

THE BUZZ

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Dear Readers,

In this issue Fran and Jill have sent us some more details of their wonderful travels.

I'm sure most of the Buzz readers have heard by now that we can now replace the roof of our village hall. It was absolutely great news when the trustees were told that The Big Lottery were to give The Village Hall a grant of £63000.

Unfortunately for the trustees we were not permitted to tell anyone so we had to qualm our excitement until after Christmas, something quite difficult to do. (See report on page 18)

It now costs £242 every time The Buzz goes to print and the Newsletter is very dependent on those that read it and those that advertise in it by means of sponsorship. If there are any more readers who would like to financially support it and do not already I would be very grateful.

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Brian Meadows was guest speaker at a recent Coffee Club Morning. Brian who lives in our village has been an IT Consultant for a number of



years and now regularly writes in our Newsletter. See page 6 of this issue. Brian has produced a free CD to help the readers of The Buzz cut down on their computer repairs alongside free telephone help and advice.

BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = facebook page

'If you wish to promote an event in our village... want something ... or maybe have something for sale'

Then just let Stacey Hillier Cholwill know and she will upload it on to our new facebook page'.

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ALTINA PRETINGE

REPRESENTING HIS COUNTRY!

Even if you're not a rugby fan, on Saturday, February 9th, it was good to see **Luke Cowan-Dickie**, in an England shirt, come off the bench and onto the hallowed Twickenham turf, with 20 minutes left to play, in the 44-8 England trouncing of France, in the ongoing 6 Nations Rugby

Tournament. 25year old Truro born Luke has been a stalwart in the Exeter Chiefs ranks since 2011 and having recently signed a new contract is set to stay at Sandy Park for a further 2 years.

Grandad Victor and wife Sue, who moved to Bridgerule in 2012 were, no doubt, cheering his every move.

Rose Hitchings wants to ask 2 questions – can anyone help please?



1/ Why are there 7 leg holes in the village stocks kept at St. Bridget's Church?

Was there a particularly naughty 1 legged man who was clamped in the stocks regularly with other felons?

2/ Some early records tell us that Bridgerule vicarage in the 1760' – 1790's onwards? was called EASTPARK – where was it?

The Rev. John Kingdon came to live there with his wife and daughter Bridget – and all subsequent children were born there according to this research. (The Glebe was built AFTER this date.)

Elizabeth Veale – born at Lodgeworthy – was a good friend of Bridget Kingdon and letters sent to each other (to and from Australia) have been made into a book. Elizabeth Veale married a soldier John Macarthur and in 1790 they sailed for Australia with Elizabeth becoming famous for her farming skills and for the production of merino sheep – exporting valuable wool back to England.

BRIDGERULE OPEN GARDENS



Open Gardens is taking a break this year but we are hoping for an even bigger and better event next year.

We are a friendly group with no formal committee, just a group with a love of gardening who would be pleased to welcome

other gardeners who would like to join us in this fun and enjoyable event. Gardens large and small, traditional or qwerky are all welcome, a variety of gardens make it interesting for visitors who enjoy all aspects of the gardens, even if you feel there are things you would still like to do visitors love to see 'work in progress'.

Please think about joining us in opening your garden next year, it's a lovely day and even better if the sun shines! There is plenty of time to prepare, we shall be holding a meeting in early December to plan for next year and would be pleased to meet anybody who would potentially like to take part or just find out more about the event. Further information will be in the Buzz later in the year or give us a call.

Cindy 01288 381308 or Rosie 01288 381341





On Tuesday, February 5th, Michelle

Hogarth visited the Bridgerule Village Coffee Morning, run by Sheila Cholwill (pictured middle) and Audrey Bewes (pictured Right). Michelle recently took up her role as a Pastoral Lay Worker, within the Bude and Holsworthy Methodist Circuit and is visiting local events to introduce herself, within this role. Several attendees at the Coffee Morning are already regular members of the Chapel congregation so it was the ideal opportunity for Michelle to put names to faces and to receive encouragement in establishing her outreach role within the local communities.

WALKING FOOTBALL Supported and initiated by Devon F.A.

A group of over 55 year olds from Bridgerule have started up a walking football team .

We play against another group of men from Holsworthy at Holsworthy Leisure
Centre every Sunday between 11:00am and midday.

We play indoors and it is essentially a non contact sport.

Our ages range from 65 – 82yrs and it can be as energetic as you want it to be.

Most of the participants haven't played football since their schooldays so you can see we are not very experienced.

The game is played in a very good spirit and the most difficult thing being is in trying not to run.

If you feel this sport could be for you give me a call on the number below.

