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FairTrade Extravaganza Comes To Chudleigh

Seventy Chudleigh residents listened in fascination to Isaac Baidoo on Friday 10th March at the Town Hall, as he described the process of making chocolate at the Kuapa Kokoo Cooperative farm in Ghana.

Isaac was the main speaker at the FairTrade Extravaganza, an event hosted by the Mayor, Richard Keeling, and the SEARCH group (Social and Environmental Action ‘round Chudleigh). This launched Chudleigh's journey to become a FairTrade town. Some of the criteria have already been met through the enthusiasm of traders such as the Co-op and Sugar Mill who provided stalls, along with Dandelion and other FairTrade vendors.

The FairTrade financial premium is shared equally among the farmers and used, for example, to buy new machetes to split the cocoa pods. Only a small proportion of Isaac’s crop is currently sold through FairTrade and Chudleigh hopes to help increase this so that the many FairTrade funded projects such as education and micro-credit schemes for women can flourish.

Isaac was supported by Sue Errington from the Exeter Global Centre, who ran a quiz on FairTrade and the benefits to farmers. It was part of FairTrade fortnight, demonstrating the value to the 1.6m farmers and workers in FairTrade organisations. £150 was raised on the night with a further £363 of Traidcraft and FairTrade goods sold.

A steering group will now be formed to take the initiative forward and anyone interested in being a member, or just assisting with future events is very welcome to contact Margaret Parsons on 01626 852740.
From the Editor

Okay, so I know I say this every time, but we’ve got another packed issue this month. In fact I’ve had to add another two pages. And as usual, there’s loads going on in town over the next four weeks.

This weekend is particularly busy for music-lovers, with three very different events: Phil Beer is in concert on Friday, raising money for the Youth Centre; the wonderful—and locally based—Red Earth Opera returns with an evening of favourite arias on Saturday; and there’s another serving of Cabaret Sauvignon at the Con Club on Sunday.

But there’s also one event outside town that I’d like to bring to your attention. Any readers among you will know that times are tough for our library services. Libraries Unlimited is working hard to maintain Devon’s services; Friends of Chudleigh Library works hard to support our own facility. And this month, I’m doing my bit by taking part in a fund-raiser for Bovey Library.

Speaking under my pen name of Elizabeth Ducie, I will be presenting A Broad Abroad, looking at my experiences working in Russia, Africa and the Middle East. It’s for a good cause; and it would be great to see some familiar faces when I stand up to start talking. Full details on page 10.

Kate

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Friends of Chudleigh Library

Our Friends Group is holding two events in the next few weeks in the Library. On Wednesday 22nd March, there is a Red Nose Bake Sale to raise money for Comic Relief, organised by FOCL member and library volunteer, Sally Hunneyball (details on poster below). A vote of thanks to Sally for doing this. Please come along and enjoy the offerings while raising money for a great cause.

On 5th April, there is an illustrated talk on the Ipplepen Dig by Derek Gore (details on poster below). This is proving to be one of our most popular events ever and at the time of writing we have fewer than 10 tickets left, so if you are interested, you need to get your ticket quickly.

On 1st March, we held our third Shakespeare Day, based on his Tragedies. This again proved popular. It was the first one I’d attended and I was very impressed with the reading and in some cases the acting skills on display. Thanks to Sue Astbury-Rollason for organising again. There will be another event later in the year, so look out for details.

If you would like more information about Friends of Chudleigh Library, please contact Librarian, Jill Hughes on 01626 852469

Ippelepen Dig

Friends Of Chudleigh Library
Invites you to an illustrated talk by Derek Gore

Wednesday 5th April 5th
Chudleigh Library, 7pm
Tickets £2 from the Library
To include refreshments

www.friendsofchudleighlibrary.co.uk
Introduction

Ever wanted to know where Mother’s Day came from; or how to make pancakes with a twist? Or wanted to read an engaging series of books? If so, this is the page for you...

