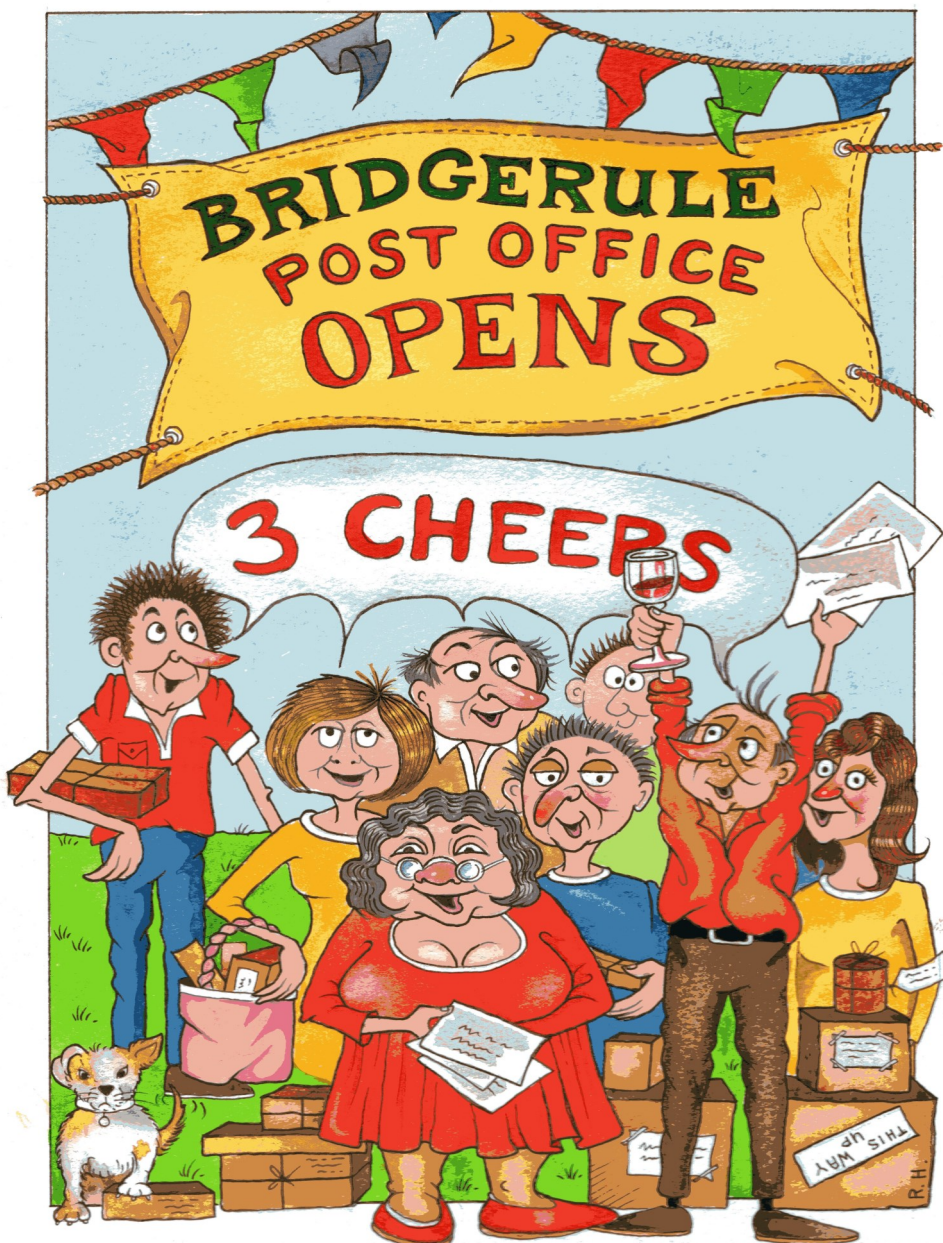


THE BUZZ

MARCH/APRIL 2015



Dear Readers,

The Hosted Outreach Post Office Service will begin trading in our village hall next Monday. It was very sad when we lost our village Post Office. So please show your support to this new service we have been given.

Your continued support of The Buzz has meant that I have been able to donate £600 to the refurbishment of our hall despite printing costs. Thank you so much.

