

11 Issue ~ May/June
~ 2011 ~



Dear Buzz Readers,

Another full issue of The Buzz for you to catch up on things happening in our village.

It is with regret that both Father Chris and the Rev. Beth McDowell are leaving us soon. With this in mind they have both been chosen to be 'Spotlighted' this month.

Open Gardens are with us next month and the Carnival Committee have had their first Meeting of 2011. Doesn't time fly!! So please get your thinking caps on for scarecrow ideas and Carnival floats.

Please remember that the 20th June will be the deadline for the next issue of the Buzz.

The Buzz has received a donation of £50 from the local Ladies Skittle Team. On behalf of the Buzz I thank them very much. Any Sponsorship cheques should be made payable to 'The Buzz'. Many thanks.

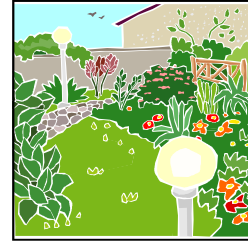
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***Open Gardens time in Bridgerule
19th JUNE 11am - 5pm 2011***



Once again some of the keen gardeners of Bridgerule are opening their gardens to raise money for the Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulances.

The event this year hopes to be as successful as last years when nearly £2000 was raised by the generosity of local people. Nine gardens are being opened this year!!!! – all for the inclusive price of £3.50 per adult. Children go free.

The date is Sunday 19th June 2011 between 11am and 5pm and entry is by programme that can be purchased at any of the gardens on the day. A map will be included so look out for the signs as you approach the village and the large posters in the gardens prior to the event.

Morning coffee and light lunches will be available from some gardens and Cream Teas will be available from the Church. There will be a cake stall at the Methodist Chapel, Raffle, plants and preserves for sale. One garden also sells unusual and original artefacts made from driftwood, another has a large ornamental lake. The event is now in its sixth year and is growing every year in popularity.

The gardener's hope for a lovely warm day so that people will be able to get out and look at all the different types of gardens that are open. There is a Mill House with chickens, ducks, sheep and a lovely lake walk, small easily maintained gardens, and a beautiful garden with an ornamental lake. There is also a new garden at The Forge and lots of old garden implements to see at another. Come along and have a lovely day out whilst helping the Air Ambulance service for Cornwall and Devon.

More information from Chris Hitchings 01288 381129

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

BRIDGERULE CARNIVAL WEEK
Sunday 24th - Saturday 30th July

Full Week of Events
Bideford Pipes and Drums to attend Carnival
Scarecrow Competition
Sunflower Competition

Any young lady living in the parish, aged 11 years and over and would like to be Carnival Queen this year please contact Mrs. S. Cholwill on 01288 381350 by Friday 20th May.

The committee will donate some financial help to assist with expenses incurred. Should there be more than one nomination a village ballot will take place.

FRIENDS OF BRIDGERULE SCHOOL

The Friends of Bridgerule School wish to thank all those who supported their 'Eggtravaganza' on Saturday 9th April. A profit of £250 was raised.

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BARRY'S BIG 'HAIR-DO' DAY (For **RED NOSE DAY**)

Thank you to all the kind and very generous people who sponsored me to do something silly for 'Red Nose Day'. Just over £270 was donated. This was better than I ever anticipated.

'Thank you' just does not seem to be enough. I was listening to some of the good things that can be achieved with your money and was amazed that a child's eyesight can be restored for £150 and an adult for £34. So, with our donation we help 1 child and 3 adults to leave behind a life of darkness and many more people here as well will benefit.

Laura, Georgie and Jessica from Llewellyns hairdressers in Holsworthy worked their hairdressing magic (free of charge) to make me look....er, a bit different. Alec Johnston took a lot of photos for evidence and Rose Hitchings prepared the sponsor forms.

Thank you everyone.

Barry.



