



Dear Readers,

May I wish you all A very Happy New Year and hope that your Christmas was one enjoyed with family and friends.

With the festive season all but over we return to our normal routines once again.

I would like to thank Mr and Mrs. Cameron for their continued commitment to the village Coffee Mornings and I'm sure that Pat and Alex Johnston will receive everyone's support.

May I take this opportunity to thank those who help with the distribution of The Buzz each time, especially to Cliff for the printing of the newsletter.

If there is something you wish to have published in the next edition of The Buzz please have it with me by 20th February and remember that my email address is now:
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Yours

Sheila Cholwill

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The marriage of Greg Snowden and Steph Dinshaw took place at St. Bridget's Church Bridgerule on Saturday 15th Dec 2012.



Greg is the only son of Kaye and the late Merv Snowden and Stephanie the youngest daughter of Alf and Sue Dinshaw of Bude. Mum Snowden says many thanks to the Vicar and Bellringers for making the service so special. Unfortunately the weather was rather wet on leaving the church, so no photo's could be taken outside. However the reception and evening party were held in Holsworthy Memorial Hall, which had been decorated in the Christmas theme.

A fantastic night was had by us all and it was a special day to be remembered for ever.



CAROL SINGING

Chris and Rose wish to thank all those who gave so generously and to those who braved the weather and took part in the recent Carol singing around the village.

Thanks also to the F.O.B.S. who kindly supplied refreshments back at the school on the first Wednesday.

The total collected was £183 which will be divided equally between St. Bridget's Church, The Methodist Chapel and Bridgerule School.

Dear Mr. Cameron,

Please find below our suggestion for fixing the UK's economy and we **can** call it **The Patriotic Retirement Plan.**

There are about 10 million people over 50 in the work force.
Pay them £1million each severance for early retirement with the following stipulations:

1. They MUST retire -
Ten million job openings—unemployment fixed.
2. They MUST buy a new British car -
Ten million cars ordered—car industry fixed.
3. They MUST either buy a house or pay off the mortgage -
Housing Crisis fixed.
4. They MUST send their kids to school/college/university -
Crime rate fixed.
5. They MUST buy £100 WORTH of alcohol/tobacco a week.....
And there's your money back in duty/tax etc.

It can't get easier than that.....

PS if more money is needed, have all members of parliament pay back their falsely claimed expenses and second home allowances.

Also....

Lets put the pensioners in jail and the criminals in a nursing home.

This way the pensioners would have access to showers, hobbies and walks.

They'd receive unlimited free prescriptions, dental and medical treatment, wheel chairs etc and they'd receive money instead of paying it out.

They would have constant video monitoring, so they could be helped instantly, if they fell or needed assistance.

Bedding would be washed twice a week, and all clothing would be ironed and returned to them,

A guard would check on them every twenty minutes and bring their meals and snacks to their room.

They would have family visits in a suite built for that purpose.

They would access to a library, weight room, spiritual counselling, pool and education.

Simple clothing, shoes, slippers, PJ's and legal aid would be free, on request.

Private secure room for all, with an exercise outdoor yard with gardens.

Each senior would have a PC a TV radio and daily phone calls.

There would be a board of directors to hear complaints and the guards would have a code of conduct that would be strictly adhered too.

The criminals would get cold food, be left all alone and unsupervised. Lights off at 8pm and showers once a week. Live in a tiny room and pay £600 per week and have no hope of ever getting out. **JUST THINK ABOUT IT!!!**



CAROL CONCERT

Our Carol Concert has now become a very popular annual event. Once again it was led by The Launceston Male Voice Choir and the members of The Metric Band. The Chairman for the evening was Rev. Keith Richards..

The concert was so popular this year that we had to stop selling tickets. All who came enjoyed some great refreshments kindly given by members of the village. A profit of £479 was raised for the refurbishment of our village hall. Thanks to Chris and Rose Hitchings for their support and all others who helped.



PRELIMINARY NOTICE
Date for your new diary



Johnny Cowling is coming to Bridgerule
Saturday 13th April 2013.

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Sheila's Mentions:

In conjunction with **The British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2012**, **Audrey, Poppy Co-ordinator for Bridgerule** wishes to thank Rose, Julie, Amanda, The Post Office and The Bridge Inn for their support. **£469.85** was raised in the parish and she thanks everyone who donated to the appeal.

Thank you once again to **Pam Bowler** and her helpers for the village Christmas tree.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Greg Snowdon and Stephanie Dinshaw** on the occasion of their marriage at St. Bridget's Church on the 15th December.

Our best wishes go to **Mr. John Bowden** and hope that he is recovery well from his unfortunate accident.

Our best wishes also goes to **Mrs. Joan Green** who is now residing at Southlands Residential Home and welcome the new family into 5 Bridge Park.

