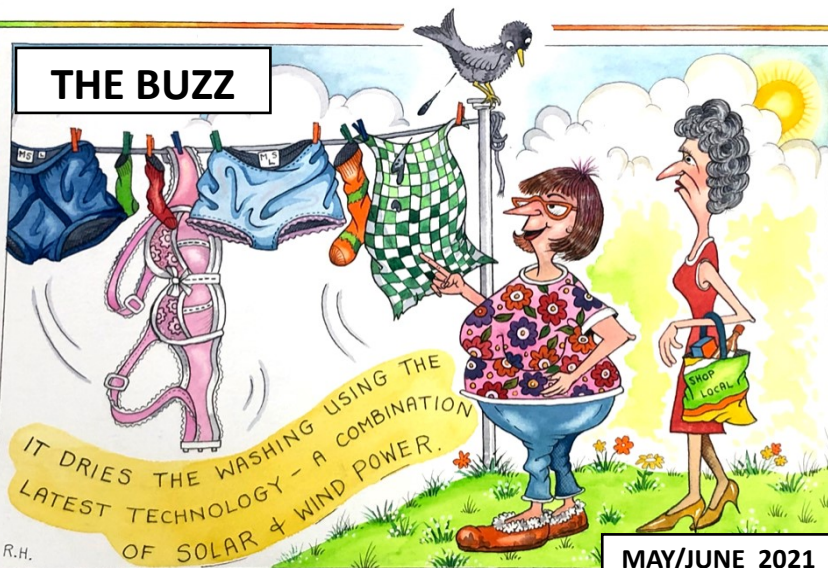


THE BUZZ



R.H.

MAY/JUNE 2021



Dear Buzz Readers,

As you read through this newsletter you will see that our hall is gradually being allowed to open up again and some of our regular classes and clubs are re-starting. Sharon who is the leader of our Zumba Classes is now qualified to hold Zumba Gold and she is starting a new class on a Monday morning for those of us who are more mature!!

If you have anything you would like printed in the next issue of The Buzz please forward it to me by 20th May.

Sheila Cholwill Editor

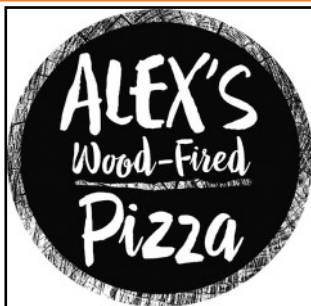
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Oh, that makes me
feel so much better!



**They say that the body is
made of 90% water, so ...
I'm not overweight,
I'm just water logged!**



Dear Bridgerule - many thanks for the warm welcome we've received since we began to visit **BACK IN SPRING 2020!**

We are very grateful for your support, and we look forward to continuing to bake for you. YOU'LL find us in the village hall car park on the **fourth friday of every month.**

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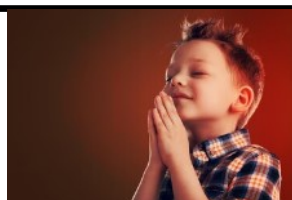
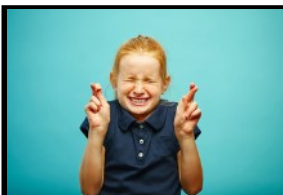
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On the 17th May we have been told that our Community Halls can begin to officially re-open

At the moment our hall hire will look like this!



MONDAYS
9.30 - 1.30PM

Monday 17th May *Zumba Gold* from 10.00am **NEW**
(See separate advert for more details)

Tuesday 18th May *Table Tennis* 2.00pm

Any enquiries please direct them to Jill Knightley on 01409254 349

Tuesday 18th May *Zumba* - 6.30pm
(See separate advert for more details)

Wednesday 23rd June *Dog Obedience* 10.00—1.00pm
6.00—finish

Friday 25th June 10.00—1.00pm
(See separate advert for more details of dog obedience classes)

Thursdays May/June *Salsa Dance* From 7.30pm
Any enquiries to Steve Mansell 07788992634

Fridays June *Short Mat Bowls* From 2.00pm
Any enquiries please direct them to Alan Quilter 01288 382988

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7.30- 8.30 p.m. Improvers £3
8.45- 9.45 p.m. Advanced £3**

Friday 10.30-12.30 Rally Obedience/Play for all levels £3

Classes restart on Wednesday June 23rd 2021

Hoopers for all levels at Elm Park Equestrian Centre

**For Hoopers information or to book for Fridays Rally/play sessions at the
hall Tel: 07905 359011 (Margaret)**

**For Obedience on a Wednesday - information or to book
Tel: 01288 381104(Chris)**

Or see us and message us on Facebook – Mutley Crew Dog Club

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Solar Park Development

From another point of view



Are you aware of a proposal for yet another Solar Park development for Pyworthy which will be the largest in Devon?

