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Chudleigh Men Are Definitely Merry! Marion Thomas reviews the first production from Chudleigh Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)

1 I arrived for the Saturday evening performance of Chudleigh's pantomime to find the Community Hall filling rapidly and an eager air of anticipation among the audience.

2 The brightly painted stage backdrop featured woodland with stone walls on either side. Incidental music introduced the Wag of the Woods (Sharon Cook) who acted as narrator. The villainous Sheriff (Judith Travell in a well-deserved lead role) appeared, followed by a buxom Fairy (Maryon Avery) and a suitably scary Witch (Laura Scales), who had put a spell on the Sheriff to make him wicked. To overcome the spell, he must marry a pure maid from Chudleigh (cue guffaws of laughter from the audience!). The jokes regarding local characters went down well during the search for a beautiful bride.

3 Frequent interruptions from the five Sheriff's men and four Merry Men (with a great high-slapping routine) enlivened proceedings but the star of the show was Mike Milne as Dame Two Tors, the mother of Maid Marion (Alison Palmer). Mike was a natural who produced plenty of laughs. Wreck and Ruin (Sally Priestnall and Paul Lovick)

provided an hilarious double act with great comic timing. Gina Sherwood was suitably leggy as the principal boy, Robin Hood, and treated us to a couple of songs during the performance. King Richard (Mandy Lovick) arrived in time to save the day.

4 During the interval we refreshed ourselves with drinks before the second act commenced. We hissed and booed, clapped and cheered, oohed and aahed appropriately (oh yes we did!) and in true panto fashion, the cast lived happily ever after.

Special mention must be made of Chudleigh's children, especially delightful little Bethany Martin, who kept appearing as a character in various alternative pantomimes and was sent off each time. The cast was well supported by the backstage staff and thanks must go to the production team, also to Tank Sherman who wrote the majority of the script.

The Merry Men of Chudleigh was a magnificent effort by all concerned and reflected the huge amount of work which had obviously gone into the production – bring on next year's panto!



King Richard admires the Assets of Dame Two Tors

(photo: Simon Boot)



Wreck and Ruin plot and scheme at Ye Olde Harvey's

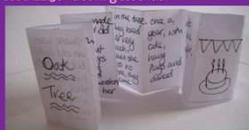
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CCP Appeals for Help

Anyone who enjoyed the pantomime, has ever been to an event in the Community Hall or swum in the pool on a sunny day must surely recognise the importance to this town of Chudleigh Community Project and the benefits it provides. Now CCP needs our help. **Read the article by John Evans on page 6** and please think seriously about lending a hand this year.

Chudleigh Play Park Needs You!

Read the full story on page 6

From the Editors

Many thanks to those of you who provided positive feedback on the paper version of CP which we distributed to every household during January. The email list has been updated with all the addresses sent to us.

From the feedback, we concluded the electronic version is acceptable to most of our readers most of the time and we will continue to concentrate on this format. There are a small number of readers who only read the paper version. They will be

able to obtain their copies from the Town Hall as before.

In this month's packed issue (another eight-pager) I would draw your attention in particular to the CCP appeal on page 6. Many of us use the pool during the summer; even more of us use the Community Hall throughout the year. CCP desperately needs help to keep running these valuable facilities. Can YOU help them this year?

Kate and Sharon

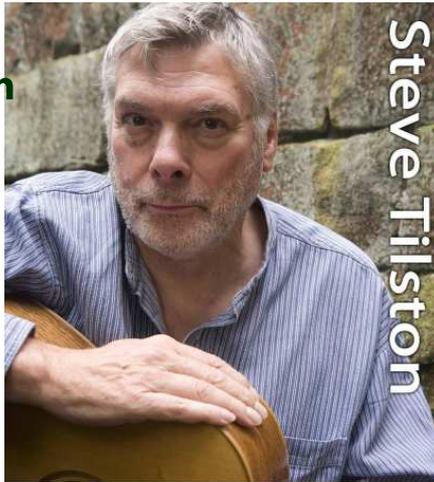
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Steve Tilston Comes to Town



Steve Tilston

www.stevetilston.com

Steve Tilston is coming to Chudleigh on Saturday 23rd March as part of this season's Villages in Action programme. Steve will need no introduction for anyone into the folk scene, but if you've not heard of him, he is a guitarist, singer, songwriter and entertainer, widely recognised within the world of folk and contemporary music with words, arrangements and subtle, quite superb guitar playing his hallmark. He recorded his first album back in 1971 and won the 2012 BBC Radio 2 Folk Award for the Best Original Song. His songs have been played by the likes of Fairport Convention. So we can look forward to a terrific evening with this very highly regarded performer.