You don't have to commit to playing every week as the main object is to improve "gradually" on your fitness and wellbeing.

Brian Beadle 01288 381117

INTER PARISH FOOTPATH WALKS 2019

Monday 11th February - Thornbury/ Woodacott, Meet at Thornbury Holiday Park, EX22 7BT

Monday 11th March - Halwill. Meet by Halwill Parish Church, **EX21 5UH**

Monday 8th April - Pyworthy. Meet at Pyworthy Village Hall, EX22 6SZ.

Monday 13th May - Milton Damerel. Meet at Milton Damerel Parish Hall, EX22 7NZ.

Monday 10th June - Bradworthy. Meet in Bradworthy Square, EX22 7TD.

Monday 8th July – Holsworthy Hamlets. Meet at East Vognacott Chilsworthy

Monday 12th August - Pancrasweek. Meet in Lower Tamar Lake car park, EX22 7LB.

We will walk alongside the Bude Agueduct to Vealand nature reserve. This is quite a long walk so please bring a snack lunch.



Monday 9th September - Clawton. Meet at Village Hall, EX22 6PS.

Monday 14th October – Bradworthy. Meet in Bradworthy Square, EX22 7TD.

Monday 11th November – Ashwater. Meet at Higher Larkworthy Farm, EX21 5DE.

Please Note: All walks start at 10.00am & have a walk leader who may decide, if conditions are not suitable on the day, to change the venue &/ or route. These walks are intended to check on the current state of Parish footpaths & therefore will be walked at a casual pace. These walks can be wet & muddy so suitable footwear/ clothing is advised & great care needs to be taken especially when it is slippery underfoot. Parking can be limited so please share transport where possible. Everyone is most welcome to come along. If you need any more information,

please contact Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Fmail: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

Reduce Computer Repair Costs



Repairing a computer can be an expensive business, no matter who repairs it!

It may involve the replacement of expensive parts such as a new screen or hard drive, but more often it is because the system has become infected with Viruses, Adware, Junk, Cookies and other programs which can corrupted the Operating System, making your system run slowly, steal your personal data, bank details or your identity.

Malware is sadly a blight of our times and daunting as it maybe for some, applying basic housekeeping procedures, cleaning your files, deleting your browser cache and stopping programs from running in the background at start-up, will resolve many problems and can prolong the life of your computer.

There are many ways you can do this and a number of the programs are available which are free to download, install and use. Once installed these programs will seek out junk and infected files, eradicated cookies responsible for privacy intrusions and defragment the hard drive to allow it to run without excessive wear and tear and stop adware from using your internet allowance.

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This DVD is free to all Buzz readers, plus a free telephone advice service on how best to protect your system from privacy intrusions and how to activate these programs. All programs have been fully tested and are free from virus or other infections and can be safely installed on your computer to clean and service it as often as required. (Please note: only 1 DVD per household)



To obtain a FREE DVD, or for free advice telephone Brian Meadows on 01288 381061 and arrange collection.

BRIDGERULE SPORTS HALL has now been granted planning permission.

Fund raising will shortly begin. When it is up and running it will provide a brand new, purpose built pre school for the youngest members of our village and also extensive facilities for the children of the primary school. It will allow the current preschool to move out, releasing space for the pupils in the school to spread out a little as the current facilities are extremely cramped. Rainy day playtime and sports will be able to take place in the dry, clean and spacious new sports hall. The facility will also be able to accommodate various other sporting activities such as, but not limited to, in door 5 a side football, badminton, basketball, netball, aerobics, gymnastics, Zumba, trampolines etc etc and will be available for hire by local clubs, societies and individuals for sporting activities and events.

Over the coming weeks members of the committee will be carrying out a short survey to ascertain what the community would like to see available in the new hall and will be grateful to receive comments, suggestions and of course fundraising support.

BRIDGERULE PRE-SCHOOL

COLLECTION MARCH 11TH

We would love for you to donate any old clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts, soft toys and bedding.

Any Enquiries to Claire Braund Tel: 01288 381



HOLSWORTHY HISTORY SOCIETY

Meets at The Skills Centre, by Ambulance Station −7.00pm

March 14th Speaker Tom Soby on Peat, Power and Powder.

April 4th Speaker Hugh Reed on Life in 18/19th Century Devon.

