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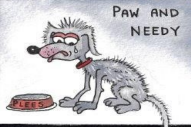
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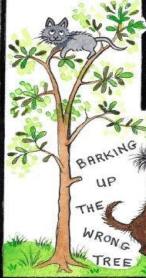
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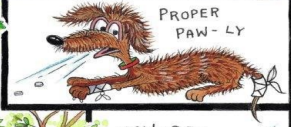
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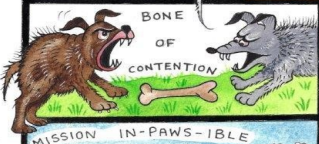
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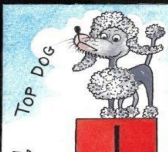
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

THE BUZZ

Dear Buzz Readers,

Happy New Year!

***May your coming year be filled with Peace,
Happiness and Good Health.***



THE OLD AND POSSIBLE THOUGHTS OF A NEW!!

The Village Hall Committee meet later in January 2020 with an item on the Agenda which I hope you will be interested in; that of a village shop.

The Committee will certainly be keeping you posted and seeking your help if and when things progress.

Sheila Cholwill Editor

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HOT SUPPER, DESSERTS AND QUIZ –

in support of the Tetcott Hunt

BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 25 January

Food served at 7pm, quiz beginning at 8pm.

Teams of up to six, £10 per person with food or £5 for quiz only
Trophy for the winners.

Please book your team in no later than Tuesday 21 January with
Teresa at tjdennis.rowans@hotmail.co.uk or call 01409 271208 or
07940 858525

CAROL SINGING AT THE BRIDGE INN CHRISTMAS EVE

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
PETE NORTH



THIS IS THE MOMENT
SOUTH MET NORTH!



HOW ENTHUSIASTIC WAS AUDREY
PINT AND A HALF!!

*Landlady Pam and barman, Tony
were kept very busy on Christmas
Eve. Liquid refreshment was in
demand from the enthusiastic carol
singers.*



WHAT'S ON at BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY: BEAT BOUNCE 6/7 and 7/8pm Brooke 07715560912

TUESDAY: VILLAGE COFFEE CLUB 10.30am Sheila/Audrey 381350/402

TABLE TENNIS - 2.00pm Jill 01409 253349

DOG OBEDIENCE - from 6.30pm Christine 01288 381104

WEDNESDAY: ART & CRAFT - 2.00pm Joan 01288 381002 2 weekly

FRIDAY: SHORT MAT BOWLS 2,00pm Alan 01288 382988

**OUR WELL EQUIPPED HALL IS AVAILABLE
FOR YOU TO HIRE FOR THAT
SPECIAL EVENT !**




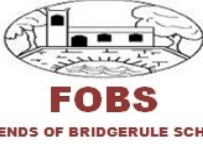

**£20 A Session plus Hire of Kitchen
or hourly by arrangement
Book it Now on 01288 381350**

Keep an eye on the village website

www  **bridgerule.co.uk**

THANK YOU!

For supporting our Christmas Fundraising events
We are really pleased that we have met our target of £1000!
This has paid for the school to attend the pantomime and for
pre-school Christmas presents

FOBS
FRIENDS OF BRIDGERULE SCHOOL

**FIRST TABLE TOP SALE FOR 2020 AT
BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY**



TABLE TOP SALE

TRADERS FROM 12.00 NOON
£5 A TABLE

BUYERS FROM 1.15PM

BOOKS **CD'S** **TOYS** **CARDS** **PLANTS** **CUP CAKES**
COSMETICS **JIGSAW PUZZLES** **KITCHEN ITEMS** **GIFTS** **JEWELRY**
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE **CLOTHES**

**BRIDGERULE VILLAGE HALL
CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?**

3 lovely ladies have come forward from the previous Buzz to help but if there is anyone else out there we would still love to hear from you.