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15th May	Mrs. E. Squire	11.00am
22nd May	Mr. P. Craig	11.00am
29th May	Mrs. S. Cholwill	11.00am

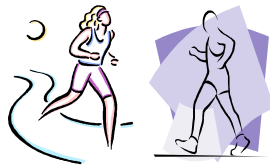
Calling all Families and Friends

Bridgerule School needs your help

Funds are urgently required for our pre-school to open.

We are organising a team to Run or Walk a half marathon (13.5miles)

Ruby Run June 2011



**If you would like to join us or for more information please phone
 Emma Hosie on 381832.**

Donations can be made directly to Amanda Linney at the school.
 This will help raise money for the pre-school and for, Cots for Tots; a
 special care baby unit which has helped a local couple during and
 after the death of their baby Georgia.

**Amanda Linney, Katharine Davey, Emma Hosie, Lisa Sluggett,
 Julia Trayford, Jackie Goodman, Shirley Jenkin, Faye Piercey,
 Claire Braund, Carrie-Ann Ridgeman are all taking part in the
 Ruby Run for this good cause. If you would like to sponsor them
 I am sure that they would be very pleased to accept your
 donation.**

Jim and Pat Long have just celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

They took ownership of their home at 18 Southfields ten years ago but only moved into it three years ago. Jim and Pat had both been previously married before they met each other and together they have six children and seven grandchildren.



Jim was born in Kent. His dad was in the Royal Marines and during the war the family had an invitation and felt it would be better for them at this time to move to Ilfracombe. So this is where Jim lived for the next 4½ years before returning to London where he attended a grammar school before leaving school at the age of sixteen.

Pat was born in Croydon and when she left school she took up employment in a bank but later moved to Worthing and began working in insurance. It was whilst working for a commercial insurance company that Jim also moved to Worthing and it was their work commitment and their mutual love of music that brought them together. On the 12th April 1986 they were married in Worthing and their marriage was blessed by the Sea of Galilee.

Jim and Pat enjoy travelling. In particular going on pilgrimages with the Church of England tours. Their first pilgrimage was in 1996 and have regularly visited countries such as India, Syria, Armenia, Russia, Damascus and Lebo land. By coincidence it was on their last pilgrimage in October 2010 that they met up with friends of Chris and Rose Hitchings (small world!)

Jim and Pat regularly attend Pyworthy Church and both enjoy singing with the Bude Choral Society, Derriton Singers and Holsworthy Chorus. They both also enjoy walking and recently made their home available for a new local Christian discussion group. Pat also enjoys attending Line Dance classes.

Jim and Pat have recently decided to move from Southfields for a house a little bigger and sadly for us they cannot find anything suitable in and around Bridgerule and so will shortly be moving to Poughill where they can have views of the sea.

On behalf of The Buzz I thank Jim and Pat for supporting the village over the last three years and wish them well in their new home.



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**Grateful Thanks
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Southfields.**



Maureen and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters, telephone calls of condolence and have cared for them all since the sad loss of Derek.

Also to those who attended the funeral service and joined them at the White Hart Hotel for lunch.

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Catching up with Chris and Rachel

Before leaving Orlando we visited the Harry Potter section at Universal Studios. It was better than all expectations and even if you're not a fan you couldn't help but have fun.

We hired a car and drove 3000 miles in two weeks. Up the east Florida coast, dipping in to check the surf every now and again, to Savannah in south east Georgia. It was a pretty port town used for exporting cotton. We were soon to learn that the USA is a relatively new country with most of their history dominated by war and human rights issues. We drove inland through Alabama to Tennessee, the land became more hilly after leaving the marshes of Florida giving us splendid views of coniferous valleys.

Even though the temperature dropped as we drove north we did a lot of camping. The most tranquil spot was in a wood next to a giant lake in Alabama. Deer were walking around and the lake perfectly mirrored the night sky and trees, it was very peaceful.

We visited Graceland, saw the Pink Cadillac and Elvis' own private plane that was even equipped with 12 carot gold seatbelt clips. We checked the Blues scene before heading to Rock n' Roll and Country Nashville. It was a great town with a surprisingly good party scene. We felt at home and extended our stay, it was hard (but healthier) to leave.



