More Good news for Chudleigh Pre-school

Following an 'outstanding' Ofsted inspection at their Town Hall site in September (see CP Oct/Nov 2011), Chudleigh Pre-school is celebrating again as their Rising Fives site was awarded an 'outstanding' in March. This level is only awarded to the top 10% of childcare settings.

The inspector noted that 'children are extremely well cared for by a team of enthusiastic staff who highly value each child as an individual' and 'children flourish in a stimulating environment that is thoughtfully arranged to promote learning through play and exploration.' Rising Fives uses the Primary School’s Community Room. Children learn through play while preparing for the moment when they start 'Big School'. Having two sites also means children can benefit from different experiences whilst working to the same syllabus.

Alan Brunton Wins Chudleigh Citizen’s Award

The Chudleigh Citizen’s Award was presented for the first time at the Annual Town Meeting on 22 May. The award has been introduced by the Town Council to recognise significant contributions to the success of the Chudleigh community.

There were ten nominations for this inaugural award: Carole Smart, Sue Metcalfe, Darren Le Marquand, Malcolm Grose, Michael Underwood, Alan Brunton, Hazel Proffitt, Eric Mahy, Bill Stanyon and Stewart Sapp. All of the nominations were of high merit and the adjudicating panel found it difficult to select an overall winner. However, they finally decided that the first ever award should go to Alan Brunton in recognition of his work with the History Group, CADAS, the sensory garden project and in setting up the Heritage & Information Centre.

Alan was presented with a trophy to mark his work and his name is engraved on the perpetual shield, which will remain on display within the Town Hall. The other nominees each received a letter of appreciation and a signed certificate, recognising their achievements.

Chudleigh Open Gardens

On Sunday 1st July, 10 Chudleigh gardens will be open to the public in aid of various charities. The cost of an adult ticket is £5 to see all 10 gardens (accompanied children of 16 or under are free). Some gardens will offer garden games, light refreshments, cream teas, or plant sales. Five gardens are in town and 5 in the country (see download leaflet for details). It is possible to walk the whole route, but there is some parking available at the country gardens. The walk would take about 1 hour, plus the time to see the gardens.

The walking route takes you along Old Exeter Street to Milestone Cross, turn right down Milestone Lane (signposted Harcombe), continued on page 2
From the Editors

Chudleigh joined the rest of the UK in celebrating the Jubilee in style earlier this month, despite the weather. This issue of CP is so packed, we have no room to show any of the great photos we took, but look out for them over the next few months or in our Review of the Year (15th December).

By the time the next issue comes out (on 15th July) Chudfest will be in full swing. This month, we bring you an outline programme plus articles from some of the organisers. Keep your eyes open for the Chudfest brochure that should be coming through your letter boxes towards the end of the month. Buy the tickets, come to the events—show the organising committee that all their hard work throughout the year has been worthwhile.

In particular, we’d urge everyone to think about taking part in the Carnival Procession on Saturday 21st July. As Alan Holman points out, many people regretted the lack of Procession last year and were pleased to hear it’s back in 2012. It needs more entries in order to be a success. We’re going to be there. Last time we donned feathered masks to promote CP. This time we’re going as Writers — costumes yet to be decided upon. If we can make fools of ourselves in the name of fun, so can all our readers. We look forward to meeting many of you there.

Kate and Sharon

BBC’s Simon Hall Heads List of Literary Festival Speakers

Last year’s Literary Festival was so successful that it is being extended from two sessions to three this year. ‘Meet the Authors’ will take place in the evening, rather than in the afternoon, so people who are working during the day will not miss out.

The Festival, on Wednesday 18th July, will open once again with a half-day workshop for writers, led by poet and writing tutor Chris Waters.

The afternoon will start with a workshop for children, led by author and illustrator Simon James. After tea, there will be an open mic session, showcasing work by members of Chudleigh Writers’ Circle and other local writers.

The evening session will feature BBC Spotlight reporter Simon Hall, who also writes the TV Detective novels and recently saw his first play, based on the same character, staged at the Barnfield Theatre. Joining Simon will be Sam North, novelist, screen-writer and Creative Writing course tutor from Exeter University and Becky Gethin, whose novel Liar Dice won the Cinnamon Press Novel Award in 2010.

