

# *THE BUZZ*

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Dear Buzz Readers,  
 2013 seems to be moving along at quite a pace already! Signs of Spring can be seen. Now all we desire is the sun to come out a little more frequently for us. I am delighted once again to be able to say that thanks to everyone's continued support of sponsoring our Village Newsletter, The Buzz, I have been able to donate another £1000 to support our village hall refurbishment project. Cliff, the hall Chairman will be bringing you all up to speed regarding the hall in his article.

My Spotlight this time is on someone who has lived in our community all his life.

I am always grateful for any news you may know of concerning any special dates, anniversaries etc. coming up regarding anyone in our parish so that I may talk them in to releasing some finer points about themselves! Remember, to be in the next edition it has to be with me by 20th April.

Yours gratefully,

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**ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH**

**SPRING LUNCHEON**

**SUNDAY 28th APRIL**

**VILLAGE HALL**

**12.30 for 1.00pm**

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### *JOHNNY COWLING CONCERT*

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### **Devonshire's Famous Former Huntsman**

- **Charlie Woodridge by Colin Cholwill**

My late grandfather, Charlie Woodridge was born in 1887. Queen Victoria was still on the throne when he first started work at the age of 12, with a horse dealer at 1s. 6d. a week. All he thought about was horses and so it was here for the next four years that he gained useful experience.

At the age of sixteen he made up his mind to try for a job in a racing establishment at Yelverton. As he only weighed seven stone it seemed he was the ideal weight but on the way home from meeting his prospective new employer he decided to call into an hostelry and it was here that he met up with the stud- groom of the Lamerton Hunt and very quickly it transpired that there was a vacancy for a man in the hunt's stables. There and then Charlie applied for the post and got it, starting work the very next morning. Thus the future course of my grandfather's life was completely changed and instead of becoming the jockey of his ambition he eventually became a huntsman and a dedicated foxhunter all his days.

His wages were now 12s. 6d. a week. This was at the time when beef was 6d a pound, pork 1d a pound and one would live like a king on a 10s wage. (50p) Charlie soon progressed to terrier man and later became whipper-in and kennel huntsman. Then came a memorable day when Mr Blakiston, Master of the fox hounds at the time, was unable to be out and Charlie experienced his first taste of hunting hounds and it wasn't long before he became the regular huntsman with the Lamerton.

On one particular Christmas Eve upon returning to the kennels on a dark late afternoon after a meet, 10 couple of hounds were missing and no doubt my grandfather spent a sleepless night. No telephones in those days but a welcome telegram was received from a farmer 14 miles away the next morning who had the missing 10 couple safely on his farm at Mary Tavy. Charlie soon mounted his horse and rode to get his missing charges back to the kennel. But on the way home across the moor the hounds gathered scent of a fox and try as he may he could not stop the ten couple racing after it and by the time they reached the kennels the groom and kennel man were getting quite anxious and this all happening on Christmas Day!



**Grandfather at my wedding**

My grandmother must have been the perfect wife for a huntsman. Before her marriage she had been a lady's maid, yet she readily adapted herself to kennel life. She would get hounds' feed ready on a hunting day; she would hold the hurricane-lantern for my grandfather to skin after dark. No electricity and water laid on in those days and she would clean the tack and his hunting boots in an emergency, such as the Christmas Day episode.

Later on, my grandfather decided to seek fresh woods and new pastures at The Tetcott. He had to travel 25 miles on his bicycle for an interview where another eight men were applying for the same job. Charlie secured the job but the rejoicing of his success were soon marred because on returning home he found a telegram from another Master, Mr Cook-Hurle, whom he respected greatly, offering him a post of huntsman with South Devon Hunt. Tetcott hunt refused to release him but that might have been a blessing because my grandfather's fortunes were linked with The Tetcott until he passed away.

Dr T A King was Master of The Tetcott in 1915 but he was a hard working medic and on occasions would stop during a hunt to visit a patient on an outlying farm and direct my grandfather to go on with the hounds. The doctor used to make his hospital rounds in his red coat on a hunting morning and would even deliver a baby before going on to the meet.