Pancakes with a Twist by Jun Li

Did you have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday? Want a change? Why not try the Malaysian net pancake?

The normal pancakes were eaten on Shrove Tuesday as it was the last chance to eat before Lent when some Christians start fasting. The idea was that the pancakes would use up the eggs and fats before Lent.

Although they’re not eaten on Shrove Tuesday, you can try the Malaysian pancakes as an alternative. In Malay, they are called Roti Jala where roti means bread and jala means net. This recipe is taken from the BBC Good Food website:

Ingredients: 300g plain flour; 1 tsp turmeric; 1 tsp salt; 3 beaten large eggs; 300ml semi-skimmed milk mixed with 300ml water;

Recipe: Mix the flour, turmeric and salt together in a bowl and make a small well in the middle. Add the eggs plus a splash of milk and water. Whisk until smooth and thick, without lumps, then slowly whisk in the rest of the liquid to make a thin batter. Transfer the batter to a squeezy bottle.

Heat one tsp of oil in a non-stick frying pan. Scribble a net of batter into the pan. When the pancake has set (after about 30 seconds), flip it with a fish slice and briefly cook the other side. These pancakes cook very quickly, so watch them closely. Repeat with the rest of the batter, adding more oil as needed. Layer pancakes between sheets of baking parchment and keep warm in the oven until they are all ready.

These pancakes go brilliantly with a curry sauce. Enjoy!

Super Skulduggery Pleasant by Jess

“Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: detective, magician, warrior. Oh yes, and dead...”

Does this draw you in? If so, check out the amazing books from Derek Landy. When I first read this book, I was drawn in by the adventure. If you like adventure or shocks, magic and secrets, then this is the book for you...

Skulduggery is a mysterious figure that comes to the funeral of 12 year old Stephanie Edley’s uncle. Later, when she is staying at the house her uncle left her, she is attacked. When Skulduggery saves her, his disguise slips and he uses his magic! She has discovered a secret that will change her life forever. He is a Magic Skelton Detective. After he tells her all the details, she chooses to join him in his detective work.

To stop enemies from getting out secrets or using her, she chooses a name of Valkyrie Cain.

There are nine brilliant books in the series. Skulduggery and Valkyrie fight vampires, invincible gods, Valkyrie’s own reflection and many more monstrous creatures. They have saved the world many times!

Loving Mother’s Day by Dominic

Many of us celebrate Mother’s Day? But where did the idea come from?

Mother’s Day started around ancient Roman and Greek times. Rhea was a Greek Titaness and Mother of the Gods.

Cybele was a Phrygian goddess, later adopted by the Greeks.

Over in England though, it was not until around the 1600s when the phrase Mothering Sunday was first said. Mothering Sunday is always on the 4th weekend of Lent.

We should always appreciate our mums for everything good they’ve done.
Chudleigh Film Society

Come and see our next screening, the biographical drama Steve Jobs (2015, Cert 15, 122 min) starring Michael Fassbender and Kate Winslet. This revealing film explores the trials and triumphs involved in launching three Apple products in 1984, 1988 and 1998.

Screening takes place on Friday 31st March in the Woodway Room, Chudleigh Town Hall (entrance in Woodway St)

Doors open at 7.15pm; refreshments for sale and screening begins at 8pm.

Admission £6 on the door; enquiries 01626 859593 or full membership/contact details at www.chudleighfilmsociety.org

Amenity Society News

The Building of Buckfast Abbey may seem a dry subject, especially for those not in the building industry, but Mark Cottle made his talk on the rebuilding of the Abbey fascinating.

Archives show a Benedictine Abbey from 1018 perhaps on the site of a previous Abbey. Benedictines were followed by a stone Cistercian abbey in 1134. Although it only had 300 acres attached to it, it benefited from 10,000 acres of Dartmoor and so was a substantial holding.

