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Why Rio Needs Your Help To get To Madagascar ... in her own words

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I am a local 16 year old girl in full time education planning a 4 week project in an isolated community in Madagascar. My project encompasses working voluntarily in a Madagascar school, teaching English and Environmental Education to both adults and children and I need your support.



The project, which I will undertake in 2013, can make direct positive impacts on disadvantaged families and exotic wildlife species.

You may know there are many small communities in Madagascar that are cut off from other parts of the island, making development extremely difficult. By learning English, the country can connect with other parts of the world, enabling trade of produce and economic improvements.

Additionally, Madagascar is home to many exotic species of plants and animals, both on land and in the island's coral reefs, which cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Because of this, the environmental and conservational aspects of my project are equally important.

This project is vital for the development of Madagascar, bringing opportunities and knowledge directly to Malagasy communities. As a result, communities will have the ability to communicate and demonstrate the specific needs of one of the world's most vulnerable, yet biodiverse regions, setting a precedent for generations to come.

You can get involved and support my

project through donations and spreading the word to friends and family. Help me to raise the money to travel to the island, teach in the local school, and fund any equipment the communities require for conservation and schooling. Raising money for my project is proving very difficult and despite organising fundraising raffles and attending local events to collect donations I still need all the help I can get!

To further support my project, come along to Lupton Christmas Fayre (Lupton House) on 25th November, where I will be face painting while collecting donations for the project or see me in the Woodway Room during the Chudleigh Christmas Fayre on 6th December

Donations can be made and more information can be found on my website www.riomadagascar.webs.com

Many thanks for all donations. I am extremely passionate about the project I am planning and really believe it can help to make a difference to the lives of the people on the island for generations to come.

Rio Bayley



Malagasy child with one of the exotic species Rio hopes to meet next year

Pre-Christmas Book Fair And Launch Party 23rd November Town Hall 6pm to 9pm Details page 2

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Town Council Vacancies

No Poll Required

There is a second vacancy on the Town Council. Michael Feeny has resigned due to work commitments. The advertisement of two vacancies resulted in ten electors writing to Teignbridge District Council requesting an election.

A call for nominations

closed at noon today, 16th November). Since only two nominations were received, there will be no need for a poll and the candidates will be automatically elected. The names of the new Councillors will be announced later this month and they will take up their posts in December.

Paper Phoenix

The December issue of Chudleigh Phoenix will be produced as a paper version which will be delivered to every house in town during the week before Christmas.

To allow time for printing, the copy deadline is 30th November. Make sure your articles are with us in time.

From the Editors

There's quite a lot about books and writing in in this month's issue. We both feel passionately that reading is one of life's great pleasures and we do everything we can to persuade everyone else to think the same way!

So we're sure you'll forgive us if this page is all about us! We are delighted with our new book and very grateful to Colin Avery for his illustration of it. Our joint launch party and Book Fair on 23rd November should be great fun. We've assembled a huge list of authors for the event and really hope you will all come and join us. The mulled wine is on us.

If you are planning to come to the Variety Concert on 24th November, and you haven't bought your ticket yet, you need to do it NOW. We know that the people of Chudleigh always leave booking events until the last minute but these tickets are selling fast. It is highly unlikely that there will be any seats

available for sale on the night.

The annual Christmas Fayre, when we switch on the Christmas Lights, is taking place on 6th December. Look out for the brochure coming through your letterbox towards the end of the month.

*And a final word for **With Great Pleasure** on Sunday 9th December. A good old-fashioned evening of entertainment. Buy your ticket NOW (they're rare too). Enjoy this issue.*

Kate and Sharon

The Trusham and Teign Valley Book Group will hold their 7th annual Literary Supper at The Sheldon Centre on Thursday 28th February 2013. The speaker is travel writer, Helena Drysdale, who has lectured at the Royal Geographical Society amongst other national organisations.

For further details contact any member of the reading group or email Margaret at oldvenn1@btinternet.com

Book Launch

The long wait is over...a second collection of short stories by Elizabeth Ducie and Sharon Cook is released this month — and just in time for a handy stocking filler!

The Devon writing duo were so heartened by the enthusiastic reviews received for *Life is Not a Trifling Affair* they decided to pen a few more tales.

Life is Not a Bed of Roses was the result. Their second collection again embraces life in all its many guises, seen through the eyes of a random mix of characters from all walks of life.

