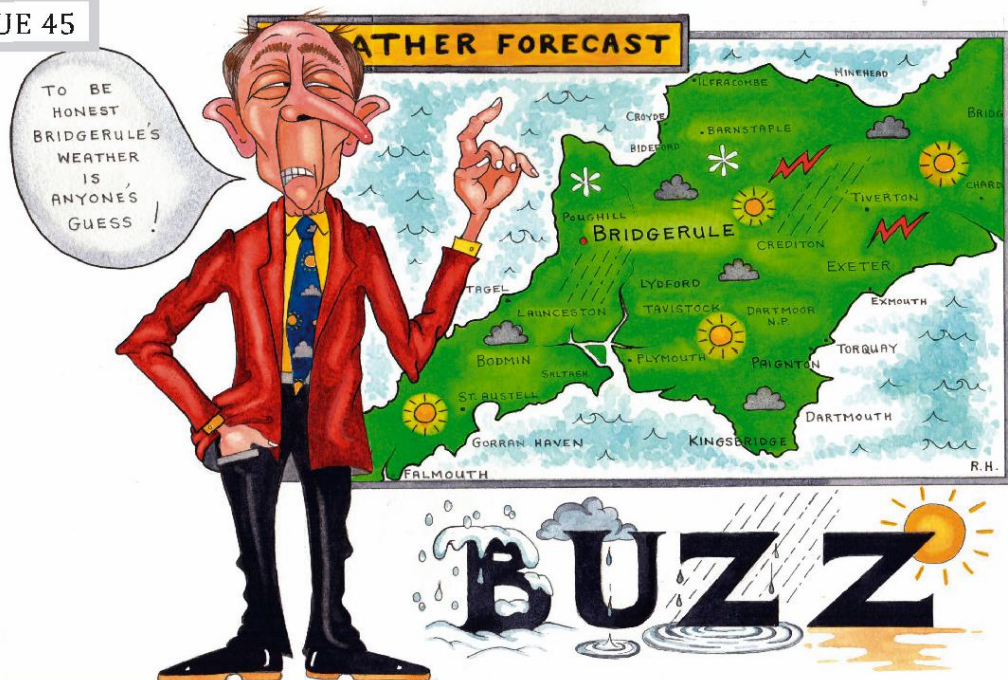


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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017



Dear Buzz Readers,

May I wish you and your families a Happy New Year.

Our village has lots going on for everyone to be involved in and enjoyed by. Plans are afoot for a Sports Hall to be built by the school. This will add even more activities for us to take part in.

If you have anything for the next Buzz please get it to me by 20th February.

Sheila Cholwill

Editor

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Linda Keeley, (on right of picture) husband Bill, together with daughter Carolyn (on left of picture) and partner Colin travelled all the way from Canada to see dad and mum, Ron and Marion Abbott and families for Christmas.

Linda gets a copy of The Buzz and kindly sponsors it.

WAITROSE COMMUNITY SCHEME

Bridgerule Village Hall have been chosen by **Waitrose** for the **Month of January 2017** to take part in their Community Scheme.

This means that every time you shop at Waitrose during January your green token may be used to support our Village Hall Refurbishment.

This comes at a very apt time as the hall committee are pleased to announce that the rear kitchen is about to be refurbished and we would be very grateful of your support.

Thank you in anticipation.

Bridgerule Village Hall Committee

WANTED: WINDOW CLEANER

Do you have a window cleaner who you would recommend to someone else. If you do please pass on his/her name to:-

Mrs. V. Pyle, Tamara, Bridgerule. Telephone 01288 381 076

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

"JOHNNY RETURNS TO BRIDGERULE"

Johnny Cowling, Cornwall's Favourite Entertainer

**is returning after over a year to entertain us in
our Village Hall on Saturday 6th May at 8.00pm**

Tickets will be £10 each including refreshments

Licensed Bar

Proceeds to support Hall Refurbishment



BRIDGERULE COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL

An Open Meeting for Members of the General Public will be held on **Wednesday 25th January 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and outline the plans and progress so far in connection with a Sports Hall.

