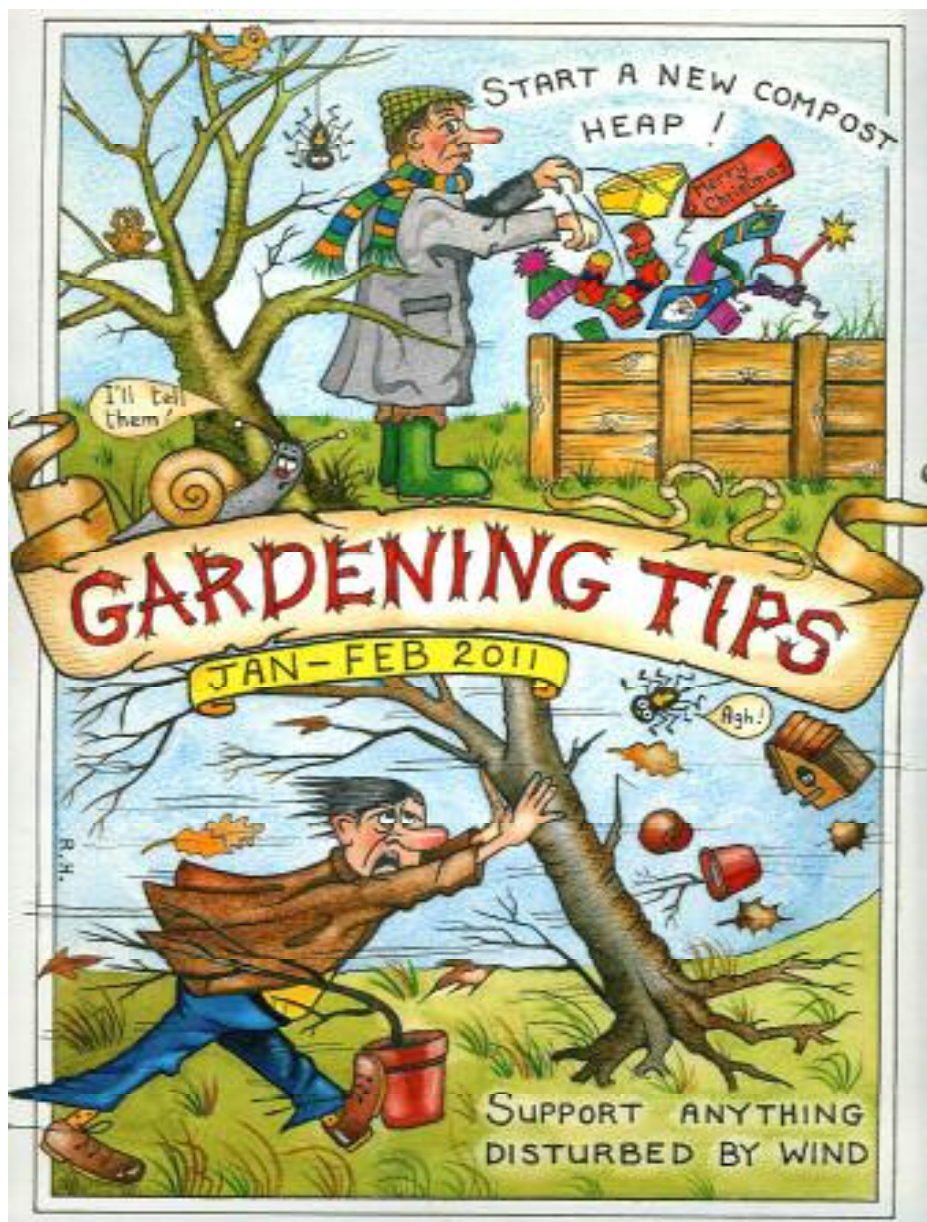


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# THE BUZZ

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Dear Buzz Readers.

Happy New Year to everyone.

I apologise for the little lateness of this issue but the flu decided to descend on Kiming and put things behind.

The Spotlight on someone has returned in triplicate this time! Each one I believe makes for interesting reading and I hope you think so too.

As a first this time, I have put in the centrefold of the Newsletter a 'Cornish Quiz'. This has kindly been sponsored by Brooks Garden Centre. It will cost you £1 to enter and a box will be put in the pub and the Post Office for you to post your entry forms through. Of course if you want to they can be posted to me.

