

THE BUZZ

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026



Hi Everyone,

Wishing you all a year of health, wealth and the kind of happiness that truly matters. Happy New Year.

May our very own Community Shop continue to be a great hub and support for our village.

Our Village Hall continues to be a popular venue for our local clubs and for private hire. The Hall Committee are planning to fit solar panels on the hall's roof in February.

Members of our Openspace Project are working hard in order for us all to enjoy a community garden in 2026.

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January 11th	No Service
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January 25th	United Service at St Bridget's

February 01st	Clive Smale
February 08th	No Service
February 15th	Rev Meg Slingso Covenant Service
February 22nd	United Service at St Bridget's

BRIDGERULE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Now that Christmas is over, you may feel the need for some gentle exercise on a Friday afternoon.

If so, why not consider joining us at Bridgerule Village Hall and play Short Mat Bowls.

We are a group of non-league amateur bowlers of varying skills, both men and women. The emphasis is on enjoying ourselves rather than winning, although some matches get quite competitive.

You first session will be free, then it is £2 a week. (if you do not play you do not pay). At half time we all join together for tea/coffee and biscuits at no extra cost.

No bowls! That is not a problem. We have sets that you may use for a week or two to see if you like it.

If you are interested call Scott on 01288 381459.

Or, just turn up at about 1.50pm The session ends about 4.15pm.

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES



**4th January, 11am Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy 11th January,
11am Morning Prayer with Mrs Mary Aicheler
18th January, 11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
25th January, 11am All Age Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy**

**1st February, 11am Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy
8th February, 2.30pm Rededication of the Church Tower with The
Archdeacon of Barnstaple, The Venerable Verena Breed
15th February, 11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
22nd February, 11am All Age Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy**

Neighbourhood Watch Notes

As I sit to write these notes, Christmas is yet to arrive. I hope it will be an easy one with The New Year following. It's no joke getting older and having the occasional stumble - as I have just had. Being careful is not always the easy option.

However being careful is what we must all do.

The Alert scheme operated by the constabulary is a mine of useful Information. The office that was known as Action Fraud has now been replaced by new Report Fraud service. You can tell them on 0300 123 2040 (they have kept the same phone number) or by "[reportfraud.police.uk](https://www.reportfraud.police.uk)". It is strange therefore that the last scam phone call from a mobile used the terms Report Fraud and requested urgent action regarding a payment we hadn't made.

As usual the force launched its Think Safe campaign for the festive season. Which by the time you read this is almost over. But it still reminds you to watch what you're doing and be careful of your personal possessions - phone - wallet - handbag - home - car etc.

You know it makes sense.

Operation Scorpion focused on the illicit drug trade as used by criminals. If you have any information on drug users or drug dealers you can anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111, or "www.crimestoppers-uk.org".

"Phishing" is a way of trying to get you respond to email or text as a matter of urgency. It's always Urgent - then you know it's a SCAM. Don't respond, just like our supposedly Report Fraud phone call.

Just put the phone down. Dial 159 and speak to your bank the correct way if you think the scammers have succeeded.

Also you can report an email at "report@phishing.gov.uk"

As long as you take care and be sensible and are not frightened by these emails/phone calls etc and look out for others, giving them a helping hand, metaphorically speaking.

I hope we all have "A Guid New Year".

John McDougall
01288 381237
Coordinator



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CAROL SINGING

Two Thursdays before Christmas we were hoping to go Carol Singing round the village but the second Thursday was wet so sadly it was cancelled.

A big thank you to everyone who came out and donated into our collecting box - we are dividing it between Church, Chapel and School who will be receiving £24 each.

Many thanks also go to Bill Eastcott (Reindeer on quad bike) - Malcolm Shadbolt - and Neville Rimmer for supplying the music on board Santa's sleigh and those who came along to sing.

As the weather can never be predicted it has been suggested we have a free 'Sing Carols' event in the village Hall next year - hopefully with the village choir Tamar Singers adding to the entertainment. Nice to raise the roof with happy voices - so many of us love Carols - perhaps refreshments and maybe a raffle after to make it a nice occasion.

WOW, WOW, WOW — what an epic BINGO NIGHT

Our bingo evening was a huge success, and together we raised an incredible £920 for the Bridgerule Garden Space Project! 🎉🎉

We are so grateful to the wonderful community of Bridgerule and the surrounding areas for your amazing support and generosity. Every prize, every donation, and every person who joined us made the night truly special.

