

**BRIDGERULE NEWSLETTER**

**2ND ISSUE**

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***Dear Readers,***

Welcome to the 2nd issue of 'The Buzz'. '20 pages' this time of things I hope you will find interesting to read.

The feedback from the first Newsletter has been very positive and I thank everyone for their comments.

We already have someone living in Australia who has enjoyed reading 'The Buzz' via the internet!

Some people have come forward willing to sponsor the newsletter and we hope that more will advertise their businesses in the future. It's £5 for an individual and £10 for a business to sponsor 'The Buzz' for a year. £25 if a business wishes to advertise in it; again for a whole year. Good value! If we are fortunate to collect more revenue than we need it will be donated to local charities.

Don't forget all reports etc. for the next issue must be in by **20th December**. Keep up the good work.

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## WHY WEAR A POPPY—BY DON CRAWFORD

“Please wear a poppy” the lady said.  
And held one forth, but I shook my  
head.

Then I stopped and watched as she  
offered them there, and her face was  
old and lined with care.

But beneath the scars the years had  
made, there remained a smile, that  
refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the  
street, bouncing along on carefree  
feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun.  
“Lady” he said, “May I have one?”  
When she pinned it on he turned to  
say; why do we wear a poppy to-  
day?”.

The lady smiled in her wistful way,  
“This is Remembrance Day.  
And the poppy there is a symbol for  
the gallant men who died in war.  
And because they did, you and I are  
free, that’s why we wear a poppy  
you see”.

I had a boy about your size, with  
golden hair and big blue eyes.  
He loved to play and jump and  
shout, free as a bird, he would race  
about.  
As the years went by, he learned and  
grew, and became a man as you will  
too.

He was fine and strong, with a  
boyish smile, but he seemed to be  
with us, such a short while.

When war broke out he went away.  
I still remember his face that day,  
when he smiled at me and said.

“Goodbye, I’ll be back soon, Mum,  
so please don’t cry”.

But the war went on and he had to  
stay, and all I could do was wait and  
pray.

His letters told of the awful fight.  
I can see it still in my dreams at  
night; with the tanks and guns and  
the cruel barbed wire.

The bullets and mines, the bombs  
and fire. Till at last the war was won.  
“That’s why we wear the poppy  
son”.

The small boy turned as if to go, then  
said, “thanks lady, I’m glad to know.  
That sure did sound an awful fight,  
Your son, did he come back alright?”  
A tear rolled down the faded cheek.  
She shook her head, but did not  
speak. I slunk away, feeling sick  
with shame, and if you’d been me  
you’d have done the same.

For our thanks in giving is often  
delayed. though our freedom was  
bought and thousands paid.  
And so, when you see a poppy worn.  
Try to think of the burden borne,  
By those who gave their very all.  
When asked to respond to their  
country’s call.

That we at home in peace might live,

SO WEAR A POPPY  
REMEMBER - AND GIVE.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### COMMUNITY MESSAGING SERVICE:-



1. If you get a telephone call, supposedly from your telephone service provider, saying you have not paid your bill, the chances are that it will be a scam. Do not be fooled when they say you cannot make any calls. Do not give anyone your bank details over the phone.

2. Cold calls from company's wishing to sell mobility equipment and asking for an appointment are likely to be fraudulent. The company may well exist but any caller from them will use the hard sell on vulnerable and elderly people. Do not respond to people trying to sell you things you do not think you needed to buy in the first place.

John McDougall— Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

### **Bridgerule Carnival Committee.**

**At a recently held meeting of the carnival committee it was unanimously decided to donate £150 to each of the following local organisations.**

*Bridgerule C.P. School*  
*Bridgerule Parish Church*  
*Bridgerule Parish Hall*  
*Bridgerule Methodist Chapel*

**The committee has since learnt that a generous donation of £200 is to be presented to them from Holsworthy Lions in respect of tickets being sold on Carnival Day for their duck race.**

## JOHNNY COWLING COMES TO BRIDGERULE



There was a wonderful turnout of about 180 people to welcome Johnny Cowling to Bridgerule for the second time in 2009.

