

THE BUZZ



JAN/FEB 2014

Dear Readers,

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May I begin this first issue of The Buzz for 2014 by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

The refurbishment of our village hall is having the desired effect with new activity groups forming and meeting weekly.

I would like to have Table Top Sales in the hall on a monthly basis and the next one will be:

Saturday 1st February

At present hiring a table seems quite popular but we need to bring more buyers through the doors if it is going to succeed. Please tell your friends, come around for a cup of tea and show your support. Its nice and warm in the hall now!!

I am sure many of you will be pleased to know that I have booked **Johnny Cowling for the 9th May!** Please mark your calendar.

Please get any entries for the next Buzz to me by 20th February 2014.

Yours gratefully,

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GOODBYE OLD YEAR

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With commanding tones Big Ben chimes loud and clear,
As we welcome in a brand New Year.
Christmas gone, with turkey and mince pies.
And alas, our once trim waists and thighs.
But weather wise 2013 was a better year.
To raise folks spirits and bring cheer.
For in previous years farmers struggled in vain,
With continuous heavy drenching rain.
They battled against tremendous odds,
With waterlogged fields and churned up sod.
And the weather encouraged little hope,
But with patient tenacity farmers coped.
For Devon Man is a hardy stoic man,
When the weather does not go to plan.
But in 2013 at long last the sun did shine,
Bringing bright welcome days both dry and fine.

And Hall Chairman Cliff's band of merry men,
Hammered and sawed and drilled and then
The poor old dilapidated place,
Began to present a different face.
With stylish ceiling and pristine walls,
A pleasant experience for us all.
In spite of recession and money short,
Village folk responded with warm support.
And on Gift Day gave most generously,
To enjoy bygone memories and delicious cream treas.
And many folk found it hard to believe,
The amazing sum the day achieved.
For reflected on Gift Day for all to see,
Was the warm close knit spirit of our community.
So as in to the New Year we expectantly stride,
On the old year the village can look back with pride.

Marie Field

Sheila's Mentions:-

Birthday wishes to:-

Betty Ingram 80 on the 4th January.

Gary Abbott for the 14th January.

Joan Marshall for the 24th January.

Mrs Kate James 93 on the 6th February.

Ron Abbott 80 on the 8th February.

Paul Cholwill for the 13th February.

Tony Wallis for the 16th February.

Thank you again to **Pam Bowler and her helpers** for the village Christmas tree.

Our best wishes go to **Ken Chilton** and wish him a speedy recovery.

We also send our good wishes to **Stephen Youldon**.

We welcome **James and Rosalind Rickett into Melrose Cottage**. We hope that they have a long and happy time in Bridgerule.

We remember the families and friends of the **late Wendy Jenkins** and the **late Betty Holman**. Our thoughts are with them.

Congratulations to Lorraine Reddcliffe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry Reddcliffe on graduating from the University of Plymouth with a BSc(hons) in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies. Lorraine is a former pupil of Bridgerule Primary School.



Congratulations to **Terry and Lynne** on winning the 101 picture competition. They successfully had 92 correct. Thanks to those that took part. Just over £100 was raised for the hall refurbishment project.

Friends of St Bridget's Church held a successful Wine and Wisdom on 23rd November making a net profit of £163.24. The winners were Mrs M. Bowden's team.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY RON!

Ron Abbott was born at Tileyard, Redpost on the 8th February 1934. At 5 he began his education at Grimscot School under the headship of Miss Carter. The family later moved to just outside of Marhamchurch. When Ron was 11 he transferred to the then Stratton Secondary Modern School catching the bus at Harlake Cross and going on to to pick up another of his classmates, the late John Cholwill on route.



Upon leaving school Ron worked for the late Raymond Dell at Knowle and later as a setter at Whitstone Brickwork Company. From 1954 to 1957 Ron joined the Royal Air Force at Collaton Cross Plymouth in the Rehabilitation Unit looking after those who found themselves in the unit.

Ron enjoyed ballroom dancing and it was at a such dance in Pyworthy that he met his wife to be Marion. Two years later they were married at Whitstone Chapel and began their married life living at Furze Bridgerule.

Ron enjoyed playing football for many years for Bridgerule, Pyworthy and Bradford Football Clubs. He also played skittles for Bridgerule and remembers his team winning the Holsworthy and District League one year.