As you all know by now, we have started raising money for 'The New Hall Project' and I hope you will agree that any additional funds not required to produce The Buzz can be donated to this cause including your £1 entry forms for the quiz. So please continue with your generosity of sponsoring the Newsletter.

Two more businesses have requested an advert this time. May I suggest that you keep your Newsletter by the telephone as you never know when you may find it useful!

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## **Bridgerule School News**



As we draw to the end of another busy half term we reflect on the many activities we have enjoyed. The children have all been working extremely hard particularly on their topic for this term which has focused on King Arthur Castles. Children were inspired by their visit to Tintagel earlier in the term; a fantastic Medieval

Banquet was shared with our friends from Bradford School. All the children looked splendid in their various costumes, entertainment followed when the older children demonstrated their magic tricks learnt as part of their Science work. The afternoon concluded when parents assembled to enjoy some merry singing arranged by Mr Elfyn Jones from the Devon School of Music.

Other activities include some very useful first aid training; a visit to Southlands Residential Home, and a road safety talk. The younger children together with their peers from Bradford and Clawton enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Northcott Theatre to see 'Room on the Broom'. The FOBS (Friends of Bridgerule School) have been very busy organising a Bingo evening and a successful Christmas Fayre. After school clubs continue to be well attended with the Football club led by Mr Hill proving very popular, members are looking forward to continuing taking part in a school football league. The children embraced their parts in their Christmas play 'Holy Joe', which was enjoyed by parents and friends alike in the parish hall, following refreshments a procession was made to the Methodist Church where the evening concluded with 'The Nativity' and prayers led by Father Chris Davidson.



### **Congratulations Mrs. Kate James!**

Mrs. Kate James nee Green was born on the 6th February 1921 in Tewkesbury. Kate lost her mother at a very young age and her auntie and uncle Johnston stepped in to help care for her and her older sister Nell. Kate was also seriously ill as a young lady with diphtheria but thankfully made a good recovery. She left school to work as a nurse at Clifton College in Bristol and would have been evacuated to Bude had circumstances been different. She later met Reg and they married on 29th August 1942. Together they had two sons, Ken and Alan and a daughter, Kathleen. Sadly Kathleen passed away in January 2010 after a long illness. Despite this great sadness in her life, Kate remains very resilient.

In 1974 Mr and Mrs James senior together with their son Ken and daughter-in-law, Liz, left Watlington in Oxfordshire to farm at Merrifield, Bridgerule. Mrs. James helped on the family farm for many years and even milked the cows when she lived in Oxford!

Sadly in June 2001 Mr. James Senior died just before they would have celebrated 59 years of marriage. Mrs. James continues to live at Merrifield and on 6th February she will celebrate her 90th birthday. She has a great personality and over the years has regularly supported many events held in the village.

She still enjoys travelling to Holsworthy every week to get her groceries and likes to read the daily newspaper. She enjoys watching Strictly Come Dancing and all types of sport. She always keep up to date with the latest news and weather forecast. Mrs. James has 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren who are aged from 22 years to just 1. She never ever forgets any of their birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions. Two of her grandchildren Katherine and Simon together with their families live locally to their gran and both agree that she is a remarkable lady.

**Congratulations and Happy 90th Birthday Mrs. James for the 6th February and have a lovely day.**

*The picture shows Mrs. James with her youngest great grand-child Sophie, who is now nearly one year old.*



### Over 50's Coffee Mornings

The week ending 19th December saw the final get together in 2010. The last coffee morning was held on Tuesday 14th December in the Village Hall, at which a large, appreciative gathering thoroughly enjoyed home made mince pies and mulled wine. Once again thanks goes to Marian Abbott, Normal Bennell, Gwynne Cameron, Gill Collingbourne, Sandra Keen, Pat Long and Linda Weekes for baking and donating the mince pies and Ron Cameron for brewing the mulled wine. The highlight of the morning was a visit from the pupils of Bridgerule Primary School who gave a beautifully performed taster of their music from the forthcoming Choir and Carols evening and the school concert.

The Christmas celebrations culminated with the Christmas lunch, held on Friday 17th December at Holsworthy Golf Club, when 37 happy diners enjoyed an excellent 3 course luncheon, a truly memorable finish to the year.

The next coffee morning will be held on 18th January 2011, hopefully the weather will be kind and there will be a good turn out of old and new members.