A massive thank you to Pam at The Bridge Inn for kindly hosting us — we filled the pub to the rafters! 🍷

And an extra shout-out to Luke for being a fantastic bingo caller 🎤

The night was filled with laughter, chatter, and new friendships — exactly the spirit we hope to carry forward as our new garden space grows and takes shape.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone below. Without you, this event simply wouldn't have been possible:.



Freda— donating prizes!



Our happy gnomes collecting prizes!

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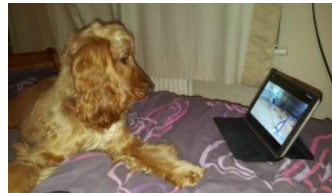


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Wednesday AM and Friday AM

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SHORT MAT BOWLS

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FESTIVAL OF TREES





The local Methodist Church invited local clubs, businesses and friends to decorate a Christmas Tree. This was the second Tree Festival that the church had organised. This year saw a total of 25 trees take part. A wonderful community effort.

Those visiting the Festival could also take part in winning 2 Christmas Hampers. The Winners being Alan Haddock of St Giles in the Heath and Peter Harris. Ladies of the church provided and sold refreshments.

The Festival concluded by a Carol Service led by Rev. Meg Slingo. The Tamarside Singers also sung some Christmas pieces during the service. The Conductor was Alan Quilter, Accompanist Georgina Riddle. Everyone enjoyed Mince Pies and Tea and Coffee after the service.

Proceeds for the weekend amounted to £725.00 for Church funds to which the Methodist Church is very grateful, especially for those that decorated the displayed Christmas Trees. Thank you one and all.

SHEILA'S MENTIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE:



Our thoughts and condolences go to Jean Ackford and Robert Glover and their family on the recent passing away of mum Irene. The burial took place recently.

We also remember the recent passing away of John Glover of Merrifield Cottage. The burial at St. Bridget's Church was held recently .



Neighbourhood Watch Notes

How often do you get a phone call from a withheld number? Why should anyone withhold their phone number? I know the doctors you can withhold - but a well-known business? I checked out the business that had made a withheld number call. They have agents and sub-contractors working for them who use this facility for their operations. Still, it sounds queer because you can't call them back if interested.

It is almost as bad as the bank security scam phone call telling you all sorts of lies from a mobile phone number. Do not for any reason give out your PIN number or bank details to anyone who phones or emails you. If you think you have been scammed phone 159. That will give you the chance to speak to the fraud department of the bank you need to talk to. Just say the name of your bank.

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat - but be careful if you want to put a penny in the old man's hat. Not many organisations now give you the opportunity to drop coins into their tin or box if in the streets or supermarket. It seems to be sign up for amounts per week or month. A more regular source of income.

But Christmas brings its own problems and opportunities for the thief. Keep your gifts out of sight in the car, and do lock it. Thieves are looking for gifts as well and they don't mind whose they take.

Cars, vans, tractors or quad bikes go missing from yards or fields or barns. Do lock up. So little fuss just to take a few seconds rather than the hassle caused if its gone or broken into.

And much the same goes for your purse, handbag, wallet or phone.

Nowadays it's all on your phone so keep it secure and don't wave it about out in the big wide world. Who's looking?

Enjoy the coming festivities from Halloween to fireworks and bonfire night but don't get troubled, but consider other folk and pets. Be careful at Christmas and the New Year. Remember 999 if it is needed or 101 if otherwise. See you in 2026

John McDougall 01288 381237
Co-ordinator



HUMANOID ROBOTICS ARE ON THE MARCH!

What is 2026 to bring to an already over laden world of smart phones, smart meters, smart cars, The development of computers, laptops, tablets and all-in-ones is now confined to history, So what maybe next? Well, how about anthropomorphic robotics!

Industry at large have used robotics on production lines for years and several million are currently in everyday use, but Elon Musk is developing what he believes will become a world beater in humanoid development.

Pleasingly, he is far behind a local Cornish company based in Falmouth who have produced a very credible and functional humanoid robot, designed by Engineered Arts and is considered by many to be the world's most advanced robot.