After dissolution in 1539, the site remained in ruins for four centuries, before being purchased in 1882 by French Benedictines who re-founded a monastery on the site dedicated to Saint Mary.

Work on a new abbey church started in 1907 and one of the monks captured the whole reconstruction in photographs recently found in the archives.

The reconstruction was the work of six monks, one of whom did a 18-month crash course in stonemasonry. Construction methods were primitive: wooden scaffolding was held together by ropes and no safety protection was worn by the monks. One monk fell 75 feet but survived; and three monks fell off a hoist without serious injury in 1931.

Construction continued throughout WWI. Some of the monks were German but were not interned; just confined to the Abbey grounds. The church was consecrated on 25 August 1932 but the building was not finished for several years; the last stone was laid in late 1937 with the works being completed in 1938.

We had a bit of a glitch part-way through our sieving process; some of the mesh became detached from one of the wooden slats on the sieve, but we were not beaten by this and soon got back to work after a temporary repair. I feel a session of maintenance work coming on. Any volunteers?

We have been given a supply of left over carpet pieces (much appreciated) to replace the old tattered pieces we place on top of each compost bay to aid the process.

There are still lots of bags of mulch which was produced from the greatest amount of donated Christmas Trees to date. These too are for sale to our members at 25p per bag (non members via a member at 50p per bag). Members can come along to one of the work sessions to purchase compost or mulch but if this is not convenient, please feel free to collect the bags your require at a time more suitable for you. You can then post the payment in an envelope to our Treasurer, Frances, with a note of your name, the date and how many bags of either compost or mulch the payment covers. A copy of your receipt can be obtained if requested.

Our next session will be on Saturday 1st April; look forward to seeing you.

Frances Daysh: Treasurer, dayshfrances3@hotmail.com, 853173
Lyn Paris: everything else, lyn.paris@outlook.com, 852090

Chudleigh Rotters Update

It doesn’t feel like five minutes since our last session in December but we are now back again making our lovely compost. There was plenty ready to be sieved and bagged up. Twenty-one bags were filled in our March session, ready to be sold to our members at the bargain price of 25p per bag (non members via a member at 50p per bag).

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Chudleigh WILD Update

Here are the Chudleigh Conservation Volunteers, the merry men who labour around the town tidying up the green spaces. This spring’s task is to make the Bat and Moth Garden on Rock Road; the turf has been removed and posts for trellis work will be put in next week, then planting begins. If you wish to join and help Chudleigh, contact Mike Moyse 07970862788.

You may have noticed piles of grain in the parks and lanes. I’m sure they are put down with the best of intentions, but they lie around for a long time. Rats have been sighted with more frequency recently and we have consulted Teignbridge Environmental Health; they agree that the grain may be attracting rats. So they have put signs up asking the person to stop putting the grain down. I think it is reasonable that residents remove the grain when they find it, and if the person doing it can be identified, tell us at the Town Hall and we can have a word.

Tessa Frost
rat.frost@gmail.com; 01626852551

Phil Beer will be in concert at the School Community Hall on Friday 17th March. Phil is well known for his involvement with many bands including Feast of Fiddles, The Phil Beer Band and the award winning Show of Hands, who have had three sell out concerts at the Royal Albert Hall.

Phil lived in Chudleigh some years ago and he is doing this concert in support of Chudleigh Youth Centre.

Tickets are priced at £14 and can be obtained from Dandelion or from Sue Metcalfe on 01626 853651 or susan.metcalfe@hotmail.co.uk.
The annual Chudfest Garden and Produce Show will be on Saturday 2nd September. This year, we are inviting all children to enter a competition to grow the tallest sunflower.

Children (or their parents) can collect a FREE starter kit from the Pet Shop. This kit will include some seeds, a pot and compost, and instructions on how to grow the sunflowers.

Towards the end of August competitors will send a photo of their sunflower to the organisers, who will come and measure the biggest ones. All entrants will get a prize, and the winner will get a special prize!

