

ISSUE 53

MAY/JUNE 2018



Dear Buzz Readers,

First of all I apologise to Marie Field for not printing her poem this time but space or lack of it prevents this. So many items to get in which I hope you enjoy reading about.

Please remember **20th June** is the date for anything you would like to include in our next issue.

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As part of Move It or Lose It! I am on a mission to keep the over 60s moving by encouraging them to come along to an exercise class with a difference.

Gill Aston

Easy to follow exercises to music for older people
Everyone is welcome
Feel fit for life

Gill has kindly agreed to come to our next Coffee Morning on 8th May to talk about her classes and the benefits, with a view of starting them for everyone in our hall on a Monday afternoon.

The first session (1 hour) will be a FREE taster for everyone Followed by a tea/coffee and enable you to have a chat with Gill Following Classes £3.

Gill can be contacted on 01409 254642



#### **BRIDGERULE OPEN GARDENS**

The Open Gardens event this year will take place on:

Sunday 24th June 11.00am - 5.00pm. There will be five gardens open this year with refreshments and lunches at Tamar

House, a Pimm's Bar at Glebe House, cream teas served in the Village Hall by members of St Bridget's Church from 2.00pm and a cake stall organised and run by members of Bridgerule Methodist Chapel also in the Village Hall. There will be a raffle at the Bridge Mill and other happenings at other gardens.

Come along, bring your friends and family and enjoy an interesting day out.

#### ALL PROCEEDS TO DEVON AND CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCES



#### CJ'S DANCE FREE TASTER SESSIONS

# BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 9TH JUNE & 23RD JUNE

Age 3-5 - 9.30 - 10.00am Hip Hop Tots
Age 6 - 9 10.00 am - 11.00 am Street Dance
Over 9 11.00—12.00 Noon Street Dance

CJ's Dance School is an established Dance School of 7 years based in Bude. It is run by local girl Charlotte Jenkins. She offers 4 professional syllabus and fun classes for all ages in a variety of styles.

CJ's Dance has now expanded to Kilkhampton and Holsworthy and wants to offer Bridgerule 2 weeks of Street Dance initially.

Charlotte now lives in Bridgerule and would like to give the local children this opportunity.

Charlotte will review the situation after the 2 weeks.

#### **GOVERNOR VACANCIES**

The Governors of the Holsworthy Cluster, which comprises Holsworthy Community College and the three primary schools at Bridgerule, Bradford and Black Torrington, would like to offer you the opportunity to join us on the Governing Board.

We are part of the newly formed Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. This collaboration of schools is already proving to be of great benefit to pupils, staff and all those connected with school life.

The role of a governor is interesting and diverse. The local Holsworthy Cluster Board, which serves the schools listed above, is looking to recruit some more members.

We would be delighted to talk to anyone who would like some more information about what is involved and so please contact the current Co – Chairs:

Kate Scrivener on <u>katebtgov@gmail.com</u> or Ken Watson <u>kwatson@hcc.devon.sch.uk</u>





# PHOEBE THE TRAINEE SERVER AT ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

On Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> the congregation at St Bridget's Church were pleased to welcome back the Revd Douglas Adams, to lead the Easter Day Service. Pictured above with Mum Lisa, brother William and proud Grandad Richard is Phoebe Lucas who has just taken on the role as a trainee server, at the Church. Phoebe and William are both pupils at Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School.



#### THANK YOU

#### TREVOR!

When the "Beast from the East" hit us, not only Bridgerule but most of the country was brought to a standstill. On Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> when Trevor, pictured

above, of B and S Taxis arrived on Southfields, on his quad bike, we knew it was going to be a long trip to Heathrow and where were we to put a month's worth of luggage? Trevor went back home, donned his underpants on top of his trousers and dusted off his superman cape (don't worry folks, not literally!!) and, on his return, succeeded in getting us out of the snow and icebound village. Our entire trip was dependent on meeting our interlinked flights and tours so to miss our flight out of Heathrow would have jeopardised the whole of our planned visit to Australia and Tasmania. We were relieved to hear that Trevor made it back safely, to Bridgerule. So Trevor, a HUGE THANK YOU.