He came on Sunday 13 September to present his Gospel Evening performance. The gospel songs of Elvis Presley were his repertoire, interspersed with anecdotal comments on Presley's life and songs.

Mr Terry Brock was in the audience and as he had always been a fan of Elvis Presley and was about to celebrate his birthday, Johnny Cowling dedicated one of his songs to him.



*What Terry and Johnny Cowling were talking about is anyone's guess?*

The evening ended with a supper provided by members and friends of the chapel which was very much appreciated by everyone.

The concert was organised by Sheila Cholwill, who having seen Johnny earlier in the year invited him back for another performance in order to raise funds for the chapel.

A profit of £856 was raised and the audience had a chance to buy Johnny's own recorded CD's after the concert.



To the left you see the Reverend Beth McDowell looking very satisfied with Johnny.

*(photos by Alec)*

## **CANCER RESEARCH UK COFFEE MORNING**

There was an excellent attendance at Mrs Barbara Hale's residence in support of Cancer Research UK.



It was held on Thursday 17 September and the weather was absolutely glorious.

Not only was there excellent coffee being served, but there was an excellent bring and buy stall together with a raffle.

It was as well that the weather was kind, as the number of people who turned up in support of Cancer Research UK could not be accommodated indoors, so a large number spread out into Barbara's magnificent garden.



A wonderful profit of £433.30 for Cancer Research UK was made. Members of Bridgerule Cancer Research committee recently collected over the period of a week-end, inside the Morrisons Store, a magnificent sum of £1978.

To the left we have Barbara, our host, Beverley (our local PCSO) and John (Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Bridgerule).

Watch Out Watch Out there might be a Fox about!!!

It was just another normal night. Everyone at 4 The Green was fast asleep. When suddenly Georgina heard a very unhealthy squeal. She rushed to her window to see their pet rabbit in the jaws of a fox about to disappear over their fence.

She alerted all the family who rushed down stairs and managed to save the poor rabbit just in time. The rabbit although very traumatised was fine.

So please be sure that all your pets are locked up safe at night!







The first wedding for more than 2 years took place at St Bridget's Church when **Michelle Neep** was married to **Brendan Hinfey** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Michelle is the daughter of Cindy and Roger Neep and has lived in Bridgerule since the family moved to the village in 1986. Brendan is the son of Mr & Mrs P. Hinfey and is a lifetime 'Lanson Boy'. Michelle wore an ivory taffeta dress with a beaded bodice and train and carried a bouquet of ivory roses, blue hydrangeas and sea holly. Brendan and his best man wore the Cornish

tartan kilt. The bridesmaids were Abi & Millie Neep (7 & 3), Michelle's nieces and Faith (10) Brendan's niece. They wore matching slate blue dresses with ivory fur shrugs. Many thanks to Father Chris Davidson who officiated at the ceremony and to the Bridgerule bell ringers who rung for the wedding. Special thanks to Vivian Hale who decorated the church so beautifully and to David and Roger who did the 'ladder work' and to everyone who helped to make our day so special.

## PYWORTHY XMAS FAYRE

In the Village Hall

**10.30am. - Noon**

**Saturday 21st November**

**New Sideshows for children - Tombola**

**Produce, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Raffles.**

**Christmas Presents**

**Photographic Competition**

**(for details contact Harry 01409 254423)**

**Children's Colouring Competition**

**Entrance £1 (to include tea/coffee & mince pie)**

**Enquiries to Mary 01409 253096**



### **It's Official—Bridgerule School is a 'GOOD' School.**

Following a full Section 5 Ofsted Inspection on 21st October the official Ofsted judgement is that Bridgerule School no longer requires 'special measures' and is now a 'good' school with several 'outstanding features'.

Matthew Barnes, Headteacher of the Tamar and Torridge Federation, a partnership between Bridgerule and Bradford Schools, said "I really do believe that this latest inspection recognises the exceptionally hard work put in by all those involved in the school, the staff, the governors, parents and of course the children. Seeing the fantastic progress being made by the learners in the school is impressive and shows that there can be no argument that we are now truly a good school".

