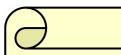


THE BUZZ

MARCH/APRIL 2018



Dear Buzz Readers,

You will see from this issue that quite a lot of events happening in our village over the next weeks and months.

Perhaps you would also like to write in your diaries that Revel Week 2018 will begin on Sunday 29th July and go through to our Carnival Day on Saturday 4th August.

Open Gardens back again this year raising money for The Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Please remember **20th April** is the date for anything you would like to include in our next issue. The Editor is always keen to include items that will be of interest to our readers.

Sheila Cholwill Editor

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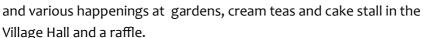
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BRIDGERULE OPEN GARDENS

Following a break in 2017 the open gardens event is returning this year and will be held on Sunday 24th June 11.00am-5.00pm.

Several gardens are opening this year with lunches at Tamar House



If you would like to join us and open your garden this year or find out more you would be very welcome. All proceeds are for the Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulances as in previous years.

For more information please contact:

Rosie on 01288 38141 or Cindy on 01288 381308



BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY APRIL 22nd
12.30—1.00PM

4 Courses for £10.00

Proceeds to St Bridget's Church

Book your ticket from Clarice on 01288 381329



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS AT ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

On Tuesday January 23rd Mrs Bunning drove Class 1 pupils, from Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School, up to St Bridget's Church, in the minibus where class teacher Mrs Joyce Pankhurst talked to the pupils about Christian signs and symbols. As they explored the church, Mrs Pankhurst explained about the significance of the font and altar, pulpit

and lectern, candles and crosses. Also pictured below are the pupils designing their own stain glass windows.







THURSDAY 29TH MARCH from 3.00pm

VILLAGE HALL

VARIOUS STALLS AND GAMES

REFRESHMENTS EASTER EGG HUNT RAFFLE

Come and See the Children's Easter Creations

FRIENDS OF BRIDGERULE SCHOOL



'BRIDGERULE'S GOT TALENT' ... EVENT

CRAFT SHOW (2 day event)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY – 10TH AND 11TH MARCH 2018

10 am. to 4.00 pm. at BRIDGERULE Village Hall

Come and see some of the clever craft items Bridgerule people produce
- you'll be amazed !!!!!

GLASS – POTTERY – PAINTING – BOOK ILLUSTRATING –
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DRAWING – WOODWORK – EMBROIDERY – SEWING

(Some items are for sale)

FREE ENTRY - Refreshments on Sale.

The JAMMIN' groups and THE TAMARSIDE SINGERS will be on stage during the weekend.

Sheila's Mentions:

We welcome Phil and Jean Lewis together with daughters and mum who have recently moved to Owlies and wish them a long and happy time living in our parish.

Birthday Greetings:

Peter Green for 8th March

Mrs B McDougall 96 on the 8th March

Ann Maynard for March 10th

Sarah Tomlin for March 10th

Fi O'Reilly for March 12th

Freda Lacey for March 12th

John McDougall for April 5th

Rose Hitchings for April 7th

Thank you Rose for our wonderful painted Buzz covers

Georgina Tomlin for April 20th

Liz James for April 21st

James Davey for April 22nd

Hazel Cann for April 22nd

Thank You

POPPY APPEAL:

Audrey Bews. Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for Bridgerule reports that the total collection for 2017 was £660.45

She wishes to thank Julie, Rose, Hilary, Amanda, The Bridge Inn and The Post Office for their help as collectors once again.

Grateful thanks to Rob & Julie Honey and Ray and Audrey

Bewes for organising a music night with The Jammers recently. The Hall has benefitted to the tune of £600. A special thank you to Andrew Eastcott and Christopher Darwin for their kind donations.

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HAVN'T THEY DONE WELL!



Photo shows Barry and Sarah recently when they were taken out to Fingles Bridge Inn by their good friends. Latest message from them says that Barry is feeling well and eating more and looking forward to Spring and the warmer weather. Barry and Sarah send everyone their love.

BRIDGERULE POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE VILLAGE HALL

Mondays/Thursdays 9.30—1.30pm
ALSO NOW BEING SOLD AT THESE SESSIONS
IN ORDER TO SAVE ON PLASTIC

MILK IN GLASS BOTTLES





BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL



4th March Rev. N. Street 11.00am Sacrament

11th March J. Guy 11.00am

18th March Mr and Mrs J Turner 11.00am

25th March B. Bryne 11.00am

1st April V. Bickle 11.00am

8th April Mrs. C. Forster 11.00am

15th April M. Hodges 11.00am

22nd April D. Adams 11.00am

29th April Mrs. L. Bowden 11.00am



Kevin Bowditch came to the Coffee Club recently and gave a very interesting talk and showed slides of his experience as a submariner aboard HMS Repulse for 14 years as part of a nuclear deterrent.



BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL



On Sunday February 4th Mrs Jan Orchard (pictured above with some of the congregation and husband Ray) led her first service at Bridgerule Chapel basing her talk and hymn selection, on the theme of "Love". Jan and Ray relocated from Leicestershire to take up residence, in Bridgerule, in October 2014. Jan had previously been a local preacher for 10 years (after her initial 3 year training period) and for many years prior to that she had led services at a local Baptist Church. Ray has also acted as a Church Warden. Not only are Jan and Ray members of the Tamarside Singers but they are also regular members of the St Bridget's Church congregation and Bridgerule Village Coffee mornings.



CHARITY PRESENTATION

Sheila, representing The Cholwill Reindeer Factory recently gave a cheque for £9520 to Jess and Jo, members of staff at Little Harbour Children's Hospice in St Austell; the family's chosen favourite charity.

The cheque was for monies raised from the sale of their Christmas 2018 reindeers and snowmen.

Colin has been making these Christmas creatures for 5 years and Little Harbour have just confirmed profits from their sales have now exceeded £23000!



BRIDGERULE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday January 30th Mother Elizabeth Burke led Collective Worship at Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School. She brought her own, much loved and much used childhood bible to tell the pupils the story of Jesus being taken to the Temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to celebrate the Festival of Passover. She spoke to the pupils about the importance of listening, teaching and learning.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of all the village I would like to thank the patrons of The Bridge Inn for providing the funding for the Christmas Tree, and the power for its lights, during the Christmas period". The amount donated not only covered the cost of the tree and lights but will also enable additional lights to be purchased for this year. THANK YOU ALL!

Barry Marshall

Regular Table Tops have now been taking place in our Village Hall for about fours years. Initially started by the late Jean Hammond and now Christine Gee and helpers.



The hall committee are indebted to these Table Top sales which has raised £4000 since they began and a further £2000 from sale of tables and refreshments. Thanks also goes to Pat Johnston who regularly helps Sheila with the refreshments at each Table Top.

BUT these Table Tops have only been possible through generous donations of items for sale which you, our community, no longer have a personal need for.

Our Table Top Sales are now established with regular traders and buyers attending. For this success story to continue we are asking for more of your unwanted but saleable items.

Christine or Sheila can be contacted on their numbers below.





TRADERS £5 A TABLE

Can set Up from 12.0 Noon - Buyers from 1.30pm

NEXT TABLE TOP: SATURDAY MARCH 3RD
SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

PLEASE show your support to this regular sale Come and browse, stay for a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake.

> Christine can be contacted on 01288 381033 or Sheila on 01288381350

SCHOOL SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

On Tuesday January 23rd, Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School joined fellow pupils from Bradford Primary and Black Torrington C of E Primary School at the Community Hall in Black Torrington for a "Science on Fire" workshop, led by Pete, pictured above. This exciting session, based on Newton's 3rd Law of Motion saw Pete demonstrating the science behind forces and motion through fire, air and smoke. What is gunpowder, how do rockets work and how could Pete, not only lie on a bed of nails but have extra bricks and weights laid on his chest and then have another larger brick smashed with a sledgehammer- all without a whimper??



Neighbourhood Watch Notes

A letter asks if you would you like to share in the supposedly two billion pounds left in dormant bank accounts? Only - it says - for aged individuals and charities. Nice one if it were true. Oh! there is a lot of money in abandoned accounts in banks, building societies and in stocks and shares. But you won't get it replying to this letter.

So, I phoned Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 (also available on 'actionfraud.police.uk') and had to wait. Find a comfortable seat by the

'actionfraud.police.uk') and had to wait. Find a comfortable seat by the phone. Like a lot of police procedure it's time consuming and little response to my questions like "have you heard of this Dr. before?". However it's in their hands, together with his London address. So! Scams come in all sorts of ways. I haven't had the call about problems with my computer for a while, nor the bailiffs phoning up. Believe me bailiffs don't phone first, and they don't have the right to enter your property.

Keep the chain on the door for 'funny' visitors.

Any real official knocking on your door has identification - check it. If you doubt someone on the phone then ask for details from them:name, rank, badge number and where they work from. Tell them to phone back in 15 minutes or so then use another phone to check them out by phoning 101, or ask a neighbour to come over now if you feel confused.

Stop, think, do not respond immediately.