However, as robots can be programmed to do many things and with the advent of AI's ChatGPT can simulate any voice. Walking is the most difficult and has yet to be mastered, as the Russian attempt at anthropomorphic robot with artificial intelligence, and to their embarrassment, fell down after a couple of paces. So, robots are not quite ready to go on the march, but it's only a matter of time.



Seemingly prices currently discussed are between £10K and £15K but it is likely to be at least 5 years before a satisfactory walking robot is available to buy - so start saving!

However, Elon Musk believes in 20 years it will be possible to fully clone a human being and transpose that onto a robot. Now that is scary, imagine hundreds cloned Elon Musk robots, or Boris Johnson replacements or even worse, a whole government repeating error after error. In the words of the song "send in the clowns", or will it be robots!



In a move to make robots to look more human, a Chinese company "AheadForm" is trying to make heads that appear to have skin, lips and hair using a synthetic skin with a natural feel and look.

Honda's Asimo made its debut in 2000, But it was ditched three years ago (that too fell over) as the company is focusing on human-like robotics.



So, if anyone is worried robots will take over the world, don't be, trip them up and they will fall over! We all have weaknesses.

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Derril Water Solar Park Update



Although Derril Water Solar Park is now connected to the grid and exporting some power, there still remain some final tests to be completed before it is fully operational. The team on site are working very closely with NGED (the local grid operator) to complete these tests and the simulations they have carried out indicate everything is in place.

In anticipation of finishing works on site the team have been reseeded the areas of disturbed ground and doing a general tidy up around the site.

As the vast majority of the engineering works are complete the number of personnel on site has reduced significantly, so things will feel a lot quieter compared to the peak of activity a few months ago.

As always, we would like to thank everyone in the community for their patience through the construction phase of this exciting project that is owned by over 9,000 households from across the UK. Please see <https://derrilwater.com/> for more details.

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Shop update

A Happy New Year to you all!

In 2025 we sold in excess of 60,000 items. Thank you to all our shoppers & to our wonderful band of volunteers who make it all possible.

In the year we have sold 2,500 hot drinks, just under 7 drinks per day. Latte & Cappuccino being the most popular varieties.



Have you got a few hours to spare? Please think of becoming a volunteer, the more the merrier!! A great way to meet people.

Solar Panels for the village hall

I am very pleased to inform you that Solar panels will be installed on the village hall roof starting mid-February.

The system consists of 36 panels complete with battery storage. It is estimated to produce 17,000 kilo Watt hours per year.

Funding has been obtained from the lottery community fund (well done Sheila!) with the balance of the cost made up by the shop & the hall.

Once commissioned the panels will reduce the running costs of both the shop & the hall allowing us to reduce our overhead costs.

A few useful telephone numbers perhaps:

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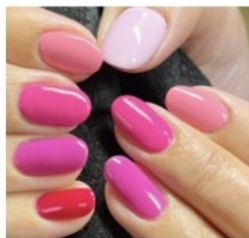
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Our Village Hall continues to be a popular venue for our local clubs and for private hire. The Hall Committee are planning to fit solar panels on the hall's roof in February.

Members of our Openspace Project are working hard in order for us all to enjoy a community garden in 2026.

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January 4th 2026

January 11th	No Service
January 18th	Cath Paddon
January 25th	United Service at St Bridget's

February 01st	Clive Smale
February 08th	No Service
February 15th	Rev Meg Slingso Covenant Service
February 22nd	United Service at St Bridget's

BRIDGERULE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Now that Christmas is over, you may feel the need for some gentle exercise on a Friday afternoon.

If so, why not consider joining us at Bridgerule Village Hall and play Short Mat Bowls.

We are a group of non-league amateur bowlers of varying skills, both men and women. The emphasis is on enjoying ourselves rather than winning, although some matches get quite competitive.

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Or, just turn up at about 1.50pm The session ends about 4.15pm.

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES



**4th January, 11am Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy 11th January,
11am Morning Prayer with Mrs Mary Aicheler
18th January, 11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
25th January, 11am All Age Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy**

**1st February, 11am Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy
8th February, 2.30pm Rededication of the Church Tower with The
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15th February, 11am Joint Service at the Methodist Chapel
22nd February, 11am All Age Eucharist with Revd Alison Hardy**

Neighbourhood Watch Notes

As I sit to write these notes, Christmas is yet to arrive. I hope it will be an easy one with The New Year following. It's no joke getting older and having the occasional stumble - as I have just had. Being careful is not always the easy option.