When the Second World War broke out the hunt had to be disbanded for a while but in 1941 a group of farmers raised the sum of £250 and my grandfather agreed to keep a pack of 12 couple of hounds, provide his own horse and do what hunting he was able with the help of any amateur assistance available. It has been written that it was probably my grandfather at this point that kept the flag flying for The Tetcott and almost inevitably averted the demise of it. With the help of goodwill by some farmers, Charlie gradually built the kennels up until the farmers saw better times. My grandfather began to breed a few puppies and walk them and it seemed that The Tetcott rose like a Phoenix from the ashes and when the war came to an end he was still hunting hounds. At the age of 62 he was pictured in the Sporting Press at his 38<sup>th</sup> opening meet having been a hunt servant for 48 years. He officially retired as huntsman in 1953 but at the age of 82, this octogenarian still rode occasionally with the hunt and with the same enthusiasm as he had over half a century previous. After my grandmother sadly passed away my grandfather came to live with us at Tackbear until he died at the age of 82 in 1972.

### Seven-year-old to climb Snowdon to raise money for little brother

A KEEN seven-year-old rock-climber from Poundstock has started preparing to climb Mount Snowdon, the highest mountain in England and Wales. Jaiden Pinchess fell in love with climbing when he started local rock-climbing lessons. He enjoyed it so much he announced to his parents that he wanted to climb Mount Everest. Realising they needed to reign in his aspirations, his parents, Steve and Karen Pinchess, suggested Snowdon, in Wales. They also said if he was going to do it, then he should do it for charity. Jaiden's little brother Ethan had suffered with medical problems since he was eight-weeks-old. Now at 30 months, Ethan continues to attend the hospital for tests. With his little brother in mind, Jaiden decided he wanted to help both The Caroline Thorpe Ward (Children's Ward) at North Devon District Hospital and Little Rays of Sunshine in Bude, a local group for families of children with additional needs. "We are extremely proud," said mum Karen, "Jaiden is very excited about doing it and proud of himself, but I don't think he fully understands what a big deal it is at his age." Jaiden will be doing the walk with only his father for support. Steve is no stranger to Snowdon, having completed the climb before with the army a few years ago. Jaiden has set himself a target of raising £500 to be divided equally between the two charities. Sponsor forms are available from Bridgerule Village Store or donate online at [www.jaidensclimb.weebly.com](http://www.jaidensclimb.weebly.com).



*Jaiden is pictured above with his brothers Keeton (left) and Ethan (middle)*

#### **ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH SERVICES MARCH/APRIL 2013.**

<b>March 3rd</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>10th</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<b>31st</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>April 7th</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
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We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE (In case of Emergency)'.

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc.

**PLEASE PASS THIS AROUND TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AS THIS CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY.**

### **NEW WEBSITE - FOR ANYONE WHO WENT TO BUDE GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

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### **Spotlight on Mr. Mervyn Lucas.....**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas moved from Southlands Farm Bridgerule to Elm Park Bridgerule in 1936, but it was 19 years after their marriage that their son, Mervyn was born in August of 1943.



Mervyn began his full-time education at Bridgerule Primary School and remembers his teacher being a Miss Taylor who daily rode her motorized cycle from Stratton to the school. He walked to school each day from home. When school broke for lunch he collected some of his neighbour's daily papers, one being for the late Mr Honey of The Mill, from the village shop and delivered them on his way home before walking back to school again for the afternoon session. On Boxing Day in 1946 St Bridget's Church was struck with lightning and it also struck Mervyns' home at Elm Park at the same time. All the curtains in the house caught fire and the force blew all the electrical fittings off. Mervyn remembers that his mum from that day on was scared of lightning.

The winter of 1947 was particularly bad and Mervyn recalls at a very young age helping to dig some of his dad's sheep out of the snow. The tractor his dad owned at this time was a Standard Fordson. No dung spreaders then. All the muck was put in a trailer and driven out to the fields to be later spread by hand. No combine harvesters. A grain binder hitched to the tractor would cut and tie sheaves of corn when it was ready for harvesting. A small group of these sheaves would then be picked up by the farm labourer making the shape of a small tipi, known as a "shock" and left to dry.