You may be interested to learn that a gentleman from Halwill is hoping to begin regular classes for Ballroom Dancing in our hall from 16th April. See further mention in this Newsletter. This is another in a range of activities now available to take part in.

Please, if you have any news you would like The Buzz to publish I am here to oblige! But remember it must be with me for the 20th April to be included in the next edition.

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The Post Office is opening at last!

Bridgerule Village Hall Committee is delighted to announce that the New Post Office will be opening at the hall **at 12-30am this Monday (2nd March).** The opening hours will be from **12-30am to 4-30pm on Mondays and from 9-30am to 1-30pm on Wednesdays.**

All the Post Office services we enjoyed at the old shop will be available and as an opening ceremony there will be a free tea or coffee and light refreshments for every customer on the first day!

The service we are getting is a "Hosted Outreach" where a neighbouring Postmaster visits the hall twice a week to provide an impressive range of services. In our case Ian Croxton from Kilkhampton Post Office will be waiting to greet you.

Please, Please, Please show your support . We are extremely lucky to be given a second chance and there must be enough people in Bridgerule to keep the new Post Office busy for 8 hours a week. In these days of cuts and "rationalising" as they call it, you don't need me to tell you that the new service has to pay its way.

We have set up the new Post Office inside the hall foyer and a lot of work has gone in to getting the service up and running, not least by the Post Office themselves. They have been pushing to move things along since September last year when the building improvements were completed. If you haven't seen what we have done then please do come along The Post Box is now at the hall as well and we have many other plans to make the hall the main hub of the village as our project goes on.

There have been a few technical problems getting the internet system up and running but we're gradually dragging the hall, kicking and screaming in to the 21st Century. The internet was too much of a shock for the poor old building but we got there in the end. All we can do now is hope everyone will make the most of a service we thought was lost forever.

Please Use It!!!!

Cliff Seymour-Smith

Chairman Bridgerule Village Hall Limited

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF SOME
FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS**

Bridgerule Open Gardens 2015

Would you like to join a group of friendly people who open their gardens to raise money for Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance Trusts.??

**The Open Gardens Day in Bridgerule in 2015 is
Sunday 14th June from 10.00am to 5.00pm**

We are a group of enthusiastic amateur gardeners and have regular meetings to ensure we all know what we are doing! We get support from the Church and Chapel and last year raised nearly £2,800.

If you would like to know more then contact:

Rosie Beat at the Bridgerule Mill - 01288 381341

4 COURSE LUNCHEON

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2015 12.30 for 1.00pm

TICKETS £10. Please book them from Clarice on 01288 381329.

Proceeds for St. Bridget's Church.

A NIGHT WITH JOHNNY COWLING

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH TICKETS £10.

PROCEEDS FOR VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT

Come along and listen to the Arscott Ladie's Choir and the Bencoolen Wreckers Shanty Group at Bridgerule Village Hall on Saturday **27th June 7.30pm.**

More information from:

Chris Hitchings 01288 381129 or

Sheila Cholwill 01288 381350

Tickets £5 to include refreshments. No licensed bar but those attending can bring their own drinks if so wished.

The Fiat 500 Club (on tour this weekend in Bude) will be at the Village Hall on the 27th June at 7.00pm showing their cars.

Proceeds towards Village Hall refurbishment.

4 COURSE LUNCHEON

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 12.30 FOR 1.00PM

Tickets £10. Proceeds for Bridgerule Methodist Chapel.



Audrey and Sheila are the new organisers of **The Village Coffee Club** held in the hall fortnightly on a **Tuesday Morning at 10.30am**. The next due to be held is **3rd March**. The new organisers plan to have some short talks, film shows of our village and some coach trips. They are also open to suggestions. The Village Coffee Club has no age restriction and Audrey and Sheila welcome anyone who would like a coffee/tea and homemade refreshments.

Spotlight on Alan Beat....

I was born on 25th July 1949 and lived in north London to the age of 10 when my family moved to Houghton Regis in Bedfordshire. Passing the eleven-plus examination gave me a place at Dunstable grammar school, where a new friend introduced me to angling. This led me out into the countryside and the natural world for the first time, where a lifelong interest took hold.

