

WHO TRUMPED ?

**ISSUE 39** 

Dear Buzz Readers,

Happy New Year to everyone.

2016 will be a special year for our 'Open Gardens' committee celebrating ten years of opening gardens in and around our village for the benefit of The Devon and Cornwall Air Ambulance. This is to take place on Sunday 19th June. I'm sure The Buzz will have full details when they become available.

Any requests you have for the next edition please have them with me by 20th February.

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### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**



Come and join us for a 60's 70's DISCO

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

12TH MARCH From 7.30pm

SPOT PRIZES — RAFFLE

TICKETS £5 TO INCLUDE NIBBLES

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Bring your own drink and glasses please



### ST BRIDGET'S CAROL SERVICE

Just before Christmas the annual united service of Lessons and Carols was held at St Bridget's Church. This was well attended.

The lessons were read by Rev. Chris Penn, Rev. Neal Street, Trevor Bowden, Sonia Gardener, Pat Johnston, Sheila Cholwill and Peter Harris.

Mrs. Sybil Prouse was organist and members of the church served warm mince pies and cups of tea to the congregation after the service.



# BRIDGERULE INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE GROUP

# BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL EACH THURSDAY BETWEEN 2.00 AND 4.30PM £3.00 (including refreshments)

International Folk Dances are gentle (low impact) dances with a wide variety of tempo and style.

We re-open on 7th January 2016

If you would like to join us for an afternoon of dance and fun, please come along.

You will be very welcome.

For more information, please contact Mike Allison on 01288 381764



# **PLEASE NOTE**

# MONTHLY TABLE TOP SALE BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

Next table top
SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2016

We would still like donated items for our Village Hall Table Top 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.

Enquiries to Sheila on 01288 381350

# **HELLO FROM PAUL AND KATE!**

Dear Sheila

My husband Paul and I (and our dog Dottie) will be moving into Albert House, Bridgerule from the 1st January.....thought it would be nice just to say 'hello' to everyone through the Buzz.....Look forward to meeting you in the new year...meanwhile have a lovely Christmas.

Best wishes,

Kate

# Subject: On Facebook

I haven't got a computer, but I was told about Facebook and Twitter, and am trying to make friends outside Facebook and Twitter while applying the same principles.

Every time I go down the street, I tell passers-by what I've eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do for the rest of the day, I gave them photos of my wife, my son, my dog and my garden, I also give the holiday snaps and listen to their conversations, and tell them I "like" them and give my opinions on anything that interests me ... whether it interests them or not !!! AND it works !!! I already have four people following me: two Police officers, a social worker and a psychiatrist !!!.

# **Extract from Parish Church Magazine**



Following the Carol Singing we are pleased to report that £201 was raised over the 2 Mondays – and many thanks to Father Christmas and those responsible for making the sleigh, the quad bike drivers and Santa's little helper Katie Hallett and to all the adults and children who came along to sing. We are most grateful to everyone who gave so generously (many £10 and £5 notes in amongst the coins !) and to the kind donations of chocolate and mulled wine that helped to keep the voices going. Friends of Bridgerule School kindly supplied hot drinks and mince pies on the first Monday and it was lovely to have so many children along singing Carols with us. The funds raised will go to the Church, the Chapel and School – and weren't we LUCKY with the weather !!! An hour later and it was pouring down again.

# Chris and Rose Hitchings

# Sheila's Mentions:

#### 2015 POPPY APPEAL

**Audrey Bewes, Poppy Co-ordinator for Bridgerule** reports that the sum of £459.52 was raised from the recent Poppy Appeal. She thanks Rose, Amanda, Julie for helping with the door to door collections. Also thanks to The Bridge Inn and Bridgerule Primary School.

We welcome Mark, Samantha and Jessica Lewin to Jubilee Cottage. Also Ray and Diana Priem to Tamar Mead. We hope you have a long and enjoyable time in our village.

Congratulations to Darren and Natasha Stephens on the birth of their twin daughters, Elsie and Bella.

Congratulations to **David Youldon and Brooke Graddon** on the occasion of their engagement on Friday 18th December whilst staying in Antigua.

# **Birthday Wishes to:-**

Betty Ingram for the 4th January.

Shirley Youldon for the 4th January. Shirley now lives in Bude.