There will be a bookstore operating all day and the authors will be signing copies of their books. Grand Bard of Exeter, Jackie Juno, will be in attendance. Whether you are a writer, a reader or both, this is a day not to be missed. For more details, contact Colin and Maryon Avery on 07951 511911.

continued from page 1 straight across at Crammers Cross (signposted Kerswell), fork right to Kerswell at the next junction, then on to Wadden, back to Millstream Meadow, Parkway, Troarn Way, Lawn Drive, The Parade, Station Hill.

Tickets will available on the day from any garden, but can be purchased in advance from the Chudleigh Heritage Centre (now in the library) or the Rock Nursery.

UGBROOKE HOUSE & GARDENS

Open from Sunday July 8th to Thursday Sept 27th 2012
On Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs and August Bank Holiday Monday
12.30 pm to 5.30pm (last entry 4.30pm)
Guided tours of the House 1.30pm and 3.15pm
Tel: 01626 852179
www.ugbrooke.co.uk
### Chudfest at-a-Glance (consult programme or organisers for times and venues)

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ACE at Chudfest: Arts, Crafts and Exercise plus Garden & Produce Show

For the second year running ACE will be supporting CHUDFEST in July. There will be art & craft workshops, throughout the week, an afternoon of exercise, sport & dance on Sunday 15th and a Garden & Produce Show on Saturday 21st.

We start in the Marquee on the morning of Saturday 14th with the chance for adults and children to create a community collage. Sue Astbury-Rollason has sketched out a life-size picture of the Queen for passers-by to apply scraps of colour in appropriate places until she can be seen in all her majesty & glory. If you get carried away, and fancy yourself as royalty, you can make your own crown and there will be paint, paper & glue on hand so that you can play & be creative.

Also with us that morning will be three of the artists running workshops later in the week. You will be able to try your hand at Silk Painting with Bridget Arnold, Hand Book-Making with Nina Fenner and even Stone Carving with Maria Moorhouse and her Sculpworks group. If you are particularly inspired by one of them, you can sign up for a longer workshop later in the week.

On Sunday 15th we start the afternoon in the Marquee with a charity Zumba Wigathon, followed by Country Dancing, Belly Dancing & Taekwondo. While all this is going on there will be ‘Try Dive’ in the Swimming Pool and football, rugby & cricket coaching on the school field and netball court. Tea & cakes will be provided by Chudleigh Scouts.

Throughout the week, ACE will be offering a variety of workshops so you can re-visit an old hobby or try something new. Details will appear in the CHUDFEST programme and I’m sure you’ll find something to interest you. You could join Shan Palms for Willow Weaving or Cheryl Bell for Felting, perhaps you’d like to do some stencilling with Val Miller or Quilling with Barbara Chisnall.

The Patchwork & Quilting Group are hoping for a big audience for their special event on Tuesday morning, when their guest speaker will be well-known local expert, Jenny Hutchison of ‘Strawberry Fayre’. There will also be an exhibition & fabric sale, with refreshments.

Friday will be the first day of the summer holidays, so we’ll have plenty available for the children in the morning & afternoon. To encourage entries in the Garden & Produce Show on Saturday 21st, we will also be doing still-life paintings of fruit & vegetables and making miniature gardens.

Chudleigh Rotters have offered to be the first sponsors of the ACE Garden & Produce Show. For this event Derek & Beryl Parkes have come up with some novel classes for adults as well as children, including one for Scarecrows. We are hoping for a good display of a range of characters. The best I’ve heard of so far is a frog, which might end up as Jeremy Fisher or Toad of Toad Hall. See what you can come up with. As in previous years, there will be handsome trophies for overall winners, with certificates for the first three in class and medals for the winning children.

You will find the ACE Schedule attached to this edition of the Phoenix; as an insert with Chudleigh News and at the usual spots around town—School, Library, Town Hall, Dandelion etc. If you want to be sure of your place on one of the workshops or have any queries, contact Carole Smart, on 01626 853787 or carolesmart1@aol.com

Calling Local Amateur Photographers: Free Competition

In association with the Church Open Weekend, there will be a free-to-enter photography competition. There are two themes (Celebration and The Wild West) and two age groups (under 16s and 16&over). Closing date is 13th July and all entries will be on display in the church until 21st July.

Full details can be downloaded from the Phoenix website (see link in email) or can be obtained from Colin Avery on 01626 853553.

Talented Enough to Win £100?

Sign up for Chudleigh’s Got Talent on Thursday 19th July for a chance to win £100. The organisers are looking for talented individuals or groups from Year 5 upwards — and the more diverse the talent, the better!