There is no doubt that this fantastic result has been achieved through Matthew's enthusiastic, innovative and professional leadership of the school through this very difficult and demanding time and I would like to thank him on behalf of the governing body for his work.

The full inspection report will be posted on the Ofsted website within the next two weeks and I would urge you to take a few minutes to read it. The result achieved in just over 18 months is a tribute to all involved and we look forward to enjoying a thriving and happy school that is so important to our community.

Cindy Neep  
Chair of Governors, Tamar & Torridge Federation.



### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Check at our website: [www.bridgerule.devon.sch.uk](http://www.bridgerule.devon.sch.uk)**

As we approach half term we reflect on a very busy exciting and fun start to a new academic year. September saw the federation begin with our partner school ~ Bradford Primary known as the Tamar and Torridge Federation. Both schools are now run by one governing body with Executive



Headteacher Matthew Barnes; both schools maintain their unique identity. This has opened up numerous opportunities for staff and children i.e. sharing staff curriculum expertise, joint training, joint field trips, video conferencing lessons etc.

The children in Sunshine Class are making full use of a newly installed canopy enabling outdoor activities whatever the weather.

Bradford children joined with our younger members for a joint trip to Holsworthy museum and the library followed by a picnic in the park.

At the end of September we welcomed Ken James and Ken Chilton; both parish councillors were given a guided tour by youngsters followed by 'question time'. We hope they did not find this too onerous!

Father Chris Davidson welcomed the school to St. Bridget's Church for their celebration of Harvest Festival; this was followed by a visit to Southlands Residential Home where children entertained residents with harvest poems and hymns.

The older children had an enjoyable willow workshop making 'space craft' at the Bridge Mill courtesy of Alan & Rosie Beat,

For the conclusion of book week the children were invited to dress as their favourite book character. The day concluded with a visit to Bradford Primary School for lunch followed by shared activities – including a catwalk!

The highlight of the term has been selection for a make over of our school library by The British Council for School Environments (BCSE) working with their sponsors who passionately believe that with the right tools and a small investment of time and resources, schools and their local communities can make a big difference to their school and learning environment.

### **Little Stars**

A new group run by the Holsworthy Area Children's Centre is open to children under 5 and their families is held every Monday during term time from 1.30 – 3.00 in the school hall. Do come along and meet new friends and enjoy a cup of tea!!!



### **Shooting Stars**

A play session for children ages 3-4 years three times a week – Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 1.30 – 3.00.

In a typical 90 minute session your child will be given the opportunity to choose between a variety of activities that cover the major areas of learning – language games/sand and water play/ creativity activity/role play/ mathematical activity/construction.

We encourage parents to stay with the under 4's (younger siblings may also attend). Please come along and see what we can offer you and your child!!

**For further details please contact the school: 01288 381366**

## **GEOFFREY COX IN BRIDGERULE**

Geoffrey Cox, our MP, held a surgery in Bridgerule on 08 September.



The surgery was held at very short notice as it was only known to the majority of the villagers on the morning of the surgery. In spite of that a number of people did turn up for the surgery that was held in the afternoon.

Geoffrey's 'mobile surgery' which you can see below has covered an unbelievable number of miles visiting as many towns and villages in his constituency as possible. We understand that the mobile surgery has proved extremely popular allowing Geoffrey to listen to the comments of people in their own 'patch'.



The programme of visits can be found on his web site which can be accessed by typing the following into your internet browser :-

<http://www.geoffreycox.co.uk/>



Here we have Geoffrey having a heart to heart with Chris Hitchings. The state of the houses adjacent to the village shop were discussed at length by a number of people and whilst there is nothing that Geoffrey can do directly he will follow up

the village comments with the owner's representative.

*Report and photos by Alec.*

**Over 50's Coffee Morning celebrate 80th Birthday.**

Thirty friends and neighbours enjoyed birthday cake and wine to celebrate **Mrs Barbara Bowden's 80th birthday** at the Bridgerule Over 50's coffee morning on 06th October. The cake and wine were supplied by the birthday girl herself.