Gary Abbott for the 14th January.

Pat Hodges for the 15th January.

Ron Cameron for the 16th January.

Vic Pickett for the 23rd January.

Joan Marshall for the 24th January.

Ron Abbott for the 8th February.

Paul Cholwill for the 13th February.

Tony Wallis for the 16th February.

Harry Hillier-Cholwill for the 24th February.

The annual Christmas Concert was held recently in the hall. Musical items were by Bude Metric Band and Bridgerule's very own choir, The Tamarside Singers. The audience joined in with various numbers and the great sum of £560 profit was raised for the hall refurbishment.



COFFEE
CLUB
CHRISTMAS
LUNCH HELD
AT
TRETHORNE

26 of the Coffee Club members travelled by coach to Trethorne Leisure Park for their Christmas Lunch recently, enjoying a really nice meal. Father Christmas gave out some gifts to everyone and some games of Bingo completed the outing before returning home. Coffee Club returns on 12th January 2016.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES**

I hope you have all had what you wanted for Christmas, and now it's the New Year.

Don't relax. Maintain your vigilance. They need to finance their holidays as well.

It's easy - do not give bank details, cards or PIN numbers, to anyone who just phones you up claiming this, that or the other.

They may say they are Talk Talk and your computer is about to crash.

Is it? Are they? Answer - NO.

On the other side, have you heard of 'smart water'?

(All jokes to the editor please)

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John McDougall co-ordinator Tel: 01288 381237

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# BRIDGERULE'S UNIQUE NATIVITY



About 10 years ago I visited a friends farm where they held a Christmas nativity, and since then I have always harboured the dream of holding one here at our Farm Elm Park, in Bridgerule. Well it seems that 2015 was the year for this to come to fruition! It was a big birthday year for me this year, and Barry (my husband) asked me one day early in the year if I wanted him to start laying a patio for us, so we could host a 40th birthday bbq and party I said, "thank you but no, let's concentrate our efforts this year on trying to put together a live nativity"................. I did not want to push my luck and go for both! Hence on December 6th with the help of old and new friends in Bridgerule we hosted a live nativity, here at Elm Park... ( no patio, but I'll work on that next year.

I had held in the back of my mind the idea to put together a live nativity, and had given some thought to how I felt it would materialise for a couple of years. In late September of this year I began to write a script and plan how we could turn a farm in Devon, into the desert plains and town of Bethlehem! Having two growing children, I felt that this would be an ideal time to make this idea come to life, It was so very important to me, for my children to understand the real meaning of Christmas, and its role in our Christian faith, as it it so easy for us all to forget why we celebrate at this time of year, and Christmas to be lost in a whirl of shopping and presents.

I would like to think that those who took part enjoyed the evening performance, and so did everyone who came to watch. The 5 key scenes depicted the story of Mary finding she's with child, travelling with Joseph to Bethlehem and finding a place to stay in an innkeepers stable, the announcement of the birth of baby Jesus to the shepherds by Angel Gabriel, the Kings....

While not on camels but quads bikes, following a star to visit the new baby, and the presentation of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus in the stable. These scenes were so fabulously acted and narrated by people from our village of Bridgerule, aided by a band of amazing guides for the spectators. The 120 strong crowd then made their way to St Bridget's church opposite, where we were met by the bells ringing in celebration of the birth of Jesus, and the Tamarside singers entertaining us with the singing of carols rounding off the evening by us all joining together in singing a final carol and enjoying refreshments served by members of the church. I felt it was a special evening for all cast, helpers and spectators...... bringing the Christmas story to life was definitely a wonderful experience for me and my family. I thank everyone who helped to make this happen, to make my long held wish come alive!

We raised £464 from ticket sales, which has been split equally between the church and chapel in Bridgerule, to assist them in a small way to continue in some way in bringing the key messages from our Christian faith to life.

# LISA LUCAS



Well **Bridgerule now has a Community Champion 2015** and we are so very pleased that her work for the village has been recognised. **Sheila Cholwill** was recently nominated for the North Devon Journal Community Awards 2015 and we were delighted when she was **short-listed as one of four** people in the' Community Champion' section. (there were 8 sections)

We were invited to attend the Award ceremony held at the Barnstaple Hotel with about 170 other people - nominees and guests plus judges and sponsors. After a superb meal and an auction to raise funds for the Children's Hospice South West (it was a 1-o-n-g wait) Sheila was awarded 2nd place (Runner up) in the Community Champion section and we feel very proud. That was a huge achievement especially as we were regarded as a 'remote' village and definitely up against people from big towns and big organisations.

