

Dear Buzz Readers,

There is so much to report in this issue that extra pages have been added to accommodate it all.

David and Jackie from Kilkhampton are now running our Post Office Outreach Service in the hall.

Monday Mornings 9.30—1.30pm. Thursday Mornings 9.30—1.30pm.

It doesn't seem possible but this year's Revel Week is not that far away! Please see preliminary notice in this issue of The Buzz.

Please send in anything you would like included in the next Buzz to me by 20th June.

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Editor

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#### **BRIDGERULE FOOTBALL CLUB**

#### **DANCE**

To Orangutang Wheelbarrow

A Young group who play covers from groups including AC/DC, Foo Fighter and Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

Bridgerule Village Hall

Saturday 6th June 8.00—11.30pm

Tickets £10.00 are available

From Mike 01288 382944 or Jimmy on 01288 381766 Licenced Bar OFFICIAL OPENING OF BRIDGERULE HOSTED OUTREACH POST OFFICE

Tony and Barry were amongst those who came on opening day!



#### QUEUED OUT TO THE DOOR



These two ladies couldn't wait to make use of the new service available



Sunday, 10th May 2015 from 11am - 4pm



#### **Mammoth Plant Sale**

TEA COFFEE CAKES AND LIGHT LUNCHES PROVIDED BY BUDE CHORAL SOCIETY





Homemade Preserves

#### Entrance: Adult £3.00, Child 50p

Towards the Mill restoration and Bude Choral Society
Come and see the millstones grinding by waterpower
Craft stalls with local artists - pottery, bodging and other greenwood crafts
The gardens and smallholding will be open for millpond, lake and river walks

Sorry, no dogs admitted (except for guide dogs). Directions from :www.thebridgemill.org.uk

# ngs gardens open for charity

#### Garden Open

The Bridge Mill

Mill Rd, Bridgerule Holsworthy EX22 7EL

Sun 31st May 10am - 5pm

Adm: £3.50 Plants for Sale

Children free Teas www.thebridgemill.org.uk

#### **Bridgerule Outreach Post Office**

Jackie & David are very pleased to bring Kilkhampton Village Stores & Post Office Local Outreach to Bridgerule on the new opening times of Mondays 09.30-13.30 and Thursdays 09.30-13.30.

In September 2007 we became the proud owners of Kilkhampton Village Stores. A shop has existed on the site since we think, the 17th century and in it's time it has been an ale house and a bakery. Now currently operating under the banner of Premier. A symbol group that is a market leader in its field. Since becoming a Premier Store we have gone from strength to strength, becoming a Post Office Local Plus in March of this year.

We want the Bridgerule Outreach Post Office to be at the heart of the village and offer those things that are so important to us, the community and for Bridgerule village life as a whole. From providing groceries to keeping an eye on the more vulnerable members of our society, all these things will help make our business an enjoyable and fun place to be. We want our customers to leave the Post Office happy with their purchase and with a smile on there face.

In addition to the Outreach Post Office, we offer a selection of groceries, newspapers and a dry cleaning service from our shop for you. We are very happy to take orders at any time, either over the phone or at The Bridgerule Outreach Post Office, all for collection on our next visit. If you require us at other times, please feel free to visit our shop and Post Office which is open 12 hours a day every day 08.00-20.00. Our telephone number is 01288 321223 email thevillagestores@hotmail.co.uk or visit our facebook page kilkhampton village stores & Post Office Local Plus.

#### Reply from the Editor:

On behalf of our community may I thank Jackie and David for the manner in which they have embraced the service they are bringing to us. Each Buzz will have the current special offers of the Premier Store in it for us all to take advantage of. The village now has been given back a service which had been taken away. How fortunate is that!

#### **4 COURSE LUNCHEON**

#### **BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL**

**SUNDAY 21ST JUNE** 12.30 FOR 1.00PM

Tickets £10. 00 available from Sheila 381350 / Marion 381440 or any Member of the Methodist Chapel

Proceeds for Bridgerule Methodist Chapel.



#### A NIGHT WITH JOHNNY COWLING

**BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL** 

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH 8.00pm

**TICKETS £10** including refreshments

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#### **BRIDGERULE CARNIVAL WEEK**

#### Sunday 26th July-Saturday 1st August 2015

The Committee would like to request nominations for a Carnival Queen.

