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Proposed Cuts to County Highways Services

The County Highways team are responsible for the maintenance of: 8,000 miles of roads; 3,500 bridges; 1,750 retaining walls; 75,000 street lights; 3,200 miles of footpaths and cycleways; and 180,000 drains and gullies. Since 2009 the highways budget has been reduced by £18.5m. We already know that they will need to reduce their budget by a further £10m over the next three years.

They have therefore concluded that the level of service and maintenance they provide cannot remain as it is and they are currently exploring ways to reduce the number of roads that they have to maintain.

Chudleigh is one of four pilot areas across Devon where County Highways are proposing to stop maintaining certain roads. The criteria for so doing is that they do not serve houses, that the road is little used and that there are alternative routes available. Six roads have been potentially identified as suitable for stopping maintenance:

- The road that bears right from Rattycombe Farm to Higher Ranscombe
- The far end of Parrs Lane
- From Biddlecombe Cross to the Winstow Plantation
- From Higher Dunscombe to the A380

- Ridge Lane—the area around the disused lime kiln
 - Teign Lane, near Farley Cross
- There is a large map in the entrance lobby to the Town Hall which clearly shows the exact locations of each of these roads.

It needs to be emphasised that these are proposals and that no final decision has yet been made. The Town Council has been asked to consult local people to get their views and also to identify any other roads in the parish that would be little missed if they were no longer maintained.

If the decision is taken to cease maintaining any or all of the roads listed there will be no immediate visible impact. Over a period of time, pot holes will form and the tarmac will break down until a point is reached where it will become unsuitable for motor vehicles. This will take many years.

We have until 31st March to give our views on the proposals. You can do this by:

- Calling into the Town Hall during office hours;
- Emailing clerk@chudleigh-tc.gov.uk;
- In writing to Town Hall, Market Way, Chudleigh, TQ13 0HL;
- Phoning 01626 853140.

Iraq Appeal Update

What a response! Thank you Chudleigh! Originally a Christian initiative, the appeal spread like ripples in a pond as it was taken out to the community.

Time was short, but everything was covered. Publicity; people with bags of clothes—sometimes one item, sometimes a car load; money to pay for the lorry; hours and hours of time that people donated to sorting and packing; banana boxes, several people scoured the local supermarkets to find enough; the provision of a van and two drivers; nothing was missing, right down to the last delicious detail of two friends who baked cakes and biscuits to sustain those sorting and packing.

230 boxes were collected. The van was loaded on Monday evening

and at 7.30am Tuesday morning the drivers arrived. We prayed and waved them off on their journey to Brighton, where Samara, the young mum whose vision it was, met them. The boxes filled the storage unit. 'Our' boxes joined an 8th lorry leaving Brighton on 4th February, heading for Kirkuk.

Samara has received an email from the Pastor in Kirkuk, saying IS has attacked the oil-rich city but Pashmerga forces have so far protected them. He is 'so happy' and encouraged to know that this aid is on its way.

Thank you all so much for helping—and an extra special 'thank you' to 7 year old Toby for giving away his precious red blanket.

Jenny Brandon

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Happy Birthday, Phyllis!



Phyllis Marsh celebrates her 103rd birthday with daughter Anji and Anji's partner, Christopher. And it only took one breath to blow the candles out!

From the Editor

Three years ago, we published an interview with Phyllis Marsh on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Last month, I was delighted to attend a small tea-party to help her celebrate her 103rd! Phyllis is a wonderful lady—and was one of the first people to welcome Michael and me to Chudleigh back in 2007. Happy Birthday, Phyllis, from all your friends.

We've all heard a lot about cuts in the past few years. And DCC are at it again. Details of proposed cuts to road maintenance have been published for public consultation. Whether you think it's a good thing or not, the key point is that we have been asked the question—and should give a considered reply. See page 1 for details and make sure you have your say before 31st March.

Last month we published a new feature: Business Spotlight. This is a chance for anyone to nominate a local business for a bit of praise. I didn't get any nominations this month. If YOU use a local business which you think deserves a bit of PR, do get in touch and tell me why.

Kate

Friends of Chudleigh Library

from Chairman, Douglas Neely.