Ron and Marion have three children, Gary, Linda and Trevor. They also have five grandchildren, Alex, Michelle, Ryan, Carolyn and Daniel. Very sadly Tracey, Daniel's sister, passed away 8 years ago at the age of 17.

In 1963 the family moved to 2 Bridge Park Bridgerule, which is where Ron and Marion live today. Ron remembers the only building on The Green then, was the recently built Parish Hall.

Ron worked as a mason for the late J.R.J. Rees of Whitstone for 14 years and later for Mr.R. Pooley. He also helped to build the 2 local Radio Stations; one being at Bangors and the other at Treskinnick Cross. Whilst working for Devon CC – Bridge Section in 1986 Ron was awarded a Masonry Award in conjunction with work associated with Hatherleigh Bridge.

Ron and Marion have enjoyed going on various holidays abroad and on one occasion visited their daughter Linda and her family at their home in Canada.

Unfortunately through ill health Ron is not as active as he was but he still enjoys watching television, especially following the horse racing, where he has been known to have the odd flutter! Both Ron and Marion loyally support events held in the village including the coffee mornings and until recently Ron has been a regular steward for the Methodist Chapel.

Our best wishes go to Ron for the 8th February on the occasion of his 80th birthday .

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**More details from Mike Allison 01288 381764
*Proceeds for Village Hall Refurbishment***

Keep an eye on the village website

www  bridgerule.co.uk

**Check out all the village news, upcoming events and every
issue of the Bridgerule Buzz online - wherever you are!**

THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD RESPONSE TO STARTING UP OF AN **ART AND CRAFT GROUP IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

*So these will begin on **JANUARY 8TH AT 2.00PM.***

Please take along any equipment you need for this first meeting.

We need someone to sort out the programme for each week and contact teachers and generally run the group - and someone to take the money and pay for hall and heating etc.

Subjects suggested - flower arranging - card making - drawing and painting - cake decorating - calligraphy - knitting - crochet

If you can teach any of these subjects or know of someone who can, then please bring details with you.

We want it to be FUN and enjoyable - helping/advising each other perhaps until we can pay for teachers.

Tea and coffee will be served (volunteer required) Suggested we pay £3.

Hope to see you there - Rose Hitchings Tel: 01288 381129

WINNERS OF THE RECENT CHRISTMAS QUIZ HELD AT THE BRIDGE INN



THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT.



Holly Trayford, Ellie Allin-Ridgeman, Sofia Skilton, Phoebe Taylor and Hazel & Roman Durrant are a few of the pupils at Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary school who made up and donated 21 boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal, an initiative of Samaritan's Purse. This Christian 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 children's Christmas project. It is especially poignant following the devastating typhoon which hit the Philippines.

THE BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL FOR 2013



In conjunction with the recent Poppy Appeal Audrey Bewes, Poppy Co-ordinator for Bridgerule wishes to thank , Rose, Julie, Amanda, The Post Office and The Bridge Inn for their support.

Audrey has not been notified of the total collected yet.

*The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to be prepared for the worst.
So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.*

75 pints of blood donated!

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Chris Hitchings of Meadows Barn receiving his glass plaque recently after donating 75 pints of blood. He received the plaque from 16 year old Bea Holman-Brooks whom herself has been through leukaemia.

Chris said he first gave blood at the Salvation Army Citadel in Gloucester in 1971. This was just after meeting his wife to be, Rose whom was about to give blood and so invited Chris to do the same.

Chris has given blood regularly in Gloucester, Weymouth and now since living in Bridgerule.



On 29th October, at Exeter Golf Club Chris was presented with a glass trophy to say thank you by the Blood and Transplant Service for donating 75 pints.

The editor asked Chris why he felt passionate about donating blood and he said that his sister Anita, who was 12 years old when she died of Hyperplastic leukaemia, had been given many donations by different hospitals to try and cure her, but sadly it was to no avail.

Chris hopes that his blood will have had better consequences for the recipients than that but said that he will continue donating blood until he is told at such time that he cannot. His next donation being the 76th! Rose no longer donates blood but between them they have given 119 pints. **Congratulations Chris!**

TABLE TOP SALE

Bridgerule Village Hall

Saturday 1st February 2014 2.00 - 4.30pm

£5 per table provided

Spring Clean the family unwanted items and make a few pounds

Light Refreshments available

Kimberley Cann for the majority of her life has lived in Bridgerule.¹⁰

She was born in 1988, attended Bridgerule Primary School transferring to Holsworthy Community School at the age of 11 and later attended North Devon College.