This was the third octogenarian birthday celebrated at the club this summer, could the longevity be due to some secret ingredient in the coffee?

A rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" was sung for both Barbara and Alan Weeks who also celebrated his birthday during the week. Alan will be bringing his birthday cake to the next coffee morning — oh those expanding waistlines!!

*As reported by Gwyneth Cameron.*

**WHAT A WHOPPER!!**

The picture to the right shows John Hammond of Kildare with one of the giant pumpkins he has successfully grown this year. A competition "Guess the weight" of one of his pumpkins is being held at The Bridge Inn for Cancer Research UK.

Mr and Mrs. Hammond kindly opened their gardens to the public earlier in the year for another charity.



**1 Roger Black TREADMILL £200.00 o.n.o.**

**For more details contact Amanda Linney  
Tel: 01288 381184**

**Sheila's Mentions:**

**Les and Betty Slade** would like to announce the engagement of their youngest son, Graham, to Paola Chandler, and wish them every happiness for the future.

Congratulations to **Vivian and Mavis D'Praser of Southfields** who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations also to **Walter and Kathleen Lashbrook** who celebrated 67 years of marriage on the 31st October 2009.

**Emma Wonnacott and her young daughter Scarlet** have recently visited her family and friends in Bridgerule from Australia.

Local embroiderer **Linda Chilton** was chosen to be lead artist for 2009 at the prestigious **RHS Rosemoor** annual autumn art exhibition in September. Linda was delighted that lots of people saw her work.

**Darren Fraser, son of Malcolm and Heather Fraser**, was married to **Shaminder Kaur** on Sunday 25th October at the Ealing Gurdawara London Sikh Centre. Keiran Fanson, grandson of Malcolm and Heather was page.

Congratulations to **Craig and Julia** on the birth of their son. A baby brother for Holly.

On a sad note **Phyllis Margaret Honey** passed away at Barnstaple Hospital on 27th August, aged 89 years. Margaret will be greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbours.

Birthday Wishes go to **Chris Hitchings and Katherine Davy** for the 24th December.

**BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL**  
**Preaching Appointments Nov/Dec 2009.**



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st November</b>	<b>Mrs C. Forster</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
	<b>8th November</b>	<b>Mr. B. Bryne</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
	<b>15th November</b>	<b>Rev. Beth McDowell</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
		<b>(United Service)</b>	
	<b>22nd November</b>	<b>Mr. E. Boundy</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
	<b>29th November</b>	<b>Mr. C. Parish</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6th December</b>	<b>Mrs E. Squire</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
	<b>13th December</b>	<b>(at Pancrasweek)</b>	
	<b>20th December</b>	<b>Rev. A. Merritt</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>
	<b>27th December</b>	<b>Mr. J. Guy</b>	<b>Service 11.00am</b>

*All are very welcome*

**Our Circuit Minister Rev. Beth McDowell. Tel: 01409 255736**

HOLSWORTHY MOBILE LIBRARY  
 Visits Bridgerule Fortnightly on a Tuesday.



November visits will be 3rd and 17th.  
 December visits will be 1st, 15th and 29th.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>
Bailey Gardens	10:10	10:40
Uplands	10:50	11.10

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## BRIDGERULE KINGSLEY LEAGUE FOOTBAL FIXTURES

<b>November 1st</b>	Merton	v	Bridgerule
<b>7th</b>	Bridgerule	v	Week St. Mary
	(Hutchings Cup)		
<b>14th</b>	Kilkhampton	v	Bridgerule
<b>21st</b>	Bridgerule	v	Phoenix/Holsworthy
	(Pickard 2nd Round)		
<b>28th</b>	Bridgerule	v	Lifton
<b>December 5th</b>	No Match		
<b>12th</b>	Lifton	v	Lifton
<b>19th</b>	Bridgerule	v	Merton
	(Hutchings Cup 2nd Round)		



## BRIDGERULE VILLAGE STORE AND POSTOFFICE Telephone: 01288 381137

### Shop Opening Times:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri	7.00am - 7.00pm.
Wednesday	7.00am - 5.00pm.
Saturday	8.00am - 5.00pm.
* Sunday	8.00am - 1.00pm.