It is anticipated that the meeting will last no longer than a hour.

Any enquiries to Jaqi on 01288 382943.

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL

APPOINTED PREACHERS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017



1st January	Mrs S. Cholwill +Tea/Coffee	11.00am
8th January	Mrs. E. Squire	11.00am
15th January	Mrs. J. Barriball	11.00am
22nd January	Mr. B. Bryne	11.00am
29th January	Service at Bude	11.00am
5th February	D. Adams	11.00am
12th February	Rev. N. Street Sac	11.00am
19th February	Mr. C. Parish	11.00am
26th February	Mr V. Bickle	11.00am

BRIDGERULE COFFEE CLUB

Bridgerule Coffee Club will return after the Christmas break on Tuesday January 10th at 10.30am.



We welcome any new residents to our friendly and informal coffee mornings. Later in the year we also organise regular coach trips and have occasional speakers.

Any enquiries either Sheila on 381350 or Audrey on 381402



Special treat for birthday boy Alec!

No excuse needed to visit Alec's favourite foodie haunt, Rick Stein's, in Padstow but a special birthday (we won't tell anyone it was his 75th!!) on October 26th made a return visit a necessity. The birthday cake was courtesy of Rick Stein's too (well, it saved Pat a job!!).

SERVICES AT ST. BRIDGET'S

Unless otherwise stated

1st January 2017	Benefice Service at Holsworthy	10.00am
8th January	Morning Prayer	11.15am
15th January	Plough Sunday Service at Pancrasweek	11.15am
22nd January	Eucharist	11.15am
29th January	Benefice Service at Holsworthy	10.00am
5th February	Eucharist	11.15am
12th February	Morning Prayer	11.15am
19th February	Eucharist	11.15m
26th February	Family Service	11.15am

Sheila's Mentions:

Bridgerule Primary School were delighted to receive a £100 donation from Mr John Cobbledick following a 'Special Birthday' .

Thank you - Mr Cobbledick we appreciate your generosity .

Our best wishes go to Tanya Peschke. Lovely to see you on Christmas Eve.

Our best wishes also go to **Michael and Linda Moore** who have just moved to Okehampton. Thank you both for all the support you have shown our village over the years and we look forward to seeing you at future events . Reg and Jill Bennett have recently moved to Newbury to be near their family. Our best wishes go to them also.

Mrs. Marion Kinmond who lives in **Dundee, Scotland** but spent her childhood in Bridgerule, will be 100 in January 2017. She enjoys receiving and reading The Buzz, sent to her by her relative Margaret Eastcott.

Happy Birthday to:

Betty Ingram for the 4th January

Gary Abbott for the 14th January

Pat Hodges for the 15th January

Ron Cameron for the 16th January

Joan Marshall for the 24th January

Lenny Mounce for 5th February

Ron Abbott for the 8th February

Paul Cholwill for the 13th February

Tony Wallis for the 16th February

Harry Hillier-Cholwill for the 24th February

Welcome to Bridgerule:

Jill Hedlley to The Green.

Ed and Abbie Cavalera together with Max, Chloe and Oscar to Dorasfield.

Dave James, Charlotte Jenkins, Tommy and Poppy to The Green

We hope that you all have a long and happy time living in our village.

Congratulations and Best Wishes go to **Aron Braund and Georgina Tomlin** on the occasion of their engagement.

Neighbourhood watch notes.

Looking forward to this new year, let's keep safe, secure and crime free, and well away from scams.

No one ever needs you to give over financial details - no matter who they claim to be.

Dial your own number - using a different phone if possible - they may still be on the line.

If an email is suggesting something funny (not Haha), switch it off.

You didn't call them - they are out to get your money.

It's not a letter from Lloyds Bank about suspicious activity on your account. It's a scam!

However, not everyone is out to get you. There are still good kind people out there.

Be prepared and don't be caught.