To be eligible we would like the young lady to be at least 10 years of age, live in the parish of Bridgerule or attend the local school.

Some financial assistance will be given. If there are more than one nomination a parish ballot will take place.

Nominations are requested to the Secretary, Sheila Cholwill on 01288 381350 by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Spotlight on Chris Hitchings......

I was born in December 1943 at Epsom, Surrey, one of a twin. My brother is 12 minutes older than I am! (Amazingly Rose was also born in Epsom but I hadn't met her then!!!)

We were the second set of twins born to Nada



and Evan Hitchings and spent the first 7 years in Hythe, Kent. My Dad was Vicar of St Martin's Church. (Previously to that he was the Curate at St. Mary's Church, Black Torrington).

My Dad then joined the Army as a Chaplain and the family moved to Gloucester (where my mother came from).

I went to Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar School but left before going into the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. At that time I was singing as a chorister in St Barnabas Church, Tuffley, which I did for many years. I started my working life as a trainee auctioneer with a market Company called Pearce Pope. This firm is still in existence today. For various reasons I left their employ and went to work at what was the Weights and Measures Dept in Gloucester. Following this I worked at British Nylon Spinners on shift work and reached the dizzy heights of "Charge hand"! One day I was shopping in Gloucester and was approached by my old boss at Weights and Measures and was offered a chance of studying to qualify as a Weight and Measures Inspector. This was a 4 year apprenticeship followed by an exam with the Board of Trade in London. I accepted the offer and qualified in 1971. About 18 months before I qualified I was very lucky to meet Rose at a Cheltenham Town Hall dance. In those days it was all ballroom dancing and it was quite difficult to summon up courage to ask a girl to dance as the boys always sat on one side of the dance floor and the girls on the other. It was like no man's land crossing over, and even worse if you were turned down and had to walk back facing your mates! She and I really "clicked" and as most people know we are still married after 44 years! She used to test me on all the regulations and laws that I had to be aware of, and was the main reason why I managed to pass the examination. In 1971 we moved to Weymouth (me as a brand new "Inspector"), she as a brand new wife!

In 1974 I was offered a more senior position back at the Gloucester Office and later became the Principal Officer and ran the Consumer Advice Section. Here I gave advice to consumers and businesses regarding customers rights and obligations when buying goods and services. Part of my work involved being a monthly guest on BBC Radio Gloucester answering questions "live" on air, and also giving talks and Press releases to various organisations. And ves, before you ask, I also used to check on farmers regarding adulteration of milk (an early morning job) and the description of cattle feed at feed mills regarding the correct labelling etc. I have also done loads of market inspections looking for dangerous or misdescribed/fake goods and have Most of the work though was routine attended many Court cases. Inspections in shops, pubs, garages and other business premises as well as receiving and dealing with complaints/enquiries. (When I left employment we were dealing with over 27,000 enquiries a year). In November 1990 our house was partly destroyed by a drunken JCB driver and I was home very late that day as I had just seized some pornographic films – when I got to the office my boss was waiting for me and had to tell me to go home quickly as the front of the house had been flattened and Rose was with the next door neighbour's. (This is a day we shall never forget )

We retired in 2002 and moved down to glorious Bridgerule in 2004. How lucky we were to find such a lovely village with such nice people. We feel part of the community and both help on the village hall committee and I am currently writing grant applications to try and raise some much needed funding for the village hall refurbishment.

During the last 14 years in Gloucester I was also a Magistrate on the Gloucester City bench and was a bench Chairman before I retired in 2004. As part of our ongoing training we had to sit with the local Circuit Judge 3 times a year at Crown Court and one day I was humbled when a couple who were adopting a child were ushered into the private chambers of the Judge to have the final document signed which would give them "their" son at long last. When he signed the paper they burst into tears and I nearly did the same. The Judge then put the little boy on his knee, took off his wig and put it onto the little boy and allowed the new parents to take a photograph — so lovely to witness. Something I have never forgotten.

Over the years I have involved myself in many voluntary activities and was a warranted Scout Instructor and on the Scout Committee for the 11<sup>th</sup> Gloucester (Hucclecote) Scout troop, where we lived. I also helped, as did Rose, with the Hucclecote Community Centre for many years. When we left Gloucester we were made life members.