Elvis' Pink Cadillac

We passed through the tail of the Appalachian mountains rising to 5000ft before descending to North Carolina. The land became flat again dominated by cotton fields as we headed to a famous surf spot called the Outer Banks. Here it was very quiet and isolated, many of the shops and houses were empty. It is a chain of islands connected by one road 80 miles long. In some places the islands can be less than half a mile wide. We learnt that the local population increases from 3,000 to 300,000 in the summer. With only one road it gets very congested!

We dropped the car in Washington DC, saw The White House, Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. Then headed to Philadelphia to run up the same steps made famous by Sylvester Stallone in the Rocky films. Rachel's uncle lives near New York City so we used his house as a base when we visited New York City.

Again it was pure sightseeing and was stunning to see skyscrapers slotting into such a small area.. For VISA reasons we left the USA and visited Iceland for a week, this enabled us to return to the USA for 90 days without a requiring a residents V.I.S.A. Border control were not happy with our scheme and Rachel received an interrogation and bag search on our return.

Reykavik was another world and we didn't know what to expect. It was interesting to be in a country so effected by the forces of nature. 80% of the land can't be utilised for anything so left for tourism, 15% is agriculture use and 5% residential. Sheep farming is more popular then beef and dairy, with wool being used for hideous jumpers. Surprisingly arable farming is the most common with fruit and vegetables being able to grow in geothermal heated greenhouses for free. Famously known for its volcanoes, we took a drive and saw three glaciers very near to the volcano which last erupted. One of the glaciers is the biggest in Europe and another sits on top of an active volcano which last erupted in 1996.

On return to the USA we headed up to Boston, heavily populated by Irish Americans. They were still celebrating St Patricks day 4 days later! We enjoyed a drink in the bar from 'Cheers' before heading up to the Maine the top most State on the east side. We have now just enjoyed two days in Toronto, where the Queens head is on the Canadian currency. Toronto was similar to London and very friendly to English.

We visited Niagara Falls which is so powerful that the erosion rate was 3ft per year. A hydroelectricity plant has been built to harness the energy and reduced the erosion rate to 1-3ft every 10 years. We landed in Vancouver this morning (28-3-11) and will try to find familiar sights as my Grandmother, Barbara Hale, took me to this part of Canada ten years ago.



Smokey Mountains



New York City at night

Chris and Rachel are returning to England for two weeks very soon. Chris is to be an usher at a wedding and will also be attending his nephew's christening. They will then continue on their tour and report it back for the Buzz.

Common Sense Obituary

An Obituary printed in the London Times.....Interesting and sadly rather true
Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm;
Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live, as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights

I Want It Now

Someone Else Is To Blame

I'm A Victim

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing

Norma Bennell sent this to the editor and thought it appropriate for inclusion in The Buzz.

St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule
(The Diocese of Exeter)

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE 2011

***Everyone is invited to worship in our lovely, Oxford Movement decorated,
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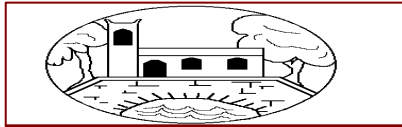
May 1 st	The Second Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist
May 4 th *	(Wednesday) 2.30pm at Southlands	Holy Communion <i>visitors welcome</i>
May 8 th	The Third Sunday of Easter	Parish Eucharist
May 15 th	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Morning Prayer
May 22 nd	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Morning Prayer
May 29 th	Rogation Sunday	Parish Eucharist <i>begins at Churchtown Farm gate with prayers for the land followed by a procession to the Church.</i>
June 1 st *	(Wednesday) 2.30pm at Southlands	Holy Communion <i>visitors welcome</i>
June 5 th	<i>No service at St Bridget's as we will join with our Methodist sisters and brothers at the Chapel for the Communion service there at 11.00am as usual.</i>	
June 12 th	PENTECOST	Parish Eucharist <i>The Church's birthday.</i>
June 19 th	Trinity Sunday	Parish Eucharist <i>followed by OPEN GARDENS DAY</i>
June 25 th *	(Saturday) GIFT DAY at the School from 2.00pm	
June 26 th	First Sunday after Trinity	Parish Eucharist

There is also an invitation to worship, from our sister Church families at Pyworthy and Pancrasweek. The Pyworthy service usually takes place at 9.30am each week and the Pancrasweek service at 9.45am usually on the first and third Sundays of the month. Notice is given when the benefice meets together for red letter days in one of the Churches at 10.30am.