Our Group held their first meeting of 2015 on Tuesday 20th January, when our new Constitution was formally approved. 25 members attended which was a pleasing turnout. Pauline Anderson, area manager for Devon Libraries, updated us on the progress of the 12 Pilot Library projects currently happening around Devon. The information taken from these pilot studies will be the basis for how our Library will operate after April 2016.

One of the main aims of the Group is to establish closer links with other organisations in Chudleigh in order to raise its profile. Contact has already been made with Chudleigh School and Chudleigh Pre-School. Our Group needs a logo and we are hoping to run a competition with the School to design one for us. The sale of second hand books is proving very successful, so we would be happy to receive more books. Two dates for your diary. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April and we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Town hall on Saturday 9th May 9th. There will be more information on these in due course.

Douglas Neely

If you would like any more information about the Group, please contact Jill Hughes (Chudleigh Library) 852469 or Douglas Neely (Chairman) 853456.

Millstream Meadow Book Club is recruiting new members. We meet monthly to discuss our 'book of the month'. If you are interested in finding out more , contact Denise Benson: denise.benson@me.com

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Reserve space in advance: editors@chudleighphoenix.co.uk

or phone Kate on 854611

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Gorgito's Ice Rink is a tale of love, loss and broken promises, set in Russia. Out now on Amazon in ebook and paperback formats, or directly from Kate on 854611.

Devon Countryside Access Forum

The Devon Countryside Access Forum is currently appointing members and would like to receive applications from anyone with an interest in recreational access. Full details of the Forum and its activities can be found in last month's [Chudleigh Phoenix](#).

The closing date for applications is February 20th 2015. For details and an application form please see www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf or contact Hilary Winter, Forum Officer, Devon Countryside Access Forum on 01392 382084 (she works part-time and is normally in the office on Monday am, Tuesday am, Wednesday all day and Thursday am.)

2015 Citizen's Award

Who deserves to be recognised for their support to the town? A reminder that nominations for this year's award close on 28th February. Contact a member of the Town Hall staff for a nomination form.

Trusham and Teign Valley Book Group Literary Supper

The Literary Supper planned for 19th March has been postponed until later in the year. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

A revised date will be listed when possible. Enquiries: John and Maggie Ralston: 01647 252386



The Children's Voice

with this month's guest editor **Katie Brown**

Music To Our Ears by Daisy and Jemma



The choir sang, musicians played and the audience were up on their feet at the Chudleigh School concert on 11th February.

The orchestra was filled with all sorts of different instruments including a tenor horn, cello, flutes, cornets, violins, clarinets, guitars, ukuleles and percussion. These instruments all made the Chudleigh concert even more spectacular. As well as the orchestra, ensembles, duets and solos performed; it was a musical masterpiece! To round off the night, the choir performed a selection of songs from the musical *Joseph*.

Afterwards, we interviewed Mrs Hughes, our musical organiser:

CV: How do you decide which songs the choir will perform?

MH: I keep the music varied and look back at what worked best. This year, I chose classics with a fun twist.

CV: How do you think the children did?

MH: They did superbly, especially with the numbers involved.

CV: There was so much preparation for the concert. How do you feel now that it's all over?

MH: I'm sorry it's over as it was so much fun. But I'm also relieved as there was a lot of preparation and it's nice we can have a rest.

Listen to the Moon by Reuben and Rupert



Everyone can see the moon, but who is listening to it? Michael Morpurgo's new book has taken the world of reading by storm. Everyone is buying it! Have you? Not sure whether to? Then read on.

Once again, local author Michael Morpurgo has written a moving masterpiece for everyone, everywhere to enjoy. Based in the Scilly Isles, it involves a young teenager being found on a small island called St Helens by the Wheatcroft family who take her in. She says only one word: Lucy, and is badly injured and traumatized. The story continues in a mysterious way because it starts involving other characters and mentioning the Lusitania, creating countless mysteries.

The book is very hooking; it takes your imagination to places it has never been to before and has a very clever storyline. If you are not already a Morpurgo fan, you soon will be, after reading this book. *Listen to the Moon* is an intriguing title for a very intriguing book.

Wacky Weather by Isabella and Katie

This winter has been an interesting experience with a warm start, cold snaps, powerful winds, snow, rain, some sunny spells and even a tornado.