Hosted by Tank Sherman (Chudleigh’s answer to Ant and Dec), with judges Gina ‘Cowell’ Sherwood, Nikki ‘Holden’ Tout and Szara ‘Dixon’ King, it promises to be an evening to remember. Entry forms available from Sugar Mill and Dandelion. For more details, contact Gina: 01626 852581

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The Chudfest bar will be open throughout the evening, but there will no food served and the audience is invited to bring their own picnics.
Carnival News From Alan Holman

This is a rallying call to everyone in the town. There is just over a month to Carnival procession day. The size of the procession relies on your support. Prize money in all walking classes has been DOUBLED this year: £30 for first place, £20 for second and £10 for third.

In 2010, the procession had only 19 entries, including visiting floats from other towns. Surely we can beat that this year! It’s been said on many occasions how nice it is that the carnival has visiting floats from other towns. Surely we can beat that this year!

Entry is free and the deadline has been extended to midday on Saturday 21st July. Entry forms are available at Sugar Mill, Chudleigh DIY and the Post Office.

Spring-Cleaning at Chudleigh Rock

The nursery and gardens at Chudleigh Rock are coming back to life after some restoration work by owners Bruce Boulton and son John. Well known for its collection of unusual trees and tree ferns, the nursery also has a wide range of shrubs, herbs, bedding and water plants, fruit trees and bushes. It also stocks many plants that are recommended by the RHS in their ‘Perfect for Pollinators’ campaign.

The Rock Gardens opened in 1987 and in this 25th anniversary year, Bruce and John, together with a little volunteer help, have been busy clearing undergrowth, removing rubbish, thinning trees, replanting the rockery, restoring paths and steps and putting up handrails and safety fences. They also created the Ugbrooke Stumpery, a collection of upturned ancient tree roots donated by the Ugbrooke Estate on which will be grown a collection of ferns.

The gardens are now looking refreshed, the different areas more defined, the birds are returning and filling the garden with their songs and recent visitors have been enthralled by the atmosphere and plants they have encountered.

Situated between the nursery and the gardens, the Rock Tea Room has been taken over by Margaret Deem who plans to open it Fridays to Sundays and on Bank Holidays, offering cream teas, homemade cakes and ice creams plus a selection of locally made crafts including pottery, jewellery, glass sculptures, local photographs and cards.

The gardens are well worth a visit and the entrance charge is only £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children and senior citizens. (£7.50 for family of four). [Look out for interviews with Bruce Boulton and Margaret Deem in future issues of CP. Ed]

Chudleigh RFC: a message from Chris Webb

I’m attempting to find out if there is any interest within Chudleigh in the formation of a Chudleigh Rugby Team.

In the first instance, would any players who are seriously interested in playing some friendly matches next season at local clubs contact me with the following information: name, address, contact numbers, experience, position(s) played and availability (if known).

If there is enough interest (say 25 players) then I will attempt to obtain sponsorship for shirts, shoes, equipment etc. and hopefully fix up some local friendly games.

Initially this would be a Senior Team, but if the club took off, then a future youth section would be an important step forward. Please contact Chris Webb on 07968 508451

Youth Centre Update

Chudleigh Youth Centre held a successful AGM earlier in the spring. In addition to the administrative matters covered, several young people were presented with accreditation awards. Members also gave us a excellent multi-media presentation showing a range of exciting on-site and off-site activities which were held during the year.

Our Management Committee would be pleased to welcome additional active members, particularly to help us with local fundraising events. Please call Bill Keen on 01626 853200 if you would like more details.

Amenity Society

Cream Tea
Organised by Rotary Club of Chudleigh and Bovey Tracey in aid of Breast Cancer Tissue Bank
Sunday 1st July
3pm to 5pm
Oakfield Coach House
Exeter Road
Tickets: £3 from Chudleigh DIY and Dandelion

On Friday 18th May, in a change to the advertised program, Darren Summerfield of Teignbridge District Council spoke on the impact on Chudleigh of the TDC Core Strategy. Our speaker in June will be Mel Stride MP (see What’s On for details)

There will be no talks in July or August, but during the summer, we will be organising a number of cultural visits, starting with a tour of the ground floor of Exeter Cathedral on Friday 20th July. Meet at the West Door at 6.30pm. Cost of tour and buffet afterwards is £20 and booking is essential. Names and money to Tony Woodville as soon as possible please.