**GOTCHA - ONE FOR OUR ALBUMN INSTEAD!!**

**PARTNERS IN  
CRIME!!**



### **Corporal Paul Bryant of The Rifles.**

Paul Bryant, now aged 33, attended Black Torrington Primary School and later Holsworthy Community College. After leaving school he had various employment but it was in 2004 whilst working for Bott of Bude that Paul and his wife, Nicola fancied a change in the direction their lives were taking them. Paul decided to enlist with the Devon and Dorset Regiment based in Catterick in North Yorkshire. He signed on for 22 years, now termed an 'open engagement'. This meant serving a minimum of 4 years but permitting him to leave anytime after the initial term had been served.

In 2006, whilst serving with the Devon and Dorset Regiment Private Bryant was deployed on his first tour. It was in Bazra, during the Iraqi conflict. His home for the next seven months was a 12 man tent on Basra airport. The only break he was permitted was for 2 weeks to return home to his wife and family. Much of his tour was spent on armed searches trying to penetrate the enemy from houses and buildings. During that time the regiment sadly lost one of their members.

It was during 2007 that The Devon and Dorset Regiment amalgamated with 3 other units and so Private Bryant became a member of 'The Rifles' and moved with his family to Chepstow and for the last two years to Paderborn in Germany where the whole family lived in army quarters before Nicola and the children returned to Cornwall and now to Bridgerule. In 2009 Corporal Bryant was deployed again to Iraq. This time for six months and again only two weeks off to see his family in England. The deployment this time was that of a 'peace keeping' mission.

A typical day in the life of Corporal Bryant at present whilst serving in Germany alongside 600 others in camp would be Rivali at 6.45am. Physical Training 7.30am for approximately 1½ hours. A break then until 10.00am and his day officially ending at about 5.30pm if one lived out of barracks but living in camp as he does now he could be called upon up to much later. Part of the army training he partakes in is a twice weekly TAB. (Tacticle Advance to Battle). This entails carrying his back pack of approximately 32 kilos (70lbs to the likes of me!!) on a 5 mile hike. When not on duty Corporal Bryant relaxes by talking to his wife and children regularly, watching DVD's and going to the gym. Contrary to some views Corporal Bryant says that he has always felt well equipped to carry out his duties in the army.

Corporal Bryant is now a specialist in the Javalin Platoon, formerly the Anti-Tank Platoon, an armoured fire support group. He is a commander for the

“warrior”, a large infantry fighting vehicle. The warrior is used for speed and performance over the most difficult terrain and firepower to support infantry in an assault.



Corporal Bryant said that the army life had enabled him to see other parts of the world such as Canada and The Falklands, but being cocooned in the army camp meant that you didn't actually see much of the country one was in.

If we thought we had a cold winter last year Corporal Bryant said that in Germany snow was on the ground for several months and at its worst the temp fell to  $-26^{\circ}$ . Germany is also quite expensive to live in especially if you have no attachment to the army. For example a daily newspaper will cost you nearly £2. Special rules have to be adhered to, such as snow has to be cleared from ones private driveway before 7.30am every morning so that the postman does not slip. (health and safety!)

Corporal Bryant paid his wife Nicola, a great compliment by saying that she works much harder than him at the moment by bringing up their 4 children, Dominic, Alex, Charlotte and Austen, running the family home and still managing to work.

He is now on various courses in this country in order to better his qualification but is fortunate to be able to spend Christmas with his family and will return to Germany in the New Year with a tour in Aghanistan due in 2011. He sees himself in the army for the foreseeable future but when he retires from the regiment he said he may return to being a tree surgeon.

It must be quite rare for someone living in Bridgerule to be a serving member of her Majesty's forces. I therefore thank Corporal Bryant for allowing me to interview him and I hope that I have portrayed to the Buzz readers a snippet of his chosen profession.

I wish him and his family well for the future and hope that their stay in Bridgerule will be a long and happy one.



**STRICTLY COME DANCING—BRIDGERULE STYLE!!**

By Rose Hitchings

Now listen here all gardeners—to this little tale of woe!  
 We've all been given—WHEELIE BINS—a fact you all must know -  
 But—when the BIN is FULL UP (Ron)! Its clearly time to STOP...  
 NOT—rush to find a pair of STEPS... And DANCE upon the TOP!

BUT—when you've more to squash inside—and getting sorely VEXED -  
 After pushing—prodding- shoving-can clearly make MORE ROOM..  
 Not thinking for a moment — it ALL could end in DOOM..