With up to 130mph winds, Scotland has had one of the most peculiar winters recorded. The precipitation has been well above average in the north, however the snow was a welcome break, covering part of the country in a white blanket. More than 1000 houses went without electricity for 3 or 4 days as the power got cut by lightning storms and winds.

Wales and Cornwall had a surprise with a tornado forcing its way through, leaving behind a trail of destruction. A roof from a house got swept up about 300ft into the air; and a trampoline soared through the sky, landing in a back yard 3-4 houses down. "The trampoline looked like a UFO with the lightning behind it, swirling in a vortex," said one eye witness. This winter in the southeast there have been amber warnings all round for snow and ice and wind and rain.



Perfect Playground by Charlotte and Rupert

Tired, grey and dull; this is a perfect description of the old playground. Well compare it to this...

Astroturf and new fencing so that you can enjoy a good game of football or basketball and everyone else can safely sit down and socialise. There have also been two games installed: Street Snooker (see picture) and Crossbar King.

"It is exciting, looks amazing and will help children develop their social and physical skills," said one of the teachers.

"It is really good and very creative," said one pupil. "I really like the games," said another.

The new games area is benefiting everyone and the play-park is still being enjoyed. What is to come next? Well, we can see more building materials already, so we know it is not the finished article!



Amenity Society News

In January, CADAS members and guests heard about the role of a regional airport and the challenges it faces, from Stephen Ayres, Communications Manager for Exeter Airport, who has seen many changes in his 14 years at the airport.

Exeter airport was officially opened in 1937, but became RAF Exeter in Fighter Command in 1939 when it was requisitioned by the Air Ministry. It saw much activity during the war, both defending Exeter and carrying out offensive operations into occupied France before returning to civil use in 1946.

In 1952 scheduled services to Channel Islands began; in 1999 the new arrivals building was opened by Princess Ann; and in 2003 a new departure lounge was built, with an extension to the check-in area in 2005. Currently, a new executive lounge and boarding gate area are being built.

With 40,000 movements per year, including inbound routes attracting many tourists to the South West, Exeter is the main aviation hub in the South-West and one of the fastest growing airports in the UK, directly employing over 250 staff. It hosts Flybe HQ and training academy plus a Hilton Hotel, and makes £100m annual contribution to the local economy.

Passengers can fly to 40 (mainly European) destinations ranging from daily flights, weekly ones and some specialist holidays including Lapland in December.

A very popular internal service is to London City (formerly Docklands), from where the Docklands Light Railway will whisk passengers away to meetings or retail therapy. Tickets are priced to compete with rail options while the transit time is vastly reduced.

Other UK internal flights are scheduled to Belfast, Dublin, Edinburgh, Guernsey, and the Isles of Scilly. Royal Mail flights operate to East Midlands and Stansted nightly.

A new centre has also been built to service the growing number of private aircraft from the UK and abroad with their VIP passengers including royalty and celebrities (notably, Steven Spielberg when he was filming War Horse on Dartmoor).

In Other News:

The new cast aluminium marker plaques are all now situated on the Pot Water Dipping Places on Bishop Lacey's drinking water supply to Chudleigh.

CADAS looks forward to the cleaning of the War Memorial getting under way now the Christmas tree has been removed.

Saturday 14th March, there will be a visit to the Cold War site at the former RAF Hope Cove

Please note that we are still short of members to serve on the Committee. If you could spare just a little of your time you would be extremely welcome. Any Committee member will be happy to give you more information without any obligation on your part.

*Tony Woodville (amenity.society@talktalk.net)
with help from Susan Portch and Mike Treble*

Chudleigh Rotters Update from Frances Daysh



Teignbridge District Council's contract shredders dealt with all the donated Christmas trees earlier this month, and we now need members to come along and bag the shredded material ready for purchase. This material is very useful to spread amongst shrubs etc as it helps suppress weed growth, and it is only 25p each bag if you are a member!

Julie Rayner is busy collating and then contacting members to book into our 2-hour working sessions which are held almost every month on the first Saturday, so have your new diaries and calendars ready for her phone call/email. As those who are already members know these sessions are far from arduous, with warm friendship, fresh air, and free tea and coffee AND biscuits! What more can we offer?!!!