Visitors are charged £3.50 which includes refreshments. All Welcome. Any enquiries please to John McDougall on 01288 381237

Our last port of call before going down to the south of Sicily is Monreale. This is a small hill town, 8 km southwest of Palermo and has amazing views down the Conca d'Oro valley. It is famous for its baroque cathedral built in the middle ages and inside houses the second biggest Byzantine mosaic work in the world (the 1st Saint Sophia, Istanbul) 6,340 square meters worth of golden mosaic, filling the walls and ceilings of the cathedral. The main mosaic (pictured) is the all-embracing 1/2 figure of Christ in benediction in the central apse, the head and shoulder alone almost 20 meters high, beneath sits an



enthroned Madonna and Child and attendant angels. Different scenes run around the whole church, Adam and Eve, Abraham on the point of sacrificing his son, even the Creation and a large display of Noah's Ark showing all the animals boarding the ark.



From there the journey south through the countryside is stunning, vast unspoilt vista's with a few hill top villages to break up the scenery. The South coast is slightly warmer and even though it is winter we are able to wear shorts and even have a dip in the sea, albeit with a wetsuit on, (pic with me and Tilly) Here a lot of the coastal towns are marina's with a strong local fishing trade, as a result there are plenty of restaurants offing excellent seafood pasta, risotto, fresh grilled calamari. prawns, cuttlefish off the boat at very practically reasonable prices.

In land one of the Unesco listed towns of South Eastern Sicily is the Baroque town of Ragusa, it was originally built on a small steep sided hill with deep valleys on the 3 sides and after the earthquake of 1693, it was decided to rebuild on the higher more level ground nearby, some locals didn't want to and instead built move themselves a new palazzi on



the ruins of the old town, so now Ragusa has two parts, Ilba the older nucleus on its hill top and Rugusa Superiore the more modern upper town, meaning that to visit it all in a day requires some serious hill walking.



Noto another fascinating baroque town nearby is also a hill top town but less steep so the real pleasure is to simply

walk around the narrow streets, admire the gold coloured stone buildings with it's varying facades and balconies, one of the many churches we visited we climbed up to the tower for amazing views over the top of Noto even though the staircase up to it was rather tricky!! The final main Unesco town we visited nearby is Siracusa, an ancient town on the sea with it's centre being on an island called Ortigia (1 km by 500 m) and mainly traffic free. So just to wander round it is a joy with the edge of the island nice to sit out in the sun with a view over the lagoon and within the centre architectural styles vary from Greek and Roman remains,

mediaeval Norman buildings and by now

From here it is just 45minutes up the East coast to our Air bed and breakfast that we had rented over the Christmas holidays and catch up with our washing! It was lovely to unwind after a busy time on the road, the outside space had a lovely view of the sea below us and across to Mount Etna.

It was a bit of a shock when at 11am on the 24th of December, after weeks of small eruptions and small tremors, there was a strong explosion from a new fracture which threw a very high column of ash and debris into the sky (picture of it) which was then carried by strong winds over the Ionian sea thankfully not inland but still closing Sicilian airspace temporarily, that night from our accommodation we were able to see the lava flowing from the



new fissure which thankfully stopped early morning Christmas day. However early Boxing day there was an earthquake registering 4.8 that injured 28 people and damaged buildings in Catania. We did not feel anything but our neighbours claimed they did!

Leaving our accommodation we then ventured further up the East coast to Taormina an idyllically town perched on a rocky promontory high above the Ionian sea with it's beautifully restored mediaeval buildings and breath taking views and streets full of shops, bars and restaurants which has made it the most popular tourist destination in Sicily, with visitors including Oscar Wilde and Richard Wagner.

Apparently as a consequence this small town is sometimes so crowded that it is a victim of its own success. Thankfully we were there well outside the season so we could appreciate the beauty of it with its clear views over the crystal Ionian sea and beautiful buildings but as always with very popular areas it had the highest prices of restaurant and drink prices in Sicily.

From here we are heading home so first a drive to Palermo to catch an overnight ferry to Genova and from there to revisit Alba for more truffles! Via Meribel and across France before catching a ferry from Ouistreham to Portsmouth. Before that we went to Ranville war cemetery in Lower Normandy, which is a second World war cemetery of commonwealth soldiers in France which contains predominantly British soldiers killed during the early stages of the Battle of Normandy.

Ranville was the 1st village to be liberated by elements of the British 6th Airborne division (of which a large proportion of those are in this

cemetery) On the morning of 6 June 1944 (D-Day) when the nearby Pegasus bridge over Caen canal was attacked and captured. The churchyard was field dead. Following the end of the war, the war cemetery was created which gathered field burials from locations including Amfreville, Colleville- sur-Mer, Colombelle Houlgate and Villes-sur-Mer.



From Ranville as we had a very early ferry the next day we travelled to the Port with the idea of staying at an aire there, unfortunately as we arrived we decided that this may not be an option, due to the notable presence of immigrants and us being in an English camper-van. By no means did we feel threatened as they were clearly people in desperate circumstances and it saddened us to see work able capable African American young men desperate to find a way to improve their life despite travelling miles from a war torn country. We were able to catch a ferry that evening. But as I write this piece I remember these young men with smiles on their faces despite their hardship with friends as they gathered round areas to keep warm and dry. Imagine....... If it was you what would you do?

Fran and Jill

DID YOU EAT THAT TASTY CHEESE?.....THIS IS WHERE IT CAME FROM!

This is a little bit of information about the cheese used for the Revel Week Wine & Wisdom, and also the Johnny Cowling concert, as people were interested in where they could buy it. The cheddar cheese was called Castello 'Tickler', and the brie was called Trevarrian. They are both produced by the Arla company, and can be found in local supermarkets, and on the deli counter at Morrisons, Waitrose and Tesco, but you have to search for it. Morrisons milk comes from South West farmers. You can look for the green Arla logo.

Milk from 3 farms in the village of Bridgerule is collected by Arla and taken to the factory at North Tawton, where it is made into Tickler cheese, as well as other hard cheeses such as Taw Valley mature, and extra mature. There is a factory shop at North Tawton, where you can purchase all the different cheeses. The soft cheeses are made in a factory near Newquay, where we were taken on a tour in the summer. (The factory is near where the Board masters festival was being held, & we've never seen so many tents in one field, quite a sight.) Milk from Cornish farms goes there, where soft cheeses such as Brie & Camembert are made. It was very interesting to see all the different processes which the milk went through to produce the cheese. There are several Arla milk factories in the UK, making a variety of products such as Anchor butter, bottled milk, cheese, Skyre yoghurt.

Originally formed in 1933 there was a government department called the Milk Marketing Board which most of the farmers in GB sold their milk to. Then in 1999 it was split up into 4 areas. The South West was called Milk Marque. Then in 2000, because of the competitions committee, Milk marque had to be split up & became Milklink. The company is farmer owned. Eventually it was decided to merge with Arla, who are a co-operative of farmer owned producers in Denmark, Sweden, and Germany. Farmers from different areas in the UK elect representatives who attend meetings in this country, then some travel to meetings in Copenhagen or Stockholm. We wait to see what happens after Brexit.

David is a rep for this area and goes to meetings in Europe from time to time. There is also a mentoring programme to find out what other farmers do. Last autumn we had a farmer from Sweden to stay and in the middle of January we went back to his farm. We had a lot of flights, as we first flew to Glasgow to a Dairy conference. One young speaker at the conference from the USA had a farm with 30,000 cows, enough to supply the city of Chicago.

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Then we flew to Stockholm and a further flight to the farm in the middle of Sweden. We were expecting it to be very cold, but although the temperature was minus 9 or 10 it was dry and didn't seem so cold. We were able to walk on a frozen lake, and use an old fashioned sledge called a" kick" which they used to move things like logs or milk around the farm. We saw

4 farms, the main difference to us was that they all used robots to milk the cows, and they kept all their animals together in one big shed. The countryside was like a picture from a Christmas card, in fact most still had their Christmas lights in their windows, and our hosts had their Christmas tree up in their house. The streets in the town were lit up with decorations. We enjoyed our time in Sweden very much.







Neighbourhood Watch Notes

I suppose that everyone gets all sorts of things delivered in the post. Some enclosures that help pay for delivery and other circulars. Some of these can be useful, and I don't mean just to light the fire. They could be life changing, or at least bring a little help. One of these pamphlets was from



"Independent Age" which is the operating name of the Royal united Kingdom Beneficent Association. It is asking people "are you missing out on money that you are due?" A free phone number is given 0800 856 6766 or visit 'independentage.org/due'. A free guide is available for all sorts of benefits, not only financial. Why not give it a try? I know it's nothing to do with crime fighting, but it is neighbourly and that's what can be nice about life. Bridgerule continues to be little effected by crime. Don't let the fear of crime stop you from having a decent lifestyle. One thing that is continually changing is the SCAM. Whether it's by phone, email or post, they basically all want the same. Your money! It's not BT or any other provider. Your broadband connection is not about to be cut. It's certainly not HMRC. It's not a far and distant police force What more can I say? It's a con. It's a trick. As always, if you see something going on that you think is queer call the police. If you know something useful and wish to stay anonymous call Look after number one and those Crimestoppers on 0800555111. around you and be neighbourly.

John McDougall Co-ordinator Bridgerule 01288 381237

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SHEILA'S MENTIONS:

Our thoughts are with **Tony Wallis and his family** on the recent death of daughter Andrea Gibbs.

Our thoughts are also with **Peter and Clarice Harris** and family on the recent death of their sister and aunt, Pat Moore.

Birthday Wishes:

Peter Green for 8th March Mrs. B. McDougal for 8th March. Ann Maynard for 10th March. Sarah Tomlin for 10th March. Fi O'Reilly for 12th March. Freda Lacey for 18th March. Susan North for 19th March.

John McDougall for 5th April.
Storm Pearcey for 5th April
Rose Hitchings for 7th April.
Angel Pearcey for 7th April
Shirley Abbott for 11th April
Georgina Braund for the 20th April.
Liz James for the 21st April.
James Davey for 22nd April.
Jedd Peschke for 22nd April.
Hazel Cann for 22nd April.



Do you recognise the key fob? (below)

It was picked up recently whilst out walking.
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Every six years the church electoral roll is renewed. This roll is a list of people of 16 years and above in a church parish who considers themselves to be Church of England/Anglican. In days gone by people didn't go onto the roll as they thought it would increase the parish share (the amount paid towards having a parish priest). It is important for parish churches especially in less populated areas to ensure that all who consider themselves to be Church of England or Anglican are on it. It does not increase the Parish Share/Common Fund. To be on the roll all you need to be is baptised and either live in the parish or regularly attend that particular church.

The simple forms to be on the roll are at the back of churches or can be obtained from the church secretary.

Those on the electoral roll are able to vote at the:

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Bridgerule - Wednesday 20th March.
7pm Eucharist. 7.30 Meeting at the Parish Church of St Bridget's.

BRIDGERULE VILAGE HALL HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED £63,466 BY THE BIG LOTTERY FUND!!

Bridgerule Village Hall has just been awarded £63,466 from the Big Lottery (Reaching Communities) Fund so that it can complete the refurbishment of the village hall!!! And we are absolutely delighted.

The village hall was built in 1955 by local people in order to have a meeting place where village activities could take place and was extensively used. It declined in use over the years as the infrastructure began to wear out. By the 1990's the cement/asbestos roof was reaching its useful life and needed to be replaced. The present committee have done a lot of remedial work since, and the replacement of the roof is the "last piece in the jigsaw" that will enable the hall to face the next 50 years in good repair and be warm and welcoming to all the users in the village and surrounding area.

Since 2013, nearly £125,000 has been raised by grants, fund raising activities, donations and income from regular hirers to make the hall an attractive venue for all sorts of activities from keep fit to short mat bowls, from dances to lunches and from concerts to private parties. Use of the hall has increased so much that it is now sought after by private individuals for wedding receptions, funeral teas, anniversaries and children's parties. It has a part time Post office on two days per week and is also used for formal occasions such as local and national elections and regular meetings of the Parish Council.

Chris Hitchings, Chair, Bridgerule Village Hall says "Bridgerule is a fantastic place to live with a superb community spirit. We are delighted that the National Lottery have put their trust in us to replace the roof, and given us this money. It would have taken many years to save the amount that it is costing to replace. A lot of work has gone into the application and the Lottery has demonstrated that where there is a need they will support local organisations who can show that they are capable of managing the project and bring it to a successful conclusion. We would like to say how much we appreciate the help given to us by the Lottery, and particularly their local representative Jenny Fish."

BOOKING CLERK: SHEILA CHOLWILL Telephone: 01288 381350





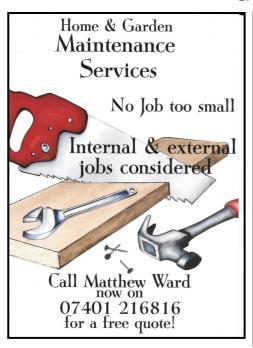
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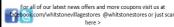
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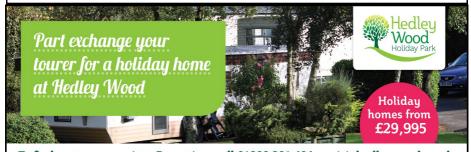
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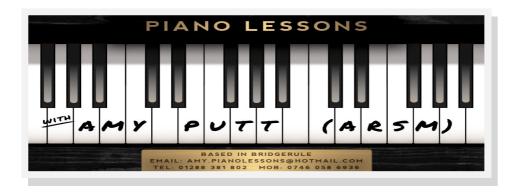
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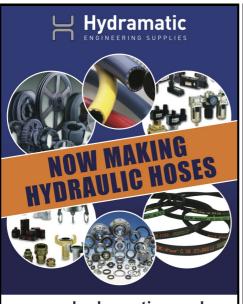
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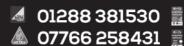
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