*WELL ..*

Ron did a kind of FOX TROT - achieved with utmost GRACE  
 In squashing down his compost — YES! .. He gained a bit of SPACE  
 But when the flipping LID won't CLOSE .. It's telling YOU to STOP—  
 NOT clamber in - AND TANGO—upon the leafy TOP!

Up there—Ron gained more confidence—and with gently swaying hips  
 He tried a rather clever TWIRL— and then a kind of LIFT  
 He was clearly thinking 'STRICTLY' - t'was not a PRETTY SIGHT...  
 As the BIN began to wiggle—a little to the RIGHT!

REMEMBER now dear Bridgerule folk—Ron's balancing on a BIN  
 And here he is at 70 plus a risking LIFE AND LIMB!  
 Perched HIGH and leaning sideways—there's NOTHING he can HOLD  
 Both—RON and BIN—are swaying—to a crazy—ROCK AND ROLL.

Well, Ron's NOT MADE OF RUBBER—and he took a NASTY FALL—  
 (ahh!)

WAS carted off—at fairish speed—to a kindly HOS-SPIT-ALL (it  
 rhymes!!)

But HERE HE IS this evening—singing songs—and joing in-  
 And Marion says—he'll NEVER MORE—go DANCING on a Bin!

The message is—we OAP's—shouldn't do things—we'll REGRET...  
 BUT LIFE IS HERE—FOR LIVING—so REALLY what the heck...  
 This invite's from the LINE DANCERS—who say 'DO COME ALONG'  
 There's space between two lovely 'girls' - THEY'RE SAVING  
 JUST FOR RON!!!

**This is our very own  
'Strictly' contestant as  
depicted by Rose  
Hitchings!!**



### **VOLUNTEER GARDEN SERVICE FOR THE OVER 60S**

The Torridge Volunteer Garden Service has been set up to offer basic gardening support to people aged over 60 who have no one to help them maintain their garden, and cannot afford to pay for a commercial gardener. The service is supported by the TorrAGE Neighbourhood Links project, which is funded by the Big Lottery and managed by TTVS. We are currently looking for volunteer gardeners from across Torridge, and are particularly keen to hear from volunteers in the rural parishes. The service aims to have volunteers operating at a very local level to avoid travel expenses and keep costs to a minimum. Service users will be asked for a small donation to help with the maintenance of equipment.

Volunteers will carry out basic gardening tasks, such as lawn mowing, weeding and pruning. If you are interested in volunteering, or are aged over 60 and need help with your garden, please contact Anna or Linda on 01805 –622666.

### F.O.B.S. Christmas Bingo

Barry and I had never played Bingo before, but give it a go we had to. What a super fun evening we had—lots of hard work had gone into making it so, and guess what—beginners luck—I won first full house!

Half way through Barry and I looked at each other, big smiles, “you could become hooked” said Barry. “Barry—my Barry—hooked on Bingo”—WOW!!

Coffee, tea, scrummy cakes and mince pies with lovely clotted cream (what diet!) and a super raffle, fantastic.

Well done F.O.B.S.—can’t wait for the next Bingo. If you want a fun, prize winning evening don’t miss the next Bingo.

Sarah Williams - Owlies.

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### ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH WINE AND WISDOM

At a recent Christmas Wine & Wisdom due to 4 tables having to cancel because of the weather 12 tables took part. Nevertheless the sum of £227 was raised for Church Funds.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** that on the 1st Saturday of each month between 2 and 3.00pm outside the Parish Hall any newspapers etc is collected to raise funds also for St. Bridget's.

**Sheila's Mentions:**

**Bridgerule's next 'Open Gardens'** event will be held on Sunday June 19th. If you would like to open your garden to the public please telephone Rosie Beet on 01288 381341. All profits will go to the Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance.

**Happy Birthday** to Ron Cameron.  
Happy 90th Birthday to Mrs. Kate James for 6th February.  
Happy 65th Birthday to Tony Wallis for 16th February.

**Audrey Bewes— Poppy Appeal Coordinator for Bridgerule** wishes to thank Rose, Julie, Amanda, Liz and the Post Office for their recent poppy collections. A record amount of £495 was raised in the parish. She thanks everyone who donated to the appeal so generously.