Churchwardens: Trevor Bowden 01288-381247 & Peter Harris 01288-381329

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'The Wedding Planner'

A few weeks ago I met a lady who has only been living in Bridgerule for just six months but is already making herself known by joining the over 50's Coffee Club and attending local events in the area.. Her name is Sharon Lynas. She is married with three grown up daughters and as she says a beautiful grand-daughter. She has been employed as a secretary, book-keeper and projectionist but her real love in life is photography.



She says she has organised many charity events in the past, including dog shows for her favourite charity, 'Red Setter Rescue' and also a fashion show on behalf of the British Red Cross. But she has now decided to put some of her skills to the test and do something quite different. She has just qualified as a 'Wedding Planner'.

Sharon believes that to become an ideal 'Wedding Planner' one must be confident and well organised. Advising on such things as legal requirements, dealing with suppliers, making appointments on behalf of the Bride and Groom and generally helping and guiding the couple in what can become a very stressful time. Her professionalism and support to the Bride and Groom can help to make their special day run as smooth and as relaxed as possible.

Sharon says: Its usually the Bride who brings the ideas forward to what sort of wedding she would like. My job is to coax her gently into what is possible within her budget to achieve. I shall show you some unique & quirky ideas you might not have thought off.....keep you on Budget.....and can negotiate a good price for all your requirements as I work with local suppliers. My fees are available on request.

At present Sharon is enjoying working at 'The Store' Bude, whom she says hold a large collection of wedding accessories such as jewellery, fascinators for the ladies and ideas for the table displays.

Sharon says that she takes pride in her job and will do the best she can to help and support the couple with all their wedding day preparations including Invitations, the Wedding Cake, Flowers, Food and Entertainment. She will try her hardest to be an inspiration to the Bride and Groom.

It was at this point that I had an idea Maybe she would organise a Bridal Fashion Show in the hall to raise some funds for our new hall project. Within a few minutes I had the result I wanted and within another few minutes she had organised it!!!

Watch this space and thank you Sharon.

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Rev. Beth McDowell, Philip, Alex and Kathryn are leaving the Holsworthy Methodist Circuit soon.

Though she grew up in Atlanta, Ga. USA, Rev. Beth McDowell was born in Dallas Texas in 1964. A pivotal event just before her birth was the assassination of JFK. Both of her parents were present on the fateful day. Her father saw the motorcade shortly before the shooting and her mother saw it after, speeding past with secret service men spread-eagle over the President's car.

The Civil Right's movement was also in full swing at that time, and it wasn't long before Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated; and then JFK's brother Bobby Kennedy was also killed.

The family moved to Atlanta when she was three. Atlanta was MLK's birth place. The scars of slavery run deep in Atlanta with the city existing as two halves of one whole. The west side was historically black and the east white. Roads that cross the east-west divide change names at the central point, clearly marking this old racial boundary.

It was into this legacy of political struggle and upheaval that she was born. It has impacted her life deeply and has shaped her ministry into one that focuses on reconciling broken relationships, honouring those who are oppressed and working for justice.

Her parents were 'reformed Christians,' i.e., they didn't go to church. But church was in their blood: her father had studied to be a Methodist minister, but left the church (because of the hypocrisy he saw in it) and her mother was a preacher's kid. By the time her sisters and she reached their late teenage years they were all exploring the Christian faith. The results were profound. Her oldest sister will be commissioned in June as a probationary Deacon, and her middle sister has developed a deep and abiding faith in Christ. Beth said that she used to laugh with her father, saying "if we had only been allowed to go to church none of this would've happened." We had a reverse teenage rebellion!