I became an avid reader of fishing magazines but found little of relevance to a schoolboy catching tiddlers from the local canal. So at the age of 14 I wrote a short feature based on my own experience and sent it off. To my amazement, this was published, a cheque for three guineas arrived by post, and a freelance writing career was born.

My father had started his own engineering business and I began working there on Saturdays to earn pocket money. Developing an interest in making things and problem solving, I left school at 16 to study Ordinary National Certificate in engineering at Luton Technical College. I became apprenticed to an instrument manufacturing company called George Kent, later transferring to Hayward Tyler, a pump manufacturer, both based in Luton. This led eventually to a degree course at Hatfield Polytechnic. By this point angling had become my passion and occupied virtually all my spare time. Joining with a small group of like-minded friends who pooled their knowledge and effort, I specialised in catching the largest possible fish from local waters. I bought, and learned to use, a good camera and sold photographs and articles about our catches to the angling press.

Fortunately there was a three month close season in those days which was supposedly for fish to breed in peace, but also provided a welcome breathing space for keen anglers to behave almost normally. During the 1970 close season, I met Rosie at a party in Hertford, and life would never be the same again! We shared a love of the natural world, Rosie inheriting a special interest in



wild flowers from her parents, and myself developing from angling a fascination in everything seen at the waterside.

I graduated in 1971 with an honours degree in mechanical engineering, and worked as a design engineer for Hayward Tyler for two years before joining the family business. Rosie and I married on 10th August 1974 and began our life together in Aspley Guise, a sizeable village close to the tiny hamlet

of Milton Keynes! Rosie taught the infant class in nearby village school, while I drove to the Luton factory of Thomas Beal Engineering Company each working day.

My father had built a thriving business around his own practical skills, offering a sub-contract machining service to larger companies, specializing in prototype and small batch work. Every job was different, while competitive pressure challenged us to find faster ways of making things. Work flow varied considerably and I saw the need for longer-term contracts as existed in the aerospace industry, but sub-contractors had first to meet demanding standards as air safety is paramount. After much preparation, I won a first contract from British Aerospace, and more soon followed from major companies like Marconi and Rolls Royce. Most of this work was high precision in nature, needing very accurate machining and measurement. We made components for satellites, air-borne radar and helicopter engines among many other things.

My father progressively handed over control of the business to me before retiring altogether in 1979. The next year I qualified as a Chartered Mechanical Engineer at the unusually young age of 30, as I'd been fortunate to have the necessary management experience earlier than most. However, during the nineteen eighties manufacturing in the UK entered a steep decline, and I saw no long term future in engineering to support my family, now grown to include Katie and Martin. I talked it through with Rosie and decided to sell the business as a going concern if the right buyer could be found. That process took four years to complete in 1987, with all jobs secured for the time being under new ownership.

Meanwhile, we began preparing for a complete change of direction, seeking a better quality of life in smallholding. We dug up the front lawn learning to grow vegetables, and kept hens - our first livestock - in the back garden for their eggs. Rosie attended a sheep training course. Holidays were spent researching where we might live, until serious house hunting began with the sale of the business. Eventually we found the Bridge Mill and moved here in November 1987.

The village school had 28 pupils and our two made it 30. Katie was then aged 8 and Martin rising 5. Mrs. Sutton was an excellent head teacher and both children made good progress, moving on to Holsworthy Community College, then North Devon College for A levels, until both graduated at Oxford: Katie studying at University College and Martin at St Edmunds Hall. Not bad for rural village school kids!

Here at the Mill, Rosie and I have embraced a whole new way of life.

Local people welcomed us warmly, helped us whenever asked, and encouraged us to succeed. In 1989 I started writing a regular feature for Country Smallholding magazine, and am still at it 25 years later!

In 2004 my first book, "A start in smallholding" was published. After a long process of restoration, the mill began grinding flour once more by water power in 2012.

Through open days and educational visits we have shared this lovely corner of Devon with many thousands of people ranging from babes-in-arms to a wonderful lady aged 100 who walked all the way round; and hopefully some good will come of it. I have served terms as a school governor and parish councilor, while currently I lead the village hedge and coppice group. My passion for angling has subsided as other outdoor interests have taken over. My second book "The smallholding handbook" is due for publication early this year. I may have reached pension age, but there seems no prospect of retirement just yet!