The event will be held in memory of Patricia Johnson-King and Carnival stalwart Alan Holman, both passing away in Rowcroft, and the event will be held in their memory. Every penny raised through entry and sponsorship will be forwarded to Rowcroft; all expenses incurred in organising and staging the event will be met by the Carnival.

Annie Says Thanks

ANNIE HOLMAN would like to thank everyone who made a donation to Rowcroft Hospice at her husband Alan’s funeral last year. The sum of £489 was donated, and has now been sent to Rowcroft. Annie is very grateful to all concerned.

Choir 6 proudly presents
Alleluia to Zadok
Inc JOHN RUTTER, REQUIEM
What a great February night—a full house, fantastic music, lots of community ambiance, helped by a glass or two of something. Little did we know that this was to be the last Villages in Action event we would have in Chudleigh. Two weeks after we sat on the floor counting the pennies from Moscow Drug Club night, we heard from Villages in Action that their funding situation was so bad they had to stop their activities, and their staff were being made redundant! Villages in Action, despite going from strength to strength in terms of audience figures in village halls all over Devon, cannot function without the substantial grants they used to receive from the Arts Council and Devon County Council; money from the shows, and from district councils, including Teignbridge, came nowhere near what’s needed. So, unless a vastly different way of working, or lots of money, can be found, that’s it. The current Villages in Action programme continues, and would love your support (see website for details) but beyond April, there will be no more Villages in Action shows in Devon. It all feels very sad.

Villages in Action was started twenty-four years ago, with Teignbridge District Council playing a big role in its formation. At that time, Margaret Bonnell and Shane Edgar approached what was then Chudleigh Parish Council and asked if it would underwrite these new arts events that they were planning to promote through Villages in Action. They promoted for a few years, never in fact needing any financial support, and then Helen Sheard took over. She was involved with Chudleigh Community Project, who took it on as one of its community roles. That means we have been involved since (we think) 2000, sometimes as ‘helpers’, mostly as promoters. What a great benefit it’s been to Chudleigh, with at least forty events. All that all-age music, laughter, theatre: Nightporters, Old Rope String Band, Angel Heart Theatre, John Etheridge, Puppetcraft, Mabon, Black Voices... And all those volunteers team-working together, transforming the community school hall into a cabaret, a theatre, a venue.

We would then like to thank everyone who has been part of this, and say ‘it’s been great’. And our Villages in Action experience finished on a real high.

BUT—that’s not to say there won’t be any more gigs in Chudleigh. Acts can of course get booked independently (such as our booking of Mabon, the Youth Club’s booking of Phil Beer), new people come in with new ideas, and we ourselves have a lot of experience to share about putting on events. So, who knows?

Lynn and Chris Evans
It’s odd how the older you get, the more reflective you become…; a fact that hasn’t been lost on me lately, following my recent appointment as Chair for the 1st Chudleigh Scouts group.

On being asked to take the Chair for the group it occurred to me I didn’t really know much about the modern Scouting movement, and the last time I was in a neck scarf trying to remember how to tie a reef knot was well over 25 years ago!

Clearly, scouting has moved on significantly since then with a very modern look and feel to its agenda, and with supporters such as Bear Grylls setting the tone for the organisation’s commitment to developing young people.

One aspect of my research struck me and led me on to think about the importance that groups like the Scouts have on small communities such as Chudleigh. Deep within the Scouting website there is a page committed to the fundamentals of Scouting where the values of integrity, respect, care, belief and cooperation are outlined.

When I look back on my own childhood, like most people, I can equate a number of influences that have shaped the values I hold today. Undoubtedly, friends, family, bereavement, partnership and schooling have all had a part to play in the person I have become, but without doubt the communities I have lived in have also influenced the values and beliefs I live my life by.

For over 40 years, Chudleigh has had an established Scouts group with hundreds of children having passed though the different troops over the years.