Pat and Alec Johnston.

#### Sheila's Mentions:

We welcome Ron and Sheila White to 46 Littlebridge Meadows, Michael and Vicci Westlake together with their sons, Lewis, Oliver and Jamie to 34 Southfields and Tracy and Lynn Day with children Tommy and Charlie to Victoria House. We wish all families a long and happy time in our village.

Our thoughts are with **Rachel Smith and her family** on the recent death of husband, dad and grandad **Kevin.** 

Our thoughts are also with **Sally Webb** on the death of her father, to the family of **Carol Beames** who recently passed away and lived at Southfields and to **Kevin and Susan Norton** who have each sadly lost a parent recently within a few days of each other.

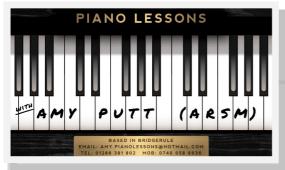
#### **Birthday Greetings:**

Fran White for 2nd May
Alison Tomlin for 10th May
Christine Gee for 12th May
Matthew South for the 16th May
Marion Abbott 80 on the 16th May
Harvey Cholwill for the 1st June
Janine Laver on the 1st June.
Gwyneth Cameron for the 5th June
Julie Trayford for the 5th June
Todd Peschke for the 7th June
Jo South for the 11th June
Ella Cholwill for the 16th June
Cliff Seymour-Smith for the 16th
Angela Brock for the 26th June



#### **THANK YOU!**

**Phil and Jean Lewis moved to Owlies** with their family and pets three months ago. Sadly a few weeks ago, Mollie, their one year old tabby and white cat was run over and killed. **John Jardine** was travelling along that stretch of road just after it happened and feeling concerned John knocked on Phil and Jean's door to report what had happened. The family are grateful to John for the kindness he showed them at that time.



Amy Putt from Southfields, Bridgerule is starting to offer piano lessons since recently achieving her Diploma in piano performance and

becoming an Associate of the Royal Schools of Music. Amy is now studying for another Diploma in teaching and would like to offer piano lessons in the evenings and weekends. After playing the piano for more than 10 years, Amy would like to share her passion for piano playing to anyone who would like to give it a try. All ages welcome! If anyone is interested or would like more information, please feel free to emailamy.pianolessons@hotmail.com or call **0746 058 6936 / 01288 381 802.** 



Jeremy Clarkson is seen here with Chris Hitchings at a filmed event with the Fiat 500 held in 2004.

Chris bought his Fiat 500 brand new in 1971 with his mum at the price of £500+. Chris and Rose have attended many rallies and various County and Car Shows with their Fiat. The Bude Lifeboat Day being their favourite. It has been used for 3 weddings.

Now in 2018 Chris feels its time for someone else to enjoy their Fiat 500 and so he has decided to sell it to a local gentleman.



Most local dog owners are good at clearing up after their dogs but there has been a spate of dog poo being left on the road side around our village.

It is unpleasant for everyone and makes both responsible dog owners and those without dogs very angry that a few selfish individuals are doing this.

Please ask yourself is it reasonable for the community to expect you to comply with the law and play your part in keeping our streets clean and pleasant?



#### **BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL**

 TABLE
 SALE
 TRADERS £5 A TABLE
 Can set Up from 12.0 Noon

 Buyers from 1.30pm

#### SATURDAY MAY 5TH / SATURDAY JUNE 2ND

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



**GARDEN OPEN** 

THE BRIDGE MILL Mill Road Bridgerule

**SUNDAY 3RD JUNE** 

11.00am - 5.00pm

Admission £4.00 Children Free

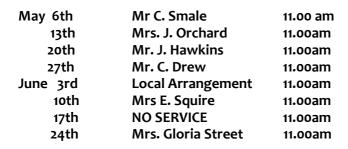
Plants for Sale Teas

Sorry no dogs (except Guide Dogs)





# BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL PREACHING APPOINTMENTS





#### **4 COURSE LUNCHEON**

#### **BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL**

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE 12.30 for 1.00pm

Price £10.00

Book your tickets with Sheila on 01288 381350 or Marion 01288 381440

Proceeds for Bridgerule Methodist Chapel





At a recent Coffee Morning Alan Haddock of St Giles gave a talk on the Fire Service through the ages. Alan served as a fireman in Cheshire for 30 years, joining in 1967. He is pictured with his wife.





