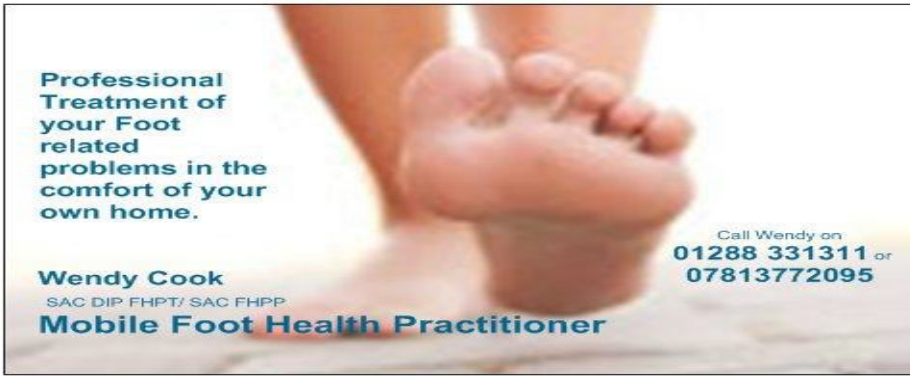
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