Prisoners of War, staying in Holsworthy, would be coached to various farms in the area daily to work and Mervyn remembers the prisoner of war with affection who was attached to his dad's farm. At the end of his stay he wanted to give Mervyn a gift but did not have anything and so he gave him his lunch tin. Mervyn says that this tin was kept by him for many years. The prisoner of war enjoyed his time at Elm Park Mrs. Lucas had to blow a whistle each day to let him know it was time to go.

Mervyn's mum took in 2 evacuees from Streatham, a brother and sister for quite a while. She made sure that they were both well looked after until it was safe for them to return to their home. A friendship was struck up and this remained for many years later.

At the age of 11, Mervyn was admitted to Buckland House all boys Preparatory School at Buckland Filleigh where he remembers that his teachers were very strict and the punishment issued was very severe. Mervyn recalls witnessing this on one occasion to a pupil of his class. It was whilst at Buckland House that Mervyn became a chorister at the Anglican church choir for a time. At the age of 13 Mervyn took and passed an entrance exam to Shebbear College and this is where he completed his education. Both Buckland House and Shebbear College were boarding schools and Mervyn only came home to Elm Park during the school holidays. Although he remembers cycling home from Shebbear, a distance of 15 miles, very occasionally of a Sunday and being taken back later that day by his father.

At the age of 15 Mervyn left Shebbear College and immediately began working on his dad's farm. Mervyn became friends with Ian Baker who had come to live with his mum and dad at Scotland Farm and Fred Bond who then also lived up the same lane. Mr. Colin Prouse was working at the time for Mr. Lucas Snr. and Mervyn struck up a friendship with him.

Mervyn remembers attending Christmas parties in the old village hall which was opposite some houses at Bridge Park and riding his pony down to the village to see the late Mr. Philip Dinner at The Forge to have his pony shod. What is now a track by the side of Elm Park and known locally as Rolly Polly for many years was a pathway used by people on their way to church. The first car Mervyn acquired was a Black Austin7 for £7. 50s. Most cars were black at that time and so he painted his Maroon and Beige. Mervyn and Ian both joined the local Young Farmers Club and attended many local dances. Dancing to such popular local bands at that time as The Rhythm Boys and Graham and his Green Echoes.

It was probably at one such dance that a greater friendship with a Miss Sylvia Luxton of Ashwater began.

In April 1969 Mervyn and Sylvia were married at Ashwater Methodist Chapel by The Rev. Ibbotson.

The honeymoon was spent in The Lake District.

Upon returning they set up their home at Elm Park and Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Senior moved to Hazeldene Bridgerule. The late Mr. Mervyn Snowdon too worked for a time on the farm with Mervyn.

Mr. & Mrs. Lucas senior were both very involved with the local Methodist Chapel and Mervyn too attended regularly becoming a chapel secretary for a number of



years, later becoming a church steward, an office he still holds today. He remembers when the chapel saw a much bigger congregation and that every family sat in their own particular seat. Mervyn's grandfather built the house known as Morwenna and for a number of years this was known as The Manse for several local Ministers of the Holsworthy and District Circuit. A seat in the chapel was named The Morwenna seat. Mervyn also recalled that as an act of respect his late mother would close the curtains at his home whenever there was a funeral held at St. Bridget's.

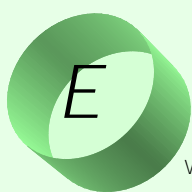
In 1971 Richard, Mervyn and Sylvia's eldest son was born and in 1972 Barry was born. Richard now farms at the family farm of Lashbrook in Bradford with his wife Tracey and their two children Rebecca and Daniel. In 2010 Barry and his wife Lisa together with their children William and Phoebe swapped homes with Mervyn and Sylvia but both Mervyn and Sylvia continue to work each day on the family farm. The alarm is set for 6.00am each morning!

Whilst at Elm Park Sylvia took in visitors to the West Country for bed and breakfast. Many of them returning regularly for the family's hospitality. Mervyn and Sylvia enjoy going on coach holidays both in this country and abroad and it is through these holidays that they have met many of their friends.