We are fortunate at the **Village Hall** that a small group of lovely ladies voluntarily keep our hall looking at its best on a regular basis.

We try to organise it in pairs and it takes about 2 hours at one time.

At the moment volunteers give their time once every 6 weeks.

If you are able to help us, the committee would be very grateful.

Please contact Sheila 01288 381350 if available.

ART AND CRAFT CLUB

The local Art and Craft Group meet every other Wednesday afternoon in our hall.

Joan Marshall is its leader.

General activities which members take part in is knitting, crocheting, painting, making cards, cross stitch, embroidery and patchwork.

Demonstrations which members also took part in 2019 has seen glass painting, mosaics, flower arranging and felting demonstrations take place.

Joan hopes to arrange further demonstrations in 2020. Items such as Decoupage, parchment craft, paper pricking and decorating eggs.

Anything you wish to try the club will try and arrange.

The club hold a supply of craft materials that are available for its members to use.

Joan can be contacted on 01288 381002. The club returns on 15th January.

BRIDGERULE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

After humble beginnings Bridgerule Table tennis with only one table has made great strides forward to the extent we have had to purchase 4 tables, selling the Hall table as it was not up to league status and donating money back to Village hall.

Last year we entered 2 teams in the North Devon league and much improved success for their 2nd season.

This year we have entered another 2 teams in the league. We now have 3 teams in North Cornwall league, 1 in Division 2, 2 in Division 3, and one team playing in North Devon in Division 1. I am hoping that we will be able eventually to bring some silverware back to Bridgerule.

As well as the benefits to members keeping them fit and active with the generosity of the club members, this year we have been able to donate to various charities.

£500 to Cancer UK north Devon - £50 to the Psoriasis Association

And last but not least last month we donated £500 to the Special Olympics in North Devon which had 2 Bridgerule representatives umpiring at Tarka in Barnstaple for 2 days in November.

At present we are full to capacity and no longer able to take in any more players daytime but if anyone in the area wishes to play in the league which is always in the evening I am happy for them to contact me as we can accommodate another team.

One last note we have had so many compliments about the hall from our opposition that we are very fortunate to have such an active committee who have put so much effort in transforming it.

Jill Knightley



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Then just let Stacey Hillier Cholwill know and she will upload it on to our face book page'.

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CLASS 1 NATIVITY HELD AT ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH



On Thursday December 12th, as the long winter term for Bridgerule C of E (VC) Primary School drew to a close, parents, grandparents, carers, family and friends filled St Bridget's Church as Mrs Pankhurst's Class 1, with the assistance of Mrs Daniels and Mrs Martyn retold the timeless story of the first Nativity. As the story unfolded, beautifully narrated throughout and interspersed with lovely festive songs we followed Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel to the birth of baby Jesus, the visits of the shepherds and the wise men, ably assisted by their camels!

Miss Lisa Paton, Executive Head teacher at Bridgerule Primary School congratulated the pupils and especially Mrs Pankhurst for all their hard work and wished everyone present a joyous Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.



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BRIDGERULE COFFEE CLUB

The Village Coffee Club meet in our Hall every two weeks and is run by Audrey and Sheila with the help of Christine and has become more popular than ever in 2019. Regular numbers now attending are about 35 and in 2019 £1300 has been donated to our village hall from these mornings.

Coupled with the regular coffee clubs monthly coach trips are organised to various places in Devon Cornwall and sometimes beyond.

These are the places we visited this year:

Blackdown Hills Garden Centre and Sheppy's Cider Farm

Seaton / Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary

Bicton Gardens

Helford River Boat Trip / Truro

Tavistock / House of Marbles and Glass Blowing

Boscastle Farm Shop for Lunch

Barneville Garden Centre Cowley Exeter and Lunch

Trethorne Christmas lunch

Sheila and Audrey welcome any new members to our Coffee Club..

