THE BUZZ

JULY/AUGUST 2016



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Dear Buzz Readers,

Congratulations to everyone who were involved in the 10th Anniversary of Open Gardens.

Once again its Carnival Season and ours will be celebrated in a months time. The centre of this Buzz has a detailed account for everyone to see what will be going on in our Revel Week to support.
I congratulate Holly on becoming our Queen for 2016 and wish her and her attendants and page a great year.

The Scarecrow Competition has returned this year. It will be a great way of brightening up our village for our special week so please start thinking of some ideas!

Please remember the 20th August is the cut off date for articles you might like to have printed in the next issue.
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MONTHLY TABLE TOP SALE
BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 2ND JULY
SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST

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

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

If you have something you can donate to our Table Top we would very grateful.

Enquiries to Sheila on 01288 381350

BRITISH FIREWORKS CHAMPIONSHIPS
PLYMOUTH HOE

A coach will be travelling to the British Fireworks Championships on Wednesday August 17th.

We will be leaving the Village Hall at 5.00pm.



Travelling will cost approximately £10.

Please ring Sheila if interested 01288 381350



Bridgerule Early Years
A Pre-school for the Community



Saturday 16th July
10.30-12.00
at
Bridgerule
Village Hall



See some of the fun they have



Have some cake and a cuppa



Come along and meet the village pre schoolers.



JULIA SUPPORTS HER FAVOURITE CHARITY ON HER SPECIAL BIRTHDAY





The Bridge Inn was packed a few weeks ago to show their support to a local mum who had decided to have her head shaved for charity.

It was going to be a 40th Birthday to remember and one that would raise some funds for The Macmillan Trust.



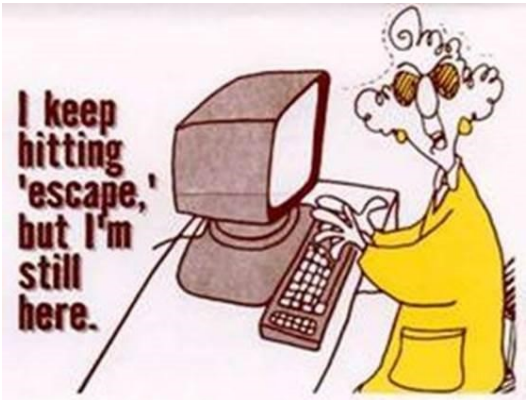
Julia's efforts has raised the grand sum of £1000. She thanks everyone for their support.

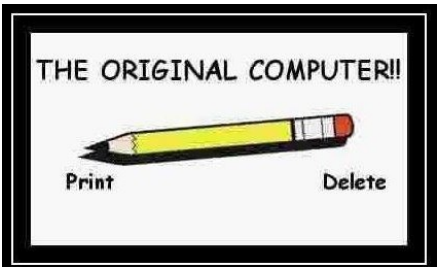




VISIT TO BRIDGERULE C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Thursday May 5th Jonathan Schnarr, pictured above with Michelle Jackson (Head of Primary Phase for Holsworthy Federation of Schools) visited the school. Jonathan is the Youth Chaplain based at Holsworthy Community College and has been in post since September last year. He came to talk with the pupils and staff about his role within the college which is supported by Connect and the South West Youth Ministries.





Sheila's Mentions:

Congratulations to **Kayleigh Moore and Adam** on the announcement of their recent engagement. Kayleigh is the only daughter of Mike and Linda Moore of The Green.

Congratulations to **Hannah South** for the 3rd July on the occasion of her 18th Birthday.

Congratulations to **Kelvin and Katharine Davey** on the birth of their son, Jack. A brother for James.

Happy Birthday also to:

Arthur Rowland on 4th July now living in Bude
Michael Moore for the 8th July
Audrey Bewes for the 1st August
Sandra Keen for the 6th August
Raymond Bewes for the 15th August
David Hale for the 24th August
Janet Hallett for the 26th August
Linda Goodman for the 29th August
Sarah Williams for the 31st August

We welcome **Lucy Cholwill and Jade Chudley** to Victoria House and **Kevin and Lesley Bowditch and Lucy the dog** to Littlebridge Meadows

Thank you **Alan and Linda Weekes** for once again selling some of your plants for the benefit of The Hall.