The performance starts at 8pm in Chudleigh Community School Hall, Lawn Drive. Tickets are Adults: £8.50; Children and Concessions: £6, at Chudleigh DIY from early March, from Chris & Lynn Evans on 852553, or on the door if there are any left. The show is promoted by Chudleigh Community Project and any proceeds will be used to support the operation of the swimming pool and Community Hall.

Devon's Best Kept Village Competition 2013 Seeks Competition Judges!

The Devon Best Kept Village Competition is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to be judges in this very worthwhile competition. No previous experience of judging is necessary, just an interest in and enjoyment of Devon villages and a desire to find out what is going on in some of them. We are particularly eager to recruit more judges in North Devon and Torridge.

The main objective of the competition is to find and reward villages which are judged to be making the most with what they have in terms of: the care of private and public buildings; open spaces; other village amenities; and the wider environment, as well as sustaining a vibrant community life.

Judges visit several villages during May and June, mark them against criteria and then write a short report. Judging is usually done with a partner. Why not join us and bring a friend? An induction and half day training workshop takes place in March. Travel expenses are paid.

This is a fun thing to do in the spring and summer when Devon really bursts into life and flourishes! This is your chance to help put Devon Villages on the map!

If this sounds interesting and you want to know more, please contact:

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A Second Set of Short Stories by Elizabeth Ducie and Sharon Cook

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A Collection of Short Stories by Elizabeth Ducie and Sharon Cook



Talaton receives the award for Best Kept Village (East Devon) in 2012

(photo: Di Moyes)

The Devon Best Kept Village Competition is run by Campaign to Protect Rural England and is sponsored by Mole Valley Farmers Ltd. The winners in 2012 were: Talaton (East Devon), Newton St Cyres (Mid Devon), South Pool (South Hams), and Cheriton Bishop (Mid Devon).



Financial Planning with Steve Underwood from The Money Range

I saw some figures the other day that said millions of borrowers (with £318 billion of mortgages) have not bothered to [protect their mortgage](#). That's a staggering 43% of all mortgage borrowers — and it's increasing as the credit crunch bites. That means if they die before the mortgage is paid off, their loved ones may suffer financial hardship. Ask yourself, "How would I fare if the main breadwinner died?" Even if the mortgage is paid off, imagine having to sell your home because you couldn't afford to live there. You may think that [life insurance](#) is a waste of money or it's too expensive but imagine the cost of not having it! See if you can save. Compare how much you are paying against what is available now. Over the past 5 years, [life insurance](#) costs have fallen dramatically so it may be a good time to check. Of course, don't cancel your old policy until the new one is in place.

When you're expecting a baby, [life insurance](#) is unlikely to be top of the list of concerns; with so many other things to worry about, that's not really a surprise. But that doesn't mean you should forget about it altogether. Parenthood is both a daunting and exciting prospect but when it happens, you want to make sure that life is [protected](#) as much as it can be. And whilst the focus may be on child-proofing your home, it is also important to think about your longer term commitment to your child's future.

[Insuring yourself](#) as a parent, rather than a [mortgage-holder](#), can be quite different but equally as important. As a parent it is also important to consider additional living costs, such as childcare, that would need to be covered if you were no longer bringing in an income. Even if you don't produce an income, such as a stay-at-home parent, you may have much more financial value than you might think. Financial protection will always be important but perhaps never more so than as a parent.

And finally the legal bit. Nothing in this article should be construed as advice, accidental or otherwise. Thanks for reading.



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A Few Notes from the Harcombe Singers by Maryon Avery

In 1990, Bob Hanson, a lecturer at Dartington College of Arts who was living in Chudleigh, invited a few friends to sing some music at an Italian-themed carnival event at Hams Barton. It was so much fun that they carried on meeting to sing and were soon joined by others.

This was the beginning of the Harcombe Singers whose concerts in and around Chudleigh have been regular events ever since. These days the choir still has Dartington connections as both the musical director, Nicola Smith, and accompanist Colin Avery studied there.