**I thank Mervyn for his time and wish both him and Sylvia well.**

**Mervyn's first car would have been a second hand version of the above.**



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## DO YOU KNOW A RON? 🙄🙄

It is important for men to remember that, as women grow older, it becomes harder for them to maintain the same quality of housekeeping as when they were younger. When you notice this, try not to yell at them. Some are over-sensitive, and there's nothing worse than an over-sensitive woman.

My name is Ron. Let me relate how I handled the situation with my wife, Carol. When I retired a few years ago, it became necessary for Carol to get a fulltime job, along with her part time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working, I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the golf club about the same time she gets home from work and although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner. I don't yell at her. Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch each day in the Men's Grill at the Golf Club, so eating out is not an option in the evening. I'm ready for some home cooked grub when I hit that door. She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she really appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed.

Another symptom of ageing is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But, boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean) I like to think tact is one of my strong points. When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half-finished mowing the front lawn. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man.. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while and as long as she is making one for herself, she may as well make one for me, too...

*EDITORS NOTE: Ron died suddenly of a perforated rectum. The police report says he was found with a Callaway extra-long 50 inch Big Bertha Driver II golf club jammed up his rear end and a sledge hammer laying nearby. His wife, Carol was arrested and charged with murder. The all woman jury took only 10 minutes to find her "not guilty", accepting her defence that Ron, somehow without looking, accidentally sat down on his golf club.....*

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The photo above shows Sheila, Hon Treasurer of Bridgerule Village Hall Limited receiving a cheque from two members of staff of Waitrose Holsworthy, Steve and Josh. **Thank you Waitrose and its customers.**

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

A new way to report FRAUD, instead of calling the police.

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As always, look after each other and keep safe. John McDougall



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and fluffing up to twice his size -  
he planned - to fly away.

He flapped—he ran—he flapped some more -  
Achieved a casual ...HOP  
Then took off—at a sort of tilt...  
Not knowing—how to stop.



Duck flew beyond some beech trees  
In a wobbly sort of curve  
Gaining just a gradual height...  
NOT GAINING—any—NERVE.

He did a tour of Bridgerule -  
Fear and panic in his eyes  
Until he spied some ducky pals  
"How COOL is THIS ... you GUYS!?"

He passed right o'er the Tamar  
A mile perhaps he'd flown -  
And circled round some lush green fields -  
YIPEEEEE!!!! - he spotted HOME.

I'm sure I recognise that barn -  
Its GREAT to be—back home  
But can I glide back down to earth  
Or DROP—just like a stone?



While pondering—this SCAREY thought  
He SMACKED into their BARN -  
New feathers—floated softly down  
He'd sadly—come to HARM . (aaahhhhhh!!!)

Duck fell with quite a heavy THUD.  
NO life, NO squawk' NO MATTER'  
A duck can make a tasty meal  
Deep fried—in CRISPY batter!!!!



Now seeing—all this happening—  
Was the owner of this DUCK...  
Who had GRAVE thoughts ..... 'THIS BIRD IS DEAD'!  
'Its JUST—run out of LUCK'.



Strange things happened—then and there...  
from this mangled ball of FLUFF...  
A yellow bill—burst from the top -  
Then a NECK ... all spikes—and rough.  
This 'THING' - then stood—and shook itself  
Did a kind of—HIPPY SHAKE  
And waddled off—for Breakfast  
In a— SORT OF.....DUCKY .....SHAPE!

	
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being one of Lottery Agents, of which we have many scattered all over Devon, and with the help of their members, the Store has raised over **£5,000!** Among the many airlifts undertaken in your area last year, was Mervyn Harris, who was airlifted on the 28<sup>th</sup> August from his farm near Bradworthy, after experiencing a heart attack. We are happy to report that Mervyn is doing well and many thanks to him in sharing his story. Both helicopters were called to over 1,000 instances last year, so you will be only too aware of the vital service they provide.