What this tells me is that Chudleigh Scouts is more than just a community group but rather part of the fabric and history of our town. Furthermore, Chudleigh’s Scout group is actually moulding the values our young people will keep with them for the rest of their lives; something which will become increasingly important in a world where values and beliefs can so often be eroded.

This is the reason why taking the role of Chair is such a privilege for me, but also why I now come to you seeking your continued support and assistance as community members.

One of my first jobs as Chair has been to look at how we are running Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and it is clear to me that we need to tap into the great community support that I know exists in Chudleigh. So, we are now actively seeking community members to fill a number of important roles within the groups (See panel, right).

Do you have skills you could bring to Chudleigh Scouts? Do you have a desire to volunteer or want to work with children and young people? If you think you could commit any time, no matter how small, to our Scout group, then please email your interest to secretary@1stchudleighscouts.org.uk.

Moving forward through 2017, the Executive Committee will be continuing to develop the group and already we are starting to see a greater focus on fundraising in the community and have some exciting events planned throughout the year. See the poster on page 9 for our April event.

Finally, it’s a sad fact that without community, organisations like 1st Chudleigh Scouts cannot continue indefinitely and often it is only when they have gone their real value is recognised. An ironic fact (some may say) that communities stand to lose the most through a lack of community commitment.

Thank you for you continued support.

Dave PEBWORTH
Group Chair - 1st Chudleigh Scouts Group

1st Chudleigh Scout Group Member Vacancies

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Treasurer
Group Scout Leader
Beaver Leader
Assistant Cub Leader
Scout Leader
Administrative Assistant
Fundraising Subcommittee member

Some of these roles are currently being undertaken by members of our executive committee, however if there is a particular position that you are interested in, we would seek to appoint the most suitable person to the role to ensure individual skills are accommodated. Contact Rachel for further information and role specifications ( secretary@1stchudleighscouts.org.uk ).
Upping Our Game In The Garden for the sake of butterflies and other wildlife: Part One of an article by Chudleigh resident Peter Hurst

With the present rush to create new housing both on green fields and as infill within existing towns, wildlife is increasingly marginalized. There is pressure on farmland to use it efficiently for the highest returns and consequently there are fewer odd corners for butterflies and wildlife. To redress this, if you have a garden there are ways you can assist butterflies and other wildlife.

Grassland is one of our rarer habitats, more so if flower-rich. About half (30 species) of the British butterflies are strongly associated with grassland so it can be helpful to maximise the amount of grass allowed to grow long in the garden, especially in an open sunny area. This can then be potential breeding habitat for such species as Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Gatekeeper, Large and Small Skipper, even the less common Marbled White. I have also noticed the additional benefit of long grass providing somewhere for newly hatched moths at ground level to crawl up to dry their wings (Scarlet Tiger dayflying moth frequently has done this in my own garden).

A few species of butterfly go for areas of warmer short turf within a grassland habitat (e.g. Wall Brown, Brown Argus, Dingy Skipper) so, if present in your locality, may be attracted to your garden if you have this. The grassy habitat will need cutting at the end of the butterfly season, say from September, and cuttings removed to avoid enriching the soil and to discourage ranker vegetation. Wild flowers and more varied grass species will then be more likely to colonise. Yellow Rattle is a herb commonly grown in grassland to weaken the dominance of the more aggressive grass species, thus allowing more space for flowers and herbs. Yellow Rattle is semi-parasitic on the roots of grass reducing the grass’s vigour.

In wild grassland, in the early part of the season, Bluebell, Bugle, Ground Ivy, Primrose and Dandelion are good nectar sources for butterflies. In summer, Knapweeds are good along with Fleabane, Ox-eye Daisy, Ragwort and Thistles. Flowering Bramble in sunny situations is also attractive to a number of butterflies. Herbs such as Marjoram and Mints are attractive, as is Red Valerian and Lavender. Garden Buddleia is a magnet for the Vanessa family of butterflies and also attractive to Whites. I think the usual purple Buddleia probably works best in attracting butterflies, but I know other people suggest other colours/types as being good. Certainly the orange weyeriana cross is good for late flowering well into autumn. Verbena bonariensis is a good cultivar and also Michaelmas Daisy. Perennial Wallflower is good too, I find.