Barry Williams celebrated his 70th Birthday a few weeks ago at The Rydon Inn with family and friends. Sarah, Barry's wife, made the birthday sponge and Linda Chilton decorated it. Stepson,



Simon and his family travelled from Caversham in Reading to be with family for the week-end.

THANK YOU



I would like to thank those who gave me presents, beautiful cards and kind donations instead of presents on the occasion of my 70th Birthday. The total raised was £300 and it will go to the Village Hall towards new tables. It was a good evening and I think everyone enjoyed themselves and Trethorne put on a brilliant event. Many thanks to all who came and made it special and thank you also for your generosity.

On another topic the TABLE TOP stall for the Hall refurbishment reached £2,000 last month, and we are well on the way to the next thousand. A BIG THANK YOU to all those who continue to donate items for us to sell and everyone who come along and buy from us. I would also like to thank those who help us to set up and put away after and also man the tables during the afternoon on the first Saturday of every month. Jean Hammond, Sheila Gatland and I started this event - and when Jean moved away Brenda took over but we could not manage without the help of Sarah and Barry, Sheila, Ben, Freda, Hilary, Audrey and Lindsey (hope I haven't missed anyone).

Please continue to support us with items to sell – we will collect – but sorry no clothes. Have a turn-out and please donate to help us raise money for our village hall which is being used more and more for events. Our smart new chairs have really made a difference.

With thanks from **Christine Gee** and my team.

THANK YOU

Derek and Marie Field wish to thank their friends Victor and Marilyn, Colin and Fiona, Jim and Rosalind for all the help given to altering and reorganizing their home in the past two months. Also the many small practical kindnesses shown by others in Bridgerule. Thanks folks for all your good hearted thoughtfulness.

BRIDGERULE COFFEE CLUB CELEBRATE HER MAJESTY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY IN STYLE!

It is not every day that one gets an invitation to attend a village hall function wearing smart clothes! But Audrey and Sheila, organisers of the Bridgerule Coffee Club did just that in order to Celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Each guest was requested to be smartly dressed with the ladies to wear a hat or fascinator and the gents to wear a buttonhole and a tie. Every guest entered into the spirit of the occasion with the hall looking like a Royal Ascot enclosure!

The hall was appropriately decorated in red, white and blue with "Her Majesty the Queen" welcoming each guest! Guests received a welcoming drink and then sat down to a home baked high tea.

Keeping with the theme of hats, Rosie Wedlake from Chulmleigh, known as "The Hat Lady" then entertained everyone by wearing and talking about some of her many hats that she owns. This young 84 year old's banter caused much amusement. To complete the afternoon each guest were then presented with a small gift. These were China Commemorative mugs to the ladies and Coasters to the gentlemen with Bridgerule 2016 printed on them. The gifts had been kindly sponsored by Bridgerule Parish Council and Bridgerule Revel Week Committee.



Everyone agreed it had been a great afternoon and thanks were expressed on behalf of the guests by Chris Hitchings to Audrey and Sheila.





MORE PHOTOS TAKEN ON THE DAY







DO YOU RECOGNISE THIS LOVELY LADY?



"IT'S THANK YOU FROM THEM AND IT'S THANK YOU FROM US"



In appreciation of the Royal Tea Party, members and friends of the Coffee Club very kindly gave the 'hosts' a voucher to go to The Falcon Hotel for a meal.



On Friday June 17th, Class 1 from Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School, led by class teacher Mrs Joyce Pankhurst spent a "Sensory Experience Day" at RHS Rosemoor. They spent the day exploring the sights and smells all around the gardens and enjoyed tasting, hearing and seeing sessions led by Richard, one of the RHS staff. Pictured above is Mrs Emma Smith, one of the teachers, along with the pupils who enjoyed this wonderful day

HEATHER DARWIN CELEBRATES HER SPECIAL BIRTHDAY





Heather wanted to do something different on her special birthday. So she and Chris travelled to Gloucester Airport . In view of the forthcoming EU referendum she wore a specially printed sweatshirt and invited BBC Radio Bristol to film the occasion. They came and the producer was pleased with the result. The following Sunday Heather's film appeared on a Sunday television programme.