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### *Foxtrot with The Tetcott*

*Saturday 16 March, Pyworthy Village Hall.* Trip the light fantastic dancing to the Texans from 8pm until midnight. Bring and share savoury supper and delicious desserts provided by lady members of the hunt. Admission is £5 with optional £1 for raffle tickets. A licensed bar, tea and coffee will be available.

**Sheila's Mentions:**

**Birthday Wishes** to Sarah Tomlin 16 on the 10th March.

to Janine Short for the 12th March.

to Freda Lacey for the 18th March.

to John McDougall for the 5th April.

to Rose Hitchings for the 7th April.

**Happy Birthday** to Liz James on the 21st April.

to James Davey on the 22nd April.

to Jedd Peschke also on the 22nd April.

to Hazel Cann again for the 22nd April.

Our best wishes go to **Brian Beadle of Littlebridge Meadows.**

Also to **Mrs. Kate James of Merrifield** who is now in Holsworthy

Hospital. Good wishes go to **Mr. John Tucker** who now resides at

Southlands Court Residential Home. Congratulations to **Kay Snowdon** on the birth of her second granddaughter, Brooke Mae, a baby sister for Paige.

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### CONGRATULATIONS KATY.

In early December **Katy Bowden** along with her partner Jeremy Moore and parents Trevor & Sue attended a presentation evening to celebrate Katy's membership of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).



This special event was held at The Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane in London and was attended by over 450 new members and their families.

Katy is the only daughter of Trevor & Sue of Churchtown Farm, Katy's elder brother Robert works on the family farm.

Katy attended Bridgerule Primary School & Holsworthy Community College. After obtaining her 'A' levels at Budehaven Katy went to work as a trainee accountant at Metherell Gard, Bude. Whilst working full time Katy studied with the ACCA, having passed 14 exams and 14 work based assignments Katy became a fully qualified accountant in August 2012.

*The Buzz congratulates Katy and wishes her well in her chosen career.*



### St Bridget's Family Service

On Sunday February 10th Rev. Chris Hardwick celebrated a Family Service at St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule. Phoebe Lucas, Sam Linney and Caitlin Braund, pupils from Bridgerule Pre School and Church of England (VC) Primary School assisted the Rev. Hardwick tell the story of Zaccheus.



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### CONGRATULATIONS KYLIE

Kylie Piper, aged 10, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jon Piper recently took **1st** place in a two piece gymnastic championship at Bristol. Kylie represents Bideford North Devon Gymnastics.

Kylie also recently entered her first ever four piece in the Devon four piece gymnastic competition at Plymouth. She came 1st on the vault, 2nd on the bars, 3rd on the beam and 3rd overall.



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### LYN THE HOME HELPER

Gary and I moved to Bridgerule just over a year ago from Worthing. Gary started up **GARY THE HANDYMAN** and has been busy helping new clients and also dealing with repeat business from existing customers, many who live in the village. We would like to thank everyone who has given him work it is much appreciated. Lyn, who many of you will know used to work in the village shop covering Faye who has been on maternity leave. I have just started up my own business called **LYN YOUR HOME HELPER**. I will help you around the home with any cleaning, ironing, shopping, companionship—trips out locally for walks or shopping. I already help ladies in the village and local area with anything that they need a hand with. I am enhanced CRB checked and can provide references from satisfied happy customers. Please call me for a friendly chat on 01288 381658 to discuss how I can help you!

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### **Latest News - We've been busy!**

In the 2009 Bridgerule questionnaire there was a resounding call from the majority of respondents to build a new hall on The Green and the hall committee has done everything it could to oblige. But with the cost of a new hall estimated at over £500,000 and grant funding becoming harder than ever to obtain we have come to the reluctant conclusion that a full refurbishment of the present hall is the only realistic way forward. Various experts have advised us that the structure of our hall is sound and the good news is that a gradual renovation will allow the hall to continue in use throughout the refurbishment enabling us to continually earn money for the next stage.

Hopefully, when we have finished it WILL be a new hall as we plan to gradually replace or renew almost everything - but it may take a little while. Before even thinking about a renovation we visited halls at Ashwater, Bradford, Chilsworthy, Bradworthy and Woolsery to try to get ideas for a new hall in Bridgerule and we came to the conclusion that the layout of the present hall, although lacking storage and small meeting rooms is still good, but very dated and in urgent need of modernisation.

