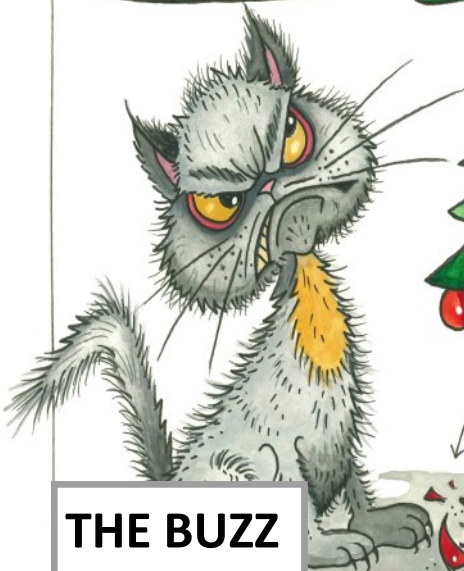


NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

TOUCH MY BALLS  
AGAIN SUNSHINE  
AND I'LL REPORT  
YOU TO BRIDGERÜLE  
PARISH COUNCIL  
FOR HARASSMENT



THE BUZZ





### **Dear Buzz Readers,.**

May I say a big thank you to Scott and Rose. Scott for making our new archway in respect of Remembrance Day at the entrance to the Methodist Church and to Rose for the poppy display, remembering not only those who perished during the two World Wars but also the animals too,

Please support where you can all the events soon to happen in our village and advertised in this issue of The Buzz.

Remember too, if you have something you would like to see in the next edition of the Buzz please forward it to me by 20th December. Many thanks.

It's a little premature but as this is the final issue of The Buzz for 2024 may I send every good wish to all the community for the forthcoming festive season.

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## BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL



# TABLE TOP SALE!

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024

2pm to 4pm

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

**HAND CRAFTED GIFTS**

**PRELOVED ITEMS**

**+ BRIC & BRAC**

Light refreshments available!



## Bridgerule Village Shop



**SATURDAY 16TH NOV 2024**

**FAMILY BINGO**

**CHILDREN'S FLYER/ CASH FLYER**

**PRIZES INCLUDE CHICKEN DINNERS**

Doors open 7.00pm eyes down 7.30pm

At Bridgerule Village Hall

**All Proceeds will go towards  
Bridgerule Village Shop**



in picture



in picture



# Christmas MARKET

FOOD & DRINK  
WOODEN CRAFTS  
BOOKS  
DECORATIONS  
TOILETRIES  
SWEETS  
JEWELLERY  
RESIN CRAFTS  
...and more

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
10am – 3pm

Bridgerule Village Hall  
The Green, Bridgerule, EX22 7DZ

FREE  
ENTRY







**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Drop off at points:**

**Village shop**

**School carpark (please place in labelled green bins)**

### **WHAT WE CAN COLLECT**

**We accept the following  
'good quality' items for RE-USE:**

Clothing

Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)

Handbags, Hats, Scarves, Ties, Belts

**We do not accept the following:**

Household linen

Curtains, Towels & bedding

Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)

Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing

School uniforms with and without logo

Corporate clothing and workwear

Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Soft toys

**Please use your own bags - any plastic bag will do!**

T A M A R

**ROCK AND ROLL  
CLUB**



**DJ DYNAMITE DAVE**  
**Saturday 30th November 2024**

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**ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH, BRIDGERULE**



**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024**

**BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL**

**10.30—12.30pm**

**Raffle and Various Stalls**



**BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH**

**FESTIVAL OF TREES**

**14/15th DECEMBER**

*We welcome Everyone to  
View our Community displays  
on Saturday 14th  
12.00 Noon— 6.00pm*

**and**

**Sunday 15th  
2.00pm—6.00pm**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

## **BRIDGERULE CAROL SINGING**

### **THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

Meet outside The Bridge Inn at 6.30pm -

Going to The Green and Village Centre



### **THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

Meet by the bus stop 6.30pm

Going to Littlebridge Meadows and Village Centre

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULTS**

**WE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FATHER CHRISTMAS**

**IN HIS**

**QUAD BIKE AND SLEIGH**

**Please wrap up warm - bring torches**

**SONG SHEETS WILL BE PROVIDED**







**WELL - I'VE DONE IT!  
WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!**

**15000 ft in the air**

**Freefalling for 60 seconds  
at 120 mph**

**Coming through the clouds to see a  
view from  
Western Super Mare to Barnstaple**

**Thank you everyone for sponsoring our favourite charity,  
Little Harbour of Children's Hospice South West  
to the tune of £2000.**

