



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

THE BUZZ



Dear Buzz Readers,

Thank you to all those who held and supported events during our celebrations of Revel Week.

The Parish Council and the hall have recently purchased two new brightly coloured benches for everyone to make use of in the Play Park. In a few weeks time new fencing will be erected along the road side of the Play Park and will mean that the park for obvious safety reasons will be closed for a couple of days. A notice to this effect will be mounted on the park gate.

If you have anything that you think others would be interested to read about please forward it to me by 20th October so that it is in time for our next issue.

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34 Members and friends of the Coffee Club recently spent an enjoyable day visiting Exmouth and Otterton Mill.



Next trip is October 16th. If you like mysteries this ones for you. It's a Mystery Trip!!



TAMAR

ROCK AND ROLL CLUB



PLAY IT COOL

Saturday 27th September
7:30-11:30

£12 on the door £10 advance tickets
7:30pm -11:30pm free tea/coffee
No bar but B.Y.O.

MORE INFO TEXT JACKIE ON 07533353388
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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

CRAFT FAIR

22ND NOVEMBER
VILLAGE HALL

MORE DETAILS

CONTACT
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IT'S A WEDDING TO DIE FOR. Murder at Glebe Barn

OCTOBER **25** 2025

Arrive 5pm for a wedding... with a deadly twist.

♦ Early Bird £45pp – includes:

🍷 Glass of fizz

🍴 2-course meal

🕵️♀️ Fully immersive murder mystery

🎉 Epic after party

Carriages at Midnight

Email us at natalie@glebebarnweddings.co.uk for more information and to secure your spot for our upcoming Murder Mystery and Christmas Parties!

Join Us For A GLEBE BARN *Christmas* PARTY

PUBLIC PARTIES AVAILABLE ON

DECEMBER	5	7PM - MIDNIGHT
DECEMBER	6	7PM - MIDNIGHT

TICKETS

FRIDAY - £45 PER PERSON

SATURDAY - £50 PER PERSON

INCLUDES GLASS OF PROSECO ON ARRIVAL, 3 COURSE CHRISTMAS MEAL, FESTIVE DECOR & DISCO

GET IN TOUCH FOR PRIVATE PARTY ENQUIRIES

Family History Day & photographic exhibition

On 13th and 14th September, Bridgerule Church will host a special Family History weekend, featuring an engaging exhibition of old photographs and videos capturing the village's past.

Have you considered delving into your family's history but aren't sure where to begin? Or perhaps you've started researching your family tree and have encountered difficulties? Throughout the day, experts from both the Devon and Cornwall family history societies will be available to assist with your family history questions. They will have access to a wide variety of databases and can help answer your queries on the spot, while also guiding you on how to continue your research independently.

To help with tracing your family members bring as much information as you can – names, dates, locations – they've got access to records from across the Country not just Devon & Cornwall.

Alongside the family history day there will be a captivating exhibition of historic village photographs and videos. Take this opportunity to discover how the village has evolved over time, and to reflect on what has remained unchanged. Special thanks go to Mrs Hitchings and Mrs Brock for generously sharing their remarkable collection of village photographs and videos.

The Family History Societies will be on hand from 11-5 on Saturday 13th September.

The exhibition will be open 11-5 on Saturday 13th Sept and 2-5 on Sunday 14th.

Refreshments will be available.

**All at St Bridget's Church,
Bridgerule.**



REVEL WEEK SKITTLE TOURNAMENT



Winners: Pete's Unforgettables



Runners Up: Garlic Bread Bashers

Bridgerule Dog Club held a very successful Dog Show to begin our Revel Week, with 20 dog entries in most classes. This was the first time the Club had organized such an event and we hope that another will follow next year.

Friends of Bridgerule School organized a successful Ramble during the week and made a profit of £350.

The Football Club held a Prize Bingo and raised just under £200.

On Saturday a Summer Music and Food Event organized also by FOBS and raised almost a £100.

The proceeds from the Show, the Skittle Tournament and the Music Evening totaling £468 has been distributed equally to The Church, Methodist Chapel, FOBS and the Village Hall.