It was whilst working at Deer Park Nursing Home as a fulltime Carer she felt she would like to gain more experience looking after people but not necessary in residential caring. So, for the last 2 years Kimberley has worked as a Health Care Assistant at the

North Devon District Hospital travelling daily from home and working a 12½ hour shift. Combined with this she has recently begun Home Care from a local residential home at Highampton.

In March 2014 Kimberley is planning a move to The University of South Wales near Cardiff for 3 years in order to gain a Degree in Nursing.

It was whilst attending The North Devon College at the age of 17 a tutor asked Kimberley if she would be interested in attending what was then known as The London Sailing Project based on the river Hamble in Southampton. This trust has been taking young people to sea in large ocean going yachts since it was founded in 1960 and is one of the most respected sail training organisations in the United Kingdom. It is for young people aged between 14 – 25 who fancy a taste of an adventure.

Kimberley took up the challenge, completed it and was asked to return and says she loves it. She was one of the first girls to do the project, as it had been for boys only until 2005. Since attending she has been the recipient of The Amory Award as part of the project.

The idea of this project is confidence and team building. Three or four times a year Kimberley travels to the now Rona Sailing Project to support young people and groups. Some have learning disabilities, some are youth offenders, some are blind and deaf and some students but Kimberley says that she finds it very rewarding. She recalled that on one occasion she had to teach a blind girl the 'bowline knot' something used frequently in sailing. Kimberley found the easiest way to teach this was to shut her own eyes and learn the task. By doing so she was temporarily like her companion.

Kimberley then progressed to a 'Watch Leader'. This enabled her to delegate jobs whilst aboard, but Kimberley believes by helping with tasks alongside



her fellow sailor's she can earn their respect.

Only a month or two ago Kimberley was going across The English Channel when a Force 7 gale erupted. More recently on a 3 day trip of 16 qualified teachers her yacht became involved in a Force 10 gale. Nevertheless she said it was GOOD FUN! **These vessels can be anything from 32' to 75' long.** Living accommodation very cramped with 6ft long by 2ft wide bunks. She also recalled an occasion sailing from Cowes to Weymouth in a Force 8 gale with most of the crew being sea-sick at some point including Kimberley but it was GOOD FUN! Last August in order to collect a yacht which had taken part in the Helsinki to Poland Yacht Race Kimberley, now an 'Afterguard' was part of a crew who flew to Poland, then sailed on to Sweden, Denmark and Germany. Another crew then picked up the yacht in Holland and brought it back to Southampton. Each year a yacht Kimberley helps sail has a refit. Next year it is the turn of Rhona, a racing boat. In February 2014 Kimberley is to travel to Southampton as part of a familiarization weekend. Here Kimberley will start work at 7.00am and work until 10.00pm at night with the newly refurbished yacht.

Kimberley now plans to become a 'Day Skipper'. To become this she has a 4 day theory course to complete, followed by a 4 day practical course. If she is successful she will then be known as a 'Watch Officer'. The only 2 personnel above her will then be a 'Mate' and at present there is only one female and The Skipper, where at present there are no female Skippers.

At home to relax Kimberley enjoys swimming twice a week, zumba and playing skittles for the local ladies skittle team. On completion of her degree Kimberley will return to be a Hospital Ward based medical nurse in order to gain experience and to decide which particular nursing area she wishes to specialise in. I wish Kimberley well in her chosen career.

**ONE OF THE YACHTS
KIMBERLEY SAILS IN**





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John and Barbara Bowden of St. Katherines, Bridgerule recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Barbara & John were married at St. Petros Church, Hollacombe on 28th November 1953 by the vicar of Holsworthy and Rev Kingdom from Bridgerule. Their best man was the late Bill Vinnicombe, five bridesmaids attended the couple including Barbara's young sister Diane.

A reception prepared by the bride and her mother for family and friends was held at the bride's home, Eastcombe Farm, Holsworthy. The happy couple spent their honeymoon in London.

On their return the newlyweds made their home at St. Bridgets, where Barbara enjoyed taking in paying guests many of whom remained life long friends.

Whilst living at St. Bridgets the couple were blessed with Trevor and Paul.

When John's father retired the couple moved up to Churchtown, where Barbara continued to take visitors spending many happy evenings talking and playing canasta. John has always loved working on the farm, even today he enjoys helping on the farm and if there is a drain to clear he will be there. He enjoys bell ringing and loves to tell his stories of years ago.