And they turned to a local artist to adorn their front cover with a striking illustration which they both feel sums up so many of the themes contained within the ten stories.

Sharon said of Colin Avery's painting: "We had no idea what Colin would come up with, but he has done our stories proud. It really adds to the feel of the book."

Life is Not a Bed of Roses is currently available direct from the authors. It is also available as an ebook on Amazon. Links for both formats are here:

<http://www.chudleighphoenix.co.uk/roses.html>

The official Chudleigh launch party will be during the Pre-Christmas Book Fair on Friday 23rd November. See below for details of this not-to-be-missed event.

Bumper Book Fair

Authors are lining up to sell their books at the Chudleigh Pre-Christmas Book Fair on Friday 23rd November. A host of top local names will be on hand to give readings, sign books and help promote a variety of home-grown literature.

Once again, Chudleigh Phoenix will host the event and as authors themselves both Kate and Sharon know how challenging it can be to reach your local markets.

"Mulled wine usually helps," said Sharon, "but this year we have some great names to draw people in. Books make fabulous Christmas presents — and they are easy to wrap!"

The whole evening will be talked into being by The Grand Bard of Exeter, Jackie Juno, who will also be on hand to sign her own poetry books.

Guest authors include Iris Jones Simantel (*Far from the East End*), Miriam Darlington (*Otter Country: In Search of the Wild Otter*), Anne Allen (*Dangerous Waters*), Carol Rifka Brunt (*Tell the Wolves I'm Home*) Roger Whale (*The Damon Tree*) and Belinda Seaward (*The Beautiful Truth*). Parents and grandparents will want to see the new picture books by Sue Parkes; *The Farmer John* stories from David Evans; and the new app of *Wind in the Willows*. Lovers of poetry will be spoilt for choice with works from at least five Moor Poets. Anyone with food allergies won't want to miss *No Naughties* from Tarja Moles. The line-up will be completed by Chudleigh's own Orchard Publications and the quality second-hand books of Buy The Book.

So do pop in to Chudleigh Town Hall on Friday 23rd November, between 6-9pm, for a sip of mulled wine and a chat with a writer, poet, novelist or fellow book fan — and stock up for Christmas.

<http://www.chudleighphoenix.co.uk/bookfair.html>

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2013
Short Story Competition

Open to all writers, published or unpublished

Open theme, 1200 — 1500 words, entry fee £4

(£3 for members of Chudleigh Writers' Circle)

Closing date for entries: **31st January 2013**

Three main prizes: **£100; £50; £25**

additional **£25** prize for best entry from a **local writer**

Judges: Katherine Parris, The Write Retreat Ltd, Brittany

plus Elizabeth Ducie and Sharon Cook

For competition rules and details of how to enter

www.chudleighphoenix.co.uk

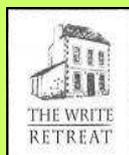
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THIRD ANNUAL VARIETY CONCERT

(In aid of Chudleigh Christmas Lights fund)

Chudleigh Community Hall, Saturday 24th November

7pm to 11pm (doors open from 6.15pm)

Compère: Chudleigh's own Tank Sherman

Featuring Juggler and Comedy Magician Phil Blackmore
(*Britain's Got Talent* semi-finalist)

Supported by local performers including: Gina Sherwood; Lisa Smith;
Tim Farrell; and Kate Nichols

only a few tickets left!

Contact: Kate McCormick on kate@heathside.com or at the Saturday market from 17th November

Chudleigh's Merry Men

A theatrical bunch of Chudleigh Folk have come together in order to entertain YOU! It gives CP great pleasure to introduce, for the first time ever, CADS: 'Chudleigh Amateur Dramatic Society'.

Once, way back in the distant past, when the Chudleigh Variety Concert was just getting off the ground, some bright spark said: "Wouldn't it be great if we could have a family panto in Chudleigh." [And who was that? CP wonders...]

Unfortunately for townfolk everywhere, our very own Tank Sherman decided to write one. And when his path crossed that of Cheryl Cole imposter and exercise guru Gina Sherwood, there was no going back.

The cast of *The Merry Men of Chudleigh* is now well into its rehearsal schedule. In fact some of them reckon they will even have learnt their lines by the time the audience take their seats on 26th and 27th January next year.

["Oh yes they will have!" I think that might have been the director stage left...]

So there we have it. A Chudleigh Pantomime. And any profits made won't be spent down The Bishop planning the next pantomime, but are set to go to a number of good causes.