Nothing if not versatile, this group of Chudleigh (and nearby) residents enjoys the challenge of tackling music of different periods and styles. Their Christmas concert, described by the Phoenix as “a wonderful programme, beautifully sung” included excerpts from a Bach cantata, carols by John Rutter and Negro spirituals. Last summer they let their hair down to perform highlights from “Oklahoma” and Irving Berlin numbers for the Chudfest concert, to the surprise and delight of some of the audience who had previously pigeonholed the choir as “highbrow”. For Easter, they are working on a very lovely Mass written in 1899 by the French composer, Louis Vierne.

At their three regular concerts each year the choir are joined by additional instruments; maybe a string quartet, a harpsichord, a trumpet or an oboe duet. These add enormously to the interest of the performances. Sometimes the instrumentalists are local professional musicians but sometimes the choir are privileged to give a platform to impressively talented young students aged around 14 from the South West Music School where Nicola is a mentor.

The expenses associated with laying on concerts are considerable so in addition to selling tickets, choir members pay a termly subscription, patrons give financial and practical support and sponsorship is sought.

New singers are always welcome, as are potential patrons or sponsors. If you would like to join the choir, there are no formal auditions but they suggest you come along to a couple of rehearsals (8pm Chudleigh Parish Church on Tuesdays during school terms) and then decide. For details or further information, check the [website](http://www.harcombesingers.weebly.com), telephone membership secretary Claire Harding on 01626 854768, or just turn up!

Even if you don't sing, do support the Harcombe Singers by coming along to their concerts. Your local choir enjoy singing, they hope you enjoy listening!



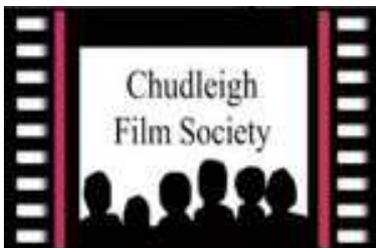
Harcombe Singers' next concert: Saturday 23rd March in Chudleigh Parish Church
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Matt Hooper, Manager Chudleigh Co-operative Store presenting the cheque to Sue Portch, CFS Treasurer with Film Society Committee members, outside the Chudleigh Co-operative Store.

From left to right: Michael Treble, Matt Hooper, Wendy Hardy, Derek Hardy, Tony Woodville, Sue Portch, Paul Lovick and Ken Tresidder, Chairman CFS.

(photo: Brian Portch)



Speakers, Dishes and Men on the Moon By Wendy Hardy

Watching the black and white TV pictures of the first men to set foot on the moon in July 1969 is probably one of those moments when those of us old enough still remember exactly what we were doing. Chudleigh Film Society's next showing will be the comedy-drama *The Dish* (Cert 12), based on the true story of getting these TV pictures from the camera on the outside of the Lunar Module, Eagle, back to earth.

The Dish is a gripping, funny but touching film of this historic event. It is packed with quirky fictitious characters dealing with unexpected technical problems at the 64 metre dish at Parkes, in New South Wales. 'The Dish' remains today one of the world's leading radio telescopes, and it is still in the middle of a sheep paddock in the Australian bush.

Thankfully, putting on a film show isn't as technically challenging as space travel, but the society is always looking at ways to improve the cinema experience we provide in the Woodway Room.

Thanks to the generosity of Co-operative members, we have been awarded a grant under the Co-operative Membership Community Fund, which will enable us to buy two additional speakers and an equaliser feedback destroyer. All Co-operative members have the option of donating part or all of their share of the profits to the Membership Community Fund. Last year here in the South West, this amounted to £50,000 for the Devon and Somerset Region to distribute back to community projects.

The Dish will be shown on Friday 8th March at 8pm in the Woodway Room (entrance in Woodway Street). The doors will open at 7:15pm when drinks will be available. Non-members are welcome, and tickets are available on the door at £5, or £3 for under 21s. See our website for further details and the season's programme:

<http://www.chudleighfilmsociety.org/>



Amenity Society News

There was no talk in December but some members attended a most enjoyable Carol Concert given by Exeter Philharmonic Choir in Exeter Cathedral.

In January John Walters gave a most interesting talk on the wildlife of Devon. John, who lives locally, is a wildlife consultant and an extremely talented artist and photographer. He illustrated his talk with his own images. Some, such as those of tens of thousands of starlings flying around in formation before roosting in trees at Okehampton, were absolutely stunning. There was a fascinating time-lapse sequence (filmed on Bovey Heath) showing a Potter Wasp building a beautiful vase-like nest for its young. It manages to complete this in a few hours using about 25 loads of clay. It then lays its eggs in the vase and stocks it with anaesthetised caterpillars so the young wasp larvae will have a fresh food supply waiting when they emerge. John also had many practical tips for those who wish to see wildlife close up, such as what to do if an adder climbs up your trouser leg (keep still and DON'T PANIC).