Crime-Related Contact details

John Hallett (Neighbourhood Watch) 01626 438807, office@chudleighnhw.org.uk
Police Neighbourhood website: http://neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk
Sgt Sally Maunder; Sally.MAUNDER@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk ; Tel 08452 777444
What’s On In Chudleigh

JUNE

Friday 15th
Walk this Way Level 3: Yarner Woods, start from Chudleigh Youth Centre (car share), 10am

Amenity Society: Mel Stride MP with Reflections on Parliament, Woodway Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 16th
Weekly Produce Market and Chudfest Tickets: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.
Pensioners Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Monday 18th
Folk Dancing: Woodway Room, 8pm.

Wednesday 20th
Writers’ Circle: Council Chamber, 10am
Mothers’ Union: Fellowship Afternoon, Parish Church, 2.15pm
Writers’ Circle Evening: Contact Kate for venue, 7pm for 7.30

Thursday 21st
Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Friday 22nd
Walk this Way Level 3: Totiford and Trenchford Reservoirs, start from Chudleigh Youth Centre (car share), 10am.

Saturday 23rd
Weekly Produce Market and Chudfest Tickets: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

JULY

Sunday 1st
Open Gardens: See page 1 for details.
Cream Tea: in aid of Breast Cancer Tissue Bank. See page 5 for details

Monday 2nd
Town Council: Full meeting, Town Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 4th
WI: Open Evening History of the WI, Rest Centre, 7.30pm.

Thursday 5th
Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Friday 6th
Walk this Way Level 3: Haldon, start from Chudleigh Youth Centre (car share), 10am

History Group: John Smart with A Portrait of Exmoor. Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Saturday 7th
Weekly Produce Market and Chudfest Tickets: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

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
Chudfest: See programme for details

Saturday 14th
Weekly Produce Market and Chudfest Tickets: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Carnival Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Chudfest: See programme for details

Sunday 15th
Chudleigh Phoenix: due out
Chudfest: See programme for details

News from the Town Council — a round-up of recent highlights

- Nick Walter has agreed to serve a second year as Chair of CTC. Mary Anne McFarlane will serve a second term as Vice-Chair.
- The council will pursue a loan of £95,000 from the Public Works Loan Board to fund essential repairs to the Town Hall. Scaffolding will be erected to facilitate the replacement of roof and guttering, plus repairs to the gable end wall and repair/repainting upper storey windows. Internal improvements (timed for summer holidays, the quietest time for room bookings) will include redecoration of the Woodway Room, renovation of the Large Hall floor, carpeting of the main staircase, replacement of the stair lift, and fitting of mirrors along one wall of the Large Hall. Work should commence in late July and be completed by mid-September. The Woodway Room and the Large Hall will be out of action for 1-2 weeks each but not at the same time. The vast majority of bookings will be unaffected.
- There have been complaints regarding the state of grass verges around the town, notably in Lawn Drive. Roadside verges are owned by DCC, who contract out the maintenance. Cutting frequency has been reduced from six times per year to four times per year as a public spending austerity measure. The contract does not include removal of the grass cuttings, however, DCC aim to send out a road sweeping vehicle the day after the grass is cut.
- A new notice board has been erected at the Oldway end of town; thanks to John Ripley at Skaigh Engineering who permitted an attachment to their boundary wall. A Rural Aid Grant will allow replacement of notice boards at the Town Hall, Culver Green and Millstream Meadow later in the summer.
- Broken benches have been replaced in Parkway and at the top of Lawn Drive. A bench at the entrance to Kitts Close, removed several years ago due to vandalism, has also been replaced.
- The poor weather led to the curtailing of most of the events planned for the Diamond Jubilee family day on 5 June, although the fireworks and most of the musical entertainment survived. Thanks are due to David Wilson Homes, for sponsorship for the event.
- Thanks are also due to K F Boulton & Son (Rock Nurseries) who have generously provided shrubs for the sensory garden at Two Oaks at a greatly discounted price.
- Nearby residents will be contacted soon regarding a youth shelter at the skate park at Millstream Meadow. The shelter, which is partly funded by a Rural Aid Grant, should be in place by the end of the summer.
- Trees and shrubs have been planted in the town and at Culver, Millstream and Two Oaks, thanks to a grant from Ugbrooke Environmental. They include trees in the verge outside Orchard House and in the large bed outside the car park and containerised Phormiums between the disabled bays in the car park and outside the Ship Inn.

Contact details: John Carlton, Town Clerk, 01626 853140, Johncarlton1994@yahoo.co.uk ; http://www.chudleigh-tc.blogspot.com/