The club re-forms after Christmas on **Tuesday 7th January at 10.30am**. On that occasion there is to be a short talk by Mr Martin Rich of the Community Council of Devon with regard to people's utility bills. He pre-advises that if anyone wants to bring their bills along for some personal advice, he can sit with them and check that they are on a reasonable charge structure.



**COFFEE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH HELD
RECENTLY AT TRET HORNE LEISURE
PARK**

**BRIDGERULE METHODIST CHAPEL
PREACHING APPOINTMENTS**



5th January 2020	United Covenant	
12th January	J. Guy	11.00am
19th January	S. Hill	11.00am
26th January	Mark Shears	11.00am
2nd February	Rev N. Street	Sacrament 11.00am
9th February	S. Skinner	11.00 am
16th February	J. Hawkins	11.00 am
23rd February	TRIPP	11.00 am

WINE AND WISDOM: We thank all those that came to our Wine and Wisdom Evening just before Christmas.

£365 was raised for Chapel Funds.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The Bridgerule Short Mat Bowls Club (BSMBC) meet on a Friday afternoon starting at 2pm and finishing around 4:30pm at the Village Hall. We have three mats and typically we get around 10-14 people attending. The game is played in teams which are selected at the start of each session and the purpose is to get your or your team's woods as near to the jack as possible.

It is a friendly club (we do not play in any leagues) and we welcome beginners as well as experienced players. The club has a selection of woods you can borrow so if you would like to "give it a go" please contact Alan Quilter on 382988.



NEW UNIT AND CLASSROOM FOR OUR SCHOOL

Guests gathered at Bridgerule Church of England Primary School last week to celebrate the new Foundation Stage Unit and a brand new classroom. The

extensive building work took place over the summer months with the finishing touches being completed in recent weeks. In the past a privately run pre-school operated in the school hall but this has now been taken over by the school increasing the provision from 3 days a week to 5. Executive Head teacher Lisa Paton explained that “We were keen for the pre school to become part of Bridgerule Primary School and I wanted them to have their own dedicated room next to Class 1. As a result all of the Foundation Stage children between 2 and 4 years old can work and play together and use the outside undercover space. It did mean though that the other classes had to move round and we needed a new teaching space for Class 2! This has been achieved by building a wonderful mezzanine floor in the large hall space. We also installed ramps outside of the main building so parents can access the site with pushchairs more easily. The FSU room also has brand new toilets and sink facilities as well as a state of the art touch screen interactive TV.

We are delighted with the new facilities and today's celebration gives me an opportunity to thank all the people who worked tirelessly to make it happen and lend a hand along the way: staff and parents, the governors, our premises team, The Diocese and Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. We are also grateful for an award from the DMAT School Condition Allocation which helped to fund the building work. It is an absolute joy to watch the children enjoying their new classrooms and to see our school grow and develop”.

Bridgerule Foundation Stage Unit has places available for children from the age of 2 to 4 years with half or full day sessions Monday to Friday. If you are interested and would like a tour please call the school on 01288 381366. Alternatively you can email admin@bridgerule.devon.sch.uk

Lisa Paton

Executive Head Teacher

**Bradford, Black Torrington and Bridgerule Primary School
Holsworthy Area Cluster**

SHEILA'S MENTIONS:

Whose Birthday is it:

Betty Ingram on 4th January

Peggy Morris will be 96 on 5th January — Congratulations!

Brenda Tole on 9th January

Gary Abbott on 14th January

Pat Hodges on the 15th January

Ron Cameron on 16th January

Vic Pickett on 23rd January

Joan Marshall on 24th January



Ron Abbott on 8th February

Paul Cholwill for the 13th February

Tony Wallis on 16th February

Marie Field on 21st February

Alan Quilter for 21st February

Harry Hillier Cholwill for 24th February

Christopher Darwin 29th February

Our Warm Wishes are sent to Ron Abbott, Ron Cameron and Terry Brock.