### Post Office Times:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri	9.00am - 5.00pm.
Wednesday	9.00am - 2.30pm.
Saturday	9.00am - 12.30pm.

\* Note new time.

## LINE DANCING CLASSES?

**Bridgerule Parish Hall - Tuesdays From 7.00pm.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT  
Sheila on 01288 381350.**



**St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule**

(The Diocese of Exeter)

**CALENDAR FOR ALL SAINTS' TIDE, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2009**

*Everyone is invited to worship in our lovely, Oxford Movement decorated,  
medieval Church at the top of the hill.*

**YOU WILL BE MADE MOST WELCOME!**

***The Sunday Service begins at 11.00am. every week.***

(Unless there is an \* against the date—in which case the time is shown)

**November 1st All Saints Day Parish Eucharist**  
**8th Remembrance Sunday Parish Eucharist**  
**15th 2nd Sunday before Advent Ecumenical Eucharist**  
*Joining with the Methodists for Holy Communion*  
**22nd Christ the King Parish Eucharist**  
(This is the Festival Day that marks the last Sunday of the Church's Year).  
**29th Advent Sunday 10.30am—Benefice Eucharist**  
(In this service we are joining with our sister parishes of Pyworthy & Pancrasweek)  
There will be Advent Carols at Pyworthy in the evening at 6.30pm)

**December 2nd Southlands \* 2.30pm Holy Communion for Advent**  
**6th 2nd Sunday of Advent Parish Eucharist**  
**8th 6.30pm Church School Christmas Service**  
**13th 3rd Sunday of Advent Parish Eucharist**  
*Also\* 4.00pm—Christingle Service for the Children  
at Pyworthy at 7.30pm 'Carols for All' Concert*  
**18th 4th Sunday of Advent Parish Eucharist**  
*Also\* 6.30pm—Carol Service with the Methodists*  
**24th CHRISTMAS EVE - 3.00pm—Crib Service**  
*Midnight Mass at Pyworthy at 11.15pm.*  
**25th CHRISTMAS DAY - 9.30am - Christmas Communion**  
**with a procession and incense**  
**27th 1st Sunday of Christmas - Morning Prayer**

There is also an invitation to worship from our sister Church families at Pyworthy and Pancrasweek. The Pyworthy service usually takes place at 9.30am each week and the Pancrasweek service is at 9.45am usually on the first and third Sundays of the month. Notice is given, as above, when the benefice meets together for red letter days in one of the Churches at 10.30am.

**Churchwardens:** Trevor Bowden 01288 381247  
Peter Harris 01288 381329

**Priest in Charge:** Fr.Chris Davidson Pyworthy Rectory 01409 253547  
e-mail: [chris.davidson@virgin.net](mailto:chris.davidson@virgin.net)

## BRIDGERULE PARISH PLAN

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who has completed their questionnaire. The only way we can find out if there is anything people want is by asking them and, more importantly, by getting a reply! We are extremely grateful to all those that have responded. We have tried to make sure no questionnaires are left uncollected but if we have missed you we are very sorry! Please telephone me on 01288 381690 and I'll come and collect it. If you have not received a questionnaire or if you have messed yours up and would like another one just give me a ring.

The good news is that over 60% have been returned and I have taken 185 up to County Hall.

The questionnaires are being independently opened and analysed by Corporate Consultation Services, a division of Devon County Council to make absolutely sure there is no doubt about the accuracy and we should be getting the results back in a few weeks.

The big thing to point out is that this is not a plan to change things. It is a bit like a business plan for a business. Without a business plan these days, a business will struggle to get any help from a bank or from many government departments. We do not know what the people of Bridgerule want because the results are not back yet but I would guess a few people will mention the hall! Whatever happens with the hall it will cost money, as will any service improvements for the village. To get money, grants, improved services and a say in local development, a parish needs a parish plan, the parish equivalent of a business plan. A Parish Plan is now essential but it needs the input of the community through a questionnaire so it clearly sets out what the community wants.