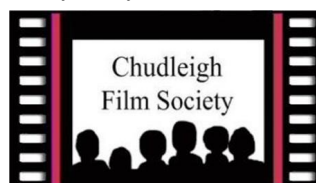
HOT NEWS: we were contacted by Herald Express as a reporter had read one of my previous reports: an article and photos were in the paper on Wednesday 4th February.

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Film Society News from Maggie Groves

Chudleigh Twinners will sponsor the British comedy drama film *Le Week-End* (Cert 15) at CFS on Friday 13th March.

When Meg and Nick take a trip to Paris, to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary, they initially see each other in the same way as when they first met. However, gradually they see the irritable and elderly person each has become; sharing a nest from which the children have flown, along with a fear of being with each other. Their feelings lurch from accord to discord, to acceptance and back again as they work through the various emotions of the past in their own British way. A chance meeting with one of Nick's university friends adds an additional dimension to these feelings that is both emotionally rich and very funny.



Community Choir

CCC welcomes everyone to come and sing a range of songs, some you may know well, others will be new. We meet at 8pm on Tuesdays in the Scout HQ.

We are particularly keen to welcome new men to the choir, both tenors and basses.

You do not need to be able to read music, or have any experience, just bring your enthusiasm for making music. If you'd like to give it a try, or want more information, just turn up on a Tuesday, or contact Claire Harding on 01626854768 or claireharding@gmail.com.



CHUDLEIGH BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Which Chudleigh business would you like to see under the spotlight?

This is not an advertorial, but a monthly feature based on customer feedback. Do you use a Chudleigh business that deserves to go under the spotlight? Contact Kate with your suggestions: 01626 854611 or email editors@chudleighphoenix.co.uk



Kevin Boot (left) as Ma Spratt and Chris Over as the Giant

Carnival News from Alan Holman

On 13th January, the Chudleigh Carnival held its Annual General Meeting in the Town Hall Rest Centre. The chairman reported that 2014 was the most successful year since 2008 with several cups and certificates won around the South Devon summer circuit. During the season, we were able to attend ten processions, covering an area from South Brent to Dawlish.

Last winter the float was altered to make it easier for the towing vehicle, which allowed a lot of stress to be removed, not just from the tyres but also from the driver.

In May 2014, we were invited to Ugbrooke House for the crowning of our Carnival Queen and her attendants and this was duly performed by Lord and Lady Clifford. We have been invited back again this year, although this has yet to be finalised.

Owing to ill-health, Brian Pressdee has decided to stand down as chairman and he has been succeeded by Adrian Martin. Ann Pressdee was re-elected treasurer and Alan Holman re-elected as secretary.

Unfortunately, we had not received any applications to be the 2015 Carnival Queen when the deadline passed at the end of December. However, Tara Lambell has offered to take on the role and she will have seven attendants. Tara was Queen once before in 2008, when Chudleigh won the South Devon Championship—maybe history can repeat itself.

This year the front cover of our section of the Chudfest/Carnival brochure will be designed by one of the pupils at the school and we are running a competition with the winner receiving a took token. We need to have all entries in by 31st March.

You gave us a terrific response last year for the procession—let's do it all again this summer.

Alan Holman

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CADS Triumphs Again!

A review of this year's pantomime from our theatre critic, Marion Thomas



With their third production, Chudleigh Amateur Dramatic Society completed a hat trick. This year's pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, proved to be a treat well worth waiting for.

From the initial appearance of the chorus, the cast demonstrated their ability to sing and dance at the same time. We were introduced to the Baron de Bogey Tracey, who delighted the youngsters with his permanently running nose. Daisy the Cow was a brilliant construction although she was possibly eclipsed by the magnificent goose, causing much hilarity as her ability to lay golden eggs didn't always happen on cue.

By a miraculous feat of engineering the beanstalk grew overnight up to the heavens, otherwise known as 'Cloudland', a country mostly inhabited by various sorts of bean (including jelly beans) which led to a good number of cracker-type jokes.



The giant's voice was heard behind the scenes long before we saw him but what a shock when he eventually appeared. An enormous head with a scary face and horrendous teeth—Chudleigh's dentists would have had a field day. I wonder what the young children present at the matinee performances made of him? Certainly not the type you would want to meet on a dark night in Chudleigh (or even Chudleigh Knighton).