The Editor wishes to thank Alan for his Spotlight and for what he and Rosie have and are contributing to the village at The Mill.



Save a life - Give Blood



THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

13:00 TO 15:15 AND 16:45 TO 19:00

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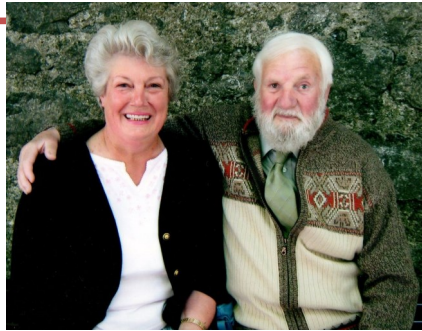
From our Friends John and Jean Hammond.

A big thank you to everyone in Bridgerule for the happy and memorable times that we spent with you. Your good wishes and love is much appreciated.

Unpacking is now completed and we can certainly recommend Morrisons banana boxes for conveying all our treasurers (nothing broken).

We wish you all a healthy New Year.

John and Jean H.



BRIDGERULE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP

meet at

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

every

THURSDAY BETWEEN 2.00 AND 4.30 P.M.

£3.00 (including refreshments)

International Folk Dances are gentle(low impact) dances with a wide variety of tempos and styles. [Previous dance experience is not necessary.](#) You do not need a partner. You will need soft shoes, preferably with a low heel. (e.g. Trainers,etc.)

[If you would like to join us for an afternoon of dance and fun, please come along, you will be very welcome.](#)

More information please contact Mike Allison 01288 381764



On Sunday December 28th 2014, Rev. Chris Hardwick, pictured above with his wife Sarah and family Emma, Lucy and Jack, celebrated his final Benefice service, at St. Swithin's Church Pyworthy. After 3 years as Priest in Charge of St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule, St Swithin's Church Pyworthy and St. Pancras Church, Pancrasweek, Rev. Hardwick has now taken up his new post at Tavistock. Many fond farewells to him and his family were shared during a Bring and Share lunch, held at Pyworthy Village Hall, following the service.

BRIDGERULE TABLE TOP/CRAFT SALE

The next Table Top/Craft Sale is on Saturday 7th March at 2.00pm.

Traders £5 a table - Can set up from 12.00noon.

If you have an item/s that you no longer have a use for but is in good condition we would love to have it donated to our own Hall Table Top.

Contact Christine on 381033 or Sheila on 381350

Your kind donations to this table top has

already donated £650 to hall funds.



**ART AND CRAFT
GROUP
CHRISTMAS
LUNCH**

Just before Christmas the village Art and Craft Group enjoyed a lovely lunch at The Holsworthy Golf Club. Father Christmas also visited with gifts for each member. Marilyn Pickett on behalf of the group presented Lyndsey Beadle with a gift in appreciation of her commitment to the Art and Craft Group who meet fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome. If you are interested please contact Lyndsey on 01288 381117.

GRANDMA DID THE NICEST BIT!!



A few weeks ago Sheila Cholwill on behalf of her husband Colin and her family presented a cheque for **£2580 to Little Harbour Children's Hospice.**

This fantastic sum was the result of selling Colin's popular reindeers at Christmas.

Thanks also goes to The TSB for their donation of £280 to the funds.

**Tamsin Lewis Head of Care at Little Harbour
receiving the cheque from Sheila.**

¹² Police launch Operation Jessica to protect the elderly and vulnerable from fraud..

Following a recent rise in the numbers of frauds against the elderly in the North and West of Devon, Police have developed Operation Jessica. It aims to warn and protect elderly and vulnerable residents against the perils of frauds, particularly those designed to catch people off guard via phone calls or through the mail.

Since May 2014, thirty five elderly victims have fallen foul of frauds operated by organised criminals, defrauding them out of life savings totalling over £600,000. Police suspect the figure is higher, with many incidents going unreported. The average age of victims is 75.

Operation Jessica has been launched to reduce the likelihood of further elderly people becoming victims.

