

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



Harvey Cholwill  
Aged 7

BRIDGERULE NEWSLETTER

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## *Dear Buzz Readers,*

It certainly doesn't feel like two months has past since the previous Newsletter and I am sure the next two months will be pretty hectic for us also!

This edition sees the younger members of our community making a valuable contribution.

I thank Harvey, Katie and Marley for taking time out to complete their pictures for The Buzz.

I now have to report that the initial funding we received to set The Newsletter up has now been used. It therefore means that we have to be self funding through sponsorships and donations.

Several readers have been sponsors for a while and some have agreed to come on board over the past few weeks to which I am very grateful. Alas, if we are to retain the newsletter we need to have more. The Buzz is delivered free to about 320 homes so it really should not be a problem.

Finally lots of things are going on in our village over the next couple of months and I am sure we will show our support when at all possible.

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## **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Each year the nation expresses its support for the British Legion's work through its generous support of the Poppy Appeal. **Please show your support once again to Audrey and her volunteers when they knock on your door.** May we remember those who bravely fought and continue to fight so that we may have peace in our time.

### **PROUD WINNERS IN THEIR SECTION**

The Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers recently held their annual competition day at Bridgerule. 17 teams competed from all over Devon and North Cornwall.

The practise piece comprised of 15 minutes of rising the bells, ring changes of sequence called 60 on 3rds and falling the bells.

The lightest bell of 8 at Bridgerule is 3 cwt and the heaviest is ½ ton.

#### **Bridgerule came 1st in the B Section.**



The team comprised of Trevor Bowden (Captain), John Bowden, Colin Cholwill, Melanie Dymond, Paul Dymond and Peter Harris.

**Bridgerule practise on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm to 9.00pm  
Anyone interested please come and have a look.**

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

The village was saddened to hear of the sudden death of **Mrs. Audrey Crocker**. Our thoughts have been with her family.

**Mr Walter Lashbrook & Mr & Mrs L Slade** would like to thank the staff at Southlands Court for the care given to Mrs Kathleen Lashbrook during her stay with them. Kathleen passed away on 8/ 7/ 11. We would also like to thank our friends & neighbours for cards and kind words of sympathy at this time. We would like to give a big thank you to Chris & Kate Lock (C Lock Funeral directors Black Torrington) for their help and support, also Rev John Henry for conducting the service. A collection taken at her Funeral amounted to £105, which was donated to Devon & Cornwall Air Ambulances.

**Mavis D'Praser** wishes to thank all those who generously donated to the North Devon Hospice in memory of her dear husband Vivian. She has now had confirmation that the wonderful sum of £671.81 has been most gratefully received from the hospice.

Welcome to **Dave, Hetty and their daughter Stella Thompson** who have recently moved into Littlebridge Farmhouse. We hope you enjoy being part of our community.

### **Birthday Wishes to:**

Alec Johnston who was 70 on the 26th October.

Pauline Latham for the 14th November.

Winnie Westlake on the 24th November

Mary Bryant for the 10th December

Kelvin Davey for the 10th December.

Colin Cholwill for the 10th December

Sylvia McDougall for the 20th December

Katherine Davey for the 24th December

Chris Hitchings and his twin Noel for the 24th December.

Tanya Peschke for Christmas Day.

### **Country & Western Evening.**

Once again The Cornish Hillbillies gave us a brilliant evening of country music. Those who attended had a great time. There were some fantastic line dancers who entertained us and made it look easy, which I know it's not. There was also plenty of opportunity for the rest of us to do our own thing. We have to give a great big thank you to Freda & Pauline who spent two days walking the length and breadth of Holsworthy & Bude collecting draw prizes for us. We feel sure those of you who saw them will agree there was a very impressive array of items. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the businesses and individuals who gave to our cause.

The proceeds of £130 were divided equally between Devon Air Ambulance and The Bridgerule Hall Funds. **Many thanks Les & Betty Slade**

## THE LAUNCESTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Launceston Male Voice Choir are holding a taster evening for anyone who enjoys singing in the bath or car, or anywhere else for that matter. The informal evening is being held in the **Parish Hall at Bridgerule on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**, where existing members will be singing a selection of their favorite songs.

Male singers of any age are welcome to come along, they will receive a warm welcome and some light refreshments.

Choir Member Pete Vernon, who joined the choir last year explains, "I have always enjoyed singing. I'm not the best singer in the world, but hidden amongst the rest of the choir, I can perform to a reasonable standard.

I joined the choir about 9 months ago and it must be said, I have had the time of my life! I've been to Wales singing with Welsh choirs, I've sung at weddings, in churches, chapels & cathedrals and even in National Trust houses.

We have also sung at a book signing in Waterstones bookshop in Truro. We raise a lot of money for charities, and most important of all, we enjoy the camaraderie and friendship, not to mention the singing.