Many people won't want change, indeed some of us live in Bridgerule or have moved to Bridgerule because we like it as it is! Thanks to your input the parish plan will now have this information and can be used to control things and fight unwanted change. So all of you who have completed the questionnaire have made a wise move! For the minority that have chosen not to have their say we will just have to guess that

they are happy to go with the flow but there is still time.

Thanks again to everyone who has completed their questionnaire and to the Bridgerule Tomorrow Group for running the process so efficiently.

As reported by Cliff Seymour Smith  
Chairman Bridgerule Tomorrow  
Group.

*Cliff handing over all the  
completed questionnaires at  
County Hall Exeter.*



**Why not go to [www.bridgerule.co.uk](http://www.bridgerule.co.uk) to find out interesting things  
about the village you live in!**

Bude Community Cinema  
The Parkhouse Centre Bude

Friday 13th November 2009

Gran Torino (Cert 15)  
Clint Eastwood as Walt Kowalski



Friday 18th December 2009

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button  
*Family Film* (Cert PG)  
Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett

*Admission £4.00. 7.30pm.*



**NEW BUS TIME-TABLE**  
**ROUTE 599**  
**Western Greyhound**  
**Service Monday—Saturday via Bridgerule**  
**Service Monday—Saturday**

	<b>BUDE The Strand</b>	<b>BRIDGERULE Littlebridge/ Village</b>	<b>HOLSWORTHY Church/Library</b>
Leaves Bude	<b>08.40</b>	<b>08.55</b>	<b>09.05</b>
	<b>09.50</b>	<b>10.05</b>	<b>10.20</b>
	<b>11.50</b>	<b>12.05</b>	<b>12.20</b>
	<b>15.25</b>	<b>15.50</b>	<b>16.00</b>
	<b>HOLSWORTHY</b>	<b>BRIDGERULE</b>	<b>BUDE</b>
Leaves Holsworthy	<b>11.05</b>	<b>11.20</b>	<b>11.40</b>
	<b>13.05</b>	<b>13.20</b>	<b>13.40</b>

**FIRST TRAVEL—ROUTE X9**  
**Bude to Exeter and Return—Mon - Sat (Except Public Holidays)**

	<b>BUDE The Strand</b>	<b>BRIDGERULE</b>	<b>HOLSWORTHY Church</b>
Leaves Bude	<b>15.27</b>	<b>15.47</b>	<b>15.57</b>
	<b>HOLSWORTHY Library</b>	<b>BRIDGERULE</b>	<b>BUDE The Strand</b>
Leaves Holsworthy	<b>8.03</b>	<b>08.13</b>	<b>08.30</b>

Please note it is only the coach leaving Bude at 15.27 goes to Exeter via Bridgerule.

The following parishioners and local businesses have kindly agreed to sponsor **'The Buzz' for the next twelve months**:-

Mr and Mrs McDougall Uplands  
Mr and Mrs. Ames—20 Southfields.  
Hedley Wood Caravan Park—Mr & Mrs A. Bryant.  
P.J. Bobcat Hire—Mr. C. Cholwill.  
Kleeneze—L. & B. Slade.  
Knowle Plant Limited—S & J Dell.  
Jewells Cross Service Station—S & M Parnell.  
**St. Bridget's Church**—Bridgerule

Many thanks.

### CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THIS IS?

John Hammond has a vast collection of agricultural and garden tools at his home at Kildare. When he has opened his gardens to the public



these are on display for everyone to view.

Recently though, he bought some items from a car boot sale and one item( picture on left) he cannot identify and would like to see if readers of the Buzz can.

The piece you can see is about five inches long and is attached to a wooden handle by means of a swivel. The two rings at the top are attached to the main ring but are moveable.

Mr Hammond would be delighted to hear from you. Please telephone him on 01288 381 276.