**It was lovely to have Col and Paul with me, together with grandchildren  
Ella and Harry cheering their 75 year Super Gran on!**



**BRIDGERULES BUZZING COMMUNITY = *facebook page***

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



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face book page'.***

***Stacey is on 01288 381843 or email her on [shillier357@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shillier357@yahoo.co.uk)***

**The Coffee Club recently went on a Mystery Trip. Ray our driver from Tilley's Coaches made the journey very relaxing and amusing. So relaxing this is what happened at our final stop of the day - Tintagel Brewery!!**



### **NEWS JUST RELEASED - GRANTS**

### **GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FUND TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

In line with previous versions of the scheme the purpose of the grant is to provide support to households experiencing hardship due to the ongoing cost of living crisis. The grants will be available to help people in need to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living or housing costs. Previous assistance has already allowed people to purchase clothing, blankets, and fund boiler servicing or repairs during the winter months. Applications can also be made to meet the cost of purchasing or repairing white goods such as fridges, freezers and ovens, which might otherwise currently be beyond the means of struggling households.

Access to the fund will once again be via a form, with initial applications being processed by the council's partner and local charity organisation, Encompass. The application form link will be available on Torridge District Council's website by clicking on the "Cost of living Help" icon on the main landing page and then the "Household Support Fund" link. Alternatively, people can contact Encompass through their website or by telephone if they do not have access to the internet on 01271 371499.

### **ZUMBA GOLD – Low Impact**

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### **ART AND CRAFT CLUB**

Wednesday afternoon

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Kathwhatmore@gmail.com

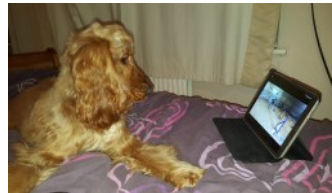


### **BRIDGERULE FUN DOG CLUB**

Wednesday Mornings

Contact Steven Spencer on

Fairlightcages@outlook.com



### **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

Friday from 2.00pm

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or email [sdwhatmore@gmail.com](mailto:sdwhatmore@gmail.com)





## Derril Water Solar Park Update



DNO and customer substation building foundation works have commenced since the last update. Access tracks and culverts are finished, except for the headwalls and the final layer. Fencing is progressing well, and we look forward to completing the sections that intersect with the existing hedges. Piling is 90% complete across the site. The mounting structure and excavation of trenches for cabling have begun, and we expect to install the PV modules in approximately two weeks.

To date, the delivery of PV modules is progressing well, with 100% of the modules shipped. The final batch is expected to arrive on-site in mid-November. The units received have been successfully unloaded and distributed throughout the site. Delivery of the structural materials is ongoing, with approximately 75% currently available. Additionally, the medium-voltage switchgears have been received.

Next months, we will continue with cable trenching and flagging, as well as excavation and foundation works for the MV Switchgears. The construction of the DNO building will start, and panels will continue to be delivered to the site.



Overall, the project is progressing steadily, and teams are focused on maintaining momentum as we move into November, ensuring all tasks are completed efficiently and on schedule.

Remember, Derril Water Solar Park is Ripple Energy's first exciting shared solar project in the UK. Members not only benefit from clean energy but actually own this project. If you have any concerns or need to report special events in the area that might affect works, please reach out to [DerrilWater@RippleEnergy.com](mailto:DerrilWater@RippleEnergy.com).

Learn more about the project here: <https://rippleenergy.com/our-projects/derril-water-solar-park>.