For me the star of the show was Ma Spratt, played by Kevin Boot. It was incredible how he managed to remember so many lines and he's obviously a natural as a panto dame. We look forward to seeing more of him in the future.

Millie Webster's singing voice as Jack Spratt was a joy to hear, although I can't see Laura Scales as Jim Spratt without being reminded of her role as Peter Pan last year—she so looked the part.

The Shantymen, although popular and well received, seemed surplus to the plot. All in all however, the pantomime was an excellent production, which repaid all the long hours of hard work put in by cast and crew. Surely special mention must go to the brilliant scenery and costume designers. Carlotta's outfit was truly a magnificent work of art. What a talented team.

Congratulations to everyone involved and we await next year's effort with anticipation. Can this year's performance be bettered?



1st Chudleigh Scout Group
Needs your help!

At our AGM this June, many of the existing committee members will be standing down after years of service – including all of the major posts – Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and Buildings Manager.

We urgently need to fill these committee roles otherwise


1st Chudleigh Scout Group will close!

We also need to find a new Scout Leader to run our Scout Section (10.5–14 years).

You do not need to have a child in 1st Chudleigh Scout Group to join the committee or become a Scout Leader. None of the roles are too time-consuming.

If you are interested in giving something back to the community, then please contact either our Chairperson Jayne East (01626 854617) or our Group Scout Leader Vince McConville (gsl@1stchudleighscouts.org.uk).

Please help our fantastic group of Scout Leaders to keep offering the young people of Chudleigh such amazing opportunities to try new activities and develop new skills.



1st Chudleigh Scout Group '100 Club' January Draw

The winners were Jane Rose (1st prize of £12.50) and Jo Dawe (2nd prize of £7.50). The next draw will take place towards the end of February.

Mr Pesto Recommends



with guest reviewer Michael McCormick

On a cold February morning four of us set out to walk the Exe Estuary Trail. Not all of it; just enough to get to lunch. Starting from Darts Farm, we followed the trail to Exton, crossing the Clyst estuary by way of the 3m wide wooden walking and cycling bridge. Unlike a previous walk, organised by the RSPB and free, there were few birds in evidence. After a slow, two mile stroll we came to the **Puffing Billy** at Exton. This is a lovely pub turned into a restaurant.

The menus are extensive and therefore it took some time to decide, but mulled wine and real ales kept us occupied in the meantime. For starters, two of us chose scallops, one duck pancake and one mussels. All were well presented and tasty. For mains two had steak and oyster pie, one hake and chips and the fourth scallops as a main; again we were all well satisfied. The steak and oyster pie was a particular treat as this traditional dish is very rare. We decided not to have dessert. The total with drinks came to around £25 per head but there is also a two-course set lunch option at £14.95.

Our walk back took us via Bowling Green Marsh and the RSPB bird hide. On this particular day we had it to ourselves and spent some time trying to identify the hundreds of ducks on the water. This is well worth a visit.

Having missed dessert we had coffee and cake back at Darts Farm. Their Bakewell Tart and Bakewell Tart Cheesecake were particularly good. The bill here was around £5.00 per head. Not a cheap lunch but the walk is well worth the effort with two very good food destinations available. If you want to go to the Puffing Billy in the evening there is a large car park attached.

[The editor would like to point out that only three desserts were consumed at Darts Farm!]

Multi-Use Games Area Opens For Play

At 2pm on Thursday 26th February Chudleigh's Mayor, Chris Webb, will officially open this new play and sporting facility in Chudleigh. The opening will incorporate a coaching day for the children of Chudleigh Primary School, organised by Bobby White, the Captain of the Team GB Handball team.

Headteacher David Barnett said "This really is an amazing space. Both the children and staff really enjoy using it and it has quickly become the area of choice for PE lessons"

The Mayor said "The old basketball court was really no longer fit for purpose. It was dilapidated and run-down and a poor facility for local young people. What we have now is a total transformation and will provide the school and the community with a state of the art games and sport area"

The MUGA includes a synthetic carpet surface with multi-goals for football and basketball, along with exciting

educational games walls Crossbar King and Street Snooker.