I have always enjoyed singing and whilst at Gloucester was a member of Churchdown Male Voice Choir and was Deputy Chairman of the choir before I left. In 2000 we went to Washington D.C. and sang at 4 different concerts, one at Arlington where we sang with the "President's Choir". A choir consisting of professional soldiers who sing at all the Presidents main concerts, which was a really thrilling experience. Another memorable experience was singing at Manchester G Mex Complex, when 2000 male voices sang to commemorate the turning of the century. (actually it was about 1,850 – but we didn't count!) Upon moving to Bridgerule I joined the Launceston Male Voice Choir and love it. Of course, the latest memorable occasion was singing in the Royal Albert Hall last year with the Federation of Cornish Male Voice Choirs when 650 of us sang many Cornish pieces, finishing with "Trelawny". I am now a member of our local village choir, the Tamarside Singers and am really enjoying the friendly atmosphere and the lovely harmonies that (I think!) we are singing.

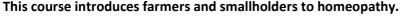
I have another love in my life! That is the little white fiat 500 (known as Marmaduke) which has been in our family from new. We bought it in 1970 at a cost of £538 and have had many years of fun and happy motoring. The first big trip was from Gloucester to Penzance in 1971 when three of us went to the Isles of Scilly for a holiday (In those days, as we weren't married, my mother came too!) The car is fairly reliable and has had to

have been towed back home on only three occasions in its 45 years as part of our family and has now done 85,000 miles. I am the Area organiser for Devon and Cornwall for the Fiat 500 Club UK.

The Editor wishes to thank Chris for his Spotlight and for all he and Rose does for the village they love to be part of.



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# MONTHLY TABLE TOP SALE BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

The next one will be on Saturday 4th May at 2.00pm

The very successful Table Top for the hall would like donations of items that are surplus to your requirements.

TRADERS £5 A TABLE - Can set up from 12.00 Noon.

Please show your support to this regular sale even if its just to browse and have a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake!

#### DON'T FORGET OUR COFFEE CLUB!

HELD EVERY FORTNIGHT ON A TUESDAY AT 10.30AM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Audrey and Sheila invite you to a favourite brew and freshly baked refreshments.. Next one 12th May.

#### **Short Mat Bowls Champions**

The Short Mat Bowls Club, which started in May last year, ran its first club competition in January/February.

Members drew cards to see whom they would be playing alongside in teams of three. The result was a very enjoyable and competitive series of matches over four weeks, several so close that they were decided by the last wood bowled.

The eventual winners, who were unbeaten throughout, were Derek Clark, Kate Trayford and Mike Allison, pictured (left to right) with their trophies.

Members are now discussing what type of competitions they would like to run in the future.





#### GIFT TO ST. BRIDGET'S

St Bridget's Church has recently received a new Notice Board. This was made possible from monies kindly left by the late Mrs Joyce Honey.

# Did you know as much as £5.5 million is wasted each year in Devon on unused medicines?

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Jane Wells - Holsworthy Medical Centre 01409 253692

# BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY EVENINGS

Beginners at 7.00-8.30pm. Improvers 8.30-10.00pm. f5.50 for 1% hours.

Dances covered in the beginners class are the Waltz, Quickstep,
Cha Cha Cha & a Modern Sequence Dance. The choice of dances taught
will be determined by who turns up on the night.

I started dancing when I was just 12 years old, taking my first dance class at the age of 15, I now have nearly 50 years experience in teaching and dancing. I am a Member of The Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. My wife and I organise a Monthly Dance at The Parkhouse Centre Bude for those learning to enable them to practice, if anyone would like more

information regarding classes or the Monthly Dance.

Regards Geoff Slater Please contact him on 01409 221311

## 14 CLASS 2 SING AT COFFEE CLUB



30 Pupils of Class 2 of Bridgerule Primary School paid a visit to the village hall recently to sing at a recent Coffee Club. The students demonstrated songs taken from World War 1 which they had

recently learnt.

Macey, Caitlin, Jodie, Hazel and Hollie lead the Faster Service.



An Easter Service was attended recently by parents and friends at The Methodist Chapel. The school's PEG committee led the service centred on Palm Sunday.



#### **Sheila's Mentions:**

Special Birthday:

Alison Tomlin will be 50 on 10th May.