- This will further and very markedly industrialise our area with high security fencing and CCTV cameras all round. Situated along from Bounds Cross on both sides of the road it is on the other side of Bridgerule and considerably bigger than Pitworthy Farm that already took a huge chunk of our farmland.
- The proposed Solar Park is enormous – it is bigger than Vatican City which is a small country! It is 66 hectares (145 acres) in size. It could grow even larger in the future, as we have reason to believe that this may be phase one of a bigger project, which may be difficult to stop if this application is passed.
- Previous Governments have stated “that our local environments should not be trashed in order to protect our global environment”.
- This proposal claims it will produce enough energy for 12,000 homes. Our immediate area already has 6 Solar Parks, which together we understand are capable of supplying over 45% of Torridge households electrical needs. If this new installation goes ahead, our local area could be supplying the equivalent over 80% of Torridge District household’s total electrical energy needs.
- National Planning Policy states that local planners need to recognise the responsibility of ALL communities to renewable energy. Not just a very few. There is no reason why Bridgerule and Pyworthy should bear the damage to our landscape alone.
- There will be a major impact on the countryside to the southwest of Pyworthy Parish, creating dramatic changes to the landscape character, its tranquillity, views and glimpses of the wildlife, presenting us instead with a sea of glass and an industrial landscape – particularly from the Yeomaddon road but also from a lot of the houses in Bridgerule at Springfield beyond Furse Cross. The enjoyment of exercising and living in this area will be greatly and negatively affected. Security fences, panels and CCTV will be on both sides of the road that cuts between the areas – significantly impacting the amenity value for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. North Devon recognises in its official Landscape Assessment that our landscape is Highly Sensitive to solar development greater than 10 hectares. This is over six times that size.
- 40% of this proposal utilises good agricultural land rated at 3a – specifically designated by planning guidelines not to be used for such projects unless there is no alternative. Brownfield sites, poorer land and other areas of Torridge should all be looked at first if there is a need for more solar power plants in our district. Food security issues after Brexit mean that we should not be removing good land from food production and a very few sheep grazing slow growing grass in the shade and cool under the panels do not compensate for the reduction or loss of well-run dairy enterprises.

- Local tourism is likely to be damaged and long term jobs in farming and supporting businesses reduced over the 40 year lifetime. There is no evidence of local economic gain.
- If you feel at all strongly about this, please do write to the council to object – either by letter or electronically to planningsupport@torridge.gov.uk quoting 1/0249/2021/FULM. If you do please refer to the material planning points above that planners are obliged to consider – the cumulative impact, the current contribution, the landscape character damage, the loss of agricultural land and the impact on the local economy.
- Please copy your letter if possible to the Parish Council and encourage them to object as the neighbouring parish,

Torrington Mobile Library is back on the road



Dear Sheila,

I'm contacting you to let you know that Torrington Mobile Library will be returning to service from the 12th of April. I'm hoping that you will be able to promote this news in your village newsletter or local Facebook page or website.

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.

Please note that the return of the mobile library service is subject to the Government's roadmap going forward as planned.

You can find the full timetable with all visit dates for 2021 on our website: www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/mobilelibraries

If you have any queries, please contact us via email: torrington.mobile@librariesunlimited.org.uk



Introducing Pete Watson your straight talking Independent Candidate for Holsworthy Rural Local Elections 2021

My name is Pete Watson, I have lived in the village of Tetcott with my partner Julie for 17 years. Some might know her from Waitrose and The Holsworthy Information Centre. For ten of those years I have been the Torridge District Councillor for the area known as Broadheath Ward. When I was originally elected in 2011 I stood as a Conservative candidate but like many other Councillors who had previously stood as a 'party' candidate I soon became disenchanted with party politics in local government! At the last Election in 2019 I stood as an Independent Candidate.

