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A Message from the Chudfest Committee...

At our recent Chudfest Committee meeting, the decision was made to try to go ahead with Chudfest in July this year. If the Government's road map out of Covid Restrictions continues as planned, we should be free from social distancing by the start of Chudfest. This is dependent, of course, on no changes to their plans.

This is also dependent on the good people of Chudleigh being willing to come to our events. If we can't sell tickets, we can't have Chudfest. Our unscientific research into whether people will be happy to attend indoor events in July seems to be split 50/50, although the general feeling is that people are really keen to be out doing things.

We are therefore going ahead with the printing of our brochure, which will include the events the Carnival Committee is still hoping to run this year. Brochures will be delivered to every home in Chudleigh in late May, early June. Our box office will open on the Town Hall forecourt on 3rd June and will be there every Thursday and Saturday in June. We will also accept bookings and queries [via email](#).

Can we remind everyone it will be a much smaller Chudfest this year and will be held in various venues around Chudleigh. It will include a Murder Mystery Dinner, put on by CADS; our very popular Quiz; a Ceilidh; Comedy Night; and the Chudfest Disco. Every event will be ticketed and tickets must be bought in advance. We will have to cancel any event for which we haven't sold enough tickets by the end of June, so that we don't lose money. (Remember the money we raise goes towards paying our share of the Christmas Lights bill).



We will definitely be going ahead with our two outdoor events. Open Gardens will be held on 26th and 27th June. We are very pleased this is being organised by Chudleigh Wild. It will be a ticketed event, with tickets available from the Box Office in advance or from the gardens on the day.

Our very popular Fete will take place on 11th July. This is a free entry event, so no ticket is required. It's going to be a bumper affair this year. We have sold out all our spaces and will have thirty-nine stalls to visit, including a licensed bar, BBQ and Cream Teas. We will have musical performances from The South Devon Singers and a wonderful band called Lvov Affair, who perform music inspired by Eastern Europe. There will be a Tai Chi demonstration and we will have our usual Dog Show. For children, we will have a Bouncy Castle, Balloon Modelling, Face Painting and children's only Craft Stalls.

So, a final plea, if you would like our Chudfest events to happen and wish to attend an event, please buy your tickets early. (Sorry for the nagging).

*Douglas Neely
Chairman, Chudfest*

...and two from the Carnival Committee

Due to the continuing restrictions and the uncertainty of these going forward, we have unfortunately taken the decision to cancel the Chudleigh Carnival 2021.

We are currently trying to make alternative arrangements to ensure Chudleigh has an event to look forward to on Saturday 17th July which would have been the carnival evening.

Please follow our [Facebook page](#) for further updates.

In the meantime, we Need Your HELP! We need a new home for our carnival float! It



can be indoor or outdoor, however we would need access to work on the float if possible. This is an urgent request as **we need to move out by the end of May.**

We are hoping our community will help us with this request. Please message us via [Facebook](#) or phone Julie on 07764691506

We look forward to hearing from you.

A huge thank you
to our sponsors:
Amity Veterinary
Care;
Webselect;
Woods Homes

From the Editor

It's been a strange fourteen months, hasn't it? We've been in lockdown for much of the time; we've been socially distancing throughout; and we've all seen major changes in our lives.

Here at Chudleigh Phoenix, we switched from monthly to weekly publication in March 2020. Even after we returned to a monthly schedule four months later, we continued to carry a lot of different material from our usual fare.

In the old days, and I'm going to coin the phrase Before Pandemic Era or BPE, the focus was on community events and other fun things. The civic notices were to be found on the penultimate page. But recently, all the local, district, county and national notices have taken centre stage. I have no idea how many of you read all the details of the latest update from TDC or

DCC, or click on the links provided. But we felt it was important to communicate as much as possible during the pandemic.

However, gradually, we are aiming to return to normal, or as normal as we can be in the After Pandemic Era or APE.

In this month's issue, we are only providing details of the latest updates from TDC and DCC, although there are links to earlier ones if you need them. From next month, the links to national services will probably disappear.

The What's On in Chudleigh section is back; and although it's very sparse at the moment, it will be packed next month with details of Chudfest and Carnival events.

It's great to see details from the Bowling Club this month. Plus an advert about short tennis and badminton. If YOUR sports club is starting up again, why not

drop us a line and we'll pass on the word.