However being careful is what we must all do.

The Alert scheme operated by the constabulary is a mine of useful Information. The office that was known as Action Fraud has now been replaced by new Report Fraud service. You can tell them on 0300 123 2040 (they have kept the same phone number) or by "[reportfraud.police.uk](https://www.reportfraud.police.uk)". It is strange therefore that the last scam phone call from a mobile used the terms Report Fraud and requested urgent action regarding a payment we hadn't made.

As usual the force launched its Think Safe campaign for the festive season. Which by the time you read this is almost over. But it still reminds you to watch what you're doing and be careful of your personal possessions - phone - wallet - handbag - home - car etc.

You know it makes sense.

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"Phishing" is a way of trying to get you respond to email or text as a matter of urgency. It's always Urgent - then you know it's a SCAM. Don't respond, just like our supposedly Report Fraud phone call.

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As long as you take care and be sensible and are not frightened by these emails/phone calls etc and look out for others, giving them a helping hand, metaphorically speaking.

I hope we all have "A Guid New Year".

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A big thank you to everyone who came out and donated into our collecting box - we are dividing it between Church, Chapel and School who will be receiving £24 each.

Many thanks also go to Bill Eastcott (Reindeer on quad bike) - Malcolm Shadbolt - and Neville Rimmer for supplying the music on board Santa's sleigh and those who came along to sing.

As the weather can never be predicted it has been suggested we have a free 'Sing Carols' event in the village Hall next year - hopefully with the village choir Tamar Singers adding to the entertainment. Nice to raise the roof with happy voices - so many of us love Carols - perhaps refreshments and maybe a raffle after to make it a nice occasion.

WOW, WOW, WOW — what an epic BINGO NIGHT

Our bingo evening was a huge success, and together we raised an incredible £920 for the Bridgerule Garden Space Project! 🎉🎉

We are so grateful to the wonderful community of Bridgerule and the surrounding areas for your amazing support and generosity. Every prize, every donation, and every person who joined us made the night truly special.

A massive thank you to Pam at The Bridge Inn for kindly hosting us — we filled the pub to the rafters! 🍷

And an extra shout-out to Luke for being a fantastic bingo caller 🎤

The night was filled with laughter, chatter, and new friendships — exactly the spirit we hope to carry forward as our new garden space grows and takes shape.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone below. Without you, this event simply wouldn't have been possible:.



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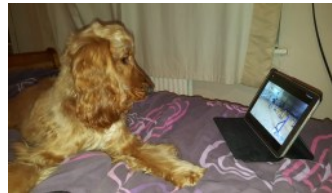
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Those visiting the Festival could also take part in winning 2 Christmas Hampers. The Winners being Alan Haddock of St Giles in the Heath and Peter Harris. Ladies of the church provided and sold refreshments.

The Festival concluded by a Carol Service led by Rev. Meg Slingo. The Tamarside Singers also sung some Christmas pieces during the service. The Conductor was Alan Quilter, Accompanist Georgina Riddle. Everyone enjoyed Mince Pies and Tea and Coffee after the service.

Proceeds for the weekend amounted to £725.00 for Church funds to which the Methodist Church is very grateful, especially for those that decorated the displayed Christmas Trees. Thank you one and all.

SHEILA'S MENTIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE:



Our thoughts and condolences go to Jean Ackford and Robert Glover and their family on the recent passing away of mum Irene. The burial took place recently.

We also remember the recent passing away of John Glover of Merrifield Cottage. The burial at St. Bridget's Church was held recently .



Neighbourhood Watch Notes

How often do you get a phone call from a withheld number? Why should anyone withhold their phone number? I know the doctors you can withhold - but a well-known business? I checked out the business that had made a withheld number call. They have agents and sub-contractors working for them who use this facility for their operations. Still, it sounds queer because you can't call them back if interested.

It is almost as bad as the bank security scam phone call telling you all sorts of lies from a mobile phone number. Do not for any reason give out your PIN number or bank details to anyone who phones or emails you. If you think you have been scammed phone 159. That will give you the chance to speak to the fraud department of the bank you need to talk to. Just say the name of your bank.