#### **BRIDGERULE C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> Class 1, pictured below, along with teacher Mrs Joyce Pankhurst and Class 2 with their teacher Ms Sara Gibbons spent the day at RHS Rosemoor looking for signs of spring. Although it was a chilly day, the sun did shine and the pupils found lots of spring flowers and shrubs, including snowdrops, daffodils, camellia and primroses. John, one of the Rosemoor staff helped them to plant up some "cut and come again" leaf seeds, which they were able to take back to their classrooms



ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH SERVICES				
MAY/JUNE 2018				
May 6th	Communion	11.15am		
13th	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	11.15am		
20th	Communion	11.15am		
27th	Family Service	11.15am		
June 3rd	Communion	11.15am		
10th	Morning Prayer	11.15am		
17th	Communion	11.15am		
24th	Family Service	11.15am		

# IMPORTANT CHANGES TO YOUR WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES

#### Dear Resident

We are writing to notify you of changes to the Council's Waste and Recycling Services which will come into effect on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. These changes are necessary to enable the Council to meet the statutory environmental target of a 50% recycling rate by 2020.

#### From the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018:

- We will still be collecting your recycling (glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, tins, etc.)
   every week;
- Alongside the recycling we will be introducing a weekly collection of food waste. A separate 23 litre food caddy will be delivered to your home before your service starts. You will also be receiving a separate recycling container for your glass;
- We will be collecting your black bags (household waste for landfill) every two weeks;
- We will be introducing a fortnightly collection of garden waste in a green wheelie bin. There will be a subscription payment for this service of £35 per bin per year. You will be able to register and pay online at www.torridge.gov.uk/gardenwaste or for those customers that do not have online access a member of staff will be able to assist you either at the Council Offices or by calling 01237 428700 option 3.

Existing Service		Improved Service From 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	
	Weekly recycling collection – boxes & bags	43 9 11	Weekly recycling collection – boxes & bags
	Fortnightly food waste collection to 60% of residents		Weekly food waste collection offered to 100% of residents in new dedicated receptacle
C	Fortnightly green waste collection offered for 60% of residents		Fortnightly green waste collection offered for 100% of residents at an annual charge of £35
	Weekly non-recycled waste collection for landfill		Fortnightly non-recycled waste collection for landfill

#### **SECOND HAND BOOKS FOR SALE**

Second hand books can be purchased from the foyer of the Village Hall. Just choose your books and pop the money into the honesty box. All proceeds will be used

for the upkeep of the hall. Also if you have any books that you no longer read please donate to our book selection.



On Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> March Table Tennis England lost one of its most respected administrators when **Carol Beames**, recently of Southfields, Bridgerule but with a long association with Brighton and Sussex, passed away.

Although born in London, Carol was raised and spent most of her life in Brighton where she married Alan Beames and brought up two children. Coming to table tennis a little later in life than many, Carol, nevertheless, made a big

impact on the game. She started her innvolvement on the administrative front when she became Assistant Secretary in the mid-1970s of the Brighton League to husband, Alan's Secretary. Within a short time Alan in 1979, Carol, along with John Clark, started running a British League team representing Brighton and Sussex. This brought her to the notice of the then British League Chairman, Keith Ponting, who asked Carol to join the British League Committee as Secretary and she did so from 1992 until 2005. It was during this period that Carol moved up the ladder on the national administrative scene becoming Vice Chairman without Departmental Responsibility. She was made a Vice-President of Sussex for her work.