This operation is about protecting the most fragile members of our community from frauds which come through the postal system and criminals who contact them by phone. By raising awareness of these frauds and working with the community we intend to make North and West Devon a less profitable environment for criminals to operate within. We all have a role to play in preventing this type of crime, and this could be as simple as discussing these types of fraud with an elderly relative, friend or neighbour and what they can do to prevent themselves from falling victim to one of these frauds.

In liaison with Trading Standards police have identified 340 people whom fraudsters may be targeting and as part of the operation, **uniformed** police teams will be visiting people on this list to identify victims of crime and enable them to take steps to reduce the likelihood of further victimisation.

Always check the identification of anyone at your door, if for any reason you are still unsure check with the organisation the individual represents using a recognised phone number. In the case of the police this is 101.

Be suspicious of any call purporting to be from the police or the bank reporting any fraud on your account. End the call. Never give your PIN, security or bank details to anyone over the phone.

If you receive a call you are unsure of wait at least five minutes before attempting to make another call to ensure you're not reconnected to the offender. Use a different phone e.g. a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone. If that is not possible then phone a known friend that you will recognise to test the phone to confirm you aren't still unwittingly connected to the offender.

Operation Jessica derives its name from 'Think Jessica' a national campaign set up to protect elderly and vulnerable people from postal and phone scams, founded by Marilyn Baldwin OBE. (Action fraud December 2014)

Since May 2014 in North & West Devon the crime figures for fraud are:

35 known/reported offences

Average age of victims is 75

33 victims have been contacted by phone

18 offenders have purported to be Police

6 offenders have purported to be from the victims bank

4 offenders have purported to be PPI staff

2 offenders have promised love

2 offenders have promised prize winnings

2 offenders have reported IT issues

1 offender has promised shares in a wine company

Total value of money stolen £637,687



01409 259461 or call **101** for all non-urgent Police enquiries



BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR MARCH/APRIL 2015

March 1st Rev. John Henry 9.30am Sac

8th G Thompson Chairman of District

Service at Bude Central 10.00am

15th Mr C. Parish 11.00am

22nd Rev. John Henry 9.30am

29th No Preacher Appointed 11.00am

The Easter Story—Bodmin Street - 7.30pm

April 5th Mr. J. Hawkins 11.00am

12th Rev. John Henry 9.30am Sac

19th Mr. Vic Bickle 11.00am

26th Mrs S. Cholwill 11.00am

The Tamarside Singers meet here each Monday evening at 7.30pm.

ROSE SHOWS OFF ANOTHER OF HER TALENTS!



How lucky are we to have such a talented lady living in our village!
Its one thing painting on to an A3 sheet of paper but try transferring it on to a massive theatre back drop!

Rose painted these amazing sets for *Babes in the Wood*, the annual pantomime recently performed at Holsworthy Theatre.

She is also the much appreciated artist for each cover of *The Buzz*.

Rose has her very own website. Why not pay it a visit. Its bound to bring a smile - www.cartoonchuckle.co.uk (Rose you now owe me one!)



Do you recognise the young lady dressed in blue?

Ros Honey has just completed her first HATS production.

She also took part in our own village pantomimes some years ago!

The Obedient Wife'

There was an English guy who had worked all his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser when it came to his money. Just before he died, he said to his Irish wife... 'When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me.' And so he got his wife to promise him, with all of her heart, that when he died, she would put all of the money into the casket with him.

Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his wife was sitting there - dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, 'Wait just a moment!'

She had a small metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and they rolled it away. So her friend said,

'Mary, I know you were not foolish enough to put all that money in there with your husband.'

The loyal wife replied, 'Listen, I'm a Christian; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him.' You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him!?!?!'

'I sure did,' said the Mary. 'I got it all together, put it into my account, and wrote him a cheque.... **If he can cash it, then he can spend it.**'

Sheila's Mentions:

Very belated Birthday Greetings to **Ron Cameron** who was 80 on the 16th January.

Congratulations to **Sarah Tomlin for her 18th Birthday on March 10th.**

Happy Birthday also to:- **Peter Green** for the 8th March

Ann Maynard for the 10th March.

Freda Lacey for the 18th March.

Derek Field for the 22nd March.

John McDougall for the 5th April.

Rose Hitchings for the 7th April.

Liz James for the 21st April.

Georgina Tomlin for the 20th April.