We are all looking forward to 2013, when 600, yes 600, choir members from Cornwall will make the trip to London to sing at The Royal Albert Hall - and you could be with us. That will be an evening to remember!!!! You don't have to be able to read music, or have a brilliant voice. If you like to sing and can spare one evening a week, come along to Bridgerule Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30. There will be a warm welcome awaiting you. Just see if you like it as much as I do. Or, if you can't make it then, come and join us at our regular rehearsals at Launceston Central Methodist Hall on any Wednesday evening from 7.30pm. We are not pretentious, we don't consider ourselves the best, but we try, and we definitely enjoy ourselves".

**Any enquiries please contact  
Chris Hitchings on 01288 381129**

WINE AND WISDOM

**Bridgerule Parish Hall - 7.30pm**

**FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER**

**Teams of up to 6**

**£4 per person**

**Question Master - Helen Brookhouse**

**All proceeds St. Bridget's Church**

## ***Would you like to come carol singing?***



Anybody who would like to come **CAROL SINGING** in the village on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and the following Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** are most welcome.

We meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas tree in the centre of the village (opposite Bridge Inn) and on 21<sup>st</sup> at the lamp post/bus stop near Littlebridge Cross. Both times we meet will be at 6.30 pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> is the one that makes you feel that Christmas has arrived. We'd like adults to come along and accompany the children from Bridgerule Primary School, and when they sing "Away in a manger" you can't help having a lump in your throat – it's just so lovely! We usually go back to the school for a hot drink (although this hasn't been decided yet this year) before dispersing, and we finish at 8.30pm We usually have quite a few adults, but children are most welcome accompanied by an adult. We sing around Littlebridge and Southfields area and try and do the centre of the village. Again we finish about 8.30pm and it is not unknown that some of us go the Bridge Inn afterwards to "wet our whistle".

Collections are made from the houses using tins, whilst some of us sing in a group under a nearby lamppost – layers of warm clothing and the carrying of torches are recommended. Last year we collected nearly £116 from the kind, generous people of Bridgerule, and all the money is divided equally between the Church, the Chapel and the School.

Carol sheets are provided.

***For more information please contact Chris Hitchings 01288 381129 or call at Meadows Barn. We would love to see you!***

	<b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b>	
<b>Bridgerule Parish Hall</b>		
<b>SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011</b>		
<b>2.00 - 4.00PM</b>		
<b>VARIOUS STALLS</b>	<b>FATHER CHRISTMAS</b>	
<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	



**CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO**  
**BRIDGERULE PARISH HALL**

**FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2011**

**DOORS OPEN 6.30PM EYES DOWN 7.00PM**

**CASH FLYER - RAFFLE - REFRESHMENTS**  
*All proceeds Friends of Bridgerule School*



**FAMILY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS**

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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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**Alan, Billy Boy and Bob  
make a return visit to  
Bridgerule.....**



Towards then end of the summer Alan a Romany, his faithful horse, Billy Boy and Bob the lurcher left Okehampton with their totters wagon to meander through the villages of the Devon countryside. Parking up at regular intervals at their normal ‘stops’ to stay only for a couple of days before hitching up and moving on to their next port of call.

Today's ‘stop’ was on the grass by the bridge in the centre of our village—an annual visit for Alan for the past five years. At this stop his wife and family and a friend joined him.

I asked Alan why he chose this way of life and his reply was that he felt a sense of freedom and an affinity with nature. But something he felt quite passionate about and could see whilst travelling through the villages was that of the local shops and post offices or indeed the lack of them... Where had they gone? - he could see where they had been but now they were someone's living quarters! Coupled with that he said where and how do the elderly of the villages who could not drive and public transport as it is, get their shopping. He felt the village shops were not getting the support other bigger businesses may be getting.

Alan sources what food he can from the hedgerows and Bob does his bit by catching the regular rabbit. Wood for his fire too was sourced from the hedges. When he approached my house I could see that Bob was tethered at the back of the wagon. Jokingly I said “why don’t you let Bob have a lift in the wagon?”. His reply was that to have a dog in the wagon would be a mokada! In Romany terms unclean. Dogs and cats are both mokada—dogs up to a point and cats completely. Cats in fact are thought upon in Romany terms as the most unclean animal there is.

Bob would be fine, he would be sleeping in a cootch bag under the wagon. Expectant mothers were not allowed to give birth in the wagon also. Traditionally a woman had to go through labour and the birth of her child in a special tent that was burned with all its contents as soon as she and the child moved back into the wagon.

The majority of people Alan said were very friendly towards him and where he chose to stop. But there had been times when he had been verbally abused and his wife scared. Mainly from the younger generation late at night, hurling empty bottles at Billy boy, but in the main everyone was pleased to see him and would come up to have a chat with him. Travellers pass on to their fellow travellers where the best stops are.