Perhaps Carol's proudest achievement, however, was with Hollingbury Table Tennis Club which started out as a one-table club in 1993 and grew to a club with eight tables and a membership of over 100 by 2005. Satellite Clubs were also started in schools in Brighton which further expanded the number of players in the area. Hollingbury was one of the first ever Premier Clubs in the country which not only belonged to the Brighton League but undertook coaching and ran extra competitions too. When Carol left in 2005 it was one of the most thriving clubs in the country.

Sadly Carol lost her husband suddenly in 2005 and later moved to Devon. After moving to the West Country she became Devonshire's General Secretary in 2013 and also a member of the South West Region Committee in 2016. Carol has left a lasting and strong legacy from her work on Premier Clubs which has benefitted so many players. She will be remembered too for her administrative expertise at club, local, county, regional and national level. Carol introduced many players to table tennis and her infectious enthusiasm gave many players a life-long love for the game. *The above article was put out by Table Tennis England following Carol's death.* 



# BRIDGERULE REVEL WEEK 2018



#### SUNDAY JULY 29TH - SATURDAY AUGUST 4TH

#### Nominations are requested to come forward for our Carnival Queen.

Any young lady aged at least 10 years of age before our Revel Week and lives in our parish is entitled to put her name forward. Should there be more than one candidate a village ballot will take place.

The Revel Committee will help towards the Queen's expenses.

Names please to Sheila Cholwill by Saturday May 19th on 01288 381350.

#### CARNIVAL WEEK SHOW SCHEDULE

We hope that this will help you prepare for our forthcoming show held during Revel Week.

PLEASE NOTE: NO MORE THAN 1 ENTRY IN ANY ONE CLASS.

Family Classes:

#### **Tallest Sunflower**

Sunflower Plants will be available from Rose Hitchings Meadows Barn in a few weeks. 50p per plant.

#### **Scarecrow Competition**

Your choice of idea

The ones we had last year were great but the committee would love to see more entries this year. Please help to decorate our village for Revel Week.

#### **Childrens Classes:**

(Prizes for the following Ages 2-4 - 5-7 - 8-11 12-16)

Paper Plate Flower - using any material

Homemade Greeting Card containing own made up hand written verse

Create a Vegetable Creature using any number of vegetables

Best Recycled Model (ie. Vehicle, building) No bigger than A3 size

Baking: 3 Cheese Straws on a plate

#### **Adult Classes:**

#### **Baking:**

Victoria Sponge - sandwiched together with jam

3 Sausage Rolls - made with shortcrust pastry

#### **Pot Plant:**

House plant not necessarily flowering, but one that you have nurtured for some months.

#### Flower Arrangement:

Red, White and Blue Arrangement in any container
No bigger than 12" x 12"

#### Art:

Drawing or Painting - unframed

#### **Craft Section:**

Needlework - garment or item

Embroidery - item

Knitting/Crochet - item/garment made from wool

My Craft/Hobby - something you have made but not entered in any other craft section. Not to exceed 3'

#### **Home Grown Produce:**

- 3 Potatoes on a paper plate
- 3 Onions on a paper plate
- 3 Carrots on a paper plate
- 3 Runner beans on a paper plate
- 3 Beetroot on a paper plate
- 3 Tomatoes on a paper plate
- 3 Vegetables same variety of your choice on paper plate.

Whopper - a LARGE Vegetable grown by you.

# PLANT A POTATO IN A 12INCH POT NOW AND BRING IT TO THE SHOW Crop will weighed and Prizes for Heaviest Crop



#### Michelle Scott Tucker

I'm a writer, a mother, a company director, a feminist, a policeman's wife, a gardener, a management consultant, a horsewoman and an indifferent cook.

I live on a small farm within commuting distance of Melbourne, Australia and I have most recently

become an author of Elizabeth Macarthur, A Life at the edge of the World

So where does <u>Elizabeth Macarthur</u> come in? Michelle says, "I was keen to learn more about Australian women farmers. Who were they? Why are they not more readily known? And I'm afraid the very first woman farmer (Elizabeth Macarthur) I investigated proved so interesting that I haven't (yet) gone further!