The new programme of talks for 2013 has now been circulated to members. Subscriptions for 2013 are invited: £6 for individuals and £10 for joint membership. Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary John Ponting (01626 854106) will be happy to receive them.

You may have noticed in the local news that *Kingswear Castle*, the last coal-fired paddle steamer still operating, has returned to the Dart where she was built. During July and August 2013 she will be running cruises on the river. I will be organising a trip on this historic vessel; more details later.

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Mr Pesto Recommends With Phil Curtis, founder mem- ber of Chudleigh Diners' Club



Twenty two members of Chudleigh Diners' Club arrived at the Gissons Hotel at Kennford on the second Tuesday in January.

I was able to negotiate a special price Carvery for everyone and at £4.50 it was an absolute bargain with no reduction in quality or size. We all felt it would have been great value for the money even at the full price. Including a sweet, the meal came to £8.50 per head; probably the cheapest but also one of the best meals we have had in two years of dining. The atmosphere, service and cleanliness were all top notch and I can recommend this establishment to anyone.

I also arranged an evening at the Gissons Hotel on Friday 25th January when the Beatles Tribute band Fab Beatles played. It was an amazing night starting with an excellent carvery, 60s music then two hours of non stop dancing to the Fab Beatles. The place was full and everyone had a great time.

Gissons Hotel, EX6 7UD; 01392 832444

Mothers' Union Christian care for families

Did you think that the Mothers' Union is just a church organisation where people get together to drink tea and have a chat? Well, think again!

Through 4 million Christians in 83 countries, Mothers' Union works to promote and support family life. People suffering from malnutrition in Kenya? MU is there, helping. People in Sudan, Malawi and Burundi illiterate and unable to find solutions to their poverty because they can't read? MU is there, helping. Running small-scale farming initiatives in Uganda? MU is there, helping.

Of particular interest is the story of the branch in Baghdad, which has grown from 100 members when it was founded in 2006 to 2,000 last year. Members are Christians from many different denominations, and offer each other and their community — including Moslem neighbours — fellowship and support, bringing hope to those living in one of the most difficult cities in the world, and doing great work among families, especially those with disabled children.

MU is not just active abroad though: among many other initiatives, MU provides Away From It All holidays in the UK for those who desperately need a break; over 1000 MU members are involved in providing support in 90 prisons in the UK in more than a dozen different ways (support to families visiting, running support groups for women, helping with Mother and baby unit, etc); not to mention child contact centres, hospital work, and so on.

Come and discover how you can be involved in an organisation which supports projects close to home and around the world to assist those whose family life has met with adversity. If you are interested to find out more, there is lots of information on the website, www.themothersunion.org, or contact Nicky Over (01626 852668 or over@stationhill.eclipse.co.uk). Do join us at a meeting, we would love to see you.

Stop press:

Chudleigh MU would like to thank everyone who supported our fund-raising during 2012. We raise funds each year and send the money to MU headquarters in London, where it contributes to projects in the UK and abroad. As a result of events held during last year, we were able to send off the magnificent sum of £1200, and are very grateful indeed to all who came to coffee mornings, or bought cakes at the Chudfest fête, or supported any of the other ways in which funds were raised. Rest assured that every penny will go to run the projects — administration costs are paid out of membership subscriptions — and projects are always assessed carefully by the central organisation before being accepted. Thanks very much to all — and see you at our events this year!

A Date for Your Diary

Questions of Law and Order: A meeting organised by Chudleigh Business Guild, will be held in Chudleigh Parish Church on April 17th. The panellists will be Tony Hogg (Police and Crime Commissioner) — to be confirmed; Chief Superintendent Paul Davies (Commander for Devon); plus others from the voluntary sector.

The event will be free, but tickets must be obtained in advance. Please contact Michael McCormick at michael@heathside.com for further details.

Chudleigh Swimming Pool Under Threat by John Evans

Chudleigh's much loved local swimming pool may not be able to open this summer due to the dwindling number of volunteers willing to give their time to help run it. The Chudleigh Community Project (CCP), which was originally set up in 1989 and successfully raised funds to build the swimming pool and the larger than originally planned school hall, is currently run by just a handful of local people who have been on the committee for over six years and now need to move on to other commitments.