For moths, Honeysuckle is said to be good, also Night-scented Stock. As for the butterflies, Buddleia is good for Noctuid family moths too and also Jersey Tiger dayflying moth is frequently seen on it. Nicotiana can be planted to attract Convolulus Hawk, a large moth that migrates here most years late summer/early autumn in varying numbers.

A patch of Birdsfoot Trefoil in the garden (or even in a pot) will attract female Common Blue butterflies looking to lay eggs. Even better if within a grassy situation, although it may be helpful to clear some grass from around it to create the warmer situation it likes. It will then also be more accessible for the Common Blue.

A sunny nettle patch in the garden might attract egglaying Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock. More shaded nettles may still provide food for Red Admiral and Comma butterflies. Comma will also readily use Wild Hop and Elm. Numerous moths also have nettle as a food plant.

The lemon-yellow Brimstone butterfly only uses Alder Buckthorn for egglaying in Devon, Brown. Simply planting one in the garden will very likely tempt a female Brimstone to lay her eggs there. A Brimstone is also more likely to hang around in a garden that has its larval food plant.

Orange Tip commonly uses Cuckoo Flower and Hedge Garlic in the wild: Dame’s Violet and Honesty are two garden plants that will also attract egglaying.

Next month, in part two, Peter describes a friend’s garden here in Chudleigh that has been turned into a haven for wildlife.
Mr Pesto Recommends
with Michael McCormick

Breakfast has always had a special place in my memory. During weekdays, breakfast was a rushed affair of cereal or toast, but on Sunday it was fry-up day. We know all that fried food is bad for us, but who can resist? Just look at all the (mainly) men who attack the hot buffet in hotels.

Talking of hotels, the most luxurious breakfast I ever had was in the Grand Hotel Europe, in St Petersburg. The breakfast room boasted all the usual breads, cereals, bacon, eggs etc., but also had smoked meats and fish, champagne (OK, Russian champagne!) and caviar. The most impressive part, however, was the woman in evening dress playing the harp.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I went recently to one of the many places serving breakfasts in Chudleigh: Pottery Court Café. We all should know of this delight hidden away down Pottery Court, behind The Square. The café has recently been taken over by Kate Dobson who has refurbished the interior and has plans to expand the outdoor area by cutting back the vegetation. Once the good weather arrives, it should be great for adults and children for that restful lunch or snack. Pottery Court Café doesn’t have a website yet but you can find them on Facebook.

I had the large breakfast, which comes with free tea or coffee, and it was almost too much for me, but I persevered and got through it; the sacrifices I make for this column! Kate had the much more abstemious bacon and sausage bap. Both breakfasts were good value and served with a smile in a pleasant atmosphere, although there was no harpist!

Incidentally, people have bemoaned the fact that Chudleigh used to have five butchers’ and now has none, apart from Pete in the market. But we do now have five places in town for breakfast: in addition to Pottery Court Café, there’s Harvey’s, The Phoenix, The Bishop Lacy, and Sangers.

Those who have read Mr Pesto on a regular basis will know of my search for the perfect curry. By curry, I mean that beautiful British version of a South Asian dish loving prepared by people originating in India, Bangladesh or Pakistan; although colloquially known as “An Indian”.

One place I’ve often passed is Naz, in Newton Abbot, so this month I thought we would give it a try. The interior is comfortable and pleasant and the staff attentive. The menu has many dishes that I’m not familiar with.