## PSR confirms decision on APP scams reimbursement

Here is some recent news, which I am sure will be most welcomed by all internet users in the UK. However, it is only available from the 7<sup>th</sup> October, previous scams will only be recovered at the discretion of the Bank involved. Maximum amounts apply, irrespective of losses! The PSR has recently confirmed the maximum reimbursement limit for victims of Authorised Push Payment (APP) scams starting from 7 October. Having given careful consideration to all the feedback and information received, the PSR board has decided that the maximum reimbursement limit for Faster Payments will be £85,000. The PSR's requirements will provide world-leading protections to people who fall victim to scams – with over 99% of APP claims covered by the reimbursement cap. It will also give firms strong financial incentives to continue to make improvements to their fraud prevention controls. This was a carefully balanced decision – which provides significant protection to fraud victims and strikes an appropriate balance having regard to the PSR's innovation and competition objectives and making sure that payment systems work well for everyone. A final policy statement to explain the reasoning for the decision will be published next week. The regulator is making this short announcement to ensure everyone is clear on its decision and to provide clarity on the limit prior to the reimbursement requirements coming into effect on 7th October, supporting their implementation, so that people benefit from the protections from that date. The Bank of England, as the operator of CHAPS, has carefully considered the feedback made in relation to CHAPS as part of the same consultation. The Bank has decided that the maximum reimbursement for CHAPS will be £85,000. In making this decision, the Bank has given weight to the benefits to industry and consumers of having consistency of limits across the two payment systems. The Bank is committed to reviewing this limit within 12 months.



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## **HOLSWORTHY GOLF CLUB**

### **TROPHY WINNERS**

Colin Cholwill receiving the  
Maurice Barnett Trophy  
from Eamon McGranaghan



Malcolm Shadbolt receiving  
the Mock St. Andrew Cup  
from Brian Slocombe.

## **ST. BRIDGET'S PARISH CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY SERVICES**



03rd November	11.00	Eucharist
10th November	10.55	Morning Prayer—Remembrance Sunday
17th November		United Service at Methodist Chapel
24th November		Eucharist— United Service with Methodist Church
01st December		Eucharist
08th December		Morning Prayer
15th December		United Service at Methodist Church
22nd December		Eucharist
24th December	3.00pm	Crib Service
25th December	10.00am	Eucharist
29th December	10.00am	Benefice Service Holsworthy.



## Neighbourhood Watch Notes



I write this on a sunny warm day in mid October, what is it with this weather? Outside the work continues in the fields of the Ripple Solar farm. "Pickata- pockata" sounds the machine driving the stakes into the ground to hold the solar panels. They look like rows of tombstones and the site encompasses 20 fields yet to be converted.

However, as autumn moves on into Christmas via Halloween and bonfire night what must we all be aware of ?

Yes, safety from criminals and scams - albeit one is the same as the other. If you think you have been scammed, phone 159 and talk to your bank's fraud team. You phone them, don't believe it, if they are phoning you

The Alert system gives information about many police matters as well as the fire and rescue services. The latter is offering a free home safety advice visit. If you wish to book a visit phone 0800 0502 999 and see if you are eligible.

Email "[firekills@dsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firekills@dsfire.gov.uk)" or online "[dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety](https://dsfire.gov.uk/homesafety)".

The police are always looking out for those vehicles and drivers not insured or taxed through the ANPR system. Petrol stations have the automatic number plate recognition cameras as do other premises. Cameras on the lookout aren't just for speeding. Community Speedwatch could be round the corner.

With early dark nights on the way ensure your home is safe by locking windows and doors, and that means sheds and garages as well. Have an outside light, preferably on a motion sensor to highlight movement. Keep items out of view in cars if you have been buying presents and do lock your vehicle. It's usually unlocked ones that are stolen.

Take care over the festive period, and always, but if you see something untoward then ring 999 if it's happening now, or email "[devon-cornwall.police.uk](mailto:devon-cornwall.police.uk)" or "[101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)". If you wish to give information anonymously use Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Enjoy the fact that Bridgerule now has its own shop, there for most all of the important thing you need.

But whatever - don't have nightmares and keep 'em peeled. Be good to your neighbours.