Tickets are due to go on sale next month (December), so if you spot a few unusual characters at the Christmas Fayre on 6th December — you can't keep a good dame down! — then it's probably a good idea to book your seats before they sell out.

Best of all there is still time to get involved in *The Merry Men of Chudleigh*. CADS needs anyone with any talent at all to roll up their sleeves [and no, the entire cast does NOT need replacing thank you very much] and pitch in with a few desirable skills — such as lighting, make up, painting and even the odd costume or two. Some front of house lovelies would also be a great help. So if you can support CADS in any way, or are just looking for an excuse to get involved with a bunch of hugely talented individuals(!), now's your chance.

Tickets are a mere £5 for adults, £3 for children and £15 for a family ticket of two adults and two children — or £4 adults and £13 a family ticket if bought before the end of December.

So remember, there is a bunch of budding thespians in

Chudleigh who are giving their all to *The Merry Men of Chudleigh* — expect thrills and a fairy, a witch and a wag, an evil Sheriff and a beautiful maiden who needs rescuing — oh yes she does!

There's also a long-legged leading man, legs in tights, naughtiness, laughs and a dame who'll have you begging for more — oh yes s/he will!

The Merry Men of Chudleigh, 'a Chudleigh Panto', will be performed on Saturday 26th January (matinee and evening) and a super Sunday matinee on Sunday 27th January, all at the Chudleigh Community Hall on the school site, Lawn Drive.

Watch out for posters. For any questions, seek out Gina or call 01626 853843 and ask for the panto hotline.

Chudleigh Christmas Fayre Thursday 6th December

Look out for full details in the brochure delivered to every house in town from 26th November onwards

With Great Pleasure...



A drawing room entertainment with Christmas readings, music & humour

Sunday 9th December,

7pm for 7.30pm

Woodway Room, Town Hall, Chudleigh

with wine bar

£10 single, £18 a pair, including glass of mulled wine & finger buffet

Enquiries & tickets

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Carnival News from Alan Holman

We are currently inviting applications for Carnival Queen for 2013 and also for her attendants (male or female) with a closing date of 16th December 2012. A decision will be made before the Christmas period. If you are interested, please give Annie a call on 852639 for an application form and more details.

A reminder that we are looking for a driver and vehicle to tow the carnival float next summer — any help would be very welcome. Over the winter, we are reducing the overall length of the float by some 4 or 5 feet to make it more manageable to handle.

Otherwise, our preparations are slowly gathering pace and would you believe, we have already had two entries for next July.

Amenity Society Notes from Tony Woodville and Brian Portch

Farming in Devon

On 19th October, Alex Stevens of the NFU gave an interesting talk on *The Future of Farming in Devon*. Agriculture is a major employer and contributor to the economy in Devon; The total workforce is about 25,000 on about 21,000 active farms. There are currently 1584 dairy and 2801 beef farms. Teignbridge has the highest proportion of small farms in Devon, with 50% being less than 5 hectares. Ten percent of the 36 million sheep in the UK are raised in Devon.

There are particular challenges in the upland areas where farmers have to contend with high rainfall and lower sunlight and must comply with National Park regulation. In most cases, the only feasible strategy is to grow grass and feed it to stock which have been bred to convert it efficiently into muscle tissue (red meat).

The UK is only 60% self-sufficient in food production, a historical low and well below the European average. It will be difficult to improve on this with an increasing population putting ever-greater pressure on land use.

Currently, there are major challenges with Bluetongue, which was detected in imported cattle near Tiverton in 2008 and caused Devon to be declared a Protected Zone by DEFRA. There is general dissatisfaction among the farming community with the amount of paperwork required from them, and the number of inspections to which they are subjected. The resulting work load can be overwhelming for small farmers.

Bovine TB is a most controversial problem and is now considered the foremost animal health challenge in the UK. In 2007 there were 4,000 new outbreaks which resulted in 28,000 cattle being slaughtered. Total cost of fighting the disease rose from £25 million in 1989 to £80 million in 2007. Devon has the highest incidence of the disease in the South-West. There is no obvious strategy to fight the spread: a vaccine for cattle would seem to be a way forward but no 100% effective vaccine is yet available. It is known that badgers and deer carry TB but the transfer mechanism to cattle is by no means clear and opinions are sharply divided, both inside and outside the farming community, as to the likely effectiveness of the proposed cull of badgers.