We were asked to send in a brief account of what Sheila does and I would like to list just a few of her many achievements here.

'Sheila is a truly amazing lady who rarely takes a day off from organising something in the village.

For many years she has been the Editor of our magazine the BUZZ which enables us to know what events are due to take place and she also does a very interesting Spotlight section on people living here. She is chairman of our Revel Committee organising the road closures, the licences and the Bands among many other things to make it such a successful event every year - a big responsibility. Sheila is on the Parish Council, she is Treasurer of the Hall refurbishment committee and she also organises and is on the hall cleaning rota doing far more than her fair share.

She is treasurer for the Chapel, often plays the organ for the various services and has organised some really wonderful Flower Festivals there. Sheila plays skittles for the Bridgerule ladies team and is a keen euchre player. Recently she has taken over the village Coffee Club and within the group organises coach trips to some lovely places - days out we really enjoy. Another achievement is the village choir - the Tamarside Singers - which has become very popular, having been asked to do a few concerts therefore giving pleasure to both the singers and the audience.

Fund raising is another of her achievements organising many concerts and Table Top sales in the village hall.

Sheila is also a volunteer at the Little Harbour Children's Hospice in St. Austell driving there once a week to assist where she can - having huge empathy for disadvantaged and sick children.

Without Sheila a lot of these events just wouldn't happen and many people wouldn't have a reason for leaving home and being part of a community. Sheila - you are truly amazing. An achievement well deserved'



Sheila Responds by saying:-

"First of all I would like to thank Rose for nominating me. I felt very humble in receiving the honour. I love the community I live in and whatever I have achieved for my village I believe it has been a team effort. Although there has to be maybe someone to start projects off I could not carry them out without the help of others.

I am proud of The Buzz Newsletter that I began and am still writing, 4 years later. It started off in black and white and just 8 pages. It is now is printed in full colour and has 36 pages and is delivered regularly to nearly 400 homes. It is a wonderful resource

for our community but again lovely Rose does a great front cover and volunteers deliver them and the community help fill it with news.

Our village hall is very dear to me and 4 years ago was cold and damp and had 1 class hiring it regularly. Today after an ongoing refurbishment it has been brought into the  $21^{\text{st}}$  century and we now have 9 clubs using it weekly and last year we had 2 wedding receptions. Again I have and am quite involved with it but it is very much a team effort.

I'm known in some quarters as matron, the boss in others. I hope that those names are said with some affection, but if it results in some new things happening for our village I can happily live with that. When you see your community coming together and enjoying things like a week of events for our Carnival Week or the choir which began a year ago with 10 members and today has 25 it fills me with joy and spurs me on to the next project.

I also travel each week and feel very privileged to be able to volunteer at a very special place in Cornwall, that of Little Harbour Children's Hospice and if it were nearer to my home I would definitely want to do it more often.

Despite the community projects I love being Grandma to Harvey, Ella and Harry, play skittles, euchre and my newest venture of indoor bowls. Having a hubby who likes cooking certainly helps too!

I was made to feel special on the night of the award including walking the red carpet and meeting others who did exceptional things and raised lots of money for charities. Thank you Rose.

# **THEN**



Sid and Marion Parnell began trading at Jewells Cross Service Station on 29th December 1965, 50 years ago. They lived in a caravan on the site for the first nine years. In 1974 after much hard work and long working hours they built the house in which they live today at Jewells Cross.

### NOW





THE POWER
OF A SIMPLE
GIFT

On Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> staff and pupils went to school in their pyjamas, in support of Children in Need but the pupils above were also supporting children much further afield. Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School has also supported an initiative of Samaritan's Purse called Operation Christmas Child for many years, by collecting shoeboxes full of goodies. This relief and development organisation have worked with local churches, children and families across Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia since 1990 and it is the world's largest Christmas project .

### PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE RECENT KNIT AND NATTER CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Marilyn in action after lunch!



Was Freda her target?

As we are not amused and the knife is out!