Her outside interests really are outside: hiking, camping, a bit of whitewater rafting have all been done. She loves animals of all sorts and considered becoming a vet. But found out that as she was allergic to most animals she went into nursing instead. She has also been interested in music all her life, particularly singing, and has sung in choirs since the age of 11.

She only gave that up when she moved from the pews to the pulpit. She has two teenage daughters, Alex and Kathryn, a lovely husband, Philip, a dog, 2 cats and a rabbit. She says her life is hectic but that she would not change a thing!

Beth has been in the Holsworthy Circuit for 5 years. The family are moving to Exmouth where Rev Beth McDowell will be part of the newly formed Exeter, Coast and Country Circuit. She will be in charge of 4 chapels. The family have a cottage in Bradworthy which they will be returning to from time to time and hope that maybe they will return on occasions to see us in Bridgerule.

We sincerely thank Beth for all the help and support she has given to the village especially in the Methodist Chapel over the last five years and wish her and the family well in her new appointment.



Sheila's Mentions:

Happy 18th Birthday to Zoe Tomlin on the 20th May.

Happy 21st Birthday to Ann-Marie Latham on the 30th May.

Happy 70th Birthday to Angela Brock on the 26th June.

Congratulations to Michael Crocker for gaining a Degree in First Line Management through his employers Torridge District Council.

Ann-Marie Latham has earned a place in the team representing The Holsworthy and District Skittle League to play for the Devon County Cup. This is due to be held near Exeter on 15th May. Ann-Marie has also won through to play for the Margaret Cobbledick Shield for the under 21 ladies who play skittles in the league.

Best wishes are sent to Mr. Terry Wonnacott for a speedy recovery.

Our condolences go to Mrs. Ames of Southfields on the recent death of her husband.



THE DAFFODILS

*Written by Marie Field of Southfields in appreciation
- but one of many I'm sure!*

On Bridgerule roads and all along,
A dainty dancing yellow throng.
A lovely sight to behold,
Lanes and verges lines with gold.
Dried bulbs donated, then planted with care,
By kind village folk, so we all can share.

Like sunshine on a gloomy day,
The beautiful glowing golden array.
Of delicate, bowing, swaying flowers,
Withstanding wind and buffeting showers.
Growing wild and free in lush green grass,
To give so much pleasure when folks pass.

Lifting our hearts and giving cheer,
To know Spring is emerging and almost here.
Each fragile, fluttering, nodding head,
Seem to dispel all winter dread
Of dreary weather, and bitter chill,
Those glorious, joyful daffodils.

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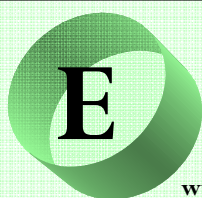
Questions that can Haunt!!

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

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Midge and Fr Chris to leave us also in the Summer.

Fr Chris our Anglican Parish Priest and Midge, his wife, after 3 years with us, will be leaving in the Summer to begin their retirement ministry in East Anglia. They are to live in a bigger village than Bridgerule called Rickingham, in Suffolk between Bury St Edmunds and the Norfolk market town of Diss. It will be a new experience for them to be in a village and not be the Rector and his wife. However, priests do not stop being ordained when they retire and so Fr Chris is looking forward to continuing his ministry but perhaps at a slightly gentler pace. Priest's wives also do not stop when their husband's retire and so Midge will expect to have plenty to do!

Midge and Chris met when they were at College in 1965. Chris was a student at St Luke's Exeter and Midge attended Rolle College, Exmouth. Midge's home was in Woodford Green in London and Chris came from Leeds, West Yorkshire. They were married at St Barnabas Church Woodford on 3rd August 1968. During their first Summer here they enjoyed celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. They have two children. Stewart was born in August 1975 and Isabel in December 1977. Stewart and his wife Julia live in Richmond on Thames and Isabel lives in Wymondham near Norwich. They are blessed with a small but close knit family. Chris's sister still lives in Leeds and is also married to a retired priest.