Alan then left to make his way to Week St. Mary, stopping by Lambley Park for just one night and then moving on to Launceston. In a few weeks when winter creeps in Alan will return to Okehampton to be with his wife and family in the comfort of a home.. In the winter months he is a stone mason making decorative pieces for large private houses or places of worship. He also does dry stone walling when required on Dartmoor, but its the love of roaming on his own and being close to nature that Alan will return to come next spring.

I thank Alan for the chat and I know we love to see him and other travellers stopping off to be part of our village—be it only briefly.



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## BOXING CLUB

The young people of our village experienced some free taster sessions of boxing during the summer holidays. It became very popular with those who attended but unfortunately it was just taster sessions and they had to cease.

Because Boxing was so popular if it was to continue our task was then to find someone who would be willing to meet with the young people on a regular basis and more importantly was fully qualified to coach them..

**Ross Chard, who regularly coaches at Launceston Boxing Club and lives in Bridgerule was approached and agreed to help and we are so grateful to him for doing this for us.**

We have managed with the help of Jeff Facey from Bideford Boxing Club to obtain quite a substantial grant courtesy of James Jarroudi of Torridge District Council for Ross to get some equipment which can be used by the club. With the cooperation of some of the parents our:

**Boxing Club now continues every Thursday in the hall 6.30 -8.00pm.**

**Aged 7 and above and there is a small weekly subscription.**

Ross is now holding sessions on Thursdays at 8.00pm for senior members also.

**If interested Ross can be contacted on 01288 381 473**



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## **The DunCrock Challenge 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

The Morrison's supermarket charity of the year for 2011 is "Save the Children", so earlier on in the year myself Paul Crocker and Steve Dunk decided we would do our own fundraising event. We decided on doing a walk, which would take us from the Beach of Perranporth back to the supermarket in the Seaside town of Bude. In total a journey of 86 miles!

The walk began on a wet, humid September morning leaving Bude by car at 7:00am. We reached the bay of Perranporth and began the walk across the beach up onto the coastal path. Up and down, through sand dunes, along very narrow stretches of coastal path coupled with a very powerful offshore wind. Throughout the day we accumulated around the 22 mile mark. That night we stopped in a local pub and the landlord gave us permission to pitch our tent in his field.

On the Tuesday morning, due to the dreadful weather, we were off walking again at 4:00am. Headlamps on we continued on foot. Walking via the road to Padstow. After taking a break at the port town of Padstow we caught the ferry across to Rock and started to march on. Thankfully having some nice weather along the way we made it to Port Gavern by means of the coastal path. That night we were offered a very good rate at the "Port Gavern Hotel" by the owner due to the fact that it was all in aid of charity.

After a very good night's sleep and a full English Breakfast, we were back on the coastal path. It was a very blustery autumnal feeling day and due to this we were forced back onto the road after a morning of coastal path walking. At the end of day three we had made it to The Wainhouse Inn where we pitched our tent in the beer garden. The hospitality from the management at the time was superb; as we were treated to a free meal and pint.

The final day was upon us. We again set off at 4:00am as we couldn't gain much sleep in the tent. We joined the coastal path from Crackington Haven and walked on towards Bude. Thankfully it was a dry day. Before tackling the last few miles towards Morrison's we decided to have breakfast.

We reached the finish line at around 3:00pm where we were greeted by my family and members of staff!

**In total we have raised around the £1500 mark, for the "Save the Children" charity!**

**Well done Paul and Steve.**

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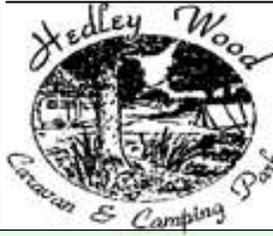
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Only at weekends to reach their peak.  
And local pubs have closed down,  
On week days their customers residing in town.

In Bridgerule we are more fortunate than most,  
To retain our inn and welcoming hosts.  
And a village inhabited every day,  
Keeping to some of the good old ways.

When years ago to the village we came,  
We were told we could obtain  
From The Bridge Inn, a pint of 'real good ale',  
To please the most discerning male.  
And Bridgerule Man is a lucky chap,  
To have a place in which to relax,  
To play pool or a game of darts,  
A quiet chat or a round of cards.  
And special fun evenings for good cheer,  
In a friendly and convivial atmosphere.  
Enjoying banter and a joke or two,  
Meanwhile supping a perfect brew.