Happy Birthday to **Mrs. Joan Marshall** for the 24th January.

Happy Birthday to **Mr. Ron Cameron**.

Happy 92nd Birthday to **Mrs. Kate James** for the 6th February.

Happy Birthday wishes to **Mr. Tony Wallis** for the 16th February.

Congratulations to Matthew and Ellie on the birth of their second son, Riley. A baby brother for Kalem.

Our best wishes go to Mr. Tony Goodman.

We have received a letter from an Alison Everitt who wishes to get in touch with her cousin by the name of Gary Abell aged 50 and lives in Bridgerule. Can anyone help?

Many thanks to the local lads (sorry have no names) who found a wallet recently at Littlebridge Cross and immediately handed it in.

DIDN'T THEY DO WELL
Libby and Ella singing
Jingle Bells to a packed
audience on Christmas
Eve.



PAUL SUPPORTS MOVEMBER



For the past seven weeks Paul Cholwill and Andrew, another employee of Harpers of Holsworthy have been supporting Movember. This is an annual month-long event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November “to change the face of men’s health” and raise awareness of prostate cancer and other male cancer and associated charities.

At Harpers Annual Christmas Dinner in front of their workmates the overgrown moustaches was shaven off. All sponsorship money Paul and Andrew collect will go to support the work of the Movember Foundation which has been running since 2004.



BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL PREACHING APPOINTMENTS JAN/FEB 2013

January 6th	Rev. John Henry	9.30am
January 13	Celia Ramnath	11.00am
January 20th	Allan Merritt	11.00am
January 27th	Rev. Neal Street	9.30am
February 3rd	Mr. Eric Boundy	9.30am
February 10th	Mr. John Guy	11.00am
February 17th	United Service at St. Bridget's	
February 24th	Mr. Bill Cleave	11.00am

MICHAEL'S MECCANO MODEL OF A FAIREY HENDON MK11 NIGHT BOMBER



The above shows a photograph of one of Michael Moore's latest models that he has constructed out of Meccano. It has an overall length of 5 feet (1.53 metres) and a wing span of 8 feet (2.44 metres).

It took approximately 22 hours to build using 503 parts and 1,224 nuts and bolts to build the model. The propellers were driven by 2 24 volt electric motors.

The original plane was a twin 447 KW Rolls Royce Kestrel V1 engine cantilever wing monoplane heavy night bomber. 14 of which were operated by the RAF from 1937 until just before the out break of World War 2. The Hendon flew with 38 Squadron and a detachment forming the Nucleus of 115 Squadron.

The Spec:

Crew 5. Take off weight 20,000 lbs. Empty weight 12,730 lbs.

Wing Span 101ft 9 inches. (31.02 metres)

Length 61ft 8 inches (18.5 metres)

Maximum speed 155 mph. (249km/h).

Range w/max payload 1.181 miles.

Armament: 3 machine guns in nose, portal and tail as well as
1660 lbs bombs.

HMS EAGLE AIRCRAFT CARRIER



Michael's second model just completed is of the HMS Eagle Aircraft Carrier.

When completed the model had an overall length of 7feet 4 inches. (2.24 metres) and is 1 foot 2 inches wide. (0.36 metres)

It took approximately 31 hour to build using 604 parts and 1,410 nuts and bolts to build.

The original battleship was built in 1918 by Armstrong Whitworth. She was purchased by Britain for conversion to an aircraft carrier in 1924. HMS Eagle was equipped solely with Fairey Sword Fish torpedo bombers until late 1940. She escorted multiple convoys to Malta and Greece and then went on to hunt for Axis shipping in the Indian Ocean and South Atlantic. After completing a major refit in February 1942, HMS Eagle made multiple trips delivering fighter aircraft to Malta. On the 11th August 1942 HMS Eagle was torpedoed by a German submarine U-743 and sank.

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JAMES LUCAS

James Lucas was born in 1854 and died in September 1930 aged 76 and is buried in Bridgerule Churchyard.

James Lucas is the grandfather of Mr. Mervyn Lucas of Elm Park. He came from Morwenstowe to Bridgerule in about 1888 and rented Southlands from The Kingdom family. On the opening of the Whitstone and Bridgerule Railway Station James built a store nearby and commenced his business as a coal, manure and grain merchant. He was also an agent for all kinds of implements. This business was run in conjunction with the running of Southlands farm. James was also the owner of traction engines and a steam roller which was used around the district sawing wood, grinding flour, threshing etc.

James later retired to Morwenna Bridgerule and the business was taken over by his son, Mervyn's father, Mr. Frederick Lucas.

He also travelled to Ireland buying seed corn with his cousin Walter Petherick of Bude. Sadly his first wife died when Mervyn's father was only two weeks old.