In the last few years the CCP committee has improved the facilities at the pool considerably through the construction of the timber framed shelter, solar heating and low chlorine treatment systems. The pool is now being relined with an attractive and durable pebble finish which will not only look great but will cut down on time spent preparing the pool each year.

The CCP also runs the school hall

after hours for clubs such as badminton and Tae Kwon Do etc as well as putting on live music and shows for children (you may have been lucky enough to see the *Mazymeg and the Honeybees* puppet show earlier this month).

The pool is open from late May through to the end of school holidays and provides hours of fun and valuable exercise for children and adults alike. It is a real asset for the community and one which should be cherished and supported by all of us!

Being part of the CCP is worthwhile, rewarding and fun — a diverse range of skills go into running the CCP, whether you are a networker, mobiliser, economiser, fixer or techi there is a role for you.

If you would like to join the CCP committee and help ensure a positive future for these facilities please get in touch via the website: www.chudleighpool.org.uk or call John Evans on 01626 859390.



Celebrating the Sport England grant for refurbishment of the pool

(photo: John Evans)

CCP Says Thank You to Claire

The CCP would like to thank Claire Hawkins from Passion Boutique for generously donating £400 from her Passion for Fundraising clothes shop in Bovey Tracey which opened in June last year. The CCP were among the first to benefit from the scheme which has already donated over £1,200 to local groups. Local community groups and charities can also apply for funding donations at Claire's website www.passionforfundraising.co.uk

Chudleigh Play Park Needs You! Who are Chudleigh United Charities?

Chudleigh Play Park is owned and run by Chudleigh United Charities (CUC) who rely on their trustees and volunteers to manage the park. CUC and the Town Council have plans to improve the Play Park and Multi-Use Games Area (the fenced hard court) located behind the Parish Church off Fore Street.

We want to hear your views, whether you take your children to the park, walk your dog, play sports, go jogging or just like to sit on the grass and read your book in the sunshine! Your views count!

We have already had over 100 responses to our survey, but we want more and have decided to extend the survey for one extra week. If you haven't filled it in yet, now's your chance! Please complete the online survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ChudleighPark>

by Friday 22nd February. Alternatively, you can pick up a paper copy of the survey from the Town Hall. The survey will only take a couple of minutes and will help us to get funding for the park!

If you would like to speak to someone about the project, please contact Emma Buckman on 01626 852380 or e-mail emma@buckmanassociates.co.uk

Chudleigh United Charities is a group of 13 charities that date back many years and arise from the generosity of generations of people from Chudleigh and beyond determined to help others in the Town and Parish.

This generosity usually took the form of bequests of property or land, the revenue generated from these being used to fund the wishes of the benefactor. It is recorded that at least two such properties were destroyed in the fire of 1807 and now all but one piece of land has been converted into manageable investments which finance CUC today.

The one piece of land that remains is now known to us all as the 'Play Park'. Lying behind the Parish Church it was originally described as being "for the recreation of the People of Chudleigh" a function it still fulfils.

Once our main obligations to the Park are met, there is a limited amount of money available to help elsewhere. This includes educational sponsorship for young people within the parish; help with travel costs when sickness is involved; and support for pupils in our Primary School. All projects reflect an interpretation of the original bequests more suited to life today.

If you would like to find out more about Chudleigh United Charities or make a donation, please contact Stewart Sapp (Chairman of CUC) on 01626 853261





TDC: Help for First-Time Buyers

First-time buyers in the Teignbridge area now stand a better chance of acquiring the keys to their own home following the launch of an equity loan scheme.

People who want to own their own home in Teignbridge but have struggled to raise the deposit now have the opportunity to apply for a loan under the Open Market HomeBuy scheme, run by Teignbridge District Council and Sovereign Housing Association.

The flexible and innovative initiative — often referred to as a shared equity scheme — is open to people in housing need who have a local connection, are in a household earning less than £60,000 and are unable to buy a suitable home without the help of the equity loan.

Buyers have the freedom to choose from any property on offer on the open market in any part of Teignbridge worth under £190,000, whether a new build or a house already for sale.

A mortgage or savings can be used to fund an agreed percentage of the purchase price and TDC and Sovereign will provide a loan on the remaining cost, to a maximum value of 25%, depending on the buyers' financial circumstances.