James Davey for the 22nd April.

Jedd Peschke for the 22nd April.

Hazel Cann for the 22nd April.

Christine Gee thanks everyone who kindly sent her cards and best wishes . Thankfully she is now well again.

Our best wishes go to **Mildred Martyn and Rosie Beat** who have both spent time in hospital recently.

Our thoughts are with **Liz and Cliff Seymour-Smith and their family** on the recent death of mum and gran Sylvia Goodman. For many years Sylvia lived at Glencarne Bridgerule but more recently has been a resident at Fairfields Residential Home.

Our thoughts are with **Mrs Barbara Ashton, Celia, Victor and family** on the recent death of husband, dad and grandad Ben. Ben celebrated his 99th birthday just before Christmas and was a lovely gentleman and we will certainly miss him at the Methodist chapel.

Congratulations to **Michael Harris and his partner Hayley** on the birth of their daughter Florence, to **Jimmy and Helen Giles** on the recent birth of their daughter, Abigail and **Matthew Gliddon and his partner Ellie** on the birth of Harper . A baby sister for Kaylem and Riley.

Our best wishes go to **Shirley Youldon** who has recently moved from Knowle Cottage to Bude. Shirley has opened her gardens at Knowle on several occasions in order to support a charity. I'm sure she will still show her support at our village events.

About 80 bandsmen joined together at Penstowe Manor recently for 'Band Together 7' for charity. It was organised by Bude Metric Brass. Two of the bandsmen taking part were **Marcus Dymond and Michael Slade**.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Ron and Marion Abbott** on becoming great grandparents to Avery Joan, born to their grand-daughter Michelle and her husband Jeremy, and to Nash William, born to their grandson Ryan and his wife Ashley.

THANK YOU:

Barry, Sarah and Donald would like to thank everyone who have sent messages, thoughts and prayers. It is helping us so much at this difficult time. Thank you so much.

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH SERVICES
MARCH/APRIL 2015

1st March	Morning Prayer	- 11.00am	Mary Aicheler
8th March	Eucharist	- 11.00am	
15th March	Family Service	- 11.00am	Mary Aicheler
22nd March	Eucharist	- 11.00am	
29th March	Benefice Eucharist at Holsworthy	10.00am	with Rev. Christopher Penn

2nd April	Maundy Thursday	- 6.30pm	Rev. C. Penn
	Eucharist		
5th April	Eucharist	- 11.15am	
12th April	Combine Eucharist at Pyworthy	—11.15am	Rev. Christopher Penn
19th April	Eucharist	- 11.15am	Rev. C. Penn
26th April	Family Service Led by Lay Team	- 11.15am	

MARCH by Marie Field

At last, at last, bleak February past.
 And now comes blustery, buffeting March,
 To blow us away with strong winds.
 To scatter objects flying, and rolling bins.
 But less icy roads and slippery lanes,
 As we creep along to avoid the pain,
 Of going down with a hefty thwack,
 To lie in an ungainly heap on our back.
 But a weak sun to warm cold earth and roots,
 And fearless daffodils emerging from pale green shoots.
 Bring bright thoughts of April and of May,
 With clouds of white blossom along the way.
 Tiny buds bursting in green hedgerows,
 And in lush young grass, wild flowers aglow.
 And glossy black birds with yellow beaks,
 Seeking fat worms for a family treat.
 A new green world to somewhat lighten our load,
 As we pass along life's unpredictable road.
 For whatever trials and troubles our world may bring,
 Each year we have till the fresh, lovely, miracle of Spring.

In 1978 a list of old nicknames were published in the local paper from Bridgerule by the late correspondent Mrs M Bath. Do you recognise any?

Millard Honey, Banty Gilbert, Kruger Short, Curly Rodd, Dempsey Barkwill, Butcher Heddon, Butcher Grills, Cap'n Kivell, Gidgeon Gilbert, Twickett's Routley, Sheriff Heard, Bumbee Cleave, Colonel Gardener, Bubbles Sillifant, Whiskers Bassett, Pumbs Parnell, Shiner Venner, Bungy Sanders. Rumpy-back Jan Hatch, Jubilee Prouse, Boasie Venner, Cabbage Venner, Cribble Vinnicombe, Nipper Crocker, Binkie Vinnicombe, Ginger Davies, Ganger Brock, Splash-Eye Dymond, Pimmy Goodman, Dutchy Gerry.