Tell someone - the police on 101, or email 101@dc.police.uk or another one to email is actionfraud.police.uk or on 0300 123 2040.

At least the days are now getting longer and spring can't be far behind

John McDougall—Co-ordinator



MONTHLY TABLE TOP SALE BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

TRADERS £5 A TABLE - Can set up from 12.0 Noon

Buyers from 2.00pm

NO TABLE TOP FOR JANUARY 2017

NEXT TABLE TOP SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

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.

We would very much appreciate any donations for our Table Top

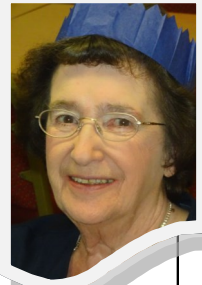
Please have a look in your cupboards!!

Christine can be contacted on 01288 381033 or Sheila on 01288381350

COFFEE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

35 members travelled by coach to Trethorne Leisure Park for their annual Christmas lunch. Once again members were not disappointed and ate a delicious meal. Father Christmas

presented everyone with a gift and before returning home a few games of Bingo were enjoyed.



MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS BRIDGERULE

Village Hall 2.00pm Uplands 2.50pm

NEXT VISIT

January 11th February 8th 2017



GINGER CAKE BARS

RECIPE

Ginger Cake Bars is a very popular tray bake at Coffee Club .
After quite a lot of requests the editor gives Buzz Readers the recipe.

150 grms ginger biscuits

125grms unsalted butter

200 grms milk chocolate broken into pieces

1 tablespoon golden castor sugar

2 tablespoons golden syrup

50grms chopped crystallized ginger

Topping

200 grms milk chocolate

Crush the biscuits/snaps into small pieces. (Put in poly bag and bash with a rolling pin)

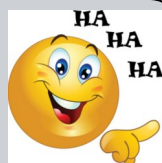
Put the butter, chocolate, sugar and golden syrup in a large heavy based saucepan and set at a low heat. Let chocolate melt, stirring continuously. Take off heat, add the crushed biscuits/snaps and ginger and mix well until everything is covered in the chocolate mixture. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and transfer to the fridge to set. Use a 11 x 7 inch swiss roll tin lined with foil.

To decorate, melt the milk chocolate and pour over the prepared ginger mixture. Return to fridge to set.

Then cut into bars with a hot knife.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see....

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.





On Tuesday 29th November, Jonathan Schnarr, the Youth Chaplain based at Holsworthy Community College, visited Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School to talk with the pupils about the meaning of Advent. Pictured above with Mrs Joyce Pankhurst, Class 1 teacher, Jonathan was presented with a history of Bridgerule, as compiled by pupils about 4 years ago and also a history of St Bridget's Parish Church.



Family and friends celebrated Colin's 70th birthday recently at The Holsworthy Golf Club.

Everyone enjoying a delicious carvery. Here is grandad with his very special cake made and iced for the occasion by Emily Fenwick of Bellissimo Cakes.



On Wednesday November 30th the recently appointed Director of the Exeter Diocesan Board Of Education, Mr John Searson visited Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School, to meet with staff and pupils. Having visited Black Torrington C of E Primary School earlier in the day Mr Searson, accompanied by Fr. Richard Maudsley, also from the Diocesan Board of Education was shown around the school by the recently appointed Head of Primary Phase for Holsworthy Federation of Schools, Ms Caroline Tothill, as pictured above.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2016



Audrey Bewes Poppy Appeal Coordinator for Bridgerule reports that the total collection for 2016 was £627.45.

She wishes to thank Julie, Ann, Rose, Amanda, The Bridge Inn and The Post Office for their help as collectors once again.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ACKNOWLEDGES ITEMS SENT TO HER CELEBRATING HER 90TH BIRTHDAY



William and Phoebe Lucas, pupils of Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School, wanted to acknowledge Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's special 90th birthday this year by sending her a card. They have since received a letter of thanks, from Buckingham Palace, on behalf of Her Majesty, which they proudly showed to the congregation at a family service at St Bridget's Church.