RESULTS OF OUR REVEL VEGETABLE AND ART & CRAFT SHOW

**Chris Hitchings Winner of the
Vegetable Section**



**Audrey Bewes Winner of the
Cookery and Handicraft Section**



**Delilah Harris Winner of the
Children's Section**



**Overall Winner of the
Show**

BRIDGERULE SUMMER SHOW RESULTS

Children's Section:

2 layer Sponge Cake	1 st	Delilah Harris
	2 nd	Florence Harris
	3 rd	Harley Woodward
Floral Display in Recycled Item	1 st	Delilah Harris
	2 nd	Harley Woodward
	3 rd	Florence Harris
Floral Display	1 st	Delilah Harris
	2 nd	Florence Harris
Craft - Recycled item	1 st	Harley Woodward
Art 7-8 years	1 st	Delilah Harris
9-11 years	1 st	Heidi Cooper
	2 nd	Rueben Furse
	3 rd	Florence Harris
<u>Vegetables:</u> Onion	1 st	Rob Honey
	2 nd	Colin Cholwill
	3 rd	Chris Hitchings/ Malcolm Shadbolt
French Bean	1 st	Malcolm Shadbolt
	2 nd	Chris Hitchings
	3 rd	David Hale
Runner Bean	1 st	Colin Cholwill
	2 nd	Chris Hitchings
	3 rd	John Hallett
Carrots	1 st	Rose Hitchings
	2 nd	Rob Honey
	3 rd	Malcolm Shadbolt
Beetroot	1 st	Chris Hitchings
	2 nd	Rob Honey
	3 rd	Malcolm Shadbolt
Tomatoes	1 st	Chris Hitchings
	2 nd	Rob Honey
	3 rd	Geoff Firth
3 other Veg	1 st	Geoff Firth
	2 nd	Suzanne Cogdell
	3 rd	Chris Hitchings
Potatoes	1 st	Chris Hitchings
	2 nd	Hilary Taylor
	3 rd	Colin Cholwill
Peas	1 st	Joan Marshall
	2 nd	Chris Hitchings
	3 rd	David Hale

Bridgerule School Results

Spoon: 1st Ella C

2nd John

3rd Reggie

4th Eloise

Flower Collage

1st Flo

2nd Orla

3rd Lottie

Highly Comm Seb B

Bears: 1st Florence

2nd Jasmine

3rd Harper

Highly Comm Rocco

Whopper	1 st	Chris Hitchings	Cucumber
	2 nd	Colin Cholwill	Courgette
	3 rd	Rob Honey	Cucumber
Insect Eaten	1 st	Fred Cogdell	
	2 nd	Rose Hitchings	
	3 rd	David Hale	
Veg Mis-shape	1 st	Colin Cholwill	
	2 nd	John Hallett	
	3 rd	Freda Lacey	

Craft Adults:

Needlework - Embroidery	1 st	Abbie Cogdell	
	2 ⁿ	Mel Bailey	
	3 rd	Linda Bailey	
Knitting	1 st	Freda Lacey	
	2 nd	Angela Brock	
Crochet	1 st	Rose Hitchings	
	1 ^s	Kath Whatmore	
	2 nd	Rose Coates	
Surprise Us	3 rd	Freda Lacey	
	1 st	Wendy Rimmer	
Art and Craft Group	2 nd	Audrey Bewes	
	3 rd	Freda Lacey/Linda Goodman	
Art	1 st	Susan Das	
	2 nd	Steve Steel	
	3 rd	Paula Woodward	
Cookery: Meat Pattie	1 st	Clarice Harris	
	2 nd	Linda Goodman	
	3 rd	Freda Lacey	
Fruit Scones	1 st	Linda Goodman	
	2 nd	Hayley Harris	
	3 rd	Clarice Harris	
Lemon Drizzle	1 st	Audrey Bewes	
	2 nd	Hayley Harris	
	3 rd	Christine Gee	
Floral Art: Wedding Posy	1 st	Audrey Bewes	
	2 nd	Mandy Bickle	
	3 rd	Rebecca Bickle	
Pot Plant	1 st	Malcolm Shadbolt	
	2 nd	Georgina Hemmings	
	3 rd	Sarah Poole	
Photography: Insect	1 st	Mandy Bickle	
	2 nd	Mark Coats	
	3 rd	G. Das	
Devon/Cornwall	1 st	G Das	
	2 nd	Susan Das	
	3 rd	Paula Woodward	

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11.00- 12.00 am

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Kathwhatmore@gmail.com

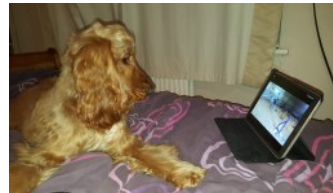


BRIDGERULE DOG CLUB

Wednesday AM and Friday AM

Jane: 01288 381085/07500708650

Maggie: 07979853547



SHORT MAT BOWLS

Friday from 2.00pm

Contact Scott on 01288 381459

or email sdwhatmore@gmail.com



St Bridget's Church Tower Restoration Progress



The repairs to the Church Tower are well underway, and we're hoping to have everything done before the end of November. The main work is to repoint all of the masonry on the Tower, removing the old lime mortar and replacing it with new. To cure properly the lime mortar has to dry out slowly, which is why the scaffolding is covered up and the contractors are using wetted blankets to keep everything moist.