To find out where Elizabeth's story begins, Michelle travelled from her home in Australia in 2014 to London and later to Bridgerule.

Thanks to every TV and cinema adaptation of Pride and Prejudice it isn't hard for a modern reader to imagine the quiet corner of England that Elizabeth Macarthur left behind. Elizabeth Veale, as she was then, was born in 1766 and raised in the very English village of **Bridgerule**, on the border of Cornwall and Devon. Rolling green hills, flowering hedgerows, majestic trees surrounding an ancient church, picturesque gardens beside quaint little cottages — the location ticks every English stereotype on the bonnet drama list.

The time I spent in Elizabeth Macarthur's birthplace was absolutely the highlight of my trip to England. But, as I always seem to find, the place mattered far less than the people.

The late **Mr John Bowden**, who showed me **t**hrough **St Bridget's Church** and then rang the bells for me. That's him holding the enormous key to the church!

**Rose Hitchings,** who was almost as excited as me to find the gravestones of Elizabeth Macarthur's parents and sister.

**Diana Green** who generously shared her knowledge, pictures and research.

**David and Vivienne Hale,** owners of **Lodgeworthy Farm** who kindly invited me into their home, shared their information about Elizabeth and fed me the BEST afternoon tea ever!

Lodgeworthy Farmhouse birth place of Elizabeth Macarthur.



The owners of <u>The Glebe</u>, the then Vicarage – now a beautiful accommodation venue but once the home of Elizabeth's best friend Bridget Kingdon. They were more than happy for me and my new friends to explore the (gorgeous) grounds.



Rosie Beat, of the <u>Bridge Mill</u>, who showed me her wonderful, and very beautiful, organic garden. Typical of in Elizabeth Macarthur's time.

And last but very definitely not least, Bridgerule locals, Sheila and Colin Cholwill, who willingly invited

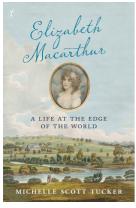
me, a complete stranger, into their home. Luckily we quickly became friends and their generosity and kindness will stay with me for a long time. It was entirely thanks to Sheila (pictured with me—she's the blonde) that my adventures in Bridgerule were so successful. The woman is a human dynamo!

Michelle Scott Tucker's biography of Elizabeth Macarthur became available in book shops early April 2018 and a few of the comments it has received already has been.............

There are not many biographies or histories of Australia that are unputdownable, but this one is. Highly recommended......

An intimate portrait of a woman who changed herself and Australia ...

Michelle Scott Tucker makes Elizabeth Macarthur step off the page.'



# The following is a precis of 'Elizabeth Macarthur, A life at the edge of the World.

# We hope it will wet your appetite, it did for Rose and Sheila.....

In 1788 a young gentlewoman raised in the parsonage of an English village married a handsome, haughty and penniless army officer. In any Austen novel that would be the end of the story but for the real-life woman who would become a genuine Australian pioneer, it was just the beginning.

Elizabeth and John Macarthur married for love – and the son born five months after the wedding ceremony proved it.

With her new husband and sickly infant, Elizabeth (pregnant again and nauseous with it) had the courage to break out of her confined world and sail half way around the world in a foetid convict ship. Along the way John fought a duel with a colleague, quarrelled with his commanding officer and had half the family's already tiny cabin appropriated for use as a convict hospital.

When John eventually fell gravely ill, Elizabeth nursed him around the clock, exhausting herself in the process and endangering her pregnancy. The small family survived, although the baby girl born to Elizabeth during that arduous voyage did not.

After such a beginning, the subsequent achievements of Elizabeth and John are doubly fascinating. A woman of intelligence and wit, Elizabeth became a favourite with the officers and personal friend to a series of Governor's wives.

After years of privation in a colony on the edge of the world the Macarthur's painstakingly carved out a vast agricultural empire, maintaining a relationship with the Aboriginal people that evidence suggests was, at least in the early days, based on respect and friendship. As time passed these relationships became more difficult and complex – an aspect explored in some depth.