Ishy Symons, Scotty Rawden, Macky Gardener, Puggy Gardener, Turk Rickard, Vicar Dell, Bonzo Bond, Duffy Cooper, Pickles Gilbert, Sailor Green.

Kissie Pearse, Spot Stanbury, Chips Colwill, Pillsy Hill, Curtsy Curtis, Bottles Jordan, Itta Moore, Jacko Smith, Gentleman Jim (Orchard).



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES By "Sergei"

Are you registered with the Telephone Preference Service?

Yes we are!

Are you fed up with all the nuisance phone calls you still get?

Yes we are!

Did you hope to do something about it by registering with BT (other phone providers are available) for 'Confidentiality'?

Yes we did!

So! Getting a phone call from the strangely accented person claiming to be from the telephone records, wasn't so much of a surprise. BUT! It wasn't them! THEY DON'T DO THAT!

Phone 'Action Fraud' on 03001232040 Or go online at :-

Action Fraud.police.uk and find 'resource' to view all known scams.

We were given a crime number and it was suggested we contact one of the 3 Credit Reference Agencies. I chose 'Equifax' on 0800 1214752 where I can join up for a one month free trial (get a report of my credit rating and who has been looking at it, I suppose).

Our caller left a number (believed to be a Pilipino one) 0063 0231 0055.

You can phone the real telephone preference service on 020 7291 3320 or find them at 'tpsonline.org.uk' or email at tps@dma.org.uk.

DON'T GET CONNED - ALL THE BEST

John McDougall Telephone No: 01288 381237



MOBILE LIBRARY

VISITIS BRIDGERULE

Village Hall 2.00pm

Uplands 2.50pm

NEXT VISITS

11TH March

8th April

Vacancy for Village Grass Cutter:

A vacancy has arisen for person to cut the following grass
To include:

*Part of Playing Field - Children's Play Area at Hall
Small area at Southfields*

Volunteer:

Village Gritter Operator for clearing ice and snow
*Must have access to 4 x 4 vehicle.
Contribution towards fuel will be given.*

*Please apply to Mr J. Medland
Vice-Chairman - Bridgerule Parish Council
Telephone: 01288 381503*

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Mrs Carole Baker who regularly reads The Buzz has written the following - remembering our floods when she lived in the village as a child.

"I have seen the river running over the chapel wall once, I believe that was the time my mother got on the late Mr Harold Martyn's horse to get into the chapel to see if any water had got in. Surprisingly only a little had seeped in through the side wall on the right hand side as you look at the building. Before the alterations were done to the river path and the wall was built I have seen the water lapping the bottom step of what we call Miss Pratt's shop (the building next to the Pub) that was exciting for a while as the bus could not get through from Holsworthy to go to Bude - and the school bus couldn't come either!!

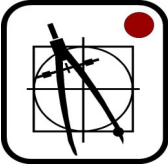
Mr Loye's property - (empty house on right next to bridge) I don't know what else to call it used to flood and the manhole would come up in his garage and you can imagine what came out of there. Also the carpenters shop and what was then the Post Office (Budds) has been known to have water in the back...I remember Grandad and Dad complaining that they had tins of rusty nails after a flood. It was all part of our childhood, why do people have to change things, this time they have not made it better, surely if you put great boulders in a river path it stops the flow.

On the other hand, the year of the big freeze the river froze over we could see the fish swimming under the ice. The late Bill Vinnicombe (Tamar House opposite the school) drove his tractor **under the bridge on the ice** and Ian, my husband, walked from Scotland Farm to the Village on the river. We had a great time skidding on the ice on the river. The older ones in the village used to say that the river could be expected to flood twice a year, one to let the fish up to spawn and one to let the fish down".

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

A Mr Salter from Halwill, who regularly teaches Ballroom Dancing is hoping to hold regular classes in Bridgerule Village Hall. It will be on a Thursday evening and he will be teaching beginners upwards. It is hoped that his classes will begin from 16th April.

If you are interested Mr Salter will be pleased to hear from you on Telephone 01409 221311.



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