For our old hostelry is a genuine inn,  
For decades a haven for village kin.  
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**X9 Mon. - Sat.**

Dep Bridgerule	08.13	Dep Bude	15.27
Arr Bude	08.35	Arr Bridgerule	15.47
		Arr Holsworthy	15.57

**530 Wednesday Only**

Dep Bridgerule	10.17	Dep Bude	12.25
<b>Arr Holsworthy</b>	<b>10.32</b>	<b>Arr Holsworthy</b>	<b>12.45</b>
Arr Bude	10.52	Arr Bridgerule	13.00
		Arr. Bude	13.54

**85 Mon. - Fri.**

Dep Bridgerule	07.32	Dep Barnstaple	16.30
Arr Holsworthy	07.50	Arr Bideford	17.05
Arr. Bideford	08.32	Arr Holsworthy	17.42
Arr. Barnstaple	09.00	Arr Bridgerule	17.57

**85 Saturday Only**

Dep Bridgerule	09.22	Dep Barnstaple	16.30
Arr Holsworthy	09.40	Arr Bideford	17.05
Arr Bideford	10.20	Arr Holsworthy	17.42
Arr Barnstaple	10.45	Arr Bridgerule	17.57

**576 Mon. - Sat.****\*Sat. Only**

Dep Bude	07.20	08.50	*09.50	10.50	12.50	15.20	17.05	19.05
Arr Borough/Jewells Cross								
	07.31	09.01	*10.01	11.01	13.01	15.31	17.16	19.16
Arr Launceston								
	07.57	09.27	*10.27	11.27	13.27	16.12	17.42	19.42
Arr Plymouth								
	09.12	10.42	*11.42	12.42	14.42	17.42	18.57	21.01
Dep Plymouth								
	xx.xx	08.50	10.50	12.50	14.50	16.05	17.05	
Dep Launceston								
	08.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	17.15	18.15	
Arr Borough/Jewells Cross								
	08.23	10.23	12.23	14.23	16.23	17.38	18.38	
Arr Bude								
	08.40	10.40	12.40	14.40	16.40	17.55	18.55	

## **Bridgerule Early Years**

After lots of hard work Bridgerule Early years finally opened its doors on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April ready to run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 3pm and hasn't looked back since. The children and staff of the pre-school settled in brilliantly with the school making us all feel very welcome. The numbers of children using the service has gradually increased with many more still to come. We have been lucky enough to borrow some resources from Bradford Pre-school and now thanks to the hard work of a group of parents we are able to start purchasing more of our own resources. We hope you have all seen the list that was in the shop window asking for some household, natural and stationary resources that we thought some villagers might be looking to get rid of. Please feel free to drop any of those items into the school. If there are any keen carpenters out there we would love some little sheds to go with our farm toys and some pieces of A5 wood that the children can use as clip boards. Again contact the pre-school if you are able to help.

The children love being part of the school seeing their siblings and joining in with some school activities. The outside area is great for watching all those tractors and lorries go past and even hearing the church bells ring which brought much excitement. Whether we are inside or out, in the sun or rain, getting wet and messy or staying clean and dry the children (and staff) are always enjoying themselves. The Holsworthy Children centre are still able to come out on a Monday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.00pm to run the Little Stars session which is open to anyone with children aged 0-5 so come along and play, meet the staff, children and parents and see the pre-school up and running.

We are now able to celebrate even more since having our first OFSTED inspection and being given GOOD in all areas so here's to a busy, fun, messy, exciting time in the future of Bridgerule Early years.

If you would like some more information call in and see us on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday or contact the school office.

Mandie, Tina, Claire and Emma – The Pre-school team.

### **BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL** **Preaching Appointments**

November 6th	Mr. P. Craig	11:00am
November 13th	Rev. John Henry (Sacrament)	9:30am
November 20th	Mrs. M. Hodges	11:00am
November 27th	Mr. C. Drew	11:00am

**The Friends of Bridgerule Chapel thank all those who supported the recent Sunday Luncheon. A profit of £743 was made for trust funds.**

**Samantha, youngest daughter of Cliff and Liz Seymour-Smith** has just graduated from the University of Wolverhampton after studying there for the past three years. A few weeks ago at The Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton together with her fellow students and her proud family she nervously accepted a BEd Honours Certificate in Early Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status.



Samantha spent her early years living in Stratton and attended Stratton Primary School until the age of eleven. At the age of three her family moved to Glencarne in Bridgerule after ensuring that Samantha would be able to continue her education at Budehaven. At Budehaven she completed her GCSE's and continued into 6<sup>th</sup> form to complete her A levels.

Samantha said that it had always been a dream of hers to become a teacher but never thought that she would realise her dream.

Just before her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday Samantha left the family home and headed for Wolverhampton and what was going to be her place of residence for the next 3 years - the university campus student village. At first she said she felt quite sad and insecure but soon settled and found some good friends. I asked her how she felt about the town of Walsall. Her reply being "not the best" or words to that effect!! She much preferred Bude but Walsall did have some nice shops. (something always good for females). To earn some money when not at university Samantha worked at Hedley Wood Caravan Park and The Bridge Inn.