**Welcome Andy and Ben to Southfields.** We hope you both have a long and happy time living in Bridgerule. (We cannot guarantee every night will be like Christmas Eve)!

On a sad note our thoughts are with Audrey and Raymond and their family on the recent sudden loss of Audrey's eldest brother Ronald.

Our best wishes go to Mr. Tony Goodman and hope that he will be well soon.

**THE EDITOR SAYS CHECK YOUR RECEIPTS BEFORE LEAVING THE CHECK-OUT. She recently received an e-mail which said....**

I bought a load of things, over £150, and I glanced at my receipt as the cashier was handling me the bags. I saw a cash back of £40. I told her that I didn't request a cash back and to delete it. She said I would have to take the £40 because she couldn't delete it. I immediately asked for the supervisor who also said that I would have to take it..... I said NO. Taking the £40 would be a cash advance against my Credit Card and I wasn't paying interest on a cash advance!!!! If they would not delete it I was going to cancel the whole order. So the supervisor had the cashier delete it and re-scanned everything!

The second time I looked at the electronic pad before I signed & a cash back of £20 popped up. At that point I told the cashier and she deleted it saying the pad must be defective!! Obviously she knew it was defective.

Someone else bought items from Sainsburys and was not given a receipt until she requested one. Unfortunately it was not checked until later that day when the receipt showed she had asked for £20 cash back. SHE DID NOT ASK FOR CASH BACK. **SO BEFORE LEAVING THE CHECK OUT ...CHECK YOUR RECEIPT.**

**This could happen anywhere.**

### **Lanson Choir helps raise £350 towards new hall fund**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December the village hall at Bridgerule was packed for a carol sing-a-long which had Bridgerule Primary School pupils and Launceston Male Voice Choir singing traditional carols and selected Christmas pieces.

Funds were being raised for a new village hall, and Chris Hitchings, Chairman for the evening, explained that a very enthusiastic committee had been formed to explore the possibilities of funding such an exciting project.

The Bridgerule pupils sang two pieces from their school play "Holy Joe" and also "Away in a Manager" which featured Angel, Chloe and Kyla each singing a beautiful solo which had everybody reaching for their hankies!!! They then sang Jingle Bells which attracted Father Christmas to the hall where they were given presents!

Launceston Choir sang three Christmas songs, "When a Child is Born, Let there be Peace on Earth and Kymbaya" as well as other pieces that had been requested such as Rhythm of Life, Proper Job and Speed your Journey. The Choir also "led" the singing of traditional carols by the enthusiastic audience.

Barry Williams read some very amusing pieces of poetry and Linda Chilton read some thought provoking words from Dylan Thomas and Mike Harding.

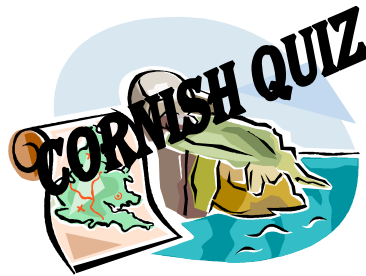
Rose Hitchings recited a very funny poem that she had written about Ron Abbott, who had been seen standing on top of his wheelie bin, just before it, and he, had fallen over!! (he has since recovered!!)

The evening went very well and everybody enjoyed the mince pies, pasties, sandwiches and other Christmas goodies which had been prepared by the very generous villagers.



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**Entries close on 31st January 2011.**

***Please enter even if you do not know all the answers and help  
support our *New Hall Project*. Remember the winner will be the one  
that knows the most correct places.***

1. **Nearly four weeks to Christmas .....**
2. **Pink Country .....**
3. **Naomi's daughter-in-law blushed .....**
4. **Sounds like holy man has to wait.....**
5. **Not a humpbacked bridge .....**
6. **Stroll to the evening service .....**
7. **Smallest NT property in Cornwall .....**
8. **Possibly smallest place in Cornwall.....**
9. **Twinned with Ergue-Gaberic.....**
10. **Betjeman's resting place.....**
11. **Seven days of Our Lady .....**
12. **Adam and Eve expelled from here.....**
13. **Sounds the last post .....**
14. **Pocohontos .....**
15. **DaphneDu Maurier's smuggling story .....**
16. **First martyr .....**
17. **Between this and a hard place .....**
18. **Saline cinders .....**
19. **Servants .....**
20. **I believe .....**