Sheila enjoyed her day



#### WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!!

Hooray, the wind had eased and the rain abated, so Alec dropped me off at Burnard's House Junction (as he'd often done this year) so that I could stroll back to Southfields. Bridgerule. Folk often stop to offer me a lift but when they see my plastic bag they know what my answer will be "Thanks, but no thanks, I'm litter picking whilst enjoying the walk home." I can hear the shouts of "Get a life woman" from here and Thank you, I do have a wonderful life but I do despair, whilst walking our beautiful Devon lanes, that so many folks idea of recycling is to chuck their drinks cans (not to mention their whiskey/vodka/sherry/wine bottles out of the car window!!) I had to leave as much behind me for another day's collection as I brought home, oh, I almost forgot, whoever is swigging the vodka in their car enjoys a tin or three of Hamlet cigars and pops a few Ibuprofen afterwards (presumably to fend off the hangover!!). Recycling couldn't be easier and we see our cheery bin men weekly so, come on folks, take your rubbish home and help keep those bin men busy. If I'm preaching to the converted GREAT but to those mindless few (you know who you are!!) here endeth the Pat Johnston sermon.









# **CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November another very successful Fair was held at Hedley Wood Caravan Park, with gifts and treats for all ages, including a Tombola. Hot food and drinks were available throughout. This year proceeds were donated to another great cause, the Cerebral Palsy/ Disability Charity SCOPE UK.

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL			
PREACHING APPOINTMENTS			
January/February 2016			
January 3rd	M. Reeves	Sac	11.00am
January 10th	No Service		
January 17th	J. Hawkins		11.00am
January 24th	Mrs. E. Squire		11.00am
January 31st	V. Bickle		11.00am
February 7th	Rev. N. Street	Sac	11.00am
February 14th	M. Shepherd		11.00am
February 21st	Local Appointme	ent	11.00am
February 28th	G. Street		11.00am
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### ANOTHER BUMPER CHRISTMAS FOR GRANDAD'S REINDEERS!

Three years ago Colin and Sheila Cholwill together with six of their friends went on holiday. On one particular day they visited a garden centre and one of the friends jokingly said "Col, this is what you can do when you get home". And that is how it all began! Sheila started volunteering regularly at Little Harbour Children's Hospice in St Austell and this unique special place quickly became a charity that the family wanted to be part of. Little did they think that these seasonal wooden animals would prove to be so popular with 2015 being the most successful.

Several weeks ago Paul put a photo on facebook of a pile of reindeer heads that dad had just made and less than an hour later he had orders for 35 and the orders just kept coming in. At an event in Shebbear a friend took 25 and within half an hour they were all sold with disappointed customers and so a further 20 were ordered. Grandad decided this year to make baby reindeers (he doesn't half make hard work for himself) and they too are proving to be very popular. The reindeers are now beginning to wear bright scarves which some kind ladies have made and donated.

The family are so grateful to everyone who have supported them. It has meant that this Christmas alone has raised £4100 and Little Harbour has received over £7000 in three years from the sale of the reindeers. The Cholwill family always request that specific items which the hospice are in need of are purchased from the donations received. The most recent item

has been a suite of furniture for the main family entrance. Next year Paul and Stacey plan to open a **specific Facebook page** so that we can see how far grandad's reindeers have travelled. We think it will be interesting but we don't think any have needed passports yet!





The above photograph shows one of our recent Monthly Table Top Sales held in the village hall.

Christine Gee and her helpers work extremely hard on these days to raise money for our hall. As you can see business was really good and it would be lovely to think that this happened on each occasion.

Thank you to everyone who has donated and continue to donate items to the hall stall and those that regularly pay us a visit or run a stall.



# DELIVERING A COPY OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE BUZZ

Ken Chilton (now a bearded Ken), one of our volunteers, is seen delivering Barry and Sarah Williams their first copy of The Bridgerule Newsletter, The Buzz. The date, September/October 2009.



### **RALLY AND OBEDIENCE**

The K.C. Sport that combines obstacles and obedience. Dogs are required to do obedience exercises around a set course of obstacles and signs.

# Starting on 14th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Please book in advance to secure a place

More details are available from Christine on 01288 381104

Email: Christine.bennett@btinternet.com

# ANOTHER BYGONE OF OUR VILLAGE This photograph was recently found on e-bay by Rose Hitchings. What do you think the year would be?