The Council is providing £300,000 and Sovereign is contributing £100,000 to the scheme which is aimed at helping a minimum of ten local families buy their own home. Priority will be given to first-time buyers, key workers or housing association residents looking to move into home ownership.

Tony Quigley, Sovereign's Director of Home Ownership, said: "We have funded Open Market HomeBuy in other parts of the country and have found it to be a very successful initiative that meets a very real housing need. We are delighted to be able to work with Teignbridge District Council to help local households meet their aspiration to purchase their own home."

Cllr Philip Vogel, Teignbridge District Council's Executive Spokesperson for Housing and Planning, said: "We are very pleased that together with our partners Sovereign Housing Association, we are able to offer residents who wish to remain living in Teignbridge the opportunity to do so.

"We have always said that we want to make it as easy as possible for first time buyers to get the best and most affordable opportunities to invest in bricks and mortar and this scheme gives a great opportunity to get that first foot on the ladder.

"Housing remains a major issue for many residents. It is one of the top priorities in our Council Plan and we have been looking at many ways of tackling the issue of how we provide affordable homes — whether it's through investigating self build or shared ownership — as it's what people tell us is one of the important things to them.

"This innovative scheme also allows the Council, in time, to recycle the capital benefiting from any uplift in house prices. It keeps families together and helps our local communities continue to grow and thrive."

Loans of up to £47,500 are available and will be secured against the value of the property. No interest is charged for the first three years, and the loan itself is only paid back when the property is sold, when the final mortgage instalment is paid or at the end of 10 years.

Interested buyers must first register with the HomeBuy agent for the area, South West Homes, and be on the Teignbridge District Council housing list. To do so visit: www.southwesthomes.org.uk/ or contact 0300 100 0021.

Extreme Imagination: festival of children's literature

The Centre for Contemporary Art And The Natural World (CCANW) are putting on two workshops for young people this month as part of *extreme imagination*. *Box Tales Workshops* on Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd February between 1pm and 4pm give youngsters between 11 and 18 the chance to work with local artist Louise Brown who combines craft, stories and raps to make intriguing objects that tell a story. Participants will create their own box tales, which can then be worn on a chain like a locket.

From Saturday 16th February to Sunday 3rd March, the CCANW gallery space will be transformed into a teen-friendly environment featuring exhibitions of work by Devon pupils. All are welcome to come and hang out and play games, write extra-short stories and record your recollections on the leaves of the special 'Memories of Childhood Tree'. The gallery will be open between 10am and 4pm Tuesdays to Sundays (closed Mondays). **CCANW, Haldon Forest Park, EX6 7XR; 01392 324349; www.ccanw.co.uk [Booking essential for workshops]**



Make your own box tale at the CCANW workshop

TDC: Help with Energy Costs

Teignbridge District Council, in partnership with Torridge District Council, North Devon Council and Mendip District Council has been successful in securing £500,000 from the Department of Energy and Climate Change to kick-start Green Deal and the Energy Company Obligation (ECO).

The Green Deal is a new piece of Government legislation which allows householders and businesses to upgrade the energy efficiency of their property using a loan tied to the home, not the individual, and repaid through a charge on the electricity bill.

ECO is around £1.3bn of grant funding made available by energy suppliers to subsidise insulation for solid wall properties and to offer free insulation and boiler upgrades for low income households.

The HEAT Project (Home Energy Action Taskforce) is an ambitious scheme aimed at driving high volumes of Green Deal and ECO installations across all property tenures between January and March 2013.

Benefits to local residents include: the offer of a free Green Deal home energy assessment for 1500 people worth over £100 each; access to over £1m of grant funding for energy efficiency upgrades; and free insulation and free boilers for households on eligible benefits.

For more details, phone 0800 0934050, check out the website (www.heatproject.co.uk) or talk to Zoe Farmer, Affordable Warmth/Home Energy Officer at TDC.

What's On In Chudleigh

FEBRUARY

Friday 15th

Chudleigh Phoenix due out.
Chudleigh Amenity Society: Brian Portch with R C Woodville (1856—1927); *Battle Artist*. Woodway Room, 7.30pm.

Saturday 16th

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Air Ambulance Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.
Rural Skip: Market Way Car Park, 10am to 4pm.

Wednesday 20th

Chudleigh Writers' Circle: Council Chamber, 10am.