Birthday Greetings also to:

Mrs Farcus will be 92 on 15th May
Marion Abbott on the 16th May
Zoe Tomlin on the 20th May.
Kaylee Moore for the 27th May.
Harvey Cholwill for the 1st June.
Gwyneth Cameron for the 5th June and Me!
Todd Peschke for the 7th June.
Barry Williams for the 10th June
Ella Hillier Cholwill for the 16th June.
Angela Brock for the 26th June.

Our Best Wishes go to good friend Ray Bewes.

We welcome Malcolm and Joyce Shadbolt to Kildare and Ray and Jan Orchard to Sunways and hope that they have a long an happy stay here as part of our community.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to **Sarah and Barry Williams** on the passing away of son **Donald**. Before Donald became ill he lived in Littlebridge Meadows.

Members of **Bridge Inn Euchre Team** were runners-up in the Holsworthy and District League Knockout Cup and received their trophies at the recent Annual Dinner held at The Rydon Inn. The team were Colin Cholwill, Captain, Sheila Cholwill, Terry and Angela Brock, Tony Horton and Alistair Cloak.

Bridgerule Men's Skittle Team are in need of players for next season. The team play on a Tuesday Evening throughout the winter. If interested Contact Pam at The Bridge Inn.

#### HAVEN'T THEY DONE WELL AND THE QUEEN THINKS SO TOO!



Phil and Pat Hodges of Southfields celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 26th March.



They were married at Ealing Registry Office. Phil's brother was best man and Pat's sister bridesmaid. A small reception held at Pat's home. The Honeymoon was spent in a Bed and Breakfast accommodation in Weymouth and it appeared

that everywhere Phil and Pat went they were followed by the proprietors daughter! (Did Phil have an admirer?) At that time Phil was a driver on the underground at West Ryslip and Pat was a Student Nursery Nurse in a Day Nursery.

Phil and Pat have 2 children. Russell their son lives in Stoke on Trent and is employed by Bentley Engines. Their daughter Alison lives in Littlebridge Meadows. The couple have 6 grandchildren, Leanne, Paul, Louise, Ellie, Alex and Julia and 3 great grandchildren Haydon, Ethan and Tillie and they live in Melksham. To them Phil and Pat are called Nan and Grandad Woof! In June 2004 Phil and Pat moved to Southfields. Phil enjoys doing jigsaws and TV and Pat enjoys various crafts.



#### THE TAMARSIDE SINGERS

The relatively newly formed Tamarside Singers have recently performed 3 concerts. The first was at The Parkhouse Centre Bude for The Memory Café'. The second was at Woodford Chapel in Morwenstow, giving an appropriate programme for Good Friday and most recently at St Swithin's Church at Launcells. The choir of 23 meet regularly each Monday at the Methodist Chapel and enjoy singing whatever is asked of them including pop, country and western and sacred. This Year The Tamarside Singers will be performing at the Annual Carol Concert in our Village Hall together with The Metric Band from Bude.

#### "HOW DO YOU SAY THANKYOU"

How **do** you say Thankyou?

Well I suppose you just say it, 'thankyou'.

The problem is, it's quite a short word and it doesn't seem to be powerful enough to express how you really feel.

However, **THIS** THANKYOU, from Sarah and I, really is a **BIG** THANKYOU, to everyone who supported us when Donald was very ill and after Donald's recent death, for all those cards and flowers and hugs and offers of comfort.

**THANKYOU** and it is a huge one. Barry and Sarah

#### ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH SERVICES

#### **MAY 2015**

3rd May Eucharist 11.15am.

10th May Joint Eucharist with Pyworthy at Bridgerule 11.15am.

17th May Eucharist 11.15am.

24th May Family Service 11.15am.

31st May Benefice Eucharist 9.30am at Pyworthy.

June Services unavailable

#### HOME COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE AT BOUNDS CROSS APRIL 2015



#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Pyworthy Village Hall Saturday 9th May 7.00 for 7.30 start.

Book your table with Sheila on 01409 254960

Teams of up to 6 Proceeds for Hall £5 per person.

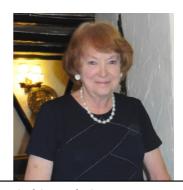


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# BRIDGERULE LADIES SKITTLE TEAM END OF SEASON TROPHY WINNERS



Angela Brock
Top Average & Most Nines A Team



Rose Hitchings Chairman presents trophies at the Annnual Dinner



Sheila Cholwill
Top Average & Most Nines B Team



Janet Crocker Cup Highest Score B Team Freda Lacey



Heather Fraser Cup Wendy Rimmer



Highest Score A Team Heidi Davy Amanda Linney

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

I will not use Sergei again. He or she is one of the meerkats in the "compare the market" adverts. It's a presumption that everyone knows what you know, or that everyone has an email address, so I presumed sergei was known - sorry.