In terms of geography, their lives together have been based in three beautiful counties – Yorkshire, Devon and Norfolk. After meeting in Exeter they would take annual holidays in Exmouth most years for the first part of their married life. Their first home together was in Yorkshire and the annual expedition to the South West was looked forward to with eager anticipation. The Exmouth August routine was interrupted once in the years before the children were born when Midge booked a week at Whitsuntide (Yorkshire schools had 2 weeks holiday at that time at what is now the Spring Bank Holiday) in a coastguard cottage at Boscastle. This was their introduction to the North Cornwall coast and the special atmosphere of the churches and coastal paths. They remembered visiting Bude but didn't get as far as Bridgerule - that delight was to wait another 40 years nearly

In the early years of the children's lives the routine of a teaching family was followed – with all the stimulation of four exciting developing lives, school, holidays, cubs, brownies, venture scouts, Church, sport, music, friends and the extended family of grandparents and aunts and uncles, based in and around Leeds.

Then came the 'once in a lifetime' break from the three English counties to the Dutch province of Limburg for three years when Fr Chris became the Head of the UK section of an international school near Maastricht.

The family returned from the Netherlands to Norfolk for Chris to train for ordination and to be the Diocesan Director of Education for Norwich. Four years in Exeter followed, also leading the Church schools in the county, before the life of a country parson in South Norfolk for 7 years with 10 parishes!

Three years in Pyworthy, Pancrasweek and Bridgerule as a 'part-stipendiary' priest has been Chris's reward for a busy and at times demanding life in Education and the Church.

Midge has enjoyed a full career having her own school as a headteacher and then helping lots of schools throughout the country as an Ofsted inspector. During her time with us she has enjoyed working with the children and helping Bridgerule school as a governor. Work she has done that hasn't been visible in the village has been the time she has spent with the Mothers' Union in Exeter helping people with their parenting and arranging holidays for families who might not otherwise have had one without the Mothers' Union's help.

Midge and Chris have enjoyed the warm friendship of the local people here and will really miss all their friends made in the villages but the time has come after their busy life together, in lots of different places, to begin to build the foundations for their retirement ministry. St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule School, Chapel, people and children – the whole Village in fact, will have important places in their memories and on their hearts.

They send every blessing to you all as they prepare to leave.

On behalf of the Buzz readers may I thank Father Chris and Midge for their dedication and helpfulness to the village over the last three years and wish them well as they prepare for the move to East Anglia.

The picture shows the family at Stewart and Julia's Wedding In September 2009.



CONGRATULATIONS BRIDGERULE FOOTBALL TEAM



Back Row: Jimmy Giles, Aron Brawn, Lee Joliffe, Chris Pearce, Todd Peschke, Pete Snowdon, Mark Barlow, Paul Giles.
Front Row: Chris Bell, Brendon Hearn, Jedd Peschke, Rob Mitchell, Rob Snowdon and Sam Owen.

Bridgerule are through to the Finals of the Pickard Cup. This is scheduled to take place on 7th May at Holsworthy against Holsworthy or Bude. Good Luck to the team.

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May 10th	Over 50's Coffee Morning Parish Hall 10.30am
May 18th	Full Parish Council Meeting Parish Hall 8.00pm
May 24th	Over 50's Coffee Morning Parish Hall 10.30am Free Boxing Session Parish Hall 6.00—8.00pm (additional sessions)
May 26th	Free Boxing Session Parish Hall 6.00—8.00pm
June 7th	Over 50's Coffee Morning Parish Hall 10.30am
June 11th	DANCE (advert Page 6) Parish Hall from 8.00pm
June 15th	Full Parish Council Meeting - Parish Hall 8.00pm
June 21st	Over 50's Coffee Morning Parish Hall 10.30am.

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