In 1994 John and Barbara moved to their present home at St. Katherines, whilst Trevor, Sue and grandchildren Robert and Katy moved into the farm house. Paul and his wife Michelle along with daughter Willow live near Holsworthy.

John and Barbara felt very privileged that they were able to celebrate 60 years of marriage with family and friends.

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GRANDADS REINDEERS PROVE TO BE A REAL CHRISTMAS HIT!

What started out as a bit of a joke has resulted in a donation of £700 being made to Little Harbour Hospice, the only children's hospice in Cornwall.



Several weeks ago Colin with the help of a chain saw put together two Rudolph the red nosed reindeers from various sized logs for his grandchildren Harvey and Ella.

Very quickly these Christmas animals it seemed were wanted by everyone who saw them and Colin decided that he wanted to donate all the profits to Little Harbour Hospice, where Sheila volunteers each week.

Over the weeks up to Christmas Colin has spent many hours in his workshop trying to keep up with demand, so much so that he already has a long waiting list for Christmas 2014 and has been requested to do enough for a stall in late June with all reindeers '*wearing 'sun glasses'*'. (cool dude reindeers!)

A few weeks ago Sheila took a reindeer to the hospice and this resulted in 23 being ordered by the staff and Colin had to hire a trailer to transport these animals to St Austell!

Colin felt quite privileged that the hospice's Christmas card this year was of his reindeers placed around the Christmas tree.



One young lad who was staying at Little Harbour loved them so much that the staff presented him with one and it seemed that every where he went, Rudolph was sure to go!!

Well done granddad - keep up the good work. Only 359 days to next Christmas!!



**PREACHING APPOINTMENTS
BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2014**

January 5th	Rev John Henry	9.30am	Covenant
January 12th	Mr T. Sillifant	11.00am	
January 19th	Mr R. Cox	11.00am	
January 26th	Mr M. Hodges	11.00am	
February 2nd	Mr Mark Shears	11.00am	
February 9th	Mr J Hawkins	9.30am	
February 16th	Mr B Bryne	11.00am	
February 23rd	Rev Joy Wilson	11.00am	

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING



A large group including lots of children met in the village to go carol singing recently. Carols completed everyone went to the school for refreshments. A smaller group met again a week later.

The total sum collected was £142 which will be divided between St Bridget's Church, the Methodist Chapel and the school.



Betty Swallow later to become Betty Ingram was born in January 1934 and brought up in Birmingham.

At the age of 5 in 1939 when war broke out Betty, her 2 step-brothers and brother were evacuated for a time at Repton.

Sadly Betty lost her mum during childbirth at the very young age of 3. In 1951 Betty married Alfred Ingram and together they had 5 children but sadly Ian a son has since died. Alfred was a printer's compositor by trade but later worked at British Leyland.



Following the death of her husband in 1976, Betty moved from Birmingham to Tinney Waters, Pyworthy, setting up home in a caravan with her 3 children and Bruce, her brother-in-law, and his 3 children. Here they had a small holding, with horses, chickens and goats which Betty enjoyed milking. Whilst living at Tinney Waters, they had no vehicle and so Betty would cycle to Whitstone for the family groceries. She then moved to Rydon, Holsworthy walking the children to school each day before moving to her present home on The Green Bridgerule.

Over the years she has worked in a hospital, cleaned at Widemouth Bay Caravan Site and as a carer for 9 years at Fairfield Residential Home in Launcells. In 2007 at the age of 73 Betty retired from Southlands Court Residential Home after 17 years working as a carer. She showed me a clock and a cut glass vase she had been presented with upon her retirement. Betty also recalls helping with past Revel teas and collecting bottles for our bottle tombola.

Betty talked about her grandchildren very fondly and has many photographs of them in her home. She is especially proud of being at the birth, only two months ago of a baby Allana, born to grandchild Katy. This being Betty's 14th great grandchild. Sadly 2 of her grandchildren have passed away. Betty loves going on coach trips with Holsworthy Ring and Ride, saying she had recently visited Bath. She said that many friendships have been formed through these trips and she still likes to help those going on the trips whenever she can, showing that this lady still likes to care for people. She particularly enjoys knitting, having made many matinee coats for the babies and loves tending her garden.

I wish this lovely lady a very Happy 80th Birthday for the 5th January 2014 and hope that she enjoys many more trips with her friends.