However, if you have lost something the police expect you to report it on the website "Reporting loss" If you find something then phone 101 and let the police know you are looking after it until it is claimed. Does 'Report my Loss' have a 'found' section?

Another website is "torridgenhm.ourwatch.org.uk. It's new so maybe needs time to mature?

Are your UPVC door locks snap proof? There are leaflets in the village hall which may alert you to the problem and the solution. I assisted in a demonstration of snapping a euro-cylinder lock at a recent N.H.W. meeting and thereby opening the door— in just seconds— using simple household tools—frightening. Thankfully not all UPVC door locks are so fragile. Check with your supplier.

So if you see strange actions or unusual behaviour phone 999. Catch them as they act criminally, but don't have nightmares.

John McDougall Tel: 01288 381237

#### FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

**PYWORTHY VILLAGE HALL** 

Saturday 20th June 10.00—1.00pm

£5.50 including tea/coffee

To book Ring Marie 01409 254924 in Advance.

The following article appeared in our local paper on 19th July 1991

The Editor mentioned to Tony that she was going to print something about him in the next issue. His reply "you can print anything you like".

# Another brick in the wall for Tony

THERE is a wall in Bridgerule.

There's nothing unusual about a wall, except this one has been built by Tony Wallis and it's well, different.

#### By Madge Charge

It's called the "Great Wall of Bridgerule" built by "Hadrian," and has become one of the sights of the village.

After all, people have had long enough to watch it being built slowly, in front of Hollybank.

Tony has spent three years building the three-feet high and 12-feet long wall.

It's not straight, but then neither is the wall of breeze blocks on which it has been built.

The stones came from an old building in Bude, formerly tea rooms, and Tony has been bringing the stones on the six-mile journey, a few at a time, in the boot of his car.

He has had problems -

he keeps running out of sand and cement, but now the wall is nearly finished and he's hoping it will be in the next fortnight.

Some people have their doubts about the completion of the project, including the landlord of the Bridge Inn, Garry Bowler.

If it gets finished he's promised a bottle of champagne and a bit of a party.

And as for Tony, he said:
"I love building things, but I never finish them."

His son Neil, aged 20, and daughter Andrea, 18, think the whole thing is hilarious.

But it shouldn't be long now, there's only about 13 stones left to cement in, but time, and not long now, will tell...

Its not there anymore but when you pass Darren and Amanda's home again just think of 'Hadrian's Wall that was'!

#### Royal Naval Association - Bude Branch 2015

Invites all ex-RN, RM, WRNS or QARNNS to join their local Branch of the Royal Naval Association - which meets at Bude /Rugby Club on the 1st Thursday of every month from 7.00pm. Also invited are "Associate Members" who are in sympathy with the aims and ambitions of the RNA. but who may have never served with the Naval Forces. i.e. Merchant, Army or R.A.F. Anyone interested please contact Hon Secretary Mr. Bob Gelder on 01409 253791.



At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and a member of parliament and gave them their room keys. "Vicar, here are the keys to one of our nicest single rooms. And for you, Mr MP, the keys to our finest penthouse suite". The vicar began to protest that this was unfair." Listen," St Peter said, "ministers are ten a penny up here, but this is the first MP we've ever seen".

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#### ART AND CRAFT GROUP



The local Art and Craft Group held a competition recently for the best decorated Easter Bonnet. 12 members took part and the winner was Sheila Cholwill. She was presented with her prize of a chocolate egg by Lyndsey Beadle.

#### **BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL**

#### **SERVICES MAY/JUNE 2015**

3rd May Mrs M Hodges 11.00am

10th May Mr. R. Down 11.00am

17th May Mr & Mrs J Turner 11.00am

24th May Mrs S Risdon 11.00am

31st May Mrs L Bowden 11.00am

7th June Mr Barry Bryne 11.00am

14th June No Service - Open Gardens Cake Stall here from

from 11.00am

21st June No Service - Chapel Luncheon in the hall

28th June Mr Bill Cleave 11.00am



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3rd June



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