John Macarthur would eventually be credited with establishing the Australian wool industry, although it was practical Elizabeth who ably managed their holdings for a dozen or so years while John was in exile and disgrace. He sent letter after letter full of advice and suggestions – most of which Elizabeth sensibly ignored. Upon his return the family faced bankruptcy and scandal, before a widowed Elizabeth became a sharp-eyed dowager whose grown sons and daughters regularly sought her advice and counsel.

Elizabeth Macarthur's life is interesting in itself but it also serves as a prism through which to view the first sixty years of the colony. Elizabeth Macarthur was an engaged participant in many of the important historic, commercial and political activities of her era.

To date, where she is mentioned at all it is usually only as John Macarthur's wife, a staid society matron, rather than as the vibrant woman who, in her own right, played a key role in the establishment of the nation. But this was a matron who managed an extensive farming enterprise, who regularly rode across her acres to work side by side with the former convicts who comprised her workforce and then would come home again to her children (she had nine) in order to wash, change, and dine in splendour at the Governor's table.

Elizabeth was very much a party to the important decisions that shaped her family's fortunes – including key decisions about staying in or leaving Australia forever. She took immediate and practical action to ameliorate some of her husband's wilder political gaffes. And the farmer's daughter was never simply a farmer's wife but a farmer and business manager in her own right. Through Elizabeth Macarthur we gain a clearer picture of the way women were then, as now, crucial to the economic viability of a family farming enterprise.

In the biography Elizabeth's life is examined in context – as a woman, an officer's wife, a white colonist, a farmer, a mother, an employer and as an ambitious person keen to cement her family's future.

Elizabeth Macarthur by Michelle Scott Tucker is available from https://www.booksdepository and search for Elizabeth Macarthur or Amazon. Michelle would appreciate it if you bought a copy. After all this very famous lady in Australian History was born in our very own village of BRIDGERULE.



#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES**

What is worse? Have you suffered from a scam, lost money and got nothing? or had your property damaged causing you expense? or been burgled - having your home invaded by unknown characters?

None of it is good. Do you think of others who may have been left because you've been done?

What's to do? Be aware - be wary.

Don't jump at what might seem like a good idea at the time. Stop and think. Yes! I don't know these people. Why are they offering me something so good? It can't be true. It isn't.

Is my house; car; garage; shed; garden gate locked and alarmed? At least locked, and windows secured - even if slightly open ( nice to have some warmth in the weather after a rotten wet cold winter).

Anything else you can do to avoid being the victim? It's all questions, isn't it? (there's another one).

And when you've finished answering all the questions correctly you hope that you are safe. Now we (hopefully) are getting more into summer

weather - don't relax your vigilance.

Some telephone providers offer a system of "call protect". By this you can have strange telephone numbers being answered by a Junk Voicemail. Once you have answered a call and it's just rubbish then, providing they have left a number, you can transfer any other callers from that number to a Junk Voicemail. I don't know what that sounds like but it is a service we use frequently.

Take care. Be aware. .. Look after you and yours. John McDougall 381 237

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Village Hall 2.00pm Uplands 2.50pm

NEXT VISIT

May 9th June 6th



#### RE TWIDDLEMUFFS: ing all knitters: INCE September 2015, when I launched the appeal in this area, 128 Twiddlemuffs\* have been donated. They have been gratefully received The Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital North Devon District Hospital Deer Park and Bodmeyrick, Holsworthy St Anne's, Whitstone My stocks are now low again, so I'm appealing, please, to any knitters out there who might feel they could take on some more creations...they are truly valued by recipients. And please share this with any knitting friends. I can collect in Holsworthy or Bude. Thank you for your continuing support. CHRIS FORSTER \* Twiddlemuffs are knitted muffs with interesting bits and bobs attached.

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#### **NEWS FROM THE OLD ORCHARD INN WEEK ST MARY**

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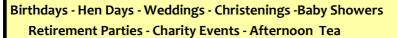
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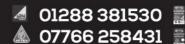
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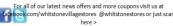
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