Hedge and coppice group

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Are you interested in hedge laying, coppicing and wood fuel?
Do you have a hedge that needs laying, or woodland that needs coppicing?
Then please read on. I'm thinking of starting an informal volunteer work group here in Bridgerule. The aim will be to arrange occasional work days on local hedges and woodland through the winter season that will:

- improve our local environment
- harvest wood fuel
- encourage traditional skills
- provide healthy exercise and enjoyment

I lay our own hedges in rotation, leaving them to grow untrimmed (except the road face) then return after 10 years or so to start again. Laying around 120 yards of hedge each winter yields enough firewood to run a wood burning stove.

I also coppice some of the trees we have planted. Coppicing involves cutting down the single stem of a young tree, whereupon it sends up several new shoots from the stump. Once these have grown into sizable poles, they are harvested prompting even more shoots, and so on. Most of our poles go to firewood, allowing us to run a second wood burner.

Both hedge laying and coppicing are sustainable and almost carbon neutral. A little petrol is used to run a chainsaw; but once the rotational cycles are in place, working with small diameter wood requires only hand tools. Studies have shown that laying hedges and leaving them untrimmed is good for wildlife; while laying in rotation is best of all. This is mainly because trees and shrubs bear little or no fruit on first year growth, but increasing amounts from the second year onwards.

In recent years, I've led working groups of volunteers at Welcombe, Morwenstow and North Petherwin; and I'm currently working with a more experienced group for the Devon Wildlife Trust in Pancrasweek. Then I thought: why not do this in Bridgerule?

In our parish, there are hedges that need laying, trees that need coppicing, and people who need firewood. If landowners with potential projects can be matched to a group of local volunteers, I am happy to organize and lead the work sessions. Beginners or improvers are welcome to learn alongside those with more experience. The emphasis will be on traditional methods using hand tools such as bill hook, axe and bow saw.

There are potential benefits all round. Landowners have their hedges or woodland managed at no cost; volunteers are rewarded with firewood; and the community benefits through improvements in landscape and wildlife. So landowners: please let me know if you might have a suitable project to suggest - this could range from an overgrown garden hedge to a neglected woodland copse. Volunteers: please send me your contact details (preferably email address). No-one is committing to anything yet, this is just to determine if the idea is viable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Beat

The Bridge Mill

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SECRET OF SUCCESS! (Do you recognise this ladies?)

A couple who had been married for fifty three years were asked by a friend to reveal the secret of their happy union and why nobody had ever seen them exchange a cross word.

“It’s a question of education” began the wife.

“I’m not sure I understand” said the friend.

“Let me explain” continued the wife. “At college, Peter did a communication course and I studied drama.

So he communicates really well and I act like I’m listening”

A brand new BUS SHELTER has recently been erected on The Green. It's main purpose being to keep the local school children drier and warmer whilst waiting for their school bus.

It has been a community project, built by local people who gave up their time free to get the work done. Some materials for the project were also given free of charge with a generous discount given by the local firms from where items were purchased.

Amongst those who gave of their time were Kevin Smith who apparently would not stop taking the mickey out of everyone involved. Gary the Handyman whom cost a fortune in coffee! Robin Chidley, Trevor Snowdon and Phil Ingram who supplied the muscle in digging out the post holes and mixed and lay the concrete base.

The main posts were donated free of charge by Darren Stevens Timber Company with sand and stone donated free of charge by E & J.W. Glendennings of Pigsdon Quarry (thanks to Robin Chidley).

Finally thank you to Ken James who gave guidance and organised financial help to get the work done.

Malcolm Fraser wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the community project.



**SERVICES FOR
ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH JAN/FEB 2014**

5th January Epiphany	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Family Service Eucharist
12th January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Family Service for The Epiphany
19th January Plough Sunday	10.30 am	Pancrasweek	Benefice Eucha- rist/ Blessing of Ploughs followed by mulled wine in Church
26th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Eucharist
2nd February Candlemas	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Family Service Eucharist
9th February 4th Sunday b/f Lent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Family Service
16th February 3rd Sunday b/f Lent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Morning Prayer Eucharist
23rd February 2nd Sunday b/f Lent	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pyworthy Bridgerule	Eucharist Eucharist

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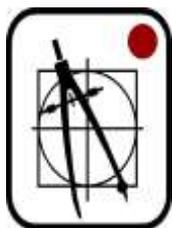
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