Marie Field also wrote a poem and sent it to her Majesty on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. Her poem described the Grand Birthday Party organised and much enjoyed by those who were invited by Audrey and Sheila. Marie too has received a letter and card from the Queen saying how grateful she has been for the wonderful response to her milestone birthday.



Just before Christmas a trip was arranged to go to **Bath Christmas Market** to see 170 traditional wooden chalets lining the streets.

This proved to be a good day for some retail therapy but the journey home took a lot longer than anticipated. At one time the coach travelled 5 miles in an hour and the driver was faced with very heavy traffic and towards the end of the trip very thick fog!



Can you spot the difference?

*Alfie didn't even have to be
coaxed into position.*



On Sunday December 11th, Mrs Mary Aicheler, Lay Reader at St Bridget's Church, Bridgerule, led the annual Christingle Service, with the assistance of Val Harris and Pat Johnston. The story of the Christingle was acted out prior to the lighting of the Christingles for each of the members of the congregation. Pictured above from L to R, with Mrs Aicheler, are Stella Thompson, Caitlin Braund, Ella Cholwill, William Lucas, Harvey Cholwill, Lucas Braund and Phoebe Lucas. A collection was taken to support the work of the Children's Society.

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For further details: Telephone 01409 254546 or 07724153965 or

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Carol singing round the village of Bridgerule took place on two mild and dry Thursday evenings last December.

On Thursday 15th several children from the Primary school came along and singing took place in the centre of the village and on The Green. Afterwards we were invited back to the school hall where FOBS (Friends of Bridgerule School) kindly supplied us with mulled wine and mince pies etc. It was a lovely evening especially as we had so many children joining in.

Thursday 22nd we also met with great kindness when sherry was supplied at one home and mulled wine etc. at another. This time we sang in the area of Littlebridge and Southfields. On both occasions a jolly Father Christmas came along in his brightly lit sledge and pulled by a cuddly brown reindeer (Bill Eastcott) on his quad bike. Some members of the Tamarside Singers came along to lend their voices and both evenings were really enjoyable and very productive. The first evening made a pleasing £99 and the 2nd evening £117 which will be shared between the Church, Chapel and School.

Many thanks to all who took part singing – to FOBS for the refreshments – and to all the kind people who gave so generously.

.... and didn't our village look amazing last Christmas – so many people who brightened up Bridgerule with their fairy lights and decorations. Clearly the best lit village for miles around – let's hope next year is as good ... or perhaps even better – now there's a challenge !!!!



A LETTER FROM WESTERN POWER WHICH MAY AFFECT YOU

Dear Sir/Madam

Western Power Distribution will be working in the road at Bridgerule as shown on the map provided. This includes trenching and laying a new low voltage mains cable from the road by Bailey Gardens, past the Bridge Inn to the Bridge and also around 100 meters down the road towards Newacott Cross. The cable will replace the main overhead lines in this area which will greatly improve the aesthetics of the road and provide a more reliable supply. We will also be changing/maintaining the poles as necessary.

The works are planned to start on Monday 9th January 2017 and will take approximately 6 weeks, we would request if possible to keep the road free of parked cars so we have a clear access for excavation.

Western Power Distribution will do their best to keep the road as clear as possible but we cannot be held responsible for any damaged to vehicles that are left within the work area.