On another matter, the 'Alerts' system replaced the old Community Messaging System. Alerts arrive as emails. You can register by going to "alerts.dc.police.uk" or print off a form from

"torridgenhw.ourwatch.org.uk" by going to 'downloads' and visiting 'Alert System'. (I am told)

The most injurious scam is fake police stopping motorists in the dark with flashing blue lights on an unmarked car. Don't get out, lock the doors and keep windows closed. They are after phones and valuables. Drivers have been assaulted!

Real police have identification and uniforms. Don't have nightmares.

Keep 'em peeled.

John McDougall Coordinator for Bridgerule 01288 381237



SPOTLIGHT ON BRENDA TOLE

My name is Brenda Tole and I was born on the 9th January 1938. My maiden name is Honan, which gives a clue to my Irish background. My mother was from Co. Limerick and my father's family came from Co. Clare, though he was born and raised in Liverpool. I am the eldest of three girls and our family lived in Pinner. Middlesex.



The year after I was born war was declared, but my memories of those years are patchy. A house near ours was bombed and at school I recall an occasion when we were led into a windowless corridor because of bombers overhead. Under the stairs in our house was a favourite place to go



when there was an air raid. My father wasn't called up due to his extremely poor eyesight, so he did ARP duties instead. Dad was a Chartered Physiotherapist and mum, once we had all started school, went to work as a shorthand typist. We three girls were educated at a Catholic Junior School in

Brenda Geraldine Angela Wealdstone, followed by the Grammar School.

I'll now fast forward to when I was 18 years old. There was no careers advice to be had so my parents decided I should train as a teacher. I gained entry to Digby Stuart Training College in Roehampton. My first teaching post was at St. Bernadette's Junior School in Hillingdon. After 2 years my friend Judith and I decided to answer an advert from the British Council who were looking for teachers to work in Colombia, South America. We applied and got a post each at the Colegio Colombo Britanico, in Cali, Colombia. Our task was to teach the Spanish speaking children English.

These were the children of wealthy parents who frequently holidayed in the United States. Therefore, the children's English was pretty good anyway.



Cali is the second largest city in Colombia and we were contracted to work there for 3 years between 1960 and 1963. I was 22 years old. Off we went and our families did not see us again until September 1963.

Of course, it was another world. A world of extreme poverty and extreme

wealth. It was a huge culture shock for us both. For the first 3 months we boarded with a German couple, and then we rented our own apartment. There was no point in having a car — many of the roads fizzled out after a few miles and there was a very real danger of bandits. To get anywhere, one had to fly. During our time there we travelled extensively visiting all the major towns, including the capital Bogota.

We had a holiday in Mexico, staying in Mexico City and Acapulco amongst other smaller towns. There is a photograph of me water-skiing in Acapulco. In Mexico City we went to a bull-fight-not a pleasant sight. It is impossible to explain about all the trips we made and the extraordinary sights we saw. Though we were away for 3 years it was more than worth it. I have got a simple record consisting of photographs and brief notes taken at the time, which give an idea of the various places we visited.

We sailed home from Buenaventura to Barcelona on the "Donizetti" on a 17-day trip. From Barcelona we went on to Madrid, from there flying to Heathrow to be re-united with our families.

Back home in September 1963, my first task was to find work. I got a relief teaching post at St. Mary's School in Uxbridge, which eventually turned into a permanent position. It was here that Ben and I first met. He didn't teach at the school but his great friend, Paul, did. One day, Ben came to the school to meet up with Paul, we met, and the rest is history.



Nine months later, we married and within 4 years there were 3 children – Chris, Jane and Maria. Richard arrived sometime later. While the



children were young, I did an assortment of jobs. Through caring for a friend's baby for 6 months, I became involved with Social Services which ultimately resulted in me working as a Home Care Manager for Bucks County Council.

So, the years rolled by and eventually

Ben took early retirement from teaching. A little later I followed him. For a couple of years Ben did supply teaching and then it was time to put our retirement plan into action — moving to Devon. Eventually this came to pass. Our first house was in Dousland, near Yelverton, which is where Ben was brought up. Ben's grandad was a stone mason and he helped construct the dam at Burrator Reservoir. At the time of our move his dad was still alive and living in the family home. From our new home we could walk down the road and be on the moor.

In 2005, for various reasons, we reluctantly put our house on the market and in due course found ourselves in Bridgerule – soon finding we had made a good choice. Ben and I have lovely, caring friends and there is always something going on in the village. Having said that there is a corner of our hearts that still longs for Dartmoor! However, we are settled here, hopefully, for many years to come. Ben and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2016. We have raised four fantastic children, and with their dear partners, are blessed to have six equally fantastic grandchildren. Looking back at our younger selves all those years ago, who would have thought it!