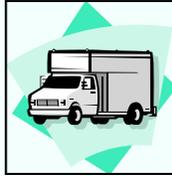
As part of Samantha's degree she had to carry out 4 teaching placements. Her favourite and best experience was for 2 months in a Year 1 class of a 270 pupil very multi-cultural Infant School. By the response she received from the school the children became very fond of Samantha too.

For the time being Samantha is working for her parents but says that her dad is a hard task master! She would very much like to teach locally but will go where her teaching application is successful. She said about a third of her closest student friends left the university with a teaching job. The others, like her are still seeking appointments.

**I thank Samantha for her interview and wish her well in her chosen career.**

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On behalf of the folk of Bridgerule I'd like to convey a BIG THANK YOU to Sheila and Colin Cholwill for their hard work—before, during and after our superb Revel Week.

Didn't we have FUN!!

Yes a lot of hard work was done by others but without Sheila to sort out meetings and the necessary licences, book the bands, arrange the Chip and Burger Vans, sort out publicity and entertainment, worry about road closures and First Aid etc - where would we all be!?

Thanks also to Colin who does amazing amount of work moving tables and chairs etc for various functions—he's always there in the background working away.

A GREAT week—well supported—so THANK YOU. ALSO TO EVERYONE WHO CAME ALONG AND JOINED IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS.

For a small village—that was QUITE A WEEK—lets keep that enthusiasm going .....

PLEASE support all the other things going on here and lets ALL work towards a 'new' or possibly 'refurbished' Parish Hall.

WE REALLY DO need a hall to keep all these village events continuing.  
SPEECH OVER!!!!!!!

Anon.

Colin and I thank you for this.

I may be known as the leader of our committee but really I am only a member of a small but very efficient TEAM that work well together.



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31 August 2011 ***St Aidans' Day***

*Dear Everyone*

Officially I cease to be your parish priest tomorrow. Today is St Aidan's Day, my patron saint's special day and therefore it seems appropriate to send you our greetings and say thank you once again for a wonderful three years with you and all your kindness to us particularly in those goodbyes during the three special Benefice Eucharists. I can honestly say that the last months with you have been a highlight in my ministerial career and in my life. I go into retirement ministry charged with energy from all that you have meant to us.

We are so pleased that you have a new parish priest and his family to welcome next month. We will be thinking of you all on the day of Chris's licensing.

We have actually managed to unpack all the boxes!! My room isn't quite ready yet but we have email and a landline once again. The presents were fantastic and we have made a gentle start on creating our garden with some of the tokens you gave to us. Thank you. The Rectory cats are now Old School cats and are gradually getting used to their new East Anglian surroundings. Midge is working her magic on creating a home and I'm having a rest!! (I have done a bit of the work, honestly.)

Keep the Faith, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God and keep in touch. If you are ever this way you will be most welcome to come to stay. If we're allowed, we hope to come back to see you in the future. Keep us in your prayers as we will you.

God Bless you and keep you always.  
With our love

*Fr Chris and Midge*

***From the Rectory, The Revd Chris Hardwick writes:***



My family and I arrived in the Benefice during September. After much hard work, all our boxes at the Rectory are now unpacked, pictures are hung, curtains altered, and books are back on the shelves in the study ... now only the vegetable patch remains to be returned to its former glory!

I was licensed as the new Priest in Charge of Pyworthy, Pancrasweek and Bridgerule by Bishop Michael at a very uplifting service at Pyworthy Church on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The church was full. Sarah (my wife) and I thank you all for the warmth of your welcome and for the many kindnesses shown to us and our family as we begin our new life with you. Thank you also for the Bible which was presented to me during the licensing service and for the beautiful flowers which Sarah received. These are very thoughtful gifts and very much appreciated indeed.

So what about me? Well, after leaving school, I followed a successful career in banking and finance. After 14 years in the world of commerce I felt called, and was selected, to train as an Anglican Priest at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford. I went on to serve my curacy in Worcestershire and then, after working for ten years in two rural multi-parish benefices, again in South-Worcestershire, I moved to Truro Cathedral in 2005. Now I join you as Priest-in Charge and “Mission Enable and Leader” of the Holsworthy Deanery Mission Community. I very much look forward to my new ministry with you as together we seek to discern the will of God for the future, and continue to respond creatively to the Diocesan initiative “*Moving on in Mission and Ministry*” as part of a Mission Community here. I look forward to getting to know you all over the months and years ahead.

With my prayers and blessing.