BRIDGERULE LADIES SKITTLE CLUB HOLD THEIR PRESENTATION EVENING

Some weeks ago the local ladies skittle club held their annual end of season meal and presentations at The Brendon Arms. The Top Average Cup was presented to Sheila Cholwill for the A Team and Angela Brock for the B Team. Rose Hitchings Chairman of the Club presented the trophy. She also wrote and read a very apt poem which remembered very amusingly most of the members of the club.





Geraldine Edwards (left) was joint winner of the highest individual score with Sheila Cholwill and Rose Hitchings. She is seen here with the club's mascot donated by Rose.



The winners of the most nines for the B Team was Heidi Davy and Angela Brock.

Sadly due to lack of members the club will not now be playing in the Holsworthy and District League for next season but the ladies still plan to meet on a regular basis in order to have a game of skittles, at The Bridge Inn. During the evening Rose presented a Dartington Glass Vase to Captains Audrey Bewes and Angela Brock for their commitment to the club.



BRIDGERULE OPEN GARDENS

CELEBRATED THEIR TENTH ANNVERSARY RECENTLY AND THE OCCASION WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY

ANNE SWITHINBANK (far left)

DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND THE WONDERFUL SUM OF £2700 WAS RAISED FOR THE DEVON AND CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE



VIC, FI, SHEILA AND MARILYN SHELTERING FROM THE RAIN WITH A WELCOME CUP OF TEA!



PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS FROM OPEN GARDENS

Spotlight on……. Mark Shears



Born a child of the sixties- “Peace and Love, groovy baby!!” Having said this the sleepy market town of Wimborne Minster in Dorset was not exactly the epitome of the “hippy” culture. Anyway, even I am too young to remember Woodstock! More recently though, Wimborne was reported as having the highest level of longevity in the country. Maybe I need to move back there soon!

I had a very happy childhood and was brought up in a loving Christian home. One of the many fond memories I have is of falling asleep on the back parcel shelf of my father’s Bedford TK lorry after an early start “helping” him deliver fruit and vegetables to local shops around Swanage, Lulworth Cove, Blandford Forum, Shaftesbury, Bournemouth, Poole and many other lovely areas of Dorset. I never thought that I would in turn follow him into the family business; but after two years studying a Business Management Diploma at what is now Bournemouth University, I was offered the position of “You start at the bottom, son, and work your way up!”

I learnt all of the delivery rounds, driving 7.5 tonnes gross lorries loaded up with what seemed to be more and more bags of potatoes to “fish and chip” shops in a fifty-mile radius around Wimborne. This was a lot more lucrative than it sounds! At this point we employed upwards of forty employees and gradually I was promoted to sales and ended up as a director of the company.

Mandy and I married in 1984 and we have been blessed with five wonderful children. Ben, a primary school teacher: Josh, a plumbing and heating engineer (they both live and work in Bristol): Abby, a theatre nurse in London: Joe, a musician who works at the Dominion Theatre in London and our youngest, Emily who is fourteen and is studying very hard at school.

Seventeen years passed with me working in the family business and as my father drew near to retirement I decided that this was the ideal opportunity to change my vocation and develop my career prospects. Well that's if you consider management with Sainsbury's Homebase as career development! However, I really did enjoy the comprehensive management training programme and also became a fully- fledged trained Horticulturalist. (Although you would never know this from the state of my own garden. I always like to delegate responsibility but this doesn't seem to work in my own household)!

Whilst working for Sainsbury's I found that I really enjoyed the teaching and training aspects of the job. I was already a qualified Fork-lift truck instructor (boys and their toys!) and found that I liked to see people develop and acquire new skills. With this in mind I was aiming to become a teacher and I completed my English based Open University Degree in 1998. This was a tough way to study, but a very rewarding process in the end.

In 1999 I handed in my notice to Homebase and secured a Secondary School PGCE place at Exeter University to study English and Drama. My first teaching post was at Sir James Smith's Community School in Camelford. As I walked into my first Year 11 lesson a student threw ink all over my new tie.