21. **Sounds like a young girl or horse.....**
22. **WC is working .....**
23. **Retired civil servants club .....**
24. **Ladies or Gents .....**
25. **Old style window.....**
26. **Manufacturer .....**
27. **Reptile .....**
28. **End of giant killers foot .....**
29. **Party Party .....**
30. **Enclosure for animals .....**
31. **Famous for it's mermaid .....**
32. **Biggest manmade hole in Britain .....**
33. **Frenchman's bad step .....**
34. **Acne .....**
35. **Cash in hand .....**
36. **Good fortune for us .....**
37. **Too many people at the lake .....**
38. **Pedlar's beach .....**
39. **Trevithick's home town .....**
40. **Standard, but not a bunker .....**

**GOOD LUCK!**

**NAME** .....

**Address**.....

.....

**Telephone No:** .....

**All the answers will be printed in the next issue of The Buzz.  
Referee's decision is final!!**

**The Buzz thanks Brooks Garden Centre once again for their  
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**Why it is Important that Everyone Votes in the Local Elections  
in May 2011**

Did you know that your local Councillors are consulted on nearly everything that happens in your area? They take an active part in influencing what services are and are not provided – and that affects you and your family.

Bridgerule Parish Council is responsible for many things; bus shelters, the village hall, dog bins, the playground; it is also consulted by the District Council on planning applications, highway improvements, street lights and projects. Local Councils are delivering more services for residents than ever before and with changes proposed by the new Coalition Government, Parish Councils will be in a position to do even more in the future.

Voting in the local Parish Election takes so little time, but will have a daily impact on you for the next four years, because Councillors remain in office for a four year term.

Councillors live side by side with you in Bridgerule; they are the most local level of Government, being easily contacted and directly answerable to the community every time they walk out of their front doors. They raise money, primarily through your Council Tax, to administer their decisions.

If you do not vote, others will and their views may change your life. Have a voice – vote in the local Election on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2011.

Maureen Fenner – Parish Clerk

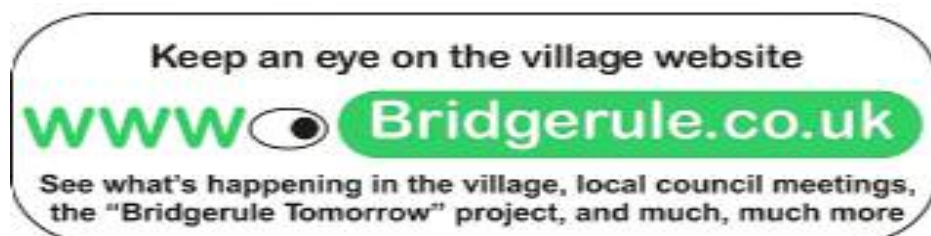
**Refuse & Recycling Christmas and New Year Collections**

Recycling box and bag – normal collection due on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> December will take place on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011**.

Green Wheelie Bin – normal collection due on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> December will take place on **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December**.

Black bags – normal collection due on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 will **be normal**.

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**Bridgerule has just had its first Lit Village Christmas Tree. Many thanks to Stuart Cann of Kilkhampton for donating the tree. To Julie Brawn and Pam for organising it and to John Cobbledick for the use of his electricity, not forgetting those who made a donation towards the lights. Also the 3 posers plus 1 who made it all possible!!!**

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***JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011***

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<b>9th January</b>	<b>Local Arrangement</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>16th January</b>	<b>Mr. T. Sillifant</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>23rd January</b>	<b>Mrs. E. Squire</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>30th January</b>	<b>Local Arrangement</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>6th February</b>	<b>Rev. B. McDowell (Sacrament)</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>13th February</b>	<b>Mr. C. Drew</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>20th February</b>	<b>Mrs. M. Aicheler</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>
<b>27th February</b>	<b>Local Arrangement</b>	<b>11.00am.</b>

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### **Spotlight on Mr. John Bowden.**

John Bowden has lived in Bridgerule all of his life. He was born on 24th May 1927 at Church Town Farm, the family run farm his grandfather took over in 1903. The 186 acre farm then belonged to Tetcott Estates but was later bought by the Bowden's and has remained in the family ever since. The size of the farm meant that as a child John remembered his father also having to employ 2 farm labourers who 'lived in'. No tractor power then, just horse power so farm work was very labour intensive.