John McDougall  
01288 381237

## SHEILA'S MENTIONS

### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

**Pauline Latham for the 14th November**  
**Winnie Westlake for the 24th November**  
**Sally Quilter for the 24th November**  
**Barry Lucas for the 8th December**  
**Colin Cholwill for the 10th December**  
**Kelvin Davey for the 10th December**  
**Mary Bryant for the 10th December**  
**Kathy Whatmore for the 13th December**  
**Sylvia McDougall for the 20th December**  
**Chris Hitchings for the 24th December**  
**Tanya Peschke for the 25th December**  
**Scott Whatmore for the 31st December**

Our best wishes goes to **Irene Glover** who has been taken into hospital . We hope she is home soon.

Pauline Latham wishes to remember her husband Paul who recently has spent 9 days, travelling each day, in order to complete Jury Service.

Our best wishes go to **Joan Whatmore** now home after recently being in hospital.

## BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH

### Services at 11.00am unless indicated



03rd November	Jan Orchard
10th November	Lorna Bowden - Remembrance Service 10.55am
17th November	Courtney Drew - Joint Service with St. Bridget's
1st December	Mrs. P. Colwill
14th/15th December	Festival of Trees – Opening Times on page 7
15th December	United Service with St. Bridget's—Mark Shears
22nd December	Carol Service 6.30pm—Led by Rev. Alison. Hardy
	Followed by Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies

## Reflections on a golden wedding

*Alan Beat*



Through my teenage years of the 1960's I became a very keen angler and devoted all my spare time to the sport. In those days there was a three month close season for the fish to breed in peace, which had the unintended consequence of providing a breathing space for anglers to behave almost normally. During the 1970 close season, I met Rosie at a party in Hertford. She was 19 and training to be a teacher; I was 20 and studying for a degree in engineering.

Rosie's enthusiasm for plants was already evident in her room at the student hostel. A cleaner was overheard complaining to another: "You've left that room for me on purpose - it's like bloomin' Kew gardens in there!"

Rosie began to accompany me fishing and learned to use one of my rods, soon catching some decent fish including a pike of sixteen and a half pounds. I took her photograph holding this and for a bit of fun, submitted that to some national newspapers which featured ladies within angling - one such column was headed: "Women in our lives". Of course they printed the story of Rosie out-fishing her boyfriend and displayed her picture prominently. Another column awarded her the weekly prize of a fishing umbrella, with the amusing spelling mistake of "her splendid angling feet"! When I showed her the newspapers, the look of astonishment on her face was priceless.

Shortly before we married, Rosie's younger sister Caroline celebrated her 21st birthday with a party at the local pub. Afterwards, I settled into my sleeping bag on the ground floor of the family home in Wellingborough while Rosie drew the curtains and kissed me goodnight before heading upstairs to bed. The next morning, once I had dressed and left the room, her father entered and soon came out again looking rather agitated.

"Where's my scorpion?" he demanded. "It's escaped!"



Rosie turned pale and we all rushed in to search the room. In most households the situation would have been unthinkable, but here it was perfectly credible. Her father worked for an importer of bulk foodstuffs from around the world, and sometimes came home with exotic creatures that had arrived with a shipment.

The scorpion had been on the window sill in a glass Petri dish, the lid of which was probably swept aside as the curtains were drawn, freeing it to scurry around the same floor that I was sleeping on that night. Her father displayed no concern at all for my safety, but was clearly relieved to find the creature unharmed, hiding between document folders on a low shelf. Rosie swore that she had known nothing about the scorpion, and that slipping the lid had been an accident . . . . . !!

We were married on 10th August 1974 at Wellingborough registry office, and began our life together in Aspley Guise, a sizeable village close to the new city of Milton Keynes. Rosie taught the infant class in a nearby village school, while I drove to work in a Luton engineering factory.



By choice, we had no television set. Rosie had been raised without one, while I'd recognised from an early age that time was better spent on my own interests. So we agreed not to bother with one, and suffered the ribbing that usually arose when people discovered this.

"How long have you been married then? Oh well, that explains it!"  
Fifty years later, we still have no TV set.

In the early 1980's manufacturing in the UK began the long decline that continues to the present and I foresaw no long-term future in engineering to support our family, now grown to include two children, Katie and Martin, for whom Rosie had left work to be a full time mother. We decided to seek a better quality of life in smallholding, but with no suitable or affordable properties where we lived, we had to consider more rural areas of the UK. Meanwhile we began preparing for the change, digging up the front lawn to grow vegetables, and keeping laying hens, our first livestock, in the back garden.