***Christopher Hardwick***

Right—Bishop Michael & Rev. Hardwick

***On behalf of all our readers I would like to welcome The Rev. Chris Hardwick, his wife Sarah and their family to Pyworthy and invite them to any of our village functions.***



## Friends get together for a Charity Run

Dear Sheila,

A group of us raised £2650 for charity this year and was wondering if you would be able to give us all a mention in the buzz. It all started when myself and my good friend Lisa Sluggett had a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party. We decided that we didn't want presents so instead asked friends to make donations and raised £350.

We then got a group of Bridgerule ladies to enter the Ruby Run which was 13 miles. We all got sponsorship and altogether raised £2650. Half of the money raised going to Bridgerule Pre-School and the other half to a children's charity 'Cots for Tots'.

The ladies who fund raised were Emma Hosie, Lisa Sluggett, Julia Trayford, Amanda Linney, Jackie Goodman, Katherine Davey, Clair Braund, Faye Piercey and Pete Lovett who stood in on the day when his wife Fran became ill.

Emma

The picture shows Claire & Emma of Bridgerule Pre-School receiving the cheque



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# Bridgerule School News

The start of another school year heralded the arrival of new children, a new federation and new headteacher, former literacy consultant Mrs Jo. Dymond. The children have enjoyed the topic theme for this term 'bicycles' which is linked to all areas of the curriculum. With this in mind Mr Phillip Jenkinson from Shebbear visited the school with an array of bicycles from bygone days including a penny-farthing. Children were delighted to be given the opportunity to ride on some of the old 'boneshakers'. All children have taken part in 'bikeability' training with the older children taking the level 3 test (formerly cycling proficiency).

A variety of lunchtime and afterschool clubs have been established including; hockey, sewing, art, book club, craft, gardening and a very popular 'Messy Church' club.

Rev. Christopher Hardwick joined parents and friends for the Harvest Festival celebration held at the Parish Hall. Pastor Rowland came along and talked about the work undertaken by the Bude Food Bank, parents kindly donated items for this charity.

Children in class one enjoyed a visit to Bridge mill, they were fascinated with how the mill was used and gained some insight of how flour was made; back at school they made some tasty bread of their own.

Class One children along with their peers from Bradford Primary enjoyed a trip to Broomhill Arts Centre near Barnstaple; Class Two spent two days working at Bradford Primary on some exciting DT work.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

### As reported by John McDougall

No doubt about it—Christmas is coming - the thieves want to get fat. Don't let them!! You have heard it all before—but it is still true. Keep things hidden from view when you have bought them and put them in the car. What cost to lock things up when you go out. One key may keep them out. On a happier note P.C.S.O. Beverley Harvey is now Mrs. Bray, but she will still be our Beverley.

What is the new Police telephone number? **Dial 101** and it costs 15p for the entire duration of the call—on a mobile or a landline. This is not instead of 999 which remains the Emergency number. 101 is for general police enquiries or to report non-urgent crimes.

Finally—see any strangers? Noticed any odd vehicles around? Anything unusual in your neighbourhood? Take note and that's the sort of thing to report to your local co-ordinator, or to me on **01288 381237**.



**Joanne - Youngest daughter of John & Sonia Gardener has recently spent a Summer to remember in America.**

After two years studying Sport Science at Loughborough University, I was faced with the last summer holiday before graduation and the so-called 'real world'. After searching the Internet for possibilities on how to spend my summer, I decided that America was the place I wanted to be. Of course, the majority of people travelling to the states go to summer camps. Although enjoyable for some, the idea of living in shared tents with screaming children was definitely not for me! I finally found a company called BUNAC that help students find summer employment in the US. The jobs ranged from waitressing to lifeguarding and work as a ranch-

hand. Several applications and a Skype interview later, I was on board a Boeing 747 heading for Los Angeles. My final destination was to be Catalina Island off the south coast of California, where I would be working for 'Island Ventures' – a company of 5 retail stores on the Island. I was housed with 5 other university students from across the UK (the Geordie accent turned out to be harder to understand than any American!), and soon the little island began to feel like home – just a much warmer home, with far less rain! On my days off I took advantage of the great location. We travelled south to Laguna Beach and San Diego. Interacting with dolphins here was definitely one of the highlights of my summer. I also travelled north to Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica. I fell in love with Beverly Hills, as any girl would! Endless shopping and gorgeous little restaurants made for a very expensive trip! I must also advise anybody that has the chance to go and see 'Cirque du Soleil' to do so. It was a fascinating performance of dance and gymnastics, which definitely kept me on the edge of my seat!