We have abandoned our spending freeze which was intended to save back our money for a new hall and at long last we can promise that some work will soon be starting! We have obtained quotations for many of the jobs that need doing. We have already repaired some broken drains, removed the asbestos guttering and debris from around the hall and we anticipate installing new guttering, fascia boards and windows in the main part of the hall very shortly.

Our first responsibility is to keep the building in a safe and usable condition and monthly safety checks are now being carried out throughout the building leading to new safety rails being provided on the stage and some electrical repairs. We have registered the hall with Torridge District Council as a food production area and the hand washing facilities have been improved in the catering areas.

We have taken advice and formed a Company Limited by Guarantee (Company Number 08255689) in preparation for the project so we are now known as Bridgerule Village Hall Ltd. We are also very pleased to announce that our turnover has increased to the point where we must register with the Charity Commission and our application has been accepted.

We are now **Registered Charity Number 1150738**

We are now applying to HMRC (The Tax Man!) for recognition as a charity to make our donations worth more as they will then qualify for gift aid tax relief and we may be eligible for some VAT benefits. We are continually making grant applications which can take from several hours to several days each and a lot of hard work is going in to thinking of new fund raising ideas.

We are extremely grateful to the Viscount Amory Trust for their recent grant of £1,000 towards the refurbishment. This was certainly a very nice surprise. Also thanks to all those that attended the Launceston Male Voice Choir concert before Christmas making it such a success and to everyone who helped towards the Waitrose appeal for the hall. With many people also showing their support through advertising in, and sponsoring the Buzz our funds are gradually increasing.

Unfortunately our recent grant applications to the Prince's Countryside fund and the South West Foundation Small Grants Fund were unsuccessful but we are continuing to make further applications and hold fundraising events and as always any help or donations are extremely welcome.

This is a lot of hard work and we only have 10 members. Why not think about joining us - just email us at [admin@bridgerulevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:admin@bridgerulevillagehall.co.uk) or call us on 381350 (Sheila), 381129 (Chris) or 381690 (Cliff)

You will be made very welcome!

### **VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

23 members of the Bridgerule Village Coffee Morning enjoyed a presentation by Gary and Heidi Masters, who are makers of period doll's house furniture. It started as a hobby, but when Gary was made redundant some years ago, they decided that they would convert their hobby into, what is now, a successful business -Masters Miniatures. Last year they attended Fairs at the NEC, Birmingham, Kensington, Chicago and Philadelphia.



### **BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL PREACHING APPOINTMENTS MARCH / APRIL 2013**

<b>March</b>	3rd	Rev John Henry	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10th	Local Arrangement	11.00am	
	17th	Mrs. S. Griffin	11.00am	
	24th	Mrs. C. Forster	11.00am	
	31st	Mrs. S. Risdon	11.00am	
<b>April</b>	7th	Mr. C. Smale	11.00am	
	14th	Mr. T. Sillifant	11.00am	
	21st	Mr. B. Bryne	11.00am	
	28th	Rev. John Henry	9.30am	Holy Communion



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This one is being distributed all over the US ... This is pretty scary, especially given the way they try to get you to call. **Be sure you read this and pass it on. They get you to call by telling you that it is information about a family member who has been ill or to tell you someone has been arrested, died, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc..**

In each case, you are told to call the **809** number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls. If you call from the UK. U.S. Australia or Canada, you will apparently be charged a minimum of **\$2425 per-minute**. And you'll also get a long recorded message. **The point is they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges.**

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***Please forward this entire message to your friends, family and colleagues to help them become aware of this scam.***

**BRIDGERULE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL**

It was smiles all around on Shrove Tuesday, February 12th when the pupils enjoyed a pancake breakfast made by Mums Lisa Lucas, Claire Braund and Heidi Masters, assisted by other members of the FOBS (Friends of Bridgerule School). Caitlin Braund and Lily Snelson along with most of the pupils and some of the staff took the opportunity to start their day with a pancake or two after choosing their filling from the variety on offer.



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