Other topics he touched on, which gave rise to many questions from the audience, included the price of milk, GM foods, and the recently announced withdrawal of Sainsbury's from the Red Tractor logo assurance scheme. The evening was most

informative and CADAS is extremely grateful to Alex for travelling to talk to us.

Met Office Visit

21 members recently visited the Met Office. The visit was facilitated by CADAS Committee member Eleanor Taylor, who had worked at the Met Office for 32 years up to her recent retirement.

In September 2003 the Met Office moved its HQ from Bracknell in Berkshire to a purpose built structure near Exeter Airport in Devon. Staff preference for the new site at Exeter, was a significant factor in the eventual selection from four short-listed sites. About 70% of Bracknell based staff transferred to Exeter, where there are now about 1,200 employees providing 24/7 cover on the site. Many non core services are provided on site by G4S.

The main role of the Met Office (established in 1854) is to produce weather forecast models by gathering information from weather satellites in space, and observations including many on earth, then processing it using supercomputers. This involves some of the most powerful supercomputers in the world and we saw where these are housed during our tour. The back-up generators have the capacity to provide the equivalent of Devon's entire electric power requirements.

The Met Office has a worldwide presence, including a forecasting centre at Aberdeen, and offices in Gibraltar, Ascension Island and on the Falklands. There is also a Met Office presence at many Army & Air Force bases within the UK and abroad, which is why many military airfields are mentioned in weather reports today. The Met Office provides the following forecasts:

- The Global Model forecast
- The Shipping forecast broadcast on Radio 4
- Severe Weather Warnings for the UK
- Flood forecasts, jointly with the Environment Agency
- Seasonal forecasts
- Forecasts for the BBC and ITV (Some of our members tried out presenting in the Media Room on site!)
- World Area forecasts for the aviation community.
- Volcanic Ash Cloud forecasts
- Air quality forecasts

Our thanks to our Met Office guide Peter, and to Eleanor Taylor for facilitating this visit.

Other Events

There has been some interest in the Carol Concert by Exeter Philharmonic Choir on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December. To date, 9 people are going on the Wednesday. Please contact me if you are interested and I will see if tickets are still available.

I managed to get a few tickets for "War Horse" at the Theatre Royal Plymouth in October next year. They all went very quickly and it is extremely unlikely that I will be able to obtain any more. Apologies to the many people who contacted me too late.

Please note that we are always receptive to suggestions as to possible talks or cultural visits. All suggestions to our Programme Secretary, Brian Portch, on 01626 853540.

Tony Woodville
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Chudleigh Writers' Circle



Did you notice the Chudleigh Writers' Circle entry in Chudleigh Carnival? There we were, marching along with an enormous pen and much, much smaller swords, demonstrating just how apt is our motto: The Pen is Mightier than the Sword. CWC gets together once a month for various activities, all connected with encouraging its members to write creatively. We

have writing exercises devised by group members, speakers, workshops and days out. A very popular visit recently was to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter where the fascinating exhibits resulted in varied and exciting pieces of writing.

The Writers' Circle also published an anthology of its members' work in 2010 with the intriguing title *Lavender*

Chickens, and hopes to repeat the exercise in 2013.

Even though the group was only formed three years ago it has already organised two very successful Literary Festivals as part of Chudfest. Plans are in hand for a third Literary Festival in July 2013, and we welcome any readers of CP who would like to be involved in this very special day. We hope to devote part of the day to encouraging the Chudleigh Primary School children's interest in writing, with competitions and children's authors. If you have contacts in the world of children's books we would again be very pleased to hear from you.

Perhaps you are already a published author willing to talk about your work to an audience keen to learn more about your books? Or you want some encouragement to start writing yourself and are interested in the workshop session we plan for the next Literary Festival? If you would like to help organise or have new ideas for the Literary Festival, contact the Editors of CP.

Heather Ball 2012

This year's Heather Ball again took place at Powderham Castle, organised by the Rotary Club of Chudleigh and Bovey Tracey. Held in support of "Help for Heroes" the event raised £5000 to go towards their new Facility in Plymouth.

The evening started with a champagne reception in the Great Hall, followed by a splendid four course dinner in the Music Room and continued with a Charity Auction, dancing, a Casino and a Tombola. One of the guests described the evening as: "The best social event of the year — both this year and last year."