As a postscript, I'd like to say a big thank you to my walking pals (you know who you are!) for their generosity to Ben and myself and a similar thank you to all our friends who helped us celebrate our Golden Wedding and my 80th birthday.

The Buzz would like to thank Brenda for agreeing to compile her most interesting Spotlight.

BEST BEFORE by Marie Field

How very reassuring we are told we may ignore,
Food labels with the date stating 'Best Before'.
To know the crumpled packet held in hand,
Will not cause stomach upsets, or is going bad.
And that rather stale and limp sponge cake,
When covered with custard or stewed fruit will make,
A passable pudding to fill a large gap,
To meet the needs of a hungry chap.
For that forgotten package at bottom of freezer,
Can now be eaten with relish to make life easier.

For there is no doubt it cannot be denied,
Food plays a major role in our lives.
As entranced by exotic meals on our screens,
We sit with our micro/waved meal or baked beans.
For how can tired working mums at fall of night,
Dare to embark on these complicated culinary heights?
When returning home needing a cup of strong tea,
And a desire to put their feet up on the settee.

But the Coop Shop now charging just 10p,
Has approached 'Best Before' with sensible reality.
Now offering food at 2 weeks older than the date,
(To avoid giving folks the stomach ache.)
With 'Best Before' located in a special aisle,
Where it will be on sale for a short while.
Insuring good food will not go to waste,
To be thrown away in uncertain haste.
Great news by the Coop for starting this theme,
And to hope all food shops will follow this scheme.

For our caveman ancestors though not too bright,
Would creep out into the dead of night.
To slay a fierce wild animal entirely free,
Then invite the tribe around for barbecue tea.
Or a stray woolly mammoth foraging near by,
Could well end up in a fresh meat pie.
For the stone-age was not troubled by 'Best Before'.
As they three discarded bones upon the floor.
And with great primeval grunts munched and supped,

RECENT TRAFFIC CHAOS IN AND AROUND OUR VILLAGE

AS REPORTED By Christopher Darwin—Scotland Farm Most inhabitants of Bridgerule will have been affected by the recent closure of the Bude – Holsworthy A3072 road near the Tamarstone bridge while the road was resurfaced.

Devon County Council closed the A3072 during working hours from 18th January to 7th February – "for the safety of the workforce".

Traffic between Bude and Holsworthy made its own way, using the minor roads to cross the river Tamar in Bridgerule. Some even drove through Derril, having been diverted at the golf club

In the village, heavy vehicles passing each other have pushed the bank into the stream, which will lead to flooding of the road and more damage.

The road was not gritted when ice was forecast for 7th February – vehicles on the hill jack-knifed.

It has not been healthy or safe to be near or on the road in Bridgerule.

What is the answer?

The roadworks on the A3072 should have had traffic lights and alternate traffic, with a contractor's vehicle leading the convoys and ensuring the safety of those working on the road.

This is how Cornwall Council recently resurfaced the similar width B3254 between Bridgerule and Whitstone. There were minor delays, the traffic flowed safely and minor roads were not ruined.

The reply from DCC was that DCC would continue to close roads, diversions are not enforceable, minor roads are inspected for damage once a year and potholes can be reported. No reason was given for not using alternate traffic, although I believe this was due to a past accident on the North Devon link road.

I should have also mentioned the blind bend on the hill – as we all know (but the drivers did not), vehicles starting up or down it cannot see opposite traffic already on it, guaranteeing a confliction.

I suggest that it is mad to take traffic from a 24ft wide main road and let it find its way down 12ft lane with blind corners and through a village. It last happened about six years ago when the Tamarstone bridge on the A3072 was repaired – I foolishly thought a lesson had been learned.

My correspondence was just me – and I was brushed off.

If you, dear reader of Buzz, do not want a repeat, I suggest that you also write to Devon County Council.

Here is the address and some emails.

They can be found on the devon.gov.uk website after some searching.

Meg Booth, Head of Highways, County Hall Exeter EX2 4QD;

<u>meg.booth@devon.gov.uk</u> - <u>stuart.hughes@devon.gov.uk</u> - highways management; <u>andrea.davis@devon.gov.uk</u> - infrastructure; <u>barry.parsons@devon.gov.uk</u> - our local county councillor.

The more people that correspond, the greater the chance of some success. If plenty of people report the potholes and cliff-edge verges, they may get repaired more quickly.

I intend to write to the police commissioner and our MP, Geoffrey Cox. Any other ideas?

Christopher Darwin jcsdarwin@gmail.com 01288 381265





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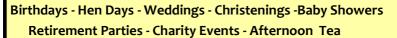
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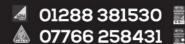
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