We had the usual pappadoms, onion bhajis and kebabs before the main course. Mine was Nazacut Gost (braised golden brown lamb, cooked in sliced onions, ginger, garlic & garam masala, prepared in a thick sauce). Kate had duck tikka. Both portions were quite large, especially the duck, but it was pleasant enough. Naz is certainly worth another visit although I can’t say I had the “perfect curry” there.
Town Hall News: featuring items from CTC not covered elsewhere in CP

Chudleigh Citizen’s Award for 2017
This award was introduced by the Town Council in 2012 to recognise individuals who, in a voluntary capacity, have served Chudleigh and its people and made the town a better place. The first recipient was Alan Brunton. Since then the award has been presented to Sue Metcalfe, Joan Prowse, Gillian Wood, Stewart Sapp, Mike Moyse, Alan Holman and Annie Holman. It is now time to seek nominations for the 2017 award. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact the Town Hall office and we will let you have a nomination form. The closing date for nominations is 17th March 2017.

Annual Town Meeting 2017
This year’s Annual Town Meeting will be held on Friday 28th April in the Woodway Room at the Town Hall. It will commence at 7pm. There will be a guest speaker from the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project. Many of you will be aware that Chudleigh is home to an internationally important colony of these bats so this should be a relevant and interesting presentation. Look out for an agenda for the evening on the CTC noticeboards and website.

Culver Green
You may have seen the stone grotto we have uncovered near Culver house. This is a Victorian garden feature often planted with ferns, but quite uncommon in Devon. It was part of the very extensive garden of Culver House; we hope to improve this area over the years.

The old Boules piste near the wall to the south is being planted with insect friendly plants that like dry stony ground, this is all being done by volunteer labour.

On the east edge of the green is a single oak, almost completely enclosed and surrounded by grass. This could be a valuable habitat for insects, birds and hedgehogs. In the first instance we intend to let the grass grow through the season and be cut in September or October, then we can see what comes up, and plant more wildflowers, and possibly make a hibernation shelter.

This is part of Chudleigh Town Council co-operation with Chudleigh WILD to improve the natural habitats through the town. If you wish to make any comments or take part, please contact John Carlton, the town clerk or Tessa Frost, Chairman of CTC Environment committee, rat.frost@gmail.com, 01626 852551

Millstream Meadow
Over the last month we have installed two additional picnic benches on the upper level, close to the play park. We will shortly be unveiling plans to site some adult exercise equipment in the grassed area between the skate park and the play park.

We are also awaiting grant funding from the Invest in Devon fund which will allow us to resurface all the paths.

Kate Book
Chudleigh WILD is also planning to remove the Himalayan Balsam from the banks of Kate Brook during the summer. It’s an attractive plant but is very invasive which leads to it smothering out native species.

Teignbridge Talking Residents’ Panel: Members Sought
Teignbridge District Council’s 'Talking Teignbridge' Residents' Panel is made up of local volunteers who have agreed to regular consultation by the Council. The Panel's views are taken into account when the Council makes decisions about the things it does.

Panel members include younger and older people, men and women, and people with disabilities—in fact membership is monitored to make sure it represents the whole area, creating a 'mini-Teignbridge' that reflects the views of all the different people that exist around the district.

If you fancy having more of say in what happens around the district, more information can be found here.

Supporting Volunteers with Additional Needs
10th April 2017, 1.30pm to 4.30pm, Newton Abbot
Increase your confidence in recruiting and managing volunteers with support needs, and develop strategies to become truly diverse.
### What’s On In Chudleigh

#### MARCH

**Thursday 16th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.
- Carnival Bingo: Town Hall, 7pm.

**Friday 17th**
- Citizen’s Award: closing date for nominations, details page 11.
- Amenity Society: AGM (7pm) followed by Ian Biles with Footsteps of the Yarari, (a unique journey to the world’s highest lake) Woodway Room, 7.30pm.
- Youth Centre: Phil Beer in concert, Community School Hall, details page 5.

**Saturday 18th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.
- Bellringers Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.
- Red Earth Opera: Concert, Parish Church, 7.30pm, details page 1.