### LATEST NEWS ON OUR VILLAGE HALL

Some people that have attended recent functions at the hall have asked about the new extension on the side. Just to put you in the picture the work is nearly complete and it really just needs decorating before it can be used.

It is intended that all the hall chairs, the tables and maybe the individual trampolines can be stored in there. The double doors going into the store straight from the main hall will make it so much easier to push the chairs in on their carriers (we have now got two) and will also free up the rear kitchen so that it will be easier to place food out and use the equipment in there without having to move out all the old wooden chairs, and ease of access will also be much better as the alley way into the kitchen will not be obstructed by the plastic chairs anymore.

Also included in the new storage area is a cleaners cupboard and a nice new toilet which people using the kitchen can access without walking through the main hall to the toilets at the front.

This has been brought to fruition by numerous generous donations, a lot of hard work and incredible local support. The larger grants we have received are Torridge Distrct Council (£10,000), the Foyle Foundation (£5,000), Bridgerule Parish Council (1,200), Ken James, our Torridge Ward Councillor, (£500) and Barry Parsons, our Devon County councillor, (£1,000). Added to this, increased rentals, huge support of the Johnny Cowling concert, the Christmas Carol concert, the coffee club and the monthly table top sales have all boosted our funds to the extent that the extension is now completed and fully funded. We certainly didn't expect to get this far by the end of 2015.

Another bit of good news is that we have also just been awarded a grant of £1,500 from the Devon Community Foundation for equipment and fittings for the rear kitchen for when we have large functions such as Parish lunches, Concerts or wedding receptions.

Grateful thanks to everyone who has helped in any way - we're getting there!

Cliff Seymour-Smith .. Chairman

# Spotlight on Alan Quilter .....

I was born in February 1954 in North London of which I can remember absolutely nothing about as we moved to leafy Surrey in 1956, firstly living in a small village called Bookham and then moving to Dorking. This is where I spent my childhood and teenage years, until I moved back up to London at the age of 19.

My father was a keen amateur violinist and he was instrumental in introducing my elder sister, Mary and I to music. We both started learning



to play the piano at an early age and when I was eight my father said to me that I could learn another instrument and that the choice was mine (as long as it was not the trumpet as it would be too loud!), so I chose the cello because I had heard someone playing one the previous day! And that was the start of my love affair for music!

We moved to Dorking when I was nine and somehow I managed to pass the elven plus and went to the local grammar school. They say your school days are the best days of your life but although I enjoyed my time there this was not true for me! My time was split between my music (practising every day for up to an hour), going out with my friends (where we would either spend time in the woods, playing war games, building dams, much to the farmers annoyance or playing football on the rec), or watching our local team play football. When I was 12 I won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music and spent the next six years, travelling up to London every Saturday morning for cello, piano and music theory lessons as well as playing in various orchestras. I have to admit that my school work was affected by this! This lead to me going on to study music full time and I got my degree studying at the Royal Academy of Music. It was during this period that I met my first wife, Pam, and we eventually married in 1978.

For 10 years I was a freelance cellist based in London, playing with orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra and London Mozart Players but my greater love was playing for West End shows, which included Cats, Evita, Barnum, Sweeney Todd to name just a few... I also went on a number of tours, one of which was a trip to Eastern Europe with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

I also went on a number of tours, one of which was a trip to Eastern Europe with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. There are many stories I could tell most of which would no doubt be censored by Sheila. Although on one such trip to Romania, of which I remember to this day, we were lavishly entertained by the British Consulate. We were coached up to their headquarters and plied with alcohol and good food. However in our infinite wisdom two of us decided we wanted to look around the building. When we finally returned to the reception area we discovered the coach had returned back to the hotel with the rest of the orchestra. We managed to climb out of a window and had absolutely no idea how to get back to our hotel. We started walking / weaving toward the lights of Bucharest and four hours later after giving all hope of ever finding the hotel we finally recognised a landmark! Of course when we got back to the hotel it was locked (no 24 hour service in those days!) so we had to wait until 07:00 before we could get in and at 10:00 we had a rehearsal for a concert that evening! ... Not good! I finally grew up at thirty. We started a family and over the next six years we had three lovely children, David, Tom and Sarah. I also made a major career change from music to IT! Over the next 20 years I worked at the Greater London Council (GLC) as a trainee analyst programmer, then Hoskyns, a software company, as a Project Manager. In 1994 I went on to work for Sony taking on a number of local, pan-European and global roles, spending time in Japan and US as well as Weybridge and Basingstoke! In 2006 I took voluntary redundancy and immediately moved to Sony Ericsson spending much of my time working in Sweden managing third party contracts.