The other key part of the work is to pump grout into the voids in the Tower; although it looks like it's made of solid blocks of masonry it's actually two walls with a cavity in between that's filled with rubble, a bit like 15th Century cavity wall insulation! Over time, water has seeped in, displacing or eroding the rubble, and filling these gaps with grout is vital for the tower's stability.

When the builders started on the top of the tower they were surprised to find that one of the pinnacles (the small turrets at the top) was starting to come away from the rest of the tower. Investigation revealed that it had been struck by lightning in the 1940s, blown off the tower and crashed through the roof of the Church. It's now been firmly attached back in place, and hopefully that's the last of the surprises that our 600 year old Church has for us!

POTTERS FISH N THINGS

**SCHEDULE FOR VISITING BRIDGERULE
VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK
4.30pm—7.00pm**



4th September 18th September 02nd October 16th October

New UK laws aimed at protecting children online

Regulating harmful content online came into effect on July 25, 2025. These laws, part of the Online Safety Act, require online platforms to implement measures to prevent children from accessing harmful content, including pornography, self-harm material, and other age-inappropriate content. Key aspects are:

Child Protection:

"Highly effective age assurance" must be applied.

Harmful Content Regulation:

Harmful content, i.e. self-harm, suicide and eating disorders must be monitored.

Transparency and Control:

Greater transparency on content to give users more control over what they see.

Enforcement:

Greater enforcement powers given to Ofcom to regulate content.

Age Verification:

Pornography sites must use robust age verification apps.

Parents and Children:

Parents to have more tools to protect children online.

Adult Users:

Adult users to have more control over available content.

Potential for Blocked Content:

Some websites may be blocked for UK users.

Evolving Technology:

The effectiveness of age verification tools to be monitored.

However, the use of VPNs can bypass age verification measures as logging into foreign websites and the dark web is relatively easy. Many websites have little care on who views its content only that it brings in advertising revenue.

Some of these regulations may also breach personal data privacy laws and may not be applied as they can breach the data protection act! (that law may need to be changed).

The new laws mean well, but the law of unintentional consequences is apparent.

Talk about locking the stable door after the horse has bolted, the government is so far behind the curve, many of these laws will have no effect on tech savvy kids!!

The new laws also affect what you may write on social media any breach of these laws can result in a criminal prosecution, be very careful, voicing a simple opinion can be life changing and you won't just be waving goodbye to freedom of speech.



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- **Lloyds Bank Community Banking**, Monday 1st, 15th & 29th – 2:00pm–4:00pm.
- **Bounce & Rhyme**, Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th – 2:15pm–2:45pm
- Come along and speak to the **Healthwatch Devon Champions** for support and guidance on local health and social care and to share your experiences with them, Monday 8th – 2:00pm–3:30pm
- **Ruby Country Creative Writing Group**, Wednesday 10th, 11:00am–12:00pm Places limited so please book with library staff.
- **Gardening Cuppa & Chat**, Wednesday 17th – 2:00pm–3:00pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Digital Skills with Learn Devon: Downloading Apps on Your Mobile Device**, Monday 22nd – 2:30pm–3:30pm. Free but places are limited. Please book via Learn Devon (library staff can help with booking if you require assistance).
- **Lego and games** for children. Every Saturday – 10:00am–12:00.

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- September 7th** Eucharist with Rev. Jane Bradbury
September 14th Morning Prayer with Mary Aicheler
September 21st Joint Service at Methodist Church
September 28th Harvest Festival with Rev. Alison Hardy

October 5th Eucharist with Rev. Alison Hardy
October 12th Morning Prayer with Valerie Harris
October 19th Joint Service at Methodist Church
October 26th All Age Eucharist with Rev. Alison Hardy

BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHURCH

Services at 11.00am

- September 7th** Rev. Joy Wilson
September 21st Local Arrangement
September 28th Joint Service at St. Bridget's

October 5th Cath Paddon - Harvest Festival
October 6th Harvest Service, Supper and Sale 7.15pm.
October 19th Joint Service with St. Bridget's

SHEILA'S MENTIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE:

Marily Pickett	11th September
Suzanne Cogdell	20th September
Rachel Smith	21st September
Trevor Snowdon	22nd September
Julie King	24th September
Gill Hedley	26th September
Alan Weekes	29th September
Ken James	19th October



Bridgerule Coffee Morning is held in Village Hall every two weeks on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am. Next one is September 2nd.