You will already be aware that all businesses can take out a small advert for free. But additionally, it would be great to turn the spotlight on some of the new businesses springing up around town. If you'd like a feature article, just get in touch.

Throughout the past year, Carole Smart has kept us amused and interested with her Monthly Musing column. She will be stopping these soon, and it would be wonderful to hear from other members of the community. So if you have an idea for an article, either a one-off or a regular piece, we'd love to hear from you.

Have a good month

Kate

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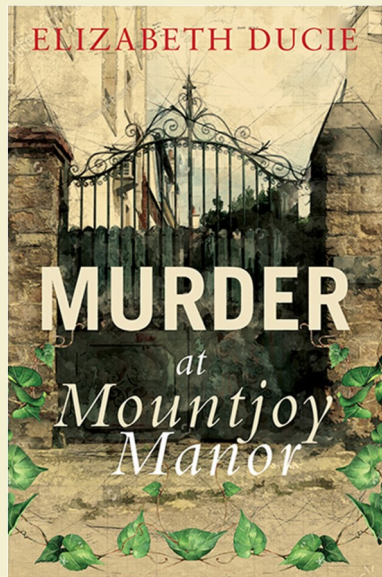
Libraries Unlimited



From Monday 17th May we will be reintroducing these services:

- Our indoor café spaces will open following the rule of 6, outdoor spaces will also be open.
- Meeting rooms will be available for small bookings.
- Changes to reservations and account limits:
- You can currently borrow a maximum of 24 books. From 1st July the maximum number of loans will change to 20 books.
- An extended loan period of 10 weeks runs until 7th June 2021 and after this date will revert to standard loan periods (3 weeks books and 1 week DVDs).
- Suspended reservation charges will finish on 30th June and reservation charges will be reinstated on 1st July. Accounts levels revert to £5 as from 1st July.

Eighth-page adverts remain free. Larger adverts by agreement



Simon Mountjoy has spent years renovating his family home. He's a popular chap in the village. But if he's so popular, how come he ends up dead at the bottom of the waterfall?

Coming later this year

The first in the series of Coombesford Chronicles

by

local author, Elizabeth Ducie

What brings amateur sleuths, Charlie Jones and Annie McLeod, to the quiet village of Coombesford in Devon?

[Click here to find out](#)



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Chudleigh Covid Task Force

DO YOU NEED HELP?

If you are self isolating and need help, we are here to support you.

01626 853140
9am to 4pm Mon to Fri
clerk@chudleigh-tc.gov.uk

In light of the recent national guidance relating to the pandemic, the roll out of the vaccination, and very low prevalence of the virus in Devon, the Town Council Covid Task Force will be stopping the helpline service with effect from the end of June. Service users are encouraged to start to plan for how they will manage shopping or prescription collection and to contact the Town Council Covid Helpline as soon as possible if they are concerned about how they may manage from July onwards. We will help to signpost individuals on to other avenues of support if appropriate and encourage everyone to start to make alternative arrangements as soon as possible.

We are hopeful that as a community we can all begin to relax and look forward to better times ahead. However, should it be needed at any point in the future, due to an upturn in rates of transmission, further restrictions or shielding, we would look to re-establish the service.

We are immensely grateful to the wonderful team of local volunteers who have made this service possible, and in next month's edition of Chudleigh Phoenix, will cover that in more detail.

Best wishes and thanks from the Covid Task Force Team / Town Council.

Sam Bennett

Town Hall News

Millstream Meadow

I'm delighted to be able to tell you work should start on the construction of a new pump track on 17th May. This project is being paid for from Section 106 funding and a grant from British Cycling. The pump track will be situated between the skate park and the outdoor gym. The work is being undertaken by Forte Trailscapes, a local company (Kingsteignton) run by Kye Forte. Kye is an ex-professional cyclist with an excellent reputation in this field. There will inevitably be some noise during the construction process. However, noisy work will be limited to weekdays.



Some Positive Feedback

It's always nice to get feedback about our facilities. It's even better when we receive positive feedback about the users of these facilities. We received the following recently:

"Having, sat by the Chudleigh Skate Park watching my granddaughter trying to pluck up the courage to join the skaters one beautiful afternoon this week, I was absolutely in awe of the skills performed by the skaters, the safety measures they took and their courtesy for my younger granddaughter. They were playing great music, which was not too loud and which created a lovely atmosphere for them to skate to.

When she plucked up the courage, they all made sure she

was safe and even took a lunch break to give her free use on her