It was also during this period that I started playing the bass guitar. A friend of mine was learning the tenor saxophone and loaned me his bass and said I had to learn to play so that we could start up a band! After a couple of false starts we set up a four piece jazz group and ended up gigging at weekends! Unfortunately in 2000 my first marriage broke up, which was tough for us all. In 2005 I married Lisa, however this was short lived as in 2009 Lisa was diagnosed with a brain tumour and sadly passed away in 2010. Fortunately we managed to pack in a great deal in the short period we were together. Playing music, watching rugby, running a marathon being just a few of the things we did together.

It was at this time that my sons and I decided to run a number of marathons around the world and to date we have run marathons in Rio, Toronto and Zurich. In 2012 I decided to walk the Southwest coast path (all 630 miles!) over a six week period, walking on average 16 miles a day! I started the third week of May at Minehead and reached Poole on 1<sup>st</sup> July to a lovely reception of friends and family! The walk itself was a real experience starting with hot and sunny weather and as the walk progressed experiencing driving rain, gale force winds, mist, more rain and yet more!! Not the nicest of summers! But what an adventure! This included being chased by a herd of heifers (they split into two groups with one group chasing me with the other group circling around trying to outflank me from below! I was lucky and just reached the style before I was caught—no-one believes me but then they weren't there! In 2011 I met Di, who is the light of my life — she told me to say that! And despite living 200 miles away we still meet up regularly, either here in Devon or in Hampshire where she lives.

I moved to Bridgerule in September 2014 and was immediately overwhelmed by the warm welcome I received and was hugely surprised by the amount that is going on in such a small village. I have tried to throw myself into village activities and have joined the indoor bowls club and table tennis club where we now play matches in the North Cornwall league. I also accompany the Tamarside Singers on the bass guitar every Monday evening and take part in jamming sessions at the Bridge every Wednesday evening. On October 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 I became a proud granddad to Joshua Stephen, my

first! (I know, I look FAR too young!). They have already stayed with me for a few days and I look forward to them spending more time with me in Devon! They are already planning their next trip in February. I have really fallen on my feet coming to Bridgerule and would just like to THANK YOU all for the warm welcome I have received.

Sheila thanks Alan most sincerely for his

Spotlight and the way he has embraced our village life. I for one am really grateful for Alan's involvement with The Tamarside Singers. Playing in the West End and then us!!!! Top that!!

#### **ANOTHER YEAR**

Another year! Another year,
As our old year inevitably ebbs away.
But with great chiming bells, midnight arrives,
Bringing a New Year and new expectation to our lives.
What it may hold, we know not what,
But it is hoped rough weather is not in the plot.
With gales and floods and thunder storms.
Brave farmers battling with monetary returns and government forms.

But in 2015 Open Garden Day again proved a success.

With gardeners hard work, expertise and finesse.

A day on which our capricious sun shone,
A warm golden time of fragrant flowers and sweet bird song.

An amazing contrast in which fragile flowers combined with love,
Enable a great powerful Air Ambulance to fly above,
To ferry patients to Hospital to save lives,
Giving many folk a much greater chance to survive.

And grandad Colin's reindeer made from simple logs of wood,
Again, combined with love, achieve so much good.
To help fund the Hospice to maybe pay a bill,
To safeguard sick children when seriously ill.
Not forgetting other fund raising efforts in village life,
To which folks with generosity have subscribed.

For compassion is a wonderfully strong vital force,

If from the heart it has its source.

And if shared with daily happenings,

Can give to life an extra zing.

And kindness has the power to enhance others lives,

For folk to retain and treasure as a prize.

So as the year 2015 now fades and departs,

May goodwill, in the New Year, again, flow from all our hearts.

Marie Field - Southlands



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**February 10th** 



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