"It's alright sir, it's invisible ink!"
"Sure it is! Get on call for me right now!"
"Honestly sir, it will disappear!" Sure enough by the time a Senior teacher arrived the ink had completely gone! Welcome to the teaching profession! Things did get better. After two years at Camelford I secured a new position at Budehaven teaching English, Drama, Film Studies and later on Media Studies over a thirteen-year period at the school. I have very fond memories of the staff. Shakespeare productions where we played to packed houses of parents and children, and especially "Midsummer Night's Dream where I had to dress up as a woman! The comment was made that I looked like my sister with a wig on! Yikes! Happy days!

In 2014, a new challenge was on the horizon-teaching at an English speaking International school near Valencia, Spain. We had a wonderful time there, sun, sea, sand, sangria and small class sizes. I can highly recommend it!

However, as I write this the referendum result is just in and the country has voted to leave the EU. Watch this space! Maybe it won't be as easy in the future to work in Europe. Only time will tell!

After returning to the UK I continue to attend Bridgerule Methodist Chapel. I thank God for my new teaching position at Holsworthy Community College and for my delightful family. I now look forward to whatever pathway is in store for me.

Please stop me and say "Hi" if you see me out walking with my springer spaniel, Henry.

For those who do not know, Mark has lived in Bridgerule for ten years. Sheila thanks Mark for his interesting Spotlight which I know he didn't find easy. It's usually the students who are asked to write about themselves not the teacher. We at the chapel are indebted to Mark for his commitment and help in more ways than one.

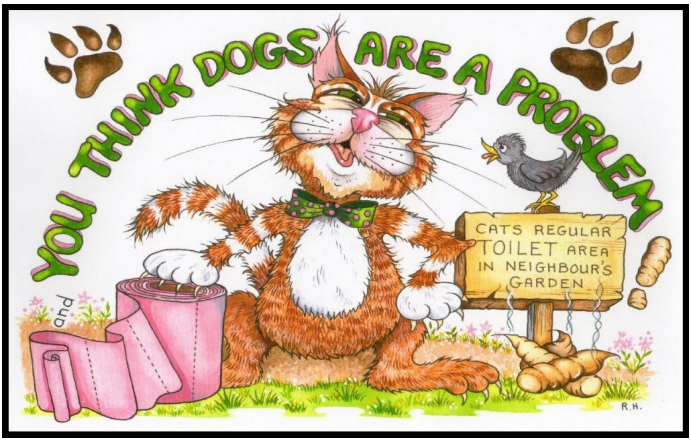
Pupils of Bridgerule School lining up before making their way up to St Bridget's Church for an Exploration Visit.

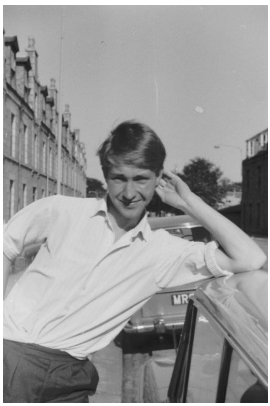


METHODIST CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR JULY/AUGUST 2016

3rd July	No Service	Luncheon in Hall
10th July	Mr J Guy	11.00am
17th July	Mrs S Risdon	11.00am
24th July	No Service	11.00am
	United Service with St Bridget's	6.30pm
31st July	Mrs L. Bowden	11.00am
7th August	Mr. M. Hodges	11.00am Sacrament
14th August	Mr. C. Parish	11.00am
21st August	Mr. V. Bickle	11.00am
28th August	Rev. N. Street	11.00am
	United Service with St Bridget's	







WE LIVE IN BRIDGERULE BUT WHO ARE WE?



BRIDGERULE'S 2016

ROYALTY



This year's Revel Queen will be Holly Trayford. She is 10 years old and lives at Bailey Gardens with her family. She attends Bridgerule school**.** Her attendants will be Ella Hillier-Cholwill and Phoebe Lucas.
Page will be Kalem Gliddon.