BRIDGERULE PARISH COUNCIL

**FREE FIRST AID COURSE - for anyone wishing to attend
TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL BRIDGERULE**

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER AT 10.00AM—12.00PM

The Parish Council have arranged for a FREE First Aid Session for any interested residents. Please come along to this useful and free First Aid session. All are welcome. The session will cover the use of a Defibrillator. What to do at the scene of an accident. Choking and Bleeding and basic first aid. Equipment required for demonstration is provided.

Neighbourhood Watch Notes

Neighbourhood watch is about being aware of and understanding your neighbours, their property and their personalities. Everyone is different, as we know, but to coin a phrase 'some are more different than others'. Somewhere there are criminals - and they don't always wear masks and have 'Swag' on the bags over their shoulders.

The sneakiest ones sit in front of a computer and perform Scams.

Persuading people to part with their money whether they realise it or not.

The latest scam I have heard of is the phone Sim-card swap. If you are on social media sites, if you have had the mishap to have fallen for a phishing expedition, or have been part of a data breach by said criminals, and have parted with information about yourself, it is possible your smart phone number could be pinched. Then swapped to a different Sim-card and, Hey Presto you are not you - but the fraudster is. Everything on your phone is theirs. Of course, all they really want is your money, from bank account or credit/debit card details.

So - 'who you gonna call?' 159 and Action Fraud 0300 123 2040. Then your provider and let them know this really is you. Good idea to set up a special code word, name or number, so that they know when it is you. Not kept in the phone !

Don't fall for the friendly face that responds to your plea for a loan. Very possibly a Loan Shark. Try calling Torridge District Council on 01271 371 499 for the Household Support Fund. Holsworthy food bank is 01271 377077.

Are we getting another Indian Summer for the late caravans and motorhomes to visit around us? Be careful out there doing the essential shopping and elsewhere and in the home, keeping purses, bags and phones safe. Don't leave things on view in your vehicle. Have an eye open for peculiar behaviour if strangers are about and phone 999 if something criminal is happening, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 to report anonymously. Be part of your neighbourhood, watching, as the meerkats so nearly said.

John McDougall Coordinator

01288 381237



OFF TO THE RACES!

On 24th June it was ladies day for a group of friends in Bridgerule. It was a great opportunity for us all to dress up in our finest. Sam Beer and Steve Shaw became our chauffeurs for the day as we piled on a minibus to Newton Abbot Races. Pam from the Bridge Inn opened up especially for us. It was a fabulous day and we all came away with a win, some more than others.

The weather at first looked a little threatening but as evening went on, we were blessed with the sunshine.

On the way back we sang a few songs and shared the picnic food we had all prepared.

Everyone had a fabulous time and next year's trip is already being planned .



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Derril Water Solar Park Update

The works at Derril Water are steadily nearing completion as the team are carrying out 'hot commissioning' of the equipment now that there is a connection to the grid. Once that commissioning is completed and NGED (the grid company for the area) have approved the final tests, then the solar park will start to export power to the grid.

In parallel with that work the various communications systems are being set up which will enable remote control of the system and full data acquisition. We will use this data to let the Derril Water Coop members see how much power their solar park is generating.

We are also nearing completion of the installation of the security system which will be remotely monitored 24/7.

As the majority of the ground works have completed we will shortly level off and reseed the disturbed areas of ground so that the soil is stabilised and the grassland moves towards a more biodiverse composition in accordance with the ecological management plan for the site.

As always, we would like to thank everyone in the community for their patience through the construction phase of this exciting project that is owned by over 9,000 households from across the UK. Please see <https://derrilwater.com/> for more details.





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BRIDGERULE COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Members Meeting on Monday 21st July. A very successful first year of trading.

Lynda was introduced as our shop manager but unfortunately since has decided she doesn't wish to continue and so we will soon start the hunt for a replacement.

We are always seeking new Volunteers. If you can spare a few hours please come along and join our friendly team. Just ask in the shop for details.

We've got tea covered



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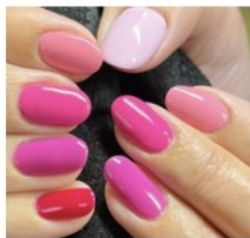
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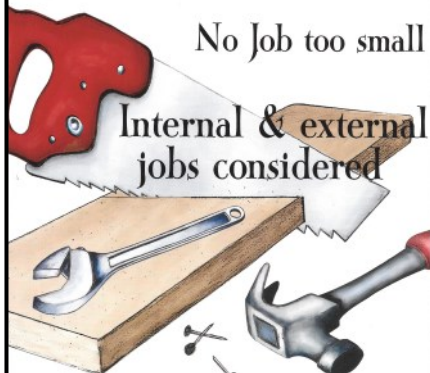
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