John attended Bridgerule Primary School and later Holsworthy Community School but school was not a happy experience for him. On one occasion he remembered that he and a group of young lads who should have been in school were damming at "Pennies Lake" (outside home of the Peschke family) when a policeman came along and quickly waltzed them back to school. At the age of 14 John left fulltime education and started work on his father's farm at Church Town.

John recalled that to purchase a new Fordson tractor in the early 1940's would have cost about £175. A cow together with its calf bought at the local livestock market would have been about £25.

During the second World War John recalled that some Black Americans were sent over here. Their camp was set up at Affaland Moor and their job was to build secret nissan huts around the local villages for the purpose of storing ammunition. When the ammunition was required it would be trucked off via the nearest railway station. The Americans used bicycles to get around the villages and John said that whenever one saw them they were always chewing 'gum'. The transportation of ammunition carried on until the war ended and before these men returned to America they gave the bikes they had been using to the young people in the village.

John became a member of Holsworthy Town Band and it was during this time he was introduced to a Miss Barbara Skinner of Eastcombe Farm. He began to regularly cycle 7 miles to see Barbara and as they say the rest is history! In 1953 John and Barbara were married at St. Patrick's Church Hollacombe.

The Bowden family had always shown a great dedication to St. Bridget's Church and John is no exception. He had been church warden for a number of years until passing the duty over to his son, Trevor. His greatest love is probably that of bell ringing which has spanned over a great many years and meant that John has rung in most towers in Devon and Cornwall.

During the war no bells could be rung because if so it was a sign of an imminent invasion. On one occasion Rev. Kingdom had a call to be prepared - and so the bell was tolled! This proved so terrifying for one lady in the village that she had a heart attack and died! John recalled that in 1947 he was a member of a team that rang a whole peel, (5040 changes) in about 2¾ hours. Another time to raise money for the new church bells at St. Bridget's he took part in a sponsored bell ringing marathon. This resulted in ringing in 20 towers in 1 day with a magnificent sum of £4000 raised towards the appeal. Something very pleasing to John which happened a few years ago was when his immediate family with the help of one or two other family members rang at St. Bridget's on Christmas Day morning.

John and Barbara have two sons, Trevor and Paul and 3 grandchildren, Robert, Katie and Willow. Trevor, Sue and their family now live on the farm; Paul and his family live locally and John and Barbara live in one of the farm cottages, St Catherines. Their home now was originally built in 1536 and was once a school and a rectory. It was later made into two cottages, that of St. Bridget's and John's home St. Catherines. John can remember when there were several more cottages scattered around his family farm. In fact the area was known as "Church Village" and our village today was known as "Bridge Village".

In 1953 Bridgerule and the surrounding villages celebrated 70 years of Father Kingdom being vicar of St. Bridget's. A large procession left the newly built hall to make their way by foot to St Bridget's Church for a service of thanksgiving. Following the service a luncheon was served in the hall. John's family were very much involved with the organisation of this event.

About ten years ago John and Barbara had a very enjoyable holiday when they were invited to fly to America to visit an evacuee who had stayed at Church Town Farm. It was about the same time when they travelled to France to visit the grave of John's late uncle who had died on the battlefield.

John and Barbara celebrated their Golden Wedding in 2003. John enjoys watching television especially history programmes; he also enjoys reading and of course still rings. He regularly helps out on the family farm and visits Holsworthy Cattle Market each week. Both Barbara and John are members of the Local Coffee Club and regular support village events. Thank you John for sharing some of your life experiences with the Buzz.



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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES**  
**by John McDougall**

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**January 4th and 18th**

**February 1st and 15th**

<b>Bridgerule Uplands</b>	<b>Arrive 10:00</b>	<b>Depart 10:30</b>
<b>Bridgerule Village Hall</b>	<b>Arrive 10:35</b>	<b>Depart 11:20</b>

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15th	Kilkhampton	Away
22nd	Week St Mary	Home
29th	Lifton	Away
February 5th	Black Torrington	Away
12th	Bradworthy	Home
19th	Sub Cup	
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Tuesday January 18th</b>	<b>Over 50's Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Parish Hall 10.30am.</b>
<b>Wednesday January 19th</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Parish Hall 8.00pm.</b>
<b>Tuesday February 1st</b>	<b>Over 50's Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Parish Hall 10.30am.</b>
<b>Tuesday February 15th</b>	<b>Over 50's Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Parish Hall 10.30am.</b>
<b>Wednesday February 16th</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Parish Hall 8.00pm.</b>

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