Mother's Union: Allan and Tricia Bapty talk about their trip to Uganda, Parish Church, 2.15pm.

Thursday 21st

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Saturday 23rd

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Toddlers Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Monday 25th

Folk Dancing Club: Woodway Room, 8pm to 10pm.

Thursday 28th

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Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

MARCH

Friday 1st

History Group: Stephen Bowditch with *Pictures from the Past*, Town Hall 7.30pm.

Saturday 2nd

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

WI Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Monday 4th

Town Council: Full meeting, Town Hall, 7pm.

Folk Dancing Club: Woodway Room, 8pm to 10pm.

Wednesday 6th

WI: Topic to be announced, Rest Centre, 7.30pm.

Thursday 7th

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Friday 8th

Chudleigh Film Society: *The Dish* (details page 4), Woodway Room, 7.15pm for 8pm.

Saturday 9th

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Scouts Coffee Morning: Rest

Centre, 10am.

Monday 11th

Folk Dancing Club: Woodway Room, 8pm to 10pm.

Tuesday 12th

Diners Club Monthly Dinner: Contact Phil on 07702418458 for details.

Wednesday 13th

Mothers' Union: *Living more lightly in Lent; being a more ethical consumer*, (talk plus clothes/accessory swap), 23 Stokelake, 7pm.

Thursday 14th

Weekly Produce Market:

Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Friday 15th

Chudleigh Phoenix: due out
Chudleigh Amenity Society: AGM, followed by Nina Fenner with *A Creative Journey with Hand-Made Books*, Woodway Room, 7pm.

Saturday 16th

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Meningitis Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am 1.30am.

Messy Church: Parish Church, 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

On The Beat

17 crimes were reported from Chudleigh during December and 6 in January. which include 2 incidents of drink driving and 2 drug offences.

Police were deployed to a rave event on Haldon Hill on 26th December, but it was too well established to be prevented. Officers controlled the area until attendees left next day and many cars were stopped to ensure owners were fit to drive. Two people were dealt with for drug offences. An early warning system operated with the Forestry Commission was more successful on New Year's Eve when another such event was prevented from escalating. The Force is reviewing how we deal with such events in February.

A deer was killed during the month and the carcass left in the field where it was shot. We have had several of these types of offences over the past few months, often relating to sheep. The taking of animals will have an impact on the farmer's livelihood and we would ask anyone with information to contact us, either via 101 number or through crime stoppers.

At the 'Have Your Say' surgery on Friday 18th January Peter Beale gave us an update on the Neighbourhood Watch situation; Peter is to take over as Co-ordinator.

Head teacher David Barnett has raised an issue about persons using the field between the school and Lawn Drive. This should not be happening as it is private/school property and notices to this effect will be erected as a warning to trespassers.

News from the Town Council

- Home Farm Trust is disposing of the Rivendell site, off Woodway Street, and the new owners have submitted a planning application for 27 dwellings. There was concern regarding the adequacy of the highway and footpath links between the site and the town. However, opposing the principle of development could lead to the site laying empty and derelict and, thus, becoming a magnet for anti-social behaviour. On balance CTC decided not to oppose the principle of development provided it was limited to that part of the Rivendell site already built on. County Highways will consider the adequacy of the road provision. Any highway and footpath improvements would be funded by financial contributions from the developer. We have also asked planning officers to consider how refuse will be collected from the site. TDC are minded not to have any affordable housing as part of the development due to inadequate pedestrian access to the town centre. Instead, they would seek a financial contribution from the developer to provide affordable housing elsewhere in the parish. CTC has asked them to reconsider their position.
- With effect from the 2013 AGM in May, the post of Chair of the Council will be replaced by the post of Town Mayor, thus bringing Chudleigh in line with most other Town and larger Parish Councils in Teignbridge. The change will be made at nil cost.
- The precept for 2013/14 will be £98,219, an increase of £3,619 on the current figure. Due to an increase in the number of houses in the town this equates to a 2% increase for individual households or, in cash terms, an increase of £1.14 in the annual Council Tax bill for a Band D household, from £57.01 to £58.15.
- Teignbridge District Council will be providing their rural skip service in Chudleigh on Saturday 16 February between 10am and 4pm. The skip will be situated in the Market Way car park and is for the disposal of bulky household waste only.
- Nominations for Citizen of the Year close on Friday 1st March. Application forms are available by email or from the Town Council offices and the closing date for nominations is Friday 1 March.