Initially I didn't know much about local government, but I have worked hard. I am now Chairman of the Internal Overview & Scrutiny Committee which looks into the Internal decisions made by the Torridge District Council. I have also been a member of the Planning Committee, a Committee where you are not always popular with the public. I have always enjoyed working with people, those who know me know that they can rely on me to call them back when they leave a message. I always answer emails and I try my best to help and support people in my Ward and quite often beyond. Over the last few years, I have supported the great work done by the staff at The Holsworthy Youth Centre where young people can enjoy themselves in a safe environment. The Man Shed is extremely popular. Many men are introverts, and this place has given them the opportunity and confidence to learn new skills whilst making new friends. Obviously, Covid 19 has forced them to close over the last year but they've all been working hard in the community behind the scenes and I'm sure they will be up and running again as soon as they are allowed. I'm not going to make you false promises that everything can be instantly fixed. I've been a Councillor long enough to know that's not how Council's work. The things that are important to you are the same things that are important to me, lack of policing, farming, schools, hospitals, roads etc.,

Vote for me on the 6th of May 2021

If you would like to raise an issue of concern, or help my campaign, please contact me by phone on 01409 271329 or email watson-smith-45@outlook.com

PLANT SALE in aid of the RNLI

GILL at 6 THE GREEN.....

is holding another plant sale for the RNLI. There will be shrubs, perennials, annuals and tomato, bean and courgette plants. These will be added to as the season progresses. Her grandsons usually do the RNLI fun run, held in June, and raise money for the RNLI. This has been cancelled again, due to covid restrictions. So come along and help the RNLI rescuers, who have never stopped helping people throughout the lockdowns. Thanks.

ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH

SERVICES FOR MAY/JUNE 2021

Sunday 9th May 11.00am Eucharist

Sunday 16th May 11.00am Eucharist

Sunday 6th June 11.00am Morning

Sunday 13th June 11.00am Eucharist

Sunday 27th June 11.00am Eucharist



BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = *facebook page*

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

*Just let Stacey Hillier Cholwill know and she will
upload it on to our face book page'.*

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



Lost data - not really!

I was recently called to a customer, who's laptop had crashed resulting in a complete failure of the hard drive. The issue was, not that it was a virus which had caused the crash, but the photos which could not be accessed whereby over 10 years of images had been potentially lost forever. I say this as I was the last person in a list of others who had been asked to retrieve the data as those before me had failed.



There are three lessons to be learned, one is backup all your important data to a separate disc, the second is ask someone who knows what they are doing to retrieve the lost data. The third is to follow;

My customers disc is beyond future use as there are several damaged sectors but fortunately, I could format the disc and wipe off all the surface data on the disc, leaving a seemingly blank disc. But with some ingenuity and very good software I could begin a deep scan of the disc and to the delight of the customer I was able to recover 20,000 plus images, plus all the documents and other historical data for the past 8 years, which most computer users would not be aware was there, or accessible!

I explained, everything you see on your computer screen from the moment you acquire it, and some you don't see, but has been downloaded onto the disc, is imprinted on the disc and even after it has been deleted and the disc formatted, an image of the data remains and is retrievable.



Large storage discs, which are rarely used to capacity, are ideal as the data is hardly ever over written and remains clean, without corruption and easy to retrieve. Perfect for data retrieval when your data is seemingly lost forever. Equally, perfect for the thief who may access your disc after you have disposed of your computer and learn your inner most secrets, passwords and bank details.

Sadly, with today's multi-media life style, data harvesting has become a very profitable business. Therefore, the third lesson must be to ensure the data on your system is fully eradicated correctly before innocently giving it to a 3rd party or sending it to a recycling centre to be disposed of.

For help and FREE telephone advice contact
Brian Meadows, Nofix-NoFee Computer Repair Services
Tel: 01288 381061 or email: mail@nofix-nofee.net

SHEILA'S MENTIONS:

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Alison Stenton for the 10th May

Christine Gee for the 12th May

Matthew South for the 16th May

Marion Abbott for the 16th May

Harvey Cholwill for the 1st June

Janine Laver for the 1st June

Gwyneth Cameron for the 5th June

Julia 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 June

Angela Brock for the 16th June



**BELATED 60TH
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO
THIS YOUNG LADY**

**Our good wishes go to Paul Latham
who is in Barnstaple Hospital
and awaiting an operation.**



**SPOTLIGHT ON
MARK EASTCOTT**



Mark Eastcott is the youngest son of Bill and Margaret Eastcott of Littlebridge. He was educated at Bridgerule and Holsworthy schools. After leaving Holsworthy he went on to Barnstaple Technical College. He later obtained a degree in furniture design at the Guildhall University London. When he left school he worked as a carpenter for Alf Blackman in Holsworthy.

With his friend Richard Chidley (Julie Trayford's brother) they decided to see more of the world. Their first adventure was to spend a few weeks in Grenada, after they met a friend who was going out to do some work there.

There next adventure was to Australia. They flew to Adelaide and stayed with Richard's aunt. They then bought a camper van and drove to Melbourne. It was in Melbourne that the two young men met two girls who they would then go on to marry.