James had three daughters. One, Clara, lived with her family at Merrifield Farm. Upon retirement the family then built Highfield, also in Bridgerule. James used one of his traction engines to take down the old Chapel in Bridgerule and he helped to rebuild the new one.

In the present Methodist Chapel is a brass plaque acknowledging the work associated with the chapel of the late Mr. James Lucas.

The two photographs below are of Mr. James Lucas with his steam roller and his steam engine taken between 1880 and 1890.





**ELIZABETH, ORIGINALLY FROM
BRIDGERULE WAS THE FIRST
EDUCATED LADY TO LIVE IN
AUSTRALIA**

She was born Elizabeth Veale of Judgeworthy at Bridgerule on 14th August 1766 and baptised in St Bridget's Church Bridgerule. Her father, Richard Veale, was a yeoman farmer who owned *Lodgeworthy*, a mixed-farm of some ninety-four acres in Bridgerule. When Elizabeth was six years old her mother was widowed so she went to live with her grandfather John Hatherley. Soon after, she was taken into the home of the Rev. John Kingdon, an Oxford scholar and was educated with his daughter Bridget who became a lifelong friend.

At twenty-two years of age Elizabeth married an army officer, John Macarthur of Plymouth. In June 1790, only 20 years after Captain Cook was among the first Europeans to set foot in Australia, they sailed for the colony on the *Neptune* along with over 1,000 convicts who were kept in horrific conditions. Elizabeth wrote letters back to her family of her time on board the ship. These letters became outstanding records of early voyages. A daughter was born on board ship but sadly did not survive.

John was granted 100 acres of prime land in Parramatta and named it 'Elizabeth Farm' in honour of his wife. She told her family in England that she had everything in abundance. Fruit trees of almonds, apricots, pear and apple and vast vegetable gardens. As well as bringing 8 children into the world Elizabeth took a keen interest in the farm and was to eventually help influence the Australian wool industry.

In 1801 John had to return to England and it was Elizabeth who then managed the property. She became an expert in fleeces and set up the infra-structure to export colonial wool and was the first to breed the world renowned Marino which became the foundation of the profound Australian wool industry. She died in 1850 and came to be known as the first educated lady to set foot in Australia. Much later in 1995 a 5 dollar coin was minted in her honour.



**Can any readers tell The Buzz where
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 The strong eye watering concoction with a fearful taste,
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 In keeping us healthy and in good heart.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE?




This picture taken in the centre of our village was amongst items bought at an auction in Holsworthy a few weeks ago. The date it was taken was about 1900 we think, but maybe someone can shed some light on it for us.



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Bridgerule Village Hall Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30pm Zumba £3.00 per session	Bude Holiday Park Monday 9:30 – 10:45am Zumba with Circuit £3.50 per session

MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR LIFE THIS YEAR – GET FIT WITH ZUMBA!

So what is Zumba?

Zumba is one of the most popular group fitness classes in the world. Why? Because it is great fun, each Zumba class combines dance moves inspired by Samba, Salsa, Mambo, Hip Hop mixed with classic aerobic moves (I also add my own Lisa flavour to each class) leaving you with a unique workout, guaranteed to break you out in a sweat!!

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The class lasts about 1 hour; you will learn lots of fun alternating fast and slow routines (interval training). As a result you'll burn calories – up to 800 in one class as you tone and sculpt your body.

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I'm not a dancer is Zumba for me?

Most definitely. You don't need to know any dance moves to take part, in fact as long as you are moving and enjoying yourself there's no wrong way to Zumba. One of my Zumba ladies said to me the other week “The thing I love about Zumba! It doesn't matter if I miss a week, it is so easy to come along to a class and follow!”

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Wishing everyone a fun fit 2013.

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**YOURS TRUELY RETIRES
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The Buzz Editor, Sheila Cholwill has retired as Senior Administrator of Bude Infant School. She has held that post for the passed 23 years.

Prior to that she was Secretary at Whitstone Primary School for 10 years.



To get the job at Whitstone in 1980 of 8 hours a week, my interview was in front of 14 governors! No computers then. A typewriter was used for all office letters and I shared a desk with the headteacher. No photocopier then, just a banda, a spirit duplicator, which one had to turn the handle of and if a typing error occurred on the special skins, tippex could not be used but some bright pink very pungent liquid similar to nail varnish to obliterate ones error. (I can almost smell it now)

In 1989 a school secretary's job was advertised for Bude Infant School and I was lucky enough to get the post. I had my own office eventually, with an electric typewriter but computers were soon introduced. I can remember going with Jean, my headteacher at the time to Newquay, spending 2 nights in an hotel and three days getting to grips with how to use this new fangled machine. Life at Bude Infants has become very different in recent years. 8 classes, 200 pupils aged between 4 - 7 and about 26 members of staff..