ST BRIDGET'S CHURCH SERVICES

January 5th 2020	Sung Eucharist	11.15am
January 12th	Morning Prayer	11.15am
January 19th	Sung Eucharist	11.15am
January 26th	Morning Prayer	11.15am
February 2nd	Patronal Sung Eucharist	11.15am
February 9th	Morning Prayer	11.15am
February 16th	Sung Eucharist	11.15am
February 23rd	Morning Prayer	11.15am
February 25th	Shrove Tuesday with Pancakes & Races 4.00pm	

MUTLEY CREW DOG CLUB

Mutley Crew Dog Club started up several years ago at Bridgerule Village Hall with the intention of giving something to do for dogs and their owners in and around the village.

We now have 3 classes running and have progressed to obtaining Listed Status with the Kennel Club so that we can run the Kennel Club Good Citizen Awards, from Puppy, through Bronze, Silver and on to the Gold awards. We have two trainers, Margaret Goulden and Christine Bennett who are experienced in Obedience, Agility, Hoopers and Rally Obedience and both trainers also compete with their dogs in the activities mentioned.

Puppy classes start at 6.30 and run for three quarters of an hour, they include a little bit of socialisation, obedience and fun of course, with information on laws and looking after your pups. Our next class starts at 7.30 pm and is for those who have progressed from Puppy class and are looking to do their Bronze tests or just wanting to achieve a better behaved dog. Our last class of the evening is at 8.00 pm and is for the more advanced dogs – obedience and looking towards Silver and Gold test Awards. Our methods of training are by positive reinforcement and we will not tolerate any harsh handling, dogs give us their undivided love we should give the same back.

We are hoping in the New Year to do a trick training hour perhaps once a month too. Also our club is involved in the new dog sport called Hoopers, good for young or old dogs as well as the intermediate range – for details of Hoopers please contact Margaret on 01288 352427. Hoopers involves dogs running (or walking) through hoops, going through tunnels and around barrels and we hold competitions for those who want something a bit more. We will take puppies for obedience once they have completed their vaccination program and take dogs for Hoopers from age 1 upwards to any age. If you are interested in working with your dog then please get in touch with Margaret or myself – Christine – 01288 381104 every Tuesday evening at Bridgerule Village Hall and Hoopers at Elm Park Equestrian centre in Boyton on a Wednesday evening.



CAROL SINGING 2019

There was a brilliant turn out for our Carol Singing evening on Tuesday 17th December where we tried to scurry round both our usual areas of Bridgerule in one evening as the previous event was cancelled due to the rain.

Thank you to the singers of course, lovely to have a few children joined us, and to cuddy Santa on his sleigh with a lovely reindeer sat up front driving the decorated quad bike (Bill Eastcott). A really big thank you for the generosity of the householders who put money in the boxes and to some who kindly welcomed us with trays of mulled wine, mince pies and chocolate etc. In just one evening we collected £150 which will be divided between the Church, the Chapel and the School..

Thank you again.

REMINDER:

You will remember that Paul & Stacey collected your old Christmas Trees and took them to Widemouth Bay. This project is NOT happening this year apparently in order to let the sand build up!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

Well that's Christmas and New Year over and done with. Now there is only the tidying up to do. And this could be a problem for you if you don't do it carefully.

You will have heard of the person who was almost taken to court for littering - when the name and address papers fell out of the recycling vehicle. So do take more care and remove name and address details from stuff you put out for recycling or even in to the dustbin. It's good to tear it up so it's like a jigsaw puzzle, or better shred or burn it (carefully). It is not only littering that could affect you, or is it that could have an effect on you?

It just makes sense to keep your details to yourself.

However, there are cases where it is useful for someone to know your details. Most oil delivery companies have a 'Cold Weather Priority' scheme for customers of a certain age and above. Over 75 years of age? Let your oil company know and you should receive priority treatment when ordering. You can do this online of course. For instance Moorland Fuels can be contacted on "info@moorlandfuels.co.uk".