On the way home I stopped over in New York for the final week. People always say NYC is one of those cities that everybody should experience at least once – and now I see why! Although at times completely crazy and hectic, the city is amazing. A very busy week included shopping on 5<sup>th</sup> avenue, visiting the 102<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Empire State Building, a horse and carriage ride through central park, Mary Poppins on Broadway, A Yankee's baseball game, The Statue of Liberty and an evening in Times Square. I certainly have a soft spot for the city, and hope to go back one day! Sitting in gloomy Loughborough on a cold October morning, I certainly wish I were back on 'island time' in California! The 3 months I spent there couldn't have been any better! I met some amazing new friends and made a lot of memories that I will keep with me for life. I advise any student to travel the world whilst they have the chance - there is so much to see out there.

**Thank you Joanne for sharing your experience with the readers of The Buzz.**



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**Christopher Darwin experienced the following whilst outside the village shop some weeks ago and thought our readers may like to hear.**

There was a man sitting on the wall outside the village shop; it was lunchtime on a sunny but windy September Monday. It was clear that he was a walker with yellow jacket, shorts, small knapsack and two poles. I asked him where he was going - from Holsworthy to Widemouth Bay?.. Would he be walking back?.. Oh no - he was walking from John O'Groats to Lands End!.

Crikey - I felt inadequate and enquired further. Two months, averaging 17 miles per day. For charity? - Oh no, he was just celebrating his 70th birthday.

Why through Bridgerule? - because it was shorter than the coastal path. He told me that Bridgerule was the first place on the whole journey from the North of Scotland where he had been offered a lift.

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## Chris and Rachel continue their World Tour.....



Before leaving South America, for my birthday we visited Easter Island, the most remote island in the world. A small volcanic island shrouded in mystery, colonised by Polynesians who erected statues all around the coast. They removed all the trees to transport the statues making the island look similar to Dartmoor. Conflicting interests in ideology led to intertribal wars and the destruction of the statues. Islanders left the island and no written history remains so all of this is theories postulated by local historians. For my birthday we hired a jeep and explored the island seeing statues that had been restored and many that were still lying on the ground which were very eerie to see. It was by far my favourite place visited on the trip to date. Lovely sunsets and consistent surf it was a paradise island. We then returned to Santiago to fly to Auckland on the North Island of New Zealand. It was a bit of a culture shock returning to a developed country with Starbucks and hot showers after being in South America. We hired a van that we lived in for five weeks while driving 3000miles around the two islands. To begin we went to the Northlands and the very top of the North Island to see where the Pacific Ocean met the Tasman Sea. Here on 90mile beach we fished with a local Maori for Tui Tui a shellfish found in the sand and eaten raw. We visited the 'Hellhole of the Pacific', now called Russell, an old sealing town with the oldest pub in NZ where we enjoyed some fish and chips. We then headed down past Hamilton where my brother worked on a dairy farm in his younger days, to Waitomo. Here we saw caves filled with Glow worms which were a magical sight to witness. Close by was a very famous surf spot called Raglan where I surfed in a very powerful Tasman Sea before heading to the volcanic area of Roturura. This was similar in volcanic activity to Iceland but had a much different climate. Pools of geothermal heated water are everywhere and some steam is harnessed and for two days we cooked in a steam cooker heated straight from the ground. It was a bit slower than an oven but was a unique experience. We visited the Prince of Wales geyser, named for looking like the plume of feathers on their emblem, and there was a Maori cultural experience where I elected myself to be Chief of our group. I had to face a very intimidating Maori welcome and then meet the men of the tribe by touching our noses together. We tried our hand at Maori carving and I'm sure Tom Winn would have produced better end results than us but it was good fun. Leaving Roturura we headed to Napier and drove the wine region to Wellington. This took us longer than expected as the wine was just too good and flowed freely in the tasting sheds. From Wellington we took a ferry to the South Island. The North Island was very beautiful filled with green rolling hills where agriculture ruled but not with sheep as we expected. We did see some sheep and it was spring when we were there and lambs were in the fields and daffodils were coming out which was a bit confusing for September.

Dairy farming was prominent and the farms had open parlours to keep cool in the summer, Herringbone parlours were the most popular with a few having the rotary system. The water is so clear and the hills give way to spectacular waterfalls it was hard not to drive for long before going into a forest to see another one.

The South Island was different with the rolling hills being replaced with the snow-capped mountain range of the Southern Alps. Venison farming was now dominant in the fields and still less sheep than expected and in five weeks we only saw four pigs! Mutton sausages are not a good substitute! After talking to the Bridgerule representative of the South Island, Catherine Palmer, we headed to Nelson, where she lives, to a good pub to watch the opening games of the Rugby World Cup. We have never watched so much rugby and consumed as much beer in our whole lives than during our time in NZ. North of Nelson, we visited Abel Tasman national park and found the largest isolated beaches I have ever seen. On my list to see, sperm whales are the only whale left so we went to KaiKoura on the East coast where they are year round residents. Here also is a large fur seal colony and some good but cold surf. Unfortunately the sea was rough when we were there and our boat trip kept being cancelled. After two days of watching seals and surfers and our boat being cancelled time caught up with us and we had to abandon my sure chance of seeing sperm whales, we headed back over the Alps to the West Coast. Rachel's attempts to walk on a glacier in Iceland were thwarted due to horrific driving conditions and us being late for the excursion.