Marco Boi, the owner of Play Innovation, who installed the facility, said "The innovative games walls encourage a host of developmental benefits from personal goal setting and physical aptitude through to mathematics. They are playable as informal fun activities for the whole family to enjoy or for serious training if preferred"

Chudleigh Primary School have exclusive use of the MUGA during school hours. However, it is open for community use the rest of the time. The opening hours are 9am to 7pm during the winter months, extending to 9am to 9pm from April to September. Sports Clubs and other groups can pre-book the facility for exclusive use by telephoning the Town Hall on 853140 or emailing clerk@chudleigh-tc.gov.uk.

[See page 3 for more reactions to the new MUGA. Ed.]

Chudfest Update



Preparations are coming on apace for this year's summer festival.

Following feedback from last year, we have moved the Ball back to the Saturday evening, so for the second year running, it will be held on 4th July, although we are yet to agree on a theme. Music will be provided by top quality local band *Soul Funktion* and the incredible Dan Brazier will once again be wowing guests with his close-up magic. Tickets for the Ball will be on sale from Monday 25th May.

Dates for 2015

Open Gardens

Sat 6th and Sun 7th June

Summer Festival

Fri 3rd to Sun 12th July

Produce & Garden Show

Sat 5th September

Variety Concert

Sat 24th October

Christmas Fayre

Thurs 3rd December



CHUDLEIGH COMMUNITY PROJECT

Registered Charity No. 900254



Vacancies for Senior Lifeguard, Lifeguards and Assistant Lifeguards

CCP is looking to employ a Senior Lifeguard, at least one Lifeguard and/or at least one Assistant Lifeguard. We require enthusiastic people to join the team of lifeguards who will help run the Chudleigh Swimming Pool during the 2015 season.

The Senior Lifeguard will coordinate the team rota and organise team training as well as taking on roles required of the Lifeguards. The successful candidate must have previous lifeguarding experience.

A current NPLQ qualification (or equivalent) is essential for the role of Senior Lifeguard and Lifeguard and the successful candidates must be 18 or over.

For the Lifeguard and Assistant Lifeguard roles, previous experience as a lifeguard is desirable, but not essential.

A current Gold Level 3 Rookie Lifeguard qualification (or equivalent) is essential for the role of Assistant Lifeguard and the successful candidate must be 16 or over.

For all roles, the successful candidates will be excellent team members with an ability to work on own initiative and will have good communication skills.

The contracts will be temporary (between 16 May 2015 and 2 September 2015) and the work hours will be a mixture of shifts on a casual basis. During term time, the hours will be mainly evening and weekend work. During school holidays the hours will be mainly afternoons and evenings, with some morning shifts. The rates of pay are below.

| Role | Hourly Rate of Pay |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Senior lifeguard | £7.20 |
| Lifeguard | £6.50 |
| Assistant Lifeguard | Age 16-18; £4.56 Age 18+; £6.50 |

For all roles, the successful candidate must be willing to have an enhanced DBS check completed.

To apply, please email admin@chudleighpool.org.uk and an application form will be sent to you.

Closing date: Thursday 26 March 2015

Chairman: Paul Reynolds

Secretary: Becky Kimble

Treasurer: Michael McCormick

Chudleigh Diners Club

Chudleigh Diners Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month for a meal and a chat. For details, ring Phil Curtis on 07702 418458

Meet the Teignbridge Candidates...

You may have noticed that 2015 is election year. On May 7th, we will be going to the polls to elect the people who will run the country on our behalf for the next few years. We predict there will be lots of publicity for all the parliamentary candidates over the coming weeks.

On the same day, we will also be voting for our representatives for the district and town councils.

There are thirteen seats on Chudleigh Town Council and it has been

some time since there have been fourteen or more people standing; it remains to be seen whether there will be a contested election this time or not.

However, we do know there will be a contested election for the two Chudleigh Ward seats on Teignbridge District Council. So Chudleigh Phoenix has arranged an open meeting for Friday 24th April, in the Town Hall, to allow the electors of Chudleigh the chance to meet and question the people hoping to represent them at District Level.

All parties known to be fielding candidates have been invited: to date, we have had confirmation of attendance from the two Independent candidates and from the Lib Dems.

This will be a free, unticketed event. So make a date in your diary for what should be a fascinating evening—and start thinking of the questions you would like to ask. All questions will be taken from the floor (no advance questions) and will be addressed to all candidates.