**Sunday 19th**
- Cabaret Sauvignon: Constitutional Club, 7.30pm, details page 5.

**Monday 20th**
- Chudleigh Writers’ Circle: Rest Centre, 10am.

**Wednesday 22nd**
- Red Nose Day Bake Sale: Library, 10.30am to 12.30pm, details page 2.

**Thursday 23rd**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.
- The People’s Bingo: Town Hall, 7pm.

**Saturday 25th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.
- Twinning Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

**Wednesday 29th**
- Bovey Library Action Support Team: Elizabeth Ducie with A Broad Abroad, Bovey Library, 7.30pm, details page 10.

**Thursday 30th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

**Friday 31st**
- Chudleigh Film Society: Steve Jobs (Cert 15); 7.15pm for 8pm, details page 4.
- Chudleigh Phoenix: copy date for April issue.

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**Saturday 1st**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.
- Mother Union Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.
- Town Council: Surgery, Town Hall, 10am to noon.
- Chudleigh Rotters: Monthly working party, 10am, details page 4.

**Monday 3rd**
- Town Council: Full Meeting, Town Hall, 7pm.

**Wednesday 5th**
- Friends of Chudleigh Library: Derek Gore with Ipplepen Dig, Library, 7pm, details page 2.
- WI: A demonstration from the Spinners Guild, Rest Centre, 7.30pm.

**Thursday 6th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

**Friday 7th**
- Con Club: Open Mic, 7pm, details page 5.

**Saturday 8th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.
- Chudleigh Youth Centre Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

**Tuesday 11th**
- Diners Club Monthly Dinner: Contact Phil on 07702418458 for details.

**Thursday 13th**
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

**Saturday 15th**
- Chudleigh Phoenix: April issue due out.
- Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 9.30am to 1pm.
- Rowcroft Hospice Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

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### Maite’s Dartmoor

A new exhibition of paintings by Chudleigh-based painter Maite Jenner is currently on display at the Dartmoor National Park Visitor Centre in Princetown.

Maite Jenner was born in the Basque city of Donostia (San Sebastian) in 1957. She was brought up in the market town of Beasain some 25 miles inland. Many of her early paintings depict the iconic Basque Mountain Txindoki which overshadows the town in which she grew up. Indeed her maiden name Maite Mendia literally means ‘Beloved Mountain,’ a phrase which perfectly embodies one of her main passions in life—art in the form of landscapes, seascapes and skyscapes. She concentrates on nature and rarely allows objects which have been made by people to impinge on the scene.

The other element in her work which is often commented upon is the dramatic use of colour to contrast as well as unify different parts of the canvas. She uses these elements to create not just a visual representation of a place, but also as a means of expressing deep emotions within.

Maite began painting while still a child, but other commitments meant that, for many years, she was unable to find time to dedicate to her favourite creative activity. During those years she studied to be a secretary and completed a degree in English while raising three sons and working as an English teacher. In the last few years she has taken up her brush again and shown her work in a number of exhibitions.

Living in Chudleigh has allowed her to get to know Dartmoor, a place which has become increasingly more important in her work. Its unique, solitary atmosphere lends itself particularly well to her style. The present exhibition seeks to offer a variety of visual experiences and settings focusing on the way in which land blends with sky and water.

The Visitor Centre is open from 10am to 4pm daily and the exhibition runs until 27th March.

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### On The Beat

with PC Ali Hooper (14939); PCSO Mark Easton (30315)

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

**Theft from shop:** There was an incident of shoplifting. The offenders have been captured on the CCTV system. The images have been published on the police computer briefing page for possible identification.

**Theft—other:** A car bumper was taken from a compound. There are no suspects or witnesses.

**Attempted Burglary:** Two separate business units had damage caused to their windows during attempts to gain entry. The offenders were unable to get in/no property taken.

**Contact Details:** website;

**Emergencies:** 999; General enquiries: 101