Safeguarding plays a very important part of every day life now, coupled with lots of finance and budgets to keep within. But I can honestly say that I have enjoyed going to work every day and not every one can say that.

About 18 years ago I started a local primary school secretary's group, the only one at the time in Cornwall because it seemed to me that we could then meet to share the job we each did for the betterment of our schools.

This group of 8 secretaries from the Bude area did not know what to call our selves at first. Taking one letter from various words we came up with the name of S.C.A.B.S. But it did not have that certain ring to it and so we ended up Bude Area Primary Secretaries, B.A.P.S. Not sure which is best really!

I represented that group at County Hall for quite a while until passing it on to someone else. We continue to meet each half term and it is now backed by our headteachers. It has proven very successful and my one claim to fame maybe.

The staff that I have worked with have become friends and I know that will Continue and I will always fondly remember the six headteachers that have been my employers. I have seen lots of children and staff come and leave at Bude Infants. Now it's my turn. (Open the tissues quick - and I know Col can't wait - wood burner in the workshop comes to mind!)

Another chapter begins. My friends at school say I can party all day now and just go off to bed! Sounds good to me. But I can already feel something new on the horizon which I hope will be just as satisfying. In fact I hope to join them at the end of January!

I have been presented with wonderful goodies from the school and from the secretaries. An ode to Sheila which I shall always treasure, wonderful bouquets and a huge card which everyone wrote their thoughts of me in. (It was all good so I hope it was me they were writing about).

The end of an era. (more tissues!) Yours truly.

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CHRISTINGLE 2012

On Sunday, December 9th, the children from Bridgerule Church of England (VC) Primary School celebrated the Annual Christingle Service, led by Mrs Mary Aicheler, Lay Reader, for St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule.

The photograph above shows the children taking part in the service. From left to right, back row they are Caitlin Braund, Stella Thompson, Will Cottier, James Davey, front row, Lucas Braund, Jaiden Linney, Sam Linney, Phoebe and William Lucas.

Mrs Aicheler explained to the children about the meaning of the Christingle and as the Church lights were turned off, the candles were lit. At the end of the service a collection was taken, in aid of The Children's Society for the work that they do in respect of children.

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PYWORTHY WITH PANCRASWEEK AND BRIDGERULE FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Week Beginning	Time	Place	Service
6th January Epiphany	9.30 am 9.45 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Pancrasweek Bridgerule	Morning Prayer Eucharist Eucharist
13th January Plough Sunday	10.30 am	Pancrasweek	Benefice Eucharist/ Blessing of Ploughs followed by mulled wine in Church
20th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am 9.45 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Pyworthy Pancrasweek Bridgerule Bodmin Street Methodist Chapel	Morning Prayer Eucharist Eucharist Ecumenical Service/ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
27th January Epiphany 4	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Eucharist
3rd February 2nd before Lent	9.30 am 9.45 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Pancrasweek Bridgerule	Morning Prayer Eucharist Eucharist
10th February Sunday next b/f Lent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Family Service
13th February Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm	Pyworthy	Benefice Eucharist/ Imposition of Ashes
17th February Lent 1	9.30 am 9.45 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Pancrasweek Bridgerule	Morning Prayer Eucharist Combined Service with Bridgerule Methodists at Bridgerule Church
24th February Lent 2	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Eucharist

Another Graduation from a student of Bridgerule

Steven and Annie Youldon along with Shirley (a very proud grandmother) recently attended the graduation of David at Plymouth.

David is the second son of Steven and Annie of Knowle. Their eldest son Andrew lives in Bude and works for Western Power Distribution and their daughter Emily is currently travelling in Asia and Australia.

David has always loved sport, especially football. He played for the Bridgerule Youth teams from the age of 7 and at 10 won a Manchester United Soccer School at Wadebridge. The prize was a coaching session at their training ground and then to watch a match at Old Trafford.

He played for his schools and was also part of the squad for North Devon Under 16's. He now plays for the Bude 1st team.

He graduated from the University College of St Mark and St. John Plymouth with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Science and Coaching.

David attended Bridgerule Primary School, when the headteacher was Lucinda Swain. His secondary education was spent at Holsworthy Community College and then attending North Devon College.

He is currently working in Plymouth as a Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer.

Congratulations David on your success and we wish you well in your chosen career.



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January 15th COFFEE CLUB Village Hall 10.30am.

January 16th Parish Council Village Hall 7.45pm

**January 22nd Bridgerule Methodist Chapel and
Bridgerule Parish Church joint meeting
7.30pm Chapel Sunday School -**

January 29th COFFEE CLUB Village Hall 10.30am

February 12th COFFEE CLUB Village Hall 10.30am

February 20th Parish Council Village Hall - 8.00pm

February 26th COFFEE CLUB Village Hall - 10.30am

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