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat - but be careful if you want to put a penny in the old man's hat. Not many organisations now give you the opportunity to drop coins into their tin or box if in the streets or supermarket. It seems to be sign up for amounts per week or month. A more regular source of income.

But Christmas brings its own problems and opportunities for the thief. Keep your gifts out of sight in the car, and do lock it. Thieves are looking for gifts as well and they don't mind whose they take.

Cars, vans, tractors or quad bikes go missing from yards or fields or barns. Do lock up. So little fuss just to take a few seconds rather than the hassle caused if its gone or broken into.

And much the same goes for your purse, handbag, wallet or phone.

Nowadays it's all on your phone so keep it secure and don't wave it about out in the big wide world. Who's looking?

Enjoy the coming festivities from Halloween to fireworks and bonfire night but don't get troubled, but consider other folk and pets. Be careful at Christmas and the New Year. Remember 999 if it is needed or 101 if otherwise. See you in 2026

John McDougall 01288 381237
Co-ordinator



HUMANOID ROBOTICS ARE ON THE MARCH!

What is 2026 to bring to an already over laden world of smart phones, smart meters, smart cars, The development of computers, laptops, tablets and all-in-ones is now confined to history, So what maybe next? Well, how about anthropomorphic robotics!

Industry at large have used robotics on production lines for years and several million are currently in everyday use, but Elon Musk is developing what he believes will become a world beater in humanoid development.

Pleasingly, he is far behind a local Cornish company based in Falmouth who have produced a very credible and functional humanoid robot, designed by Engineered Arts and is considered by many to be the world's most advanced robot.



However, as robots can be programmed to do many things and with the advent of AI's ChatGPT can simulate any voice. Walking is the most difficult and has yet to be mastered, as the Russian attempt at anthropomorphic robot with artificial intelligence, and to their embarrassment, fell down after a couple of paces. So, robots are not quite ready to go on the march, but it's only a matter of time.



Seemingly prices currently discussed are between £10K and £15K but it is likely to be at least 5 years before a satisfactory walking robot is available to buy - so start saving!

However, Elon Musk believes in 20 years it will be possible to fully clone a human being and transpose that onto a robot. Now that is scary, image hundreds cloned Elon Musk robots, or Boris Johnson replacements or even worse, a whole government repeating error after error. In the words of the song "send in the clowns", or will it be robots!



In a move to make robots to look more human, a Chinese company "AheadForm" is trying to make heads that appear to have skin, lips and hair using a synthetic skin with a natural feel and look.

Honda's Asimo made its debut in 2000, But it was ditched three years ago (that too fell over) as the company is focusing on human-like robotics.



So, if anyone is worried robots will take over the world, don't be, trip them up and they will fall over! We all have weaknesses.

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In anticipation of finishing works on site the team have been reseeded the areas of disturbed ground and doing a general tidy up around the site.

As the vast majority of the engineering works are complete the number of personnel on site has reduced significantly, so things will feel a lot quieter compared to the peak of activity a few months ago.

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Shop update

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Have you got a few hours to spare? Please think of becoming a volunteer, the more the merrier!! A great way to meet people.

Solar Panels for the village hall

I am very pleased to inform you that Solar panels will be installed on the village hall roof starting mid-February.

The system consists of 36 panels complete with battery storage. It is estimated to produce 17,000 kilo Watt hours per year.

Funding has been obtained from the lottery community fund (well done Sheila!) with the balance of the cost made up by the shop & the hall.

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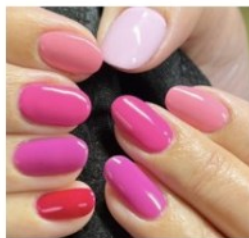
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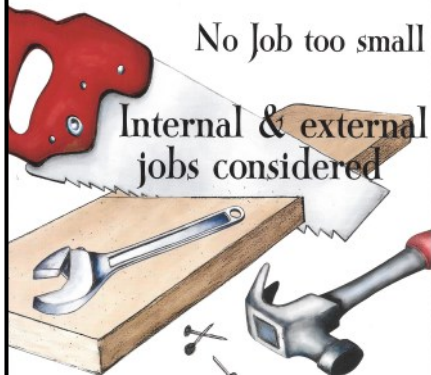
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