Next, I have heard that there are some dog owners who are not keeping their animals on a lead where sheep are around. Surely everyone realises that farmers can shoot animals seen attacking their sheep. Good practice is to keep your dog's behaviour under control, and not dead.

But beyond all that, look after yourselves and your neighbours for a good New Year.

John McDougall

Coordinator Bridgerule

Telephone: 01288 381237



MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS BRIDGERULE

Village Hall 2.00pm

JANUARY 8TH 2020

Uplands 2.50pm

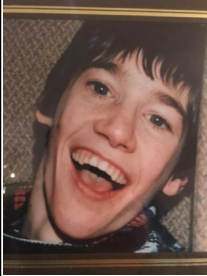


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 Carol & Ian Baker -Eastlake Lewdown
 Paul & Stacey Cholwill -1 Littlebridge Cross
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 Ray & Audrey Bewes -The Green
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 Freda Lacey - 8 Bridge Park
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 Friends of Bridgrule School

SPOTLIGHT SOUTHWEST VIST CHOLWILL'S CHRISTMAS REINDEER FACTORY

Spotlight Southwest Television visited the Cholwill's Christmas Reindeer Factory just before Christmas. Kevin Hey interviewed Colin, Sheila and



Paul asking them how and why the making of the wooden reindeers began.

He learnt that the inspiration came from their eldest son, Mark who was born severely disabled and needed 24/7 care and had passed away suddenly in 2001 at the age of 29.

Kevin also learnt that the factory began in 2012 after Angela Brock had taken a photograph of a similar looking wooden reindeer whilst on holiday and saying that Colin should go home and make some. Colin did just as she said. The first two prototypes were not good but the following one passed the test and Angela was given the first reindeer coming out of the Cholwill Reindeer Factory. We believe Angela still has it in her garden today.



Seven years later 3000 reindeers having been made and sold and £41500 being donated to Little Harbour Children's Hospice, St Austell for equipment and items to make the families lives more comfortable when they come to stay at the hospice with their sick child. Paul, Stacey and the grandchildren are now an important part of the reindeer factory with the help of a few close friends.

THE WORKERS!



SOME MEMORIES OF BRIDGERULE Great “Doings” for Revel Week as published in the local paper the “Cornish and Devon Post dated 29th December 1956 which also quotes from a newspaper article dated 12th June 1897.

Memories of the Pentecost feast day of the church at Bridgerule in olden times.

“There were 40 present at the celebration of the Eucharist at a.m.” the extract states. “At 11 a.m. there was a choral procession, and at 3.00pm a children’s service. As the whole congregation moved in procession through the old church, the flowers were received at the chancel step by two choir boys - Fred M. Rogers and Owen Dinner. On Monday two large hampers were despatched to London. At 6.30 there was a fully choral evensong with procession. The church was “crowded”.

The Revel Sunday and the Revel Week, the correspondent writes, used to be kept up with great spirit. There are a still a few in Bridgerule who can remember the great preparations made. About the year 1830 most of the houses in the village were owned by a Mr. Sam Cornish and every year during the week preceding the Revel, he would have each house white-washed thoroughly inside and out.

There were three public houses in the village at this time. The present Bridge inn; The King’s Arms (now known as Jubilee House) and the London inn (Probably East View House). The latter was closed about the year 1836, while the King’s Arms continued up to 1850.

One of the great doings of this week was the bun making. On the Friday before Revel, the farmers daughters, and others of the parish, were invited to one or the other of the Inns to assist in the baking. The four was wetted up with the cream, a few currants (always the best), sugar, and saffron to make it as yellow as a guinea - the way, old folks say, there is nothing to equal. It was spread on sycamore leaves and baked for about five minutes, great care being taken not to brown them too much.

To hear old folks talking about them, they must have been “toothsome” indeed. The first dozen baked were then sent as a present to the Vicar.