More details in next month's issue.

What's On In Chudleigh

FEBRUARY

Monday 16th

Chudleigh Writers' Circle: Rest Centre, 10am.

Wednesday 18th

Mothers' Union: Fellowship afternoon, Parish Church, 2.15pm.

Thursday 19th

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

Friday 20th

Amenity Society: Helen Turnbull, with *Early Education in Devon*, Woodway Room, 7.30pm

Devon Countryside Access Forum: nominations close, details page 2.

Saturday 21st

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.

Rotary Coffee Morning:

Woodway Room, 10am.

Thursday 26th

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

MUGA: official opening, 2pm, details page 6.

Saturday 28th

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.

Guides Coffee Morning: Woodway Room, 10am.

Citizens Award: Nominations close, details page 2.

Chudleigh Phoenix: Copy due for March issue.

MARCH

Monday 2nd

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

Wednesday 4th

WI: Paula Steer with *From Farm to Yarn*, Rest Centre 7.30pm

Thursday 5th

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

Friday 6th

History Group: Paul Rendell with *The Towns and Villages of North Dartmoor*, Woodway Room, 7pm.

Saturday 7th

Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.

WI Coffee Morning: Woodway Room, 10am.

Tuesday 10th

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

Thursday 12th

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

Friday 13th

Chudleigh Film Society: *Le Weekend Cert 15* [details page 4]. Woodway Room 7.15pm for 8pm.

Saturday 14th

Weekly Produce Market:

Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.

Scouts Coffee Morning: Woodway Room, 10am.

Amenity Society: Visit to RAF Hope Cove, details page 4.

Sunday 15th

Chudleigh Phoenix: February issue due out.

Due to the flooding problem in the Town Hall, some events in the Rest Centre, including coffee mornings, are disrupted. You are advised to check details with the organisers.

SUNDAY 8th MARCH 2015

7.30pm

United Reformed Church

Teignmouth

Semi-staged performance

of Mozart's *Idomeneo*

sung in English with narration

[Details on website](#)

On The Beat

with your neighbourhood policing team:
PC Ali Hooper (14939) and PCSO Mark Easton (30315)

There were a total of 9 Crimes recorded for Chudleigh during the last reporting period, broken down as follows:

- **Distribution of an indecent photograph:** An offender posted a photo of an ex partner without permission. There was insufficient evidence to prove an offence had been committed.
- **Possession of an offensive weapon:** A male was found in possession of a lock knife and has been charged.
- **Assault causing Actual Bodily Harm:** 2 males assaulted a taxi driver before running off in an unknown direction. Poor description of the suspects was given, so no further enquiries.
- **Criminal damage to vehicles:** 3 separate vehicles in different locations and on different dates have been damaged. No suspects or witnesses; all enquiries are complete.
- **Sending a false message by public electronic communications network:** On 2 separate occasions messages have been sent via mobile phone by unknown persons and withheld numbers. There are no lines of enquiry.
- **Arson:** A small amount of straw was set alight and burnt in a 3 sided barn by unknown persons sometime during a 4 week period. There are no lines of enquiry.

News from the Town Council: Items not covered elsewhere in this issue

- Every four years Town and Parish councils are required to hold elections. That time is now nearly upon us. Electors who wish to stand for the council are required to nominate themselves. The nomination pack is available from Teignbridge District Council on 01626 215104 or electoralservices@teignbridge.gov.uk. The nominations have to be returned to the District Council by 9th April 2015. Chudleigh Town Council consists of 13 councillors. If there are 13 nominations or fewer, then all those nominated are automatically elected unopposed. If there are more than 13 nominations then there will be a contested election. This will take place on 7th May—the same date as the General Election.
- The frequency with which drain across the County are cleared has been reduced from every twelve months to every three years. The exceptions to that in Chudleigh are the main gritting route (the main road through the town) and Woodway Street which will continue to be done every twelve months. Blocked drains can still be reported, but each report has to be assessed by the highways officer before an ad hoc drain clearance is carried out. This will only be done if the blockage is likely to lead to the flooding of property.
- The postponed resurfacing work on Station Hill is due to commence on Wednesday 25th March for two nights (between 7pm and 6am). The works will be carried out under temporary traffic lights with intermittent slip road closures as they work across these junctions.