Christmas was going to be spent in the camper van but someone on the building site at that time invited them to join his family for Christmas. After spending three months in Melbourne they drove on to Brisbane. On the way there they met up with Simon Wonnacott in Sydney. Simon had also lived in Bridgerule as a child, attended the school and his dad, Terry, still has his home in Bridgerule today.

They spent a few weeks with Mark's cousin, Rebecca Cann, in Brisbane. Then Simon Neep, someone else from Bridgerule flew out and spent a few weeks with them.

Mark and Richard continued North to Cairns and visited Clyers Rock and Alice Springs. Richard then returned to Melbourne and Mark continued along the North Coast and eventually on to Perth where he worked for a while until returning to Melbourne.



Today he is living with his partner, Lana, and daughter Maddy on their forty acre farm in Yarra Valley to the East of Melbourne. As well as the family ponies the farm is home to a variety of animals. Sheep, goats, pigs, and cattle who for



various reasons would have been slaughtered but now have a home forever with Mark.

There is a charity in Australia called Edgars Mission, who take in animals that have had to have been rescued. If people like Mark and Lana take some animals in it

allows the Mission to rescue more animals. Occasionally kangaroos will call in. The WILD parrot (see photo) calls regularly on Mark and taps on his window to be fed.

Mark still runs his building business. He enjoys fishing and has made a motor bike track around the farm for him and his friends to enjoy. Mark



The Editor has come across in her archive of Revel photos, this one of Mark and his brother Andrew taking part in our carnival quite a few years ago as the Wood Chopper and Little Red Riding Hood. Not sure they will thank me for it though!

I thank Mark and his mum for putting together the Spotlight.

SOCIALLY DISTANCED PRESENTATION AT LITTLE HARBOUR

Sheila representing Cholwill 's Christmas Reindeers travelled to St. Austell this week and presented Linda, Little Harbour's Administrator with £4500. Money raised by the Cholwill family from the sale of their wooden reindeers for Christmas 2020. Sheila learnt that Covid had drastically changed the run of the hospice, both for the children who come to stay and for those who work there and times had been tough for them and in some respects still are. She learnt that some hard decisions had been made



and much of the work carried out at Little Harbour now was in the community unless it involved end of life care for a child. Sadly for Sheila that may mean that she wont be volunteering at Little Harbour for a while.

1st DAY AT SCHOOL— SEPTEMBER 2014



Bridgerule School's new pupils — Isaac Vayles-Burrows, Oliver Sanders, Jaydon Linney, Lucas Braund, Samuel Trayford, Tyler Piercey, Trinity Carpenter and Holly Price.

**2014 saw a sad goodbye to
Mrs Furber and Mrs Luffe from school**



**William and Phoebe
Lucas read their poems
at Harvest 2014.**



What else happened in 2014 in our Village:

Chris Hitchings received a plaque in recognition of donating 75 pints of blood.

Our bus shelter on The Green was erected by volunteers with its main purpose to keep the local school children drier whilst waiting for their school bus.

Dave and Karen Thomas moved into the Forge.

Katie Hallet was our Revel Queen for 2014.

The **Youldon Family** held a Charity Cream Tea at Knowle with proceeds of £1100 going to Cancer Research UK.

The sum of £2765 was presented to The Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance as a result of **Open Gardens 2014**.

Congratulations to **Paul and Stacey Cholwill** on the birth of Harry and to **Rhys and Leanne Chard** on the birth of Aria Louise.

Aron Braund became the Under 25 Cornwall Bowls Champion.

Bridgerule Short Mat Bowls Club was formed by the **late Bill Jackson**.

Open Day following the refurbishment of the Village Hall took place in November 2014 under the then Chairman Cliff Seymour-Smith.

The Parish Council were the first users of the new Village Hall Committee Room under the then Chairman, Mr Ken James.

The wedding of **Katy Bowden and Jeremy Moore** took place on 1st November.

The Rev. Chris Hardwick, Parish Priest of Bridgerule, left to become Vicar Designate for the parishes of Tavistock, Gilworthy and Brent Tor.

Alan Quilter moved to Waters Edge.

Sophie Skilton, James Davey, Stella Thompson, Ella Cholwill and Tyler May were elected as School Councillors at Bridgerule Primary School.

Remember Walter Lashbrook

Our thoughts are with the family of the late **Mr Walter Lashbrook** who sadly passed away recently. Last year he was very proud to write his Spotlight for The Buzz. In it he said how he had left school at the age of 14 and had always found employment through-



out his working life. He was the eldest resident in our village. A celebration of his 100th birthday in September had been arranged in our hall. The family still plan to go ahead and remember this occasion.