So chance again and we walked on Fox Glacier and saw some great formations. The drive then took us past huge blue lakes mirroring the surrounding mountains to Queenstown for the next England game. Here we had planned to go snowboarding but our attention was diverted to bungee jumping. I did a 134m jump into a valley and Rachel did a 70m drop followed by a 400m swing across the valley. Doing the jump was the scariest thing I have ever done and it was a great experience that still scares me when I think back to it. We then boarded a boat to see Milford Sound National Park. This is a glacier formed valley that has filled due to a rise in sea level, high skinny waterfalls from vertical tree clad cliffs drop into perfect still water.

We then drove east to Dunedin to go to the stadium for England VS Georgia. This was a great, though predictable, game with a fun lively atmosphere in the crowd even a streaker in Union Jack underpants got involved. With sore heads the next day we drove to Christchurch to fly to Brisbane on the East coast of Australia.

We landed to lovely hot temperatures and we swapped the fleeces and scarves for shorts and tee shirts. Brisbane was a nice city but we only lasted four nights in a bed before we were back in a camper van and driving North to Airlie beach. The countryside was green and flat with a few hills, sugar cane filled the fields and long trains transported the harvest to the refineries near Rockhampton. Oversized lorries transporting mining plant constantly took up road space as opal mining is the dominant trade in Australia. At Airlie we got on a boat for a three day cruise around the Whitsunday Islands to snorkel fringe reef of the Great Barrier Reef. This was good snorkelling and saw some amazing coral and fish. The boat was a retired racing boat and we had to help raising the sails and sailing her which was a good experience and the sunsets out at sea were beautiful. We then drove back to Brisbane to drop the van and made our way to Byron to sadly see France defeat England. Byron was a very laid back beach town and each night we sat on the beach watching young humpback whales play in the bay. Sydney was next where we watched Mozart's Don Giovanni opera at the Sydney Opera House. It was our first opera and surprisingly it wasn't as bad as we thought it could be. Here we also visited Elizabeth Farm where a young English couple established the woollen trade in Australia. This was significant to me as the woman, Elizabeth, came from Lodgeworthy Farm in Bridgerule, there is even a train stop in Sydney called Holsworthy.

**Rachel & I would like to send our Best Wishes to readers of The Buzz for Christmas and The New Year.**

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Remember the bad weather? It could be here again soon. Volunteers are required!**

As part of the Bridgerule Emergency plan being organised by parish councillor Sam Sharp, our local district councillor, Barry Parsons is donating a salt spreading machine to Bridgerule. 4 tonnes of salt have also been donated and Sam hopes to be able to help the people of Bridgerule stay mobile if we have a repeat of the last 2 years bad weather. Sam has a 4x4 vehicle and he will tow the spreader but he needs volunteers to help with moving salt bags to the worst affected places and with clearing pavements prior to the salt being spread. Please email Sam or phone the editor on 381350 to volunteer.

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- Wed 2nd November **Launceston M.V. Choir** Parish Hall 7.30pm  
(Come and join the choir see page 5)
- Sat 5th November **Family Bonfire and Fireworks**  
Hedley Wood Caravan Park Bonfire 6.30pm
- Tues 8th November **Over 50's Coffee Morning** Parish Hall 10.30am.  
**Mobile Library**
- Sat 11th November **Gift and Craft Fair Hedley Wood** 10.00—4.00pm
- Tues 22nd November **Over 50's Coffee Morning** Parish Hall 10.30am.  
**Mobile Library**
- Fri 25th November **Wine and Wisdom** Parish Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 2nd December **Christmas Family Bingo** Parish Hall.6.30 for 7.00pm
- Sat December 3rd **Christmas Fair** Parish Hall 2.00-4.00pm.
- Tues 6th December **Over 50's Coffee Morning** Parish Hall 10.30pm.  
**Mobile Library**
- Wed 7th December **Launceston M.V. Choir in Concert**  
**with Bude Metric Band** Parish Hall 7.30pm
- Wed 14th December **Village Carol Singing** (see page 6)
- Tues December 20th **Over 50's Coffee Morning** Parish Hall 10.30pm  
**Mobile Library**
- Wed 21st December **Village Carol Singing**

**MOBILE LIBRARY**  
November 8th and 22nd  
December 6th and 20th

<b>Uplands</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>10:35</b>
<b>Leave</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Leave</b>	<b>11:20</b>

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