YOUR WEEK OF EVENTS

Sunday July 24th CROWNING OF CARNIVAL QUEEN 3.00pm Village Hall
By Retiring Queen Emily Colwill
Followed by Stalls, Side Shows and Cream Teas
United Service at St Bridget's Church 6.30pm

Monday 25th July SKITTLE/INDOOR TARGET BOWLS CHALLENGE
Teams of 3
Licensed Bar applied for Refreshments
Please enter your team to Audrey 381402 or Angela 381437
By Sunday Evening

Tuesday 26th July FUN DOG SHOW 7.00pm Village Hall
Refreshments to include Homemade Pasties and Soup
Viewing of all Competition Entries and Prize Winners
Reminder of Competitions overleaf

Wednesday 27th July RAMBLE
Leave Village Hall 6.30pm
Return by Tractor and Trailer
BBQ Raffle Licensed Bar

Thursday 28th July PRIZE BINGO
Village Hall
Eyes down 8.00pm

Friday 29th July WINE AND WISDOM - VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm
Teams of up to 6 - £4 per person.
Please enter your team to Sheila on Tel: 01288 381350

BRIDGERULE CARNIVAL WEEK 2016
SUMMER SHOW

ALL ENTRIES PLEASE BRING TO THE HALL BETWEEN 12 Noon AND 2.00pm ON TUESDAY 26TH JULY

Entrance Fee per category 50p per adult - Children Free

Entry Forms to be filled in at the hall

Children:

Art

Picture of Mummy *Ages 2– 4.*

Painting or Collage of Seaside, Farm Animal or The Countryside

3 Classes: Ages 5-7, 8—11, 12—15.

Baking

4 Sweet Biscuits 1 Class All Ages

4 Cheese Straws 1 Class All Ages

Model

LEGO Model of your own design (not from a kit) and to be no bigger that an A4 sheet of paper - 1 Class

Flower Arrangement

An arrangement in a favourite mug - 1 Class

Scarecrow

Make a Scarecrow from a WOODEN SPOON - 1 Class

Adults: -

Baking

Victoria Sandwich (Sandwiched together by Jam)

'Tea at the Ritz' for 2

Variety of homemade items both savoury and sweet (Displayed as pretty as you like)

COOKERY—men only

4 Fruit Scones

Home Grown Produce - Displayed on paper plates please - 1 entry per class

3 Potatoes on a plate

3 onions on a plate

3 carrots on a plate

3 runner beans on a plate

3 vegetables same variety of your choice on a plate

1 Funny Shaped Vegetable

A Whopper - (your pride and joy vegetable grown by you)

Pot Plant:

House plant not necessarily flowering but one that you have nurtured for some months.

Flower Arrangement:

A Table Centre - Max Length 15".

Photography (only 2 entries in each section)

1. A Favourite photograph

Make the judge smile

2. A Photograph that is funny OR just cute.

Art: (no bigger than 2' x 3' and only 2 entries in each section)

Class 1. Drawing or Painting.

Class 2. Any Medium Picture.

Craft: (no more than 2 items in each section)

1. Fabric Section - Needlework
2. Embroidery.
3. Knitting/Crochet - Item made from wool.
4. My Craft/Hobby—something YOU have made but not entered in first three sections and does not exceed 36".

FAMILY CLASSES:

Longest Fern Leaf

TALLEST SUNFLOWER ...Entry Forms from Rose Hitchings. Someone will come and measure your Sunflower during the Carnival Week.

ALL SHOW ENQUIRIES TO:

Rose Hitchings - Meadows Barn 01288 381129 or

General Enquiries to Sheila on 01288 381350



GRAND CARNIVAL DAY

SATURDAY 30TH JULY

Tableaux , Fancy Dress and Classic/Vintage Car to form in THE HAM from 6.00pm.

Procession to form 7.30pm prompt.

GRAND RAFFLE SIDESHOWS BBQ

INDIVIDUAL SKITTLE COMPETITION

AFTER CARNIVAL IN BRIDGE INN SKITTLE ALLEY

WINNING LADY AND WINNING GENT



We would be very grateful for contributions to the cake stall on Crowning Day please. Please bring to the hall before if possible.

We would also appreciate donations of bottles to our BOTTLE TOMBOLA on Carnival Night. We ask that you have them ready and a committee member will knock on your door during the week.



THE SCARECROW COMPETITION HAS RETURNED!