Before the internet, house-hunting at a distance was difficult with two small children in tow, so I did most of the travelling and viewing alone. After much searching I found the Bridge Mill and offered to buy it before Rosie had even seen it! Of course she loved it, as I knew she would, and the children were excited too. We moved here to begin our new lives in November 1987.

The house was thought to be over three hundred years old, built mainly of cob on a stone base. There were open fireplaces for heating and a coal-fired range in the kitchen for cooking and hot water. Electrical circuits were outdated with a scattering of two pin 5 amp sockets throughout and a solitary three pin 15 amp socket in the kitchen where Walter, the tenant, had an electric oven plugged in. When I questioned the safety of this arrangement, he answered:

“Oh, it works alright provided you don’t use the hob at the same time as the oven - that blows the fuse”!

We renovated the house, re-established the smallholding and restored the water mill to working order. Rosie returned to part time teaching here at the village school and others locally before settling to a regular post at Putford (now sadly closed).

We have been very happy in this warm community and feel privileged to live here. Through our mill and garden open days, and nearly six hundred educational visits, we have shared this lovely corner of Devon with many thousands of people. I have served terms as a school governor and parish councillor, while currently I lead the village hedge and coppice group. My passion for angling subsided as smallholding interests took over, while Rosie remains as keen as ever on plants and gardening, opening our gardens for the last eleven years to fund raise for the National Garden Scheme, a nursing charity.

We may be pensioners but there are no plans for retirement just yet.



## BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH



The Methodist Church has recently held its Harvest Celebrations. Some of the items which had kindly been donated and which the ladies of the church had displayed were later auctioned by Colin Cholwill for church funds. The ambient goods donated to the Harvest were given to Holsworthy Food Bank. Rev. M. Slingo, the newly appointed Minister of the Bude and Holsworthy Circuit took the Sunday service. Mark Shears took the weekly service with musical items by The Tamarside Singers.



Helpers of the Methodist Church recently held a Cream Tea. Flowers were also presented to Ray and Joan Palmer on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.



### Village shop Update

During September some of the items we sold  
487.5 litres of milk, 71 packets of cooked  
ham ends, 83 packets of Burts crisps & 1 pen.

Time to get writing!!

We now have an off sales licence and are  
stocking a range of wines and spirits which  
will expand in line with demand. As you appreciate, if you are lucky enough to look under 21 you will be expected to have a valid form of identification (it's the law).

**As Christmas fast approaches our  
opening hours will be curtailed during the  
Christmas / New Year Period to:-**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> 08:30 – 3:00 PM**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> opening wonderful presents  
Hint, Hint & celebrating.**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup> 09:00 – 12:00**

***January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 back to normal hours of:-***

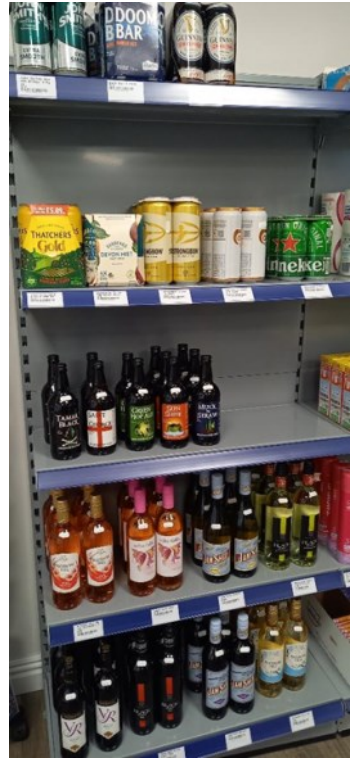
***Monday – Saturday 08:30 – 5:30***

***Sunday 9:00 – 12:00***

A range of Christmas food items will be going on the shelves shortly and decorated by our own little elves (or someone like that!

If there are items you wish to order for Christmas (or any other time)  
please speak to one of our wonderful volunteers.

It just remains to wish you all a very a wonderful Christmas and a very  
Happy, healthy (and wealthy) New Year!!



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