On the next afternoon (Saturday) the games began with “kill” playing skittles. The “kills” being taken from their alley in the Inn, down to the ground where the Bible Christian Chapel stands. Of course, beer was plentiful, and the buns were selling freely at a penny each.

On the Sunday the church was crowded. Forms had to be placed in the aisles while scores unable to get inside had to sit in the Churchyard or on the Churchyard wall under the trees. The singers sat at the gallery at the west end of the church and were accompanied by a barrel organ played by a Mr. Greenwood Webb. On this afternoon was worn to church was the hat that was to be wrestled for the next day. It was a “topper” gaily bedecked with ribbons. It was the admiration of all, and many were the guesses as to who the winner would be. The bells would be ringing all day, sets of ringers from adjoining parishes being present.

On Monday all work was suspended. Nancy Peardon and Mary Ann Peters, from Launceston, with their sweet meat stalls, and four or five others from elsewhere, put in an appearance early in the afternoon. A brisk trade was done, the youngsters spending their several pennies while the older generation had to treat their sweethearts to not less than “1/2lb of the best”.

About 3.00pm the “rasslin” ring was formed. Bridgerule had several good wrestlers, among whom may be mentioned Sam and Will Piper. Noted wrestlers used to turn in from parishes nearly 20 miles away. The village used to be decorated with bushes and small trees. The Thursday following was the annual day of the Bridgerule Club and again the parish wore a holiday appearance. This club was formed in 1804 and on the 10th June each year members proceeded to the church and around the village, again carrying their white rods. A good dinner was well served that day in the Bridge Inn by Hostess James. We believe this event discontinued in 1900.

OUR ENGLAND by Marie Field

Our Christmas now past, bringing a brand New Year.
 Will there be gloom or bright encouraging cheer?
 And Boris not yet lying dead in a ditch.
 For 2019, a year of political ups and downs,
 Folks longing to get off the Crazy Merry - go-Round.
 For with Parliaments shilly-shallying and broken plans,
 We were down the rabbit hole with Alice in Wonderland.

But how fortunate to escape the normality,
 To find a semblance of calm stability.
 With beautiful landscape to steady our nerves,
 Lush rolling green hills in gentle curves.
 A sparkling river flowing forever to the sea,
 An aura of ageless peace and amity.

And a cheerful, so useful village magazine,
 To keep us familiar with the local scene.
 A myriad of adverts from industrious skilled chaps.
 Keeping homes maintained to avoid mishaps.
 And Paul the Plumber with his twinkling smile,
 Ready to come to our rescue all the while.
 From quite disastrous plumbing leaks,
 Washing machines flooding the floor to make us shriek.
 And Jane his lovely wife with her busy bees,
 Supplying us with delicious honey for our teas.

Our England we love and for which we care,
 Not parliamentary squabbles in which to feel ensnared.
 Folks need to feel valued and to feel free,
 Not part of a frantic Mad Hatters Tea Party!
 But we British are tough will soldier on,
 Knowing eventually right will emerge from wrong.
 And as the New Year brings fresh hope anew.
 May courage and plain common sense win through.

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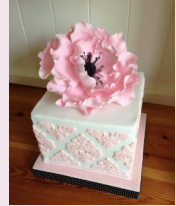
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Tablet PCs

These devices have become very popular with users of all ages, but many do not regard them as a computer, which they are, and they are vulnerable to the same scams and infections as with any other computer and in many cases more so! Download and install reputable anti-malware apps to protect your online browsing and data profiles.

Windows 10 Upgrade to Version 1909

Microsoft has released the upgrade version 1909 which will only work on 1903 version. If you are using older versions of Windows 10 you may experience a slow running system as it tries to update the software and repeatedly fails.

Windows 7 support stops on January 14th

Windows 7 will cease to be supported by Microsoft from January 14th and some users may experience issues with 3rd party software as they will no longer run due to copyright licence restrictions.

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