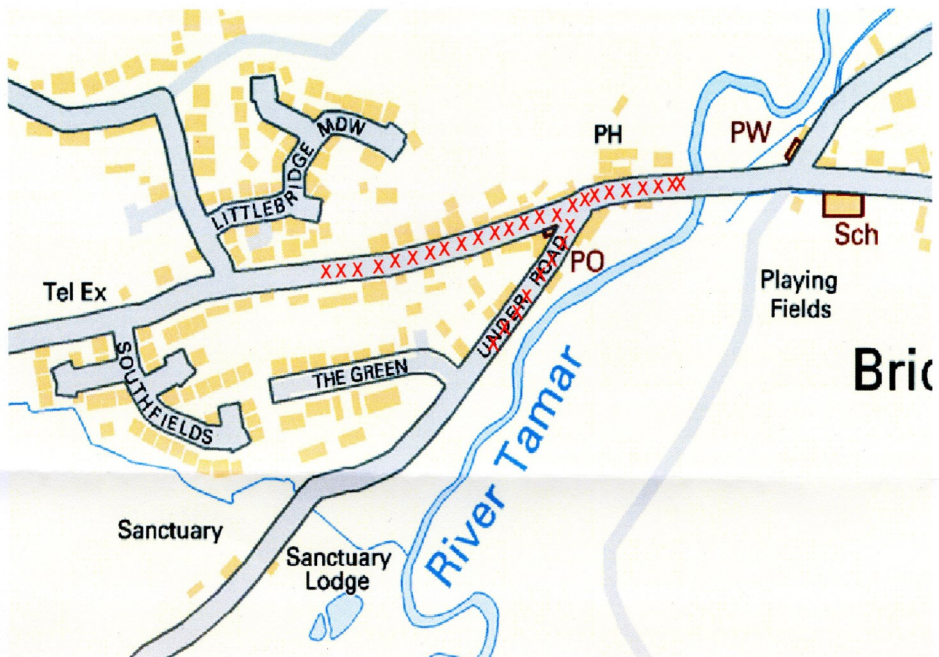
The work will also mean that the electricity supply may have to be interrupted and you will be informed of the date and times by a separate letter.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but if you have any questions regarding this work, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours faithfully

T M Siddall

T M Siddall (Mr)
Bude Construction, Maintenance and Replacement





**NATIVITY
AT
ST BRIDGET'S
CHURCH**



It was standing room only, on Wednesday December 7th, as KS1 pupils (see above) at Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School performed their Nativity Play at St Bridget's Parish Church. Their enchanting performance was made possible by class teacher Mrs Joyce Pankhurst and Teaching Assistants, Amanda Linney and Nicky Martyn and was enthusiastically appreciated by family, carers and friends of the pupils.

The 3 Wise men (above) from L to R, Ethan Pinches, Kyle Pinn, Riley Mahmud, in their colourful robes, were able to present authentic offerings of Frankincense and Myrrh, courtesy of Pat and Alec Johnston, regular volunteers at the school, following their recent visit to the Oman.

A ROLLERCOASTER YEAR by Marie Field

With a great clamorous commanding chime,
 Big Ben again marks the march of time.
 With those old nostalgic echoing sounds,
 A bright New Year again comes round.
 Our Christmas gone, with all its cheer,
 A fresh new page, a fresh New Year.
 Full of expectations it may well bring,
 Now gone the puzzling events of 2016.
 For 2016 proved a veritable rollercoaster,
 With serious decisions to think over.
 And for farmer's a time of uncertainty,
 To ponder on the matters of farm subsidies.
 But now with that farming matter duly solved.
 Allowing farmer's to soldier on with new resolve.
 For in latter years and for sometime,
 Farming life has been a testing climb.

And our world then gave further spin,
 To bring in the 90th Birthday of our Queen.
 In our Coffee Club we celebrated with a sumptuous tea,
 And to good wishes Her Majesty responded most graciously.
 For in our Village Hall there are always occasions going on,
 Table Tops, with donated items going for a song.
 With Christine and Co standing patient and tall,
 To help funds maintain our new gleaming hall.
 And lively Disco's folks dressed from the past,
 Recalling years of 60's, 70's, 80's, garb.
 Memories of lads in drainpipe trousers and winkle pickers,
 Thinking they were just the cats whiskers.
 Admired by girls in frothy swishy underskirts,
 Lovely romantic clothes in which to flirt.
 And all events organised with love to help build funds,
 To keep our village happy and well run.