The Rotary Club would like to thank all those who supported the event whether by buying tickets, donating auction lots or tombola prizes, or by offering sponsorship. Arrangements are already in hand for running the event again next year.



The magnificent array of prizes at the Heather Ball tombola

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A Message from Chudleigh Community Project

Chudleigh Community Project is sorry that the "Villages in Action" Noel Harrison and Phil Rossiter performance on 10th November could not take place due to Noel being taken ill. We hope that by the time you read this he is fully fit again. It is hoped that the performance can be rescheduled for 2013, sometime before Easter.

There are some other VIA events being staged later in the season, which are:
2nd February: Angel Heart Theatre (for the kids)
23rd March: Steve Tilston.

Chris Evans for CCP

What's On In Chudleigh

NOVEMBER

Friday 16th

Amenity Society: Nick Powe Kent's Cavern, Woodway Room, 7.30pm.

Twinning Association: AGM, Rest Centre, 7.30pm.

Saturday 17th

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

Brownies Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Tuesday 20th

Chudleigh Business Guild: Rest Centre, 7pm.

Wednesday 21st

Chudleigh Writers' Circle: Council Chamber, 10am.

Mother's Union: Valerie & Terry Brighton, Farm Crisis Network, Parish Church, 2.15pm.

Chudleigh Writers' Circle (evening group): contact Kate for venue details, 7.30pm.

Thursday 22nd

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

Friday 23rd

Pre-Christmas Book Fair: Town Hall, 6pm to 9pm.

Saturday 24th

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

Cancer Research Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Messy Church: Parish Church,

3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Annual Variety Concert: Chudleigh Community Hall, 7pm onwards [Ticket only]

Thursday 29th

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

Friday 30th

Chudleigh Phoenix: copy deadline for December issue.

Carnival Flower Arranging: Rest Centre, 7pm to 9pm.

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st

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

Mothers' Union Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Monday 3rd

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

Wednesday 5th

WI: Christmas Celebrations, Rest Centre, 7.30pm

Thursday 6th

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

Christmas Fayre: Town Hall and throughout the town., 5pm to 8.30pm; Parade from 6pm.

Friday 7th

History Group: Christmas Party and Quiz, Woodway Room, 7.30pm

Saturday 8th

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

Carnival Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

Sunday 9th

With Great Pleasure: Woodway Room, 7pm. See page 3.

Tuesday 11th

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

Thursday 13th

Chudleigh Phoenix: due out
Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Carnival Christmas Bingo: Town Hall, 7pm onwards

Friday 14th

Chudleigh Film Society: Strictly Ballroom (tongue-in-cheek humour in an Australian ballroom), Woodway Room, 7.15pm for 8pm.

Saturday 15th

Chudleigh Phoenix due out.
Weekly Produce Market: Outside Town Hall, 8.30am to 1pm.

Scouts Coffee Morning: Rest Centre, 10am.

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Life Drawing Workshop

Saturday 8th December

10.30am — 1.30pm

Cost: £25.00.

Location: Chudleigh Community Hall, Lawn Drive

To Book a place, contact Michael Harket

01363 774041 / 07708605613

www.michaelharket.moonfruit.com

News from the Town Council: recent highlights

- Following the recent closure of Solo Stores with the resulting loss in local employment, it is now known that the site will soon be occupied by a Spar shop. The premises will be refurbished and planning application has been made for a new shop front.
- A planning application has also been submitted for the Old Coaching House, to return the premises to precisely the same state as it was prior to the fire.
- The District Council has just published "Plan Teignbridge", the Teignbridge Local Plan 2013-2033. There is now a six week consultation period, ending on 19 December. The plan is available on the District Council website and there are a couple of paper copies in the Town Council office. Once this consultation period is over the plan will have to pass scrutiny by a Planning Inspector before the District Council can adopt it — hopefully before the end of 2013.
- The Christmas lights will be going up in Chudleigh on Monday 3rd December, ready for the Christmas Fayre and Late Night Shopping on Thursday 6th. As he has for many years, Lord Clifford has kindly provided the large Christmas tree for the town centre. We are also indebted to Haldon Forest Park for providing the tree by the church.
- Sensory Babies will be running six week baby signing courses at the Town Hall from Wednesday 9th January. Baby signing will help your baby to communicate earlier and will help you understand your baby's wants and needs. Each session lasts an hour, from 11am to 12 noon. For more information or to enrol please call Lisa on 07748 275905