His funeral took place at Barnstaple Crematorium.

Holsworthy Walk and Talk

The Group of Six people rule applies to include our walk at Bradworthy on the 14th May. All being well we can then return to larger groups. With separate Level 2 and Level 3 all walks will still be socially distanced.

Our Level 1 Walk in the Park is scheduled to resume in June when restrictions will hopefully have been lifted and we can have that long-awaited cuppa at the end of the walk in the Sports Pavilion.

The laughter and camaraderie we have witnessed since returning brings to life the many academic studies showing the physical and psychological benefits of walking in a group. Being outside in the lovely countryside walking, talking and laughing really is the best medicine.

All walks start at 10.30 am and are FREE. Membership forms will be available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk.

Further information is available from:

holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com

Gillian Aston 01409 254642 or Mike Jackson 01409 261196
or Paul Davies 01409 253250

Neighbourhood Watch Notes



What with the nice weather, if not for the morning frosts, you could almost believe summer is just round the corner - let's hope it is.

However gardeners could do with a drop of rain as, no doubt, could the fields for the cattle and sheep.

Whatever the weather always remember to keep your property safe.

Closing windows and doors is easy and a deterrent.

In the crime reports I get it is surprising the number of unlocked cars and premises that suffer - except for the mindless vandalism I wrote of last time.

There is now some relaxation of virus restrictions, thank goodness, but The Coronavirus is still out there.

Maybe there is a reason why no one is ever seen on the 217 bus that goes through the village towards Holsworthy about 10-50am and returns on its way to Bude at about half past one.

Here's a few more 'helps',

["buywithconfidence.gov.uk"](https://buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

["cyberaware.gov.uk"](https://cyberaware.gov.uk)

If you think the Royal Mail is being used against you for fraud you can contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

You can forward scam emails to **["report@phishing.gov.uk"](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)** and forward **suspicious text messages to 7726.**

Whatever you do, don't get caught by scams. Think twice if offered something remarkable. Then think again. Is it true ?

To join up for the Alerts system where you get all sorts of information and warnings, it is free, go to **["alerts.dc.police.uk"](https://alerts.dc.police.uk)** or via the **Devon and Cornwall Police website.**

One of the Alerts concerns the "protect your car" campaign. Lock it, keep it empty of items on show and park in a well-lit area. 44% of vehicles broken into are found to be unlocked.

As always, if you see something happening now, call 999, or to report something else call 101 or **["101@devonandcornwallpolice.pnn.police.uk"](mailto:101@devonandcornwallpolice.pnn.police.uk)** **when non urgent.**

Take care, you can't vaccinate against criminals.

John McDougall - Co-ordinator

The Beer, Cider & Gin Festival is Back!

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FESTIVAL
2021



Fri 16th, Sat 17th & Sun 18th July

We have all our fingers crossed that we can host the beer festival this year. We will have a fun relaxed atmosphere, with live bands, entertainment and games set up, great for the whole family! We would love the village to be part of the festival so please get in touch if you would like to set up a stall for free, or if you have any other ideas to make this a big fun event for the village. We are also looking for sponsors for the event. We would really appreciate your support after such a difficult year.

Please call Jay on 01288 381 272 if you would like to be part of this.

VOLUNTEER VILLAGE HALL CLEANERS

If you feel you can give a couple of hours of your time every six weeks and join our hall cleaning rota, that would be great and really appreciated. Anyone interested please contact:

Sheila on 01288 381350

When a man opens the door of his car for his wife



You can be sure of one thing either the car is new or the wife is.


BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL

A VACANCY HAS ARISEN FOR A PARISH CLERK AT BRIDGERULE

Unfortunately details of the post has not become available but if you are interested please contact the present Clerk, Rachel Perry or the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr John Medland for more details.

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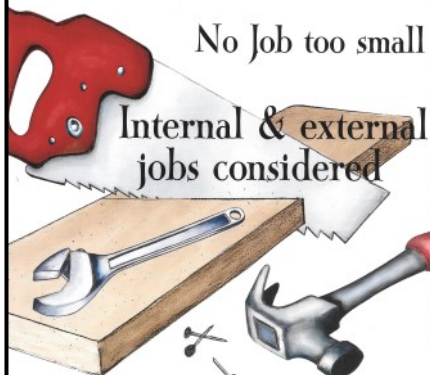
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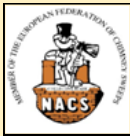
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