For kindness like gentle raindrops in a pool,
 Will spread into ever widening circles.
 For much goodwill as we all know,
 Like acorns into strong oaks grow.
 And as 2017 arrives with a great cheer,
 May God Bless us all, in our New Year!



**CHRISTMAS
CAROL
CONCERT**

The Bude Metric Band and The Tamarside Singers entertained at The Village Hall recently for a Christmas Carol Concert. The Bude Metric Band was led by Colin Gay and The Tamaraside Singers were led by Vic Bickle and Alan Quilter.

Those who came were very appreciative of those who entertained and joined in some of the Christmas carols.

After the entertainment everyone enjoyed a pasty supper which also included home made bakes which had been donated by local ladies.

A grand sum of £701 profit was made for Village Hall funds.

4 Years after it all began and the orders keep coming in for Grandad's Reindeers!

The Cholwill family never thought that the wooden reindeers would be so popular after 4 years. In the middle of October Paul put a few photos on social media and less than 24 hours later and after over 200 orders placed, he had to apologise to those who still wanted one of these 4 legged very individual, red nosed Christmas characters, but said for the time being orders would have to be suspended.

30 were later taken to a craft fair at The Falcon Hotel Bude and in less than 20 minutes Paul headed back home to get another 10. When he got back to the Falcon, a queue had formed and long before the craft day was due to close Paul and Bonnie were home having a cup of tea with over £700 raised for the family's favourite charity Little Harbour Children's Hospice in St Austell. One lady even asked Paul for his business card. Someone else mentioned what a good little earner it was. When told that all monies go to charity they were somewhat surprised!

Of course grandad hasn't made it easy for himself as he has now introduced baby reindeers and people are not only buying them for Christmas but some are becoming birthday presents. One this year was for a Golden Wedding Anniversary and they seem to be finding homes throughout the country. Paul and Stacey are about to set up a facebook page to see where these 'little dears' now live!

Early November Sheila was invited to a special tea party for Little Harbour volunteers. During that afternoon a video was shown of a young man receiving music therapy, a service the hospice provides. Nothing you may say unusual about that, but this young man needed help with everything and found it very hard to show any emotion at all. But on this particular day after about 25 minutes into the session he began to smile and join in singing with the therapist, something which had never been seen. This may seem like a small thing to the Buzz reader but it made Sheila feel how important the likes of grandad's reindeers were to Little Harbour which helps to support some of these extras. It was a magical moment.

As Christmas approached the local press printed an article about “Santa’s Brightest Nosed Reindeers” and from there Steve Hardy of ITV Westcountry asked to come and film the process of making the reindeers plus a couple of interviews giving the family just 2 hours notice. The filming went well and a short story unfolded of how it all began and why Little Harbour was the chosen charity.

Local ladies have made the reindeers look very special this year by knitting or crocheting each one leaving the workshop a scarf. It’s really been quite amusing to see families come and choose their reindeer; rather like choosing a puppy and taking several minutes before their final decision. If 2 children have to decide, then one will chose their favourite reindeer and one will select their favourite scarf and everyone has a name ready for their new member of their family!

This has fast become a family affair with grandchildren getting involved and now the help of Stacey’s sister, Bonnie and her partner. The first year of production Grandad’s reindeers were sold mostly to everyone in the village but now they are going all over the country. This year has seen them going to Liverpool, Scotland, Poole and Kent to name a few. Enquiries have even come from abroad and the television film has been watched by over 36000 people besides those that watched it when it went out.

The family cannot thank everyone enough for supporting them. This year has been the busiest year with approximately 350 reindeers made and £6,800 has been raised for Little Harbour with over £13000 over the four years.

One of the projects that this year’s money will go to is to redecorate and purchase furniture for the family lounge. Sheila volunteers each week at Little Harbour on Care side and feels very privileged to do so. She says it is a wonderful charity and the service that it provides just wasn’t around when son Mark was living. It is a lifeline to over a hundred families from Cornwall and depends very much on such things as the making and selling of “Grandad’s Reindeers”.



Grandad taking out the last completed reindeer for 2016

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