

Bridgerule Open Gardens – Great result!!!!!!!!!!

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday 19th June. The sun shone and the kind generous people of Bridgerule and beyond came to look round the gardens.

Cindy Neep served delicious light lunches, Sheila Cholwill had a brilliant cake stall at the Methodist Chapel and the Church did a roaring trade with their delicious cream teas.

Nine gardens were open this year, and John and Cathy Nettles were the star attraction. He served up Bucks fizz and Pimms as refreshments and people patted Hector the donkey. John and Jean Hammond kept people well fed with burgers and ice cream and while they were there they inspected his wonderful collection of garden tools and had to guess what some of them were used for.

A new garden open this year was Dave and Janet Bayliss's at The Forge. A lovely garden with lots of area's where people could sit and relax. Rosie and Alan Beat opened the Mill again and lots of plants were purchased and Alan's vegetables were again 'marvelled' at!!! (How does he do it??)

Pigs and bantams could be seen, and preserves purchased at Barry and Sarah's at Owlies and Steve and Sandy's garden in Southfields was a delight. Those people that are 'regulars' were delighted to see how the garden at Robin Hill (Linda and Ken's) had matured and John and Sylvia's garden at Uplands received glowing reports from everybody, especially about the candelabra primula.

The raffle run by Chris and Rose Hitchings was very busy and made a huge amount. Chris would like to thank all the businesses as well as the generous local people that knocked on their door and kindly donated raffle prizes.

A really super day, and I left the best news until last, we raised £2950 – yes, this isn't a misprint, £2950 was collected for the Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance Trusts who each will receive a cheque for £1475.

Thanks again to everybody that supported this event.

Chris and Rose Hitchings