'Your Choice of Idea'



If possible we would very much like your scarecrow to be in its position at least a week before Carnival Week. ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM ROSE HITCHINGS . ONCE FILLED IN PLEASE RETURN THEM TO HER. TEL: 381129

PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND MAKE IT ANOTHER GREAT CARNIVAL WEEK

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A TRACTOR AND TRAILER FOR THE CARNIVAL PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY, SHEILA, TELEPHONE 01288 381350. SHE WILL TRY HER UTMOST TO HELP YOU.

Notes taken at ANNUAL MEETING of Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th May 2016.

Mr. John Medland re-elected Chairman for 2016/17.
Mr. Ken James re-elected Deputy Chairman for 2016/17.

The sum of £200 was granted to Mrs. S. Cholwill to assist with a celebration of the Queens 90th Birthday Party.

Planning

Erection of a single residential dwelling. Ground adjacent to Trebrea
Mr. and Mrs. T. Martyn

Parish Council to contact TDC with some concerns on this planning

BRIDGERULE COFFEE CLUB VISITED THE LOST GARDENS OF HELIGAN RECENTLY







NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

Somebody has been scratching one of the glass doors on our village hall. Who would do a thing like that ? And why ? And for what reason ?

Soon now it will be the school summer holidays. Folks like to come on holiday - to Devon or Cornwall - and it doesn't mean they are all good honest people.

So I repeat the message to look after your possessions, don't leave them on view in cars when parked up for the day. Don't leave windows invitingly open. There are always opportunistic thieves about. You give them the chance and they may just take it.

If you see something wrong happening phone/ dial/ ring 999. If you know something try 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crimestoppers don't want to know who you are - only what you know.



Enjoy the summer, no matter what the 23rd June may have said.

John McDougall Bridgerule coordinator 381237

"NEVER GIVE UP, YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD!"

The National Field Archery Society 3D Championships were held on May Bank holiday weekend at Sherwood Forest Nottinghamshire**.** This is one of the largest events on the N.F.A.S. calendar with over 700 archers taking part. It consists of 2 days shooting on 2 different courses with 40 targets on each day. These consist of 3D targets of varying sizes, shapes and distances. Archers are randomly allocated to a shooting group with all archers on the same course on the same day. Dian Kirby, who lives at Tackbear Manor, shot in the Hunting Tackle A Recurve Bow using wooden arrows class.

In 2015 after only competing for a very short time she came a commendable 5th in these championships. What a difference a year makes. in 2016 Dian was thrilled to have won. Her moral is "Never give up, You are never too old".



Our Congratulations to Dian.

Thank you Ma'am. **By Marie Field.**

Like a huge Birthday cake, with candles burning bright.
A whole country ringed with blazing beacon light.
With a glorious 90th birthday celebration,
A great surge of love from a grateful nation.
How improbable that a little girl with golden curls,
Should establish such a high profile throughout the world.
And blessed with long life and good health,
Become respected Head of the Commonwealth.
To wear upon her head a glittering crown,
And rule the country with great renown.
To live in vast palaces with wide corridors,
Surrounded by an army of servants and courtiers.



Not for the Queen a peaceful permanent home,
and anytime with her beloved dogs to roam.
But with State Banquets and visits to many lands,
To meet foreign dignitaries and shake many hands.
The contents of Red Boxes to be signed every day,
For always the responsibilities of State hold sway.
But for us, Her Majesty has always been there,
A figure head of quiet stability and care.
A life given in complete dedication,
To inspire love and respect throughout the nation.

And in our Coffee Club we celebrated our Queen.
Bridgerule's amazing organiser Sheila and a great Team.
A grand occasion smart gentlemen, in butterfly bow ties,
A very rare treat for all our feminine eyes.
And elegant ladies , in fascinator's, worn on sides of heads,
Feathers fluttering , like birds of paradise perched on their nests.
And before our eyes lay a sumptuous feast,
Of many dainties and mouth watering treats of rich fruit cake and iced buns.
Chocolate eclairs, meringues and Devon Cream Scones.
For with our village ladies, baking is a work of art,
Cooked with love and coming from the heart.
And an amusing guest to entertain with hats,
And Dawn with her expertise taking photographs.
As with loyalty we rejoiced with our royal lady,
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10.40 - PILATES 2
11.50 - PILATES 1

THURSDAY
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10.40 - PILATES 3
11.50 - PILATES FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS

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