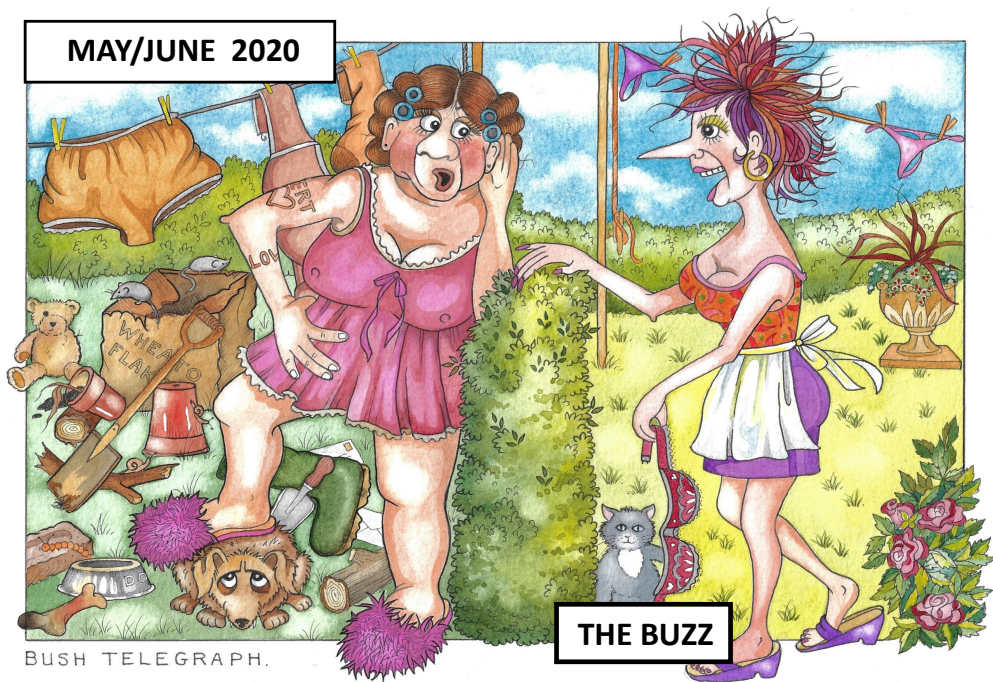


MAY/JUNE 2020



THE BUZZ

BUSH TELEGRAPH.

**Dear Buzz Readers,**



*Its hard to write my letter to you at this moment in time and remain upbeat, but I must try.*

*Firstly though it is with much regret that I officially announce that 3 popular events due to take place in our village calendar have had to be cancelled and we all know why!*

*There were a few years when we didn't have our very popular Revel Week but that was a very long time ago. But the most important thing is that we all stay and remain safe and when things do get back to "normal" whenever that is, lets have a blimmin good street party!*



### **SCARECROWS AND BUNTING**



There are a lot of families going for their walk around the village on a regular basis and by way of trying to keep something of our Revel Week going the committee are asking homes to make a Scarecrow to depict

**KEY WORKERS or CELEBRATING VE DAY.**

**OR MAKE SOME BUNTING TO CELEBRATE VE DAY—8TH MAY**

I'm sure it would cheer us all up as we walked around our village/parish to see some colourful fun characters big or small throughout the summer at the entrance to our homes.

***We stress that we want you to make these Scarecrows and Bunting from items you already have. Please do not go out just to get materials to make them as we want everyone to REMAIN SAFE AT HOME!***

**CANCELLED - SADLY WE HAVE TO REPORT**

**FRIDAY 17TH JULY -  
SUNDAY 19TH JULY**

The Brewer Family say that it is with regret but the Beer Festival has now been cancelled



**BRIDGERULE  
OPEN GARDENS  
SUNDAY 12TH JULY**



**BRIDGERULE REVEL WEEK 2020**

Due to circumstances beyond my control it is inevitable that some who would normally get a copy of The Buzz delivered to their door will not receive this issue.

If someone says that they have not had theirs please tell them that it will be available on line very soon. Just go on to the Bridgerule website. If you hear of someone who does not have access to a computer please let me know and I will try and sort something out.

I would like to thank those who have kindly agreed to continue to deliver this issue of the Newsletter at this current time and a special thank you to those that have volunteered to stand in for those unable to do it.

Sheila Cholwill Editor.

Tel: 01288 381350



### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES - John McDougall – Coordinator**

You don't need me to say what a different world we are living in. Stay home, keep calm and stay bright. You will have had the village letter from the parish council giving details of who you can contact for deliveries. Other numbers keep coming up.

Don't fall in to any traps that ask for your bank details - for any reason - or your PIN numbers.

***These are the coordinators for Neighbourhood Watch in the village.***

***If anything strikes you as odd or suspicious phone your nearest, or me, or 101 or 999 if it is happening now. All numbers 01288 unless shown otherwise.***

John McDougall - Furze & Dux areas. 381237.

Chris Hitchings - presently at Wharf Villa. 381129.

Ken James - Merrifield. 381279.

Cliff Seymour-Smith - Bevills Hill. 381868.

Shirley Abbott - Mill Road. 381564.

John Medland- Jewels Cross. 381503.

Paul Dymond - Borough Cross. 381309.

Rick Hallett - Littlebridge Meadows. 381568.

Alec Johnston - Southfields. Well known to all.

Andy Poile - Hedley Wood area. 07769 043331.





## TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL Ken James Leader of TDC

At Torridge most of the staff who can are working from home. There are very few isolating.

Recycling and refuge working as normal as are most of our services.

Regarding recycling centres, DEFRA with County are looking into ways that the centres can be safely reopened to prevent fly-tipping.

Torridge have given £95,000 to parishes and town councils to help voluntary groups. We were 9th nationally out of 314 in paying out business rates grant and remain one of the highest percentage payer

This amount was distributed to parishes and town councils according to the number of properties and how rural the area is. Its aim was to help the voluntary groups with petrol post or emergency food supplies.

Bridgerule got £512.72 much in line with other parishes.

Emergency dentistry currently at Exeter and Plymouth possibly Barnstaple soon. We are arguing for one in Holsworthy or Torrington area.

Any enquiries Torridge District Council 01237 428700

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**Eleven o'clock each morning**, when it's not raining, the doors open on a few houses at the top of **Littlebridge Meadows** and people come out carrying chairs and their mugs of coffee, to sit at a safe distance apart and have a chat and laugh for an hour to chase away the lockdown blues.

**Our little group consists of Kevin and Lesley Bowditch, Don, George and Karen Hemmings, Christine Jackson, Katie, Steve and Alice Chandler.** We discuss many things but try to avoid the "C" word, have a laugh and put the world to right.

We thought you would like to see our merry little group, so Karen kindly took the picture for us. I am sure others have thought of this idea, to brighten the day for themselves and other people who may be struggling with the lockdown. As long as you obey the rules no harm is done. Go on give it a go and make someone happy!

**What a great idea!!**

## TIME FOR US GIRLS

I'm normally a social girl, I love to meet my mates.  
 But lately with the virus here, we can't go out the gates.  
 You see, we are the 'oldies' now, we need to stay inside.  
 If they haven't seen us for a while, they'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did before we got this old.  
 There wasn't any Facebook, so not everything was told.  
 We may seem sweet old ladies, who would never be uncouth  
 But we grew up in the 60s – if you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll. the pill and miniskirts.  
 We smoked, we drank, we partied and were quite outrageous flirts.  
 Then we settled down, got married and turned into someone's mum,  
 Somebody's wife, then nana; who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace because our lives were full;  
 But to bury us before we're dead is like red rag to a bull!  
 So here you find me stuck inside for 4 weeks, maybe more  
 I finally found myself again; then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me I'd while away the hour  
 I'd bake for all the family but I've got no bloody flour!  
 Now Netflix is just wonderful I like a gutsy thriller  
 I'm swooning over Idris or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze for when I'm being idle  
 There's wine and whiskey, even gin if I'm feeling suicidal!  
 So let's all drink to lockdown to recovery and health  
 And hope this bloody virus doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis  
 And be back to join our mates  
 Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
 To fit through the flaming gates!

By Pam Ayres

**THINK THEY'VE  
MADE THESE SEATS  
SMALLER SINCE WE  
LAST CAME HERE  
FRED!**



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**DELIVERY DAY FOR BRIDGERULE IS WEDNESDAY**

**Keep an eye on the village website**

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## MINNIE REMEMBERS THE LOCAL NHS NURSES



**MINNIE HOSIE** has been selling garden plants to raise funds for **HOLSWORTHY NHS NURSES**. She has a stall outside of her home just up from our local school. So far she has raised an incredible £125.

This was her own business idea which her parents are combining with a home-school project.

She has grown them all from seed in her family's greenhouse and has been selling her plants for £1 each. Amongst Minnie's plants for sale has been runner beans, courgettes, tomato plants and radish. Some plants have even sold out! When the sale is over the nurses are going to come and meet Minnie and she will present them with the money she has raised.

**Congratulations Minnie from The Buzz.**



## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO DURING LOCKDOWN?

**Raymond has pleased his wife and wallpapered the Dining Room; also one of the jigsaws he enjoys making.**



**The idea Chris, is to put the paint on the walls!!  
Rose says 'thanks to everyone who lent or donated paint, which meant Chris didn't have to stop work!!**



**Camera shy Col in his garden!**



**Liz carrying out admin work normally at Deer Park Residential Home but now from her own home.**



**Rose Hitchings has been busy crocheting. This is a shawl she has just completed.**



**Amy continues her music lessons - but now online !**



**Rose in her special lockdown. Peace and quiet comes to mind!!!**

## **SHEILA'S MENTIONS:**

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

*Alison Tomlin for the 10th May.*  
*Christine Gee for the 12th May.*  
*Matthew South for the 16th May.*  
*Marion Abbott for the 16th May.*  
*Harvey Cholwill 16 on 1st June.*  
*Janine Laver for the 1st June.*  
*Gwyneth Cameron for the 5th June*  
*Julia Trayford for the 5th June.*  
*Yours Truly on 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 June.*  
*Angela Brock for the 16th June.*



Our warm wishes go to **Ron Cameron**.

We also send our warm wishes to **Fran White** who sadly has just lost mum. Although Fran and Jill no longer live in Southfields they still have The Buzz sent to them, all the way to Scotland. Some of us warmly remember Fran's mum when she came to The Bridge Inn on some ladies skittle nights.

Can we please also remember in our thoughts each Thursday Night when clapping for the NHS, all the residents and staff in our local residential homes at this sad time.

### **The latest poem from Pam Ayres**

At last, we have a cure for all!  
 Ailments large and ailments small,  
 Good health is not beyond my reach,  
 If I inject myself with bleach.

Radiant, I'll prance along,  
 Every trace of limescale gone,  
 With disinfectant as my friend,  
 Like him,  
 I'm clean around the bend.

## GENGHIS KHAN COMES TO BRIDGERULE

Luckily the great Khan has not come in reincarnation to Bridgerule. His Reign of terror ended in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, however his people's way of life and culture remains very much the same today in modern Mongolia as it was then. Some people may know of yurts or 'gers' as they are known in Mongolian. Moveable structures made of wood, felt and canvas,



but few know that the same glamping experience many holiday makers have today is very similar to that of both ancient and modern Asiatic nomads. Using a wood burner for heating, and eating and passing time gazing up at the stars, chasing or being chased by sheep! These are common themes at our smallholding on the outskirts of Bridgerule; for the sake of the Buzz we are in Devon however you may find us popping up in other village newsletters on the other side of the border. Pitchforks and angry mobs will not be tolerated.

The story: Kents smallholding and yurts began with two keen adventures, Joe and Liss, (that's us!) wandering nomads with open minds and open hearts. They set off on the trip of a lifetime, to discover unknown cultures and chase childhood dreams, from which they have never looked back since.

Starting from the windswept countryside of Cornwall, they eventually found themselves on the trans-Siberian railway, on route to the harsh frozen plains of a Mongolian winter. It was in Mongolia, living with nomadic families and completely immersed in their way of life that the idea to bring Yurts back to the UK came to them.

With two yurts in tow, they headed back to Cornwall "oh I mean Devon," but the adventure had only just begun.

The challenging task of adapting a yurt to survive in the coastal climate of western Cornwall is no mean feat, and proved to be quite the undertaking for both ancient dwelling and young couple alike. Although yurts are built to survive in one of the coldest, harshest climates on the planet – from sub-zero winters to scorching hot summers, they needing some adapting for the cold, damp and dark in the UK.

Slowly however, they found ways to adapt and alter the original design, eventually creating a hybrid super-yurt, capable of withstanding the torrential rain and wind beset upon them by the Cornish (Devonshire) weather. The following years brought with them many trips back to Mongolia, and over time they built up a friendship and business with a local Yurt maker in Ulaanbaatar, (the capital of the country).

Together they forged a new kind of yurt, a perfect combination of both old and new, and along with it a new kind of business relationship, one that benefited both parties.



Since then they have established a thriving yurt business both selling and renting yurts on their sustainable smallholding, built through many years of hard work, dedication and passion.

The yurts are all heated with wood burners, lavishly decorated and sleep four comfortably. We have tripod cooking pits outside for a rustic cooking experience. We have compost toilets and a compost heated shower (horse manure and woodchip). Our ethos is about protecting our planet whilst trying out new and intuitive ideas across the farm. We grow a lot of our own food and cook meals for our guests. Get in touch for a holiday on the border! We often have volunteers staying with us and helping out around the place.





We don't just sell and rent Yurts we are also home to a 100ft poly tunnel, a young orchard with rare fruits, nuts, spices and veg, such as Nepalese pepper, Siberian pea tree and Russian olive just to name a few. We have ducks and geese and a flock of mixed rescue and

heritage chickens. We are also home to a couple of bee hives, 4 horses, including a very cheeky Shetland and some sheep-dogs, sheep that act like dogs, not your canine types. Watch out for the grey one! We have just had a recent new arrival at the farm, the birth of our beautiful baby girl.

We now have a stall at the front of our yard selling eggs; duck, chicken and goose. We will be selling produce throughout the year including salad bags, veg, herbs, plants, honeys, chutneys, sauces and naughty children.

For booking info, yurt sales info, produce or just a chat call Joe on 07939872142 or 01288381102. Keep up with our latest news on facebook.com/Budeyurts or instagram.com/kentsofcornwall. Check our website out too. <http://www.kentsofcornwall.com/>

To find us, walk away from the Tamar bridge with the Bridge Inn on your right. Walk up the hill to the crossroads and walk, run, ride, or canter straight over. About 1 mile or so down the lane you'll see us on the right "KENTS". If lost follow the sounds of geese. Our door is always open so pop in for a cup of tea and say Hi.



***Did you know we had such talented people in Bridgerule that made Yurts? The Editor didn't until Jo and his wife made use of our hall when it was too wet to lay their material out at Kents. Thanks Jo & Liss really interesting!***

## **BUZZ UPDATE**

How long has our Village Newsletter, The Buzz, been circulated to each home in the parish?

Well, it been for almost 12 years. The first copy, was printed in September/October 2009 and that one and subsequent others were then kindly printed by Cliff Seymour-Smith. The first copies were black and white and had just 8 pages.

As The Buzz grew, now 32 pages, Cliff found it harder to print and run his own business and so Phil Tucker of Whitstone was given the job and it is still in his very capable hands. He does such a great job and nothing is too much trouble for his family. Phil recently has been undergoing some hospital treatment and we send him our very best warm wishes. They print 374 copies for us each time.

The Editor is indebted to Rose Hitchings who has so kindly designed and painted every cover I believe with the exception of one since 2008. These covers always raise a smile to the readers and have definitely given The Buzz its individuality! Some of the people on the covers we have known and some we think we have known but Rose will tell us on most occasions they are just characters!!

I am also indebted to the volunteers who deliver the Buzz to your door bi-monthly. About 120 sponsor The Buzz as you can see by the list. Most from the parish but some although have now moved away from the village still like to have a copy, delivered or posted. A special thank you to the 35 businesses who advertise in it too.

It is due to both residents and the business adverts that make The Buzz financially viable. It costs £242 each time The Buzz goes to print and your generosity has meant that we have never had to have had any other financial assistance through grants etc.

The Editor

**LOOKING BACK:**

**These are from Sheila's Mentions in the first year The Buzz was printed.**

Wedding of **Michelle Neep to Brendan Hinfey** took place at St Bridget's Church on Saturday 5th September 2009.

**Cat Palmer and fiancé' Leo** are soon off to Australia and New Zealand.

**Dan Abbott** is off to the University of the West of England Bristol to study motor sport engineering.

**Darren Fraser**, son of Malcolm and Heather Fraser was married to Shaminder Kair on Sunday 25th October at the Ealing Gurdawara London Sikh Centre. **Keiran**, grandson of Malcolm and Heather was page.

Congratulations to **Craig and Julia** on the birth of their son. A baby brother to Holly.

Local embroiderer **Linda Chilton** was chosen to be lead artist for 2009 at the prestigious RHS Rosemoor Annual Autumn Art Exhibition.

**Tia Jenkin** was crowned Bridgerule Revel Queen by Sheila Cholwill.

**Chris and Rose** to organise the next village Litter Pick Up.

**Cliff Seymour Smith** handed over the completed questionnaires of The Bridgerule Parish Plan to a division of Devon County Council to be independently analysed.

Welcome **Paul, Stacey, Harvey and Ella** to 1 Littlebridge Cross.

Congratulations **Kimberley** on scoring 92 in a recent Holsworthy and District Skittle League fixture.

You've heard of the 3 Tenors I'm sure. Well we couldn't afford them so on Christmas Eve 2009 at The Bridge In we had **The 3 Fivers - Chris Hitchings, Pete North and Jim Bowham.**

**Alan and Mary Bryant** were married on 14th May 2010 at The Falcon Hotel Bude.

Congratulations to **Raymond and Audrey Bewes** on the birth of their fifth grandchild Sam.

**Jonathan Pengilley and Joanne Medland** were married on 18th September 2010 at Kilkampton Church.

## PASSING ON HER LOVE OF GARDENING TO THE CHILDREN

A year ago I started a gardening club at Marhamchurch School. It has been so successful. The children are really enjoying sowing seeds, planting, labelling, weeding and watering. Each child finding something they love to do and of course the best bit, that of tasting!

I decided it would be sad to lose the enthusiasm which had been created a few weeks ago when the school was suddenly forced to close due to the coronavirus and so I began to think, what I could do?

So with the support of Mrs Louise Paton and the admin help of Mrs Sarah Short, Gardening was set up on the school face book page.

I began by digging up any seedlings I had in my garden or from the school site. I bought trays of plants and potted them up and took them to the Marhamchurch Community Shop. As the children pass on their walks with their parents they can help themselves.

We try and set a challenge each week for the children and photos of the results of this can be put on their face book page. It has worked really well!



I am now busy planting lots of trays of seeds to keep the children gardening as long as necessary!! Beans, radish, lettuce, tomatoes in fact everything I can find that I know they would like to grow. Every few days I go down to the shop to top up with fresh supplies.

When I volunteered to begin this project last year on the school site it was very overgrown. Once a week in the lunch hour the children came out, rain or shine and we began clearing the site. I did not know how interested the children would be but it has been really lovely to see their enthusiasm and the number of children wanting to take part. We have also made somewhere for the birds to come, the insects to build in and set aside a place for wild flowers to grow.

**Diane Kirby**

## TOPSY TURVY DOLLS



In the evenings Diane has begun knitting Topsy Turvy Dolls . These dolls when completed are given to a child who is on their own. Recently she gave one to a little girl who is now living with her grandparents because sadly she had just lost her mum.

When she begins making these dolls Diane never knows what little girl will be receiving it, but so far she has always heard of someone who would appreciate it before the doll has been finished.

Diane Kirby Tackbear



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## Computer Repairs in Lockdown

Covid-19, is causing disruption to us all in equal measure, it is also causing misery and hardship to many, particularly to the aged who are vulnerable, immobile and isolated.



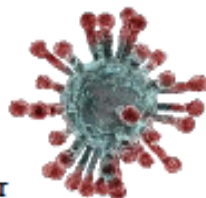
Isolation can be traumatic at the best of times, but those who have mobile phones, computers, laptops and tablets can at least communicate with family and friends, order groceries, Bank online and continue some degree of social contact, that is, until the machine goes into fault mode or breaks down.

Then how or who is going to repair it, and where can it be repaired becomes an important issue?

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Holsworthy Rural Community Transport team .....	01409 259001
Torridge District Council... www.torridge.gov.uk .....	01237 4228700
Bridgerule Parish Council Clerk ..Rachel Perry.....	07980 543209
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Stratton Hospital .....	01288 320100
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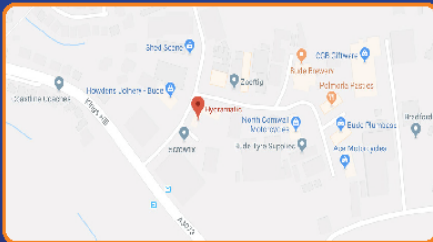
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