

THE BUZZ

JOHNNY
COWLING
AT
BRIDGERULE
MAY 6

WHO WILL HE PICK ON THIS TIME?



MARCH/APRIL 2022



Dear Buzz Readers,

Village life, thankfully is beginning to return to some kind of normality but understandably some of us are still a little hesitant.

The hall has been really busy of late, holding quite a few children's birthday parties and the regular activities that were happening pre-covid have all returned.

Two families who have been involved in our village life for a number of years are both celebrating special family events in this issue of The Buzz and we send them our very best wishes.

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08.50	09.15	09.30	09.35	09.50
12.50	13.15	13.30	13.35	13.50
Bude	Red Post	BRIDGERULE	Holsworthy	Bude
10.40	10.54	10.59	11.14	11.40
14.10	14.24	14.29	14.44	15.10

TIMES IN **RED** — **MONDAY-SATURDAY**
TIMES IN **BLUE** — **MONDAY-FRIDAY ONLY**

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome you to their SERVICES at 11.00am



- March 6th - Rev N. Street - Sacrament
- March 20th - Barry Bryne - United Service with St. Bridget's
- March 27th - United Service at St. Bridget's
- April 3rd - Rev. N. Street
- April 17th - Muriel Hodges - Easter Day
- April 24th - United Service at St. Bridget's

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WE ARE LISTENING



Make Community Ideas happen

The Holsworthy & District Community Forum are working to help set up different new projects to make some community ideas actually happen.

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Help us decide how to make Holsworthy and all the surrounding areas an even better place to live, work, and feel part of - for everyone.

It's been two years since we asked you some big questions about what you thought was important locally. There were some great ideas but, needless to say, A LOT has happened since then!

Fill in this survey

This will take **less than 10 minutes**. It will help us decide where we need to focus first.

All the information you provide will be kept confidential, and not shared with any other organisations.

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Help us reach everyone

If you know anyone not on the internet please could you help them fill this in? If you have a child or teenager we would love to hear their ideas too.





Torrington Mobile Library visiting Bridgerule

March 2nd and 30th

April 27th

Bridgerule Village Hall 14:00—14:30

Bridgerule Uplands 14:40—15:20

Customers will be able to come on board the library van, individually or in their household bubbles, to choose books and other items. To make sure that there are enough books to go around we will be limiting borrowing to 5 items per person for the time being.

Face masks to be worn, everyone to use the hand sanitiser and observe social distancing rules when using the mobile library. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours.

From a disappointed resident of the village:

“I am very disappointed with the residents of Bridgerule who do not support the activities that go on in the village!

The Table Top help on the 5th February was attended by the people who always attend the table tops.

Where are the rest of the people? Surely an hour out of your Saturday once a month is very little to ask. You could even have a table yourself. **Anon.**

BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = *facebook page*

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

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Stacey is on 01288 381843 or email her on shillier357@yahoo.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES - John McDougall



In Bridgerule we are lucky to have so little crime of the type that gets reported to Neighbourhood Watch. Those crimes are, on the whole, burglary; damage of any sort; theft and anything to do with vehicles.

There are sorts of crime including harassment; fraud; anti-social behaviour and violence of all kinds which could result in murder. By being in Neighbourhood Watch and keeping an eye out for things, crime may be committed somewhere else. That is recognised. Move crime away from here.

There is little doubt that there will be people offer their services for repairs after storm Eunice, or others. Be wary. Anyone just knocking on your door could be what ? Good, bad, indifferent or simply a trickster.

If you need repairs tread carefully. Get quotes from people who have done your sort of repairs before. Ask your neighbours if they know of a reliable people.

Don't pay anyone in advance .

I hope that the spring will be good to us this year. Not so much March winds and April showers.

I have mentioned before the Alert scheme. Emails are sent on various matters relating to scams; thefts and missing persons etc.

To sign up for Alerts "www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk".

To give the police information where no prompt action is required "torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk"

You can follow Neighbourhood Watch on all the social media.

As I write it has been a horrible weekend and I hope you are as well and healthy as before the storms.

You will know that you can always call 999 if you see something happening that isn't right. Or phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 to give information.

If you think that you have been the subject of fraud contact Action Fraud on 0300 1232040 or email "actionfraud.police.uk" or "financialfraudaction.org.uk".

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So "Keep e'm peeled" and "Don't have nightmares"

WORKING FROM HOME

They say an Englishman's home is his castle. Very often it doubles as a place of work.

It is absolutely permissible to use part of your home as a workplace.

If a part of your home is set aside **solely** for business use, then it's appropriate to contact the Valuation Office Agency who will assess that part of your home for non-domestic rates. It is only likely to have a minimal rateable value and if you don't occupy any other premises, you would be eligible to claim Small Business Rate Relief (at 100%).

If however, the room that you use for your business is also used for domestic purposes (for example a spare bedroom, dining or living room) then it would not be separately assessed and just continue to be part of your home.

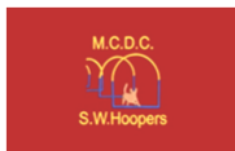
The Bridgerule Work From Home Club has been set up to provide support, assistance and companionship to those who work from home in and around our village. Homeworking either by choice or by need, can sometimes be a lonely place and with so many of us in this position, the club is great way to meet new friends and take a break from normal weekly routines. We can share experiences, tips and most of all meet some new friends!

Please ring Lorraine on 01288 381345 if you require more details.

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**MY KIDS LAUGH
BECAUSE
THEY THINK I'M CRAZY.**

**I LAUGH
BECAUSE
THEY DON'T KNOW
IT'S HEREDITARY.**

Bridgerule at the Bude Literary Festival 18-22 May 2022

Our beautiful village is to feature at the first ever Bude Lit Fest. During this buzzing colourful bonanza of art, music and literature, we are billed to showcase the place we love to call home. We have been allocated two speaker presentations on Friday the 20th.

The first talk is on our very own Elizabeth Macarthur who was born and raised in Bridgerule in 1766 as Elizabeth Veale. All of us in the village are proud of her many pioneering achievements in farming and wool production during her long and fascinating life in New South Wales, Australia.

Gautam and his wife, Susan, live at Canal Rise and Buzz readers will recall his interesting Spotlight in The Buzz I'm sure.

The second presentation is on Gautam's medical memoir *Tender is the Scalpel's Edge: Stories from the Journal of an NHS consultant surgeon*.

Elizabeth MacArthur: 'A Life at the Edge of the World'

Fri 20 May 3.30pm – 4.30pm Room 2/3 The Parkhouse Centre

Gautam Das 'Tender is the Scalpel's Edge':

Fri 20 May 12.15pm – 1.15pm - Library

Margaret, Rose, Sheila, Susan and Gautam hope that the village will turn out in force to cheer the two events.

**FREE TO A GOOD
HOME
BUYER COLLECTS!**



SHEILA'S MENTIONS:

Birthday Wishes to:

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

John McDougall 5th April
Rose Hitchings 7th April
Shirley Abbott 11th April
Georgina Braund 20th April
Liz James 21st April — A Special Birthday
Happy 18th James Davey - 22nd April
Hazel Cann 22nd April



We remember **Arthur Biggs** who had been a companion to the late Mrs Alma Short of Bridge Park for many years. Sadly he was taken into hospital and it was there that he passed away. The funeral took place at Barnstaple Crematorium.

The village was sad to learn of the recent passing away of **Sheila Gatland of Southfields**. She had been in hospital for about six weeks prior to her death. Sheila had been a member of the local Coffee Club and helped her friend, Christine Gee, with the monthly village table tops. The funeral took place at the North Devon Crematorium.

We welcome **Clem Perry his partner Emily Read and their children Caspar and Orlando** who have moved from London to Southlands the home adjacent to the residential home. Whilst the family are having renovations carried out at Southlands they are living in Whitstone. Caspar has begun attending Bridgerule School and celebrated his recent birthday with a party in the village hall.

Wi-Fi routers can be putting millions at risk

Using broadband in your home may be putting your personal data at risk by not paying more attention to your router.



The device that connects your computer to the internet can be an easy point of access to your personal files, especially if your router has not been changed or upgraded for a few years.



Having a secure alpha-numeric-symbol Wi-fi password is one thing, but a recent study has identified 84% of users never change the administrator user name or password, which in most cases is admin and admin and this can allow instant access to a hacker.

Now I am not suggesting for one minute that a neighbour may try to hack into your system, but come the holiday season, when the local population doubles, there is no telling who may be around the corner or parked a few yards down the lane and a wi-fi will emit a signal accessible up to 30 metres away.

We will spend anything between £30 and £80 a year on anti-virus software, which in some cases are completely useless, as not all block pirate adware or zombie cookies and we may stop all important firmware updates, because we do not know what they do or what they are. Switching off the router at night can be equally bad as BT for example will send updates in the small hours to avoid daytime disruption.

If your router hasn't been upgraded by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) in a while it may be helpful to contact them to get a new modern router with superior security, and if you let cottages to holiday makers wanting internet access, it may be wise to invest in a second system dedicated to casual users. Penny pinching on internet security these days, can become very costly in deed!

It's worth remembering, if someone can reach your Wi-Fi network, they can try logging into your router using only basic information. If successful, a whole new set of threats emerge, from spying on your internet usage to piggy backing bandwidth, or stealing sensitive data and installing malware.

Some people tell me they do not bank online, so they don't need extra security and they could not be more wrong!

Hackers do not wear masks and stripped vest and carry bags of swag! The most successful ones can be highly educated, university graduates, yet that doesn't stop them stealing your assets!



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ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

11.00 AM



6th March	Morning Prayer
13th March	Eucharist
20th March	Joint Service at Methodist Chapel
27th March	All Age Eucharist Joint Service at St Bridget's
3rd April	Morning Prayer
10th April	Eucharist
17th April	Eucharist = Easter Day.
24th April	All Age Eucharist

Congratulations!

Raymond and Audrey Celebrate their Golden Wedding

It seems this partnership began in the village they have lived in for the past 46 years!



Their story started when Audrey, originally from Canworthy Water, met Raymond at a Bridgerule Dance in the late sixties. Their relationship flourished, and after a few years they were married at Canworthy Water Methodist Chapel on Saturday 15th April 1972.

The reception was held at the Summerleaze Hotel, Bude, honeymooning in Weymouth. Raymond's best man was Bill Eastcott and the bridesmaids were Marjorie Jones, Audrey's twin sister and Mary Furze, Raymond's cousin.



Raymond and Audrey's first home after getting married was in Whitstone. Audrey began working life at Dairy Crest, the Cheese factory at Davidstow, in the wages department. Travelling every day to work, in all weathers on her scooter. Often taking her sister Marjorie too.

Raymond has always worked in the agricultural industry, beginning at Hamblys of Whitstone. In October 1973, Julian their son, was born and in

October 1976 their daughter, Helen was born.

In December of 1976 Raymond, Audrey and their young family moved to The Green, Bridgerule and this has been their home ever since.

Audrey stayed at home to raise the family whilst Raymond began working at West Devon Farmers, followed by Rob Cole farm machinery and finally retiring from employment at Smallridge of Holsworthy.



Later, Audrey returned to work. Firstly at Cousins Café in Holsworthy. She also worked at Keats China shop in Bude and in the restaurant at Brooks Garden Centre.

Raymond and Audrey have five grandchildren. Helen and her partner Marcus have Kenya and Morgan and live in Bude and Julian and wife Lyndsey have 3 children, Holly, Charlie and Sam who live in Stratton. Both Kenya and Holly are studying at present at The Universities of Plymouth.



Both Raymond and Audrey have been involved in village activities throughout and both still enjoy playing Table Tennis at the village club. Audrey helps run the village Coffee Club and is a member of The Tamarside Singers and Raymond is a committee member of the Village Hall and enjoys playing Short Mat Bowls. They both volunteer (or are volunteered!) to help at numerous village functions.

Congratulations to you both! The Editor of The Buzz thanks you both for the help you have given her and others involving various village events and you never know your luck there could be more!!!!

February Challenge 2022

As part of Bridgerule Primary Schools Challenge 2022 event, my family and I are holding a raffle on Friday 25th February.

At time of writing, £105 pounds has been raised, all of which will be all donated to Bridgerule Primary School.

We must also recognise the kindness and generosity with the prizes from our local sponsors; this raffle wouldn't be possible without them:

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DID YOU NOT KNOW?

Photo from last issue of The Buzz asking where this cottage is in Bridgerule

**Known as Rose Cottage or Vicarage
Cottage**



This was once the home of John Palmer, his late mum and dad and younger brother Roger . Also Fred Cogdell and his wife, Susanne and their family and now the Hosie Family. The cottage is situated on the left just up from the primary school.



Triple Celebration Time for Ken and Liz James!

We got married at St Mary's Church Ewelme on 22nd April 1972. It was a fairly fine if blustery day. I have always loved primroses and they were part of my bouquet with my bridesmaid Sally having a posy of violets and primroses making it very much a spring wedding!



We had known each other at senior school. Ken played football with my brother, we started to go out and decided we would get engaged and to celebrate we borrowed Ken's dad's Morris Minor Traveller and drove to Spain via France – camping as we went!

Ken lived on a small holding and had to do the milking that day so we had an afternoon wedding and as weddings ended in the evening – his mum and dad went off to do the evening milking and we then headed to Heathrow airport to fly to Benidorm – to a hotel which was partially built – it cost £39 each for one week!

Ken had been an engineer at British Leyland, Cowley, Oxon but wanted to become a full time farmer. So in 1974 along with Ken's mum and dad we put our cows into two lorries and ourselves into a hired van and drove to Merrifield Farm.

The start of a new adventure which at first it was difficult as our Ayrshire cows did not like the climate here so we started putting them in calf to Friesian bulls and they fared much better.

In 1975 our daughter, Katherine arrived followed by our son, Simon in 1979.

We have four grandchildren. Katherine and her husband Kelvin, who live next to the farm have James 17 and Jack 5. Simon and his wife Claire, live in Stratton and have two daughters, Lucy 14 and Sophie 12.

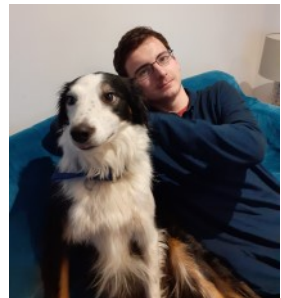


As our children grew we became involved in Bridgerule life, Friends of Bridgerule School, skittles and various committees. We enjoyed Revel Week. It was our children's holiday really and they dressed up and spent all week attending events.

Ken became a Parish Councillor, of which he is now The Chairman and later a district Councillor. He is now the leader of Torridge District Council which has coincided with the pandemic so he is learning on his feet!

We have now given up our milking cows and just run a few beef cattle and have sheep keep and some grass rented to others. We will have decisions to make about our future.

We will have been here in Devon for 48 years in July. Along with our golden wedding we are celebrating our oldest grandchild James's 18th birthday on that day. James is studying for A levels at Budehaven having attended Bridgerule Primary and Holsworthy Community College. He would like to go to the University of South Wales and study medical science. We wish him all the very best.



The Buzz thanks Ken and Liz for filling us in on some milestones and memories in their life leading to their Golden Wedding. Congratulations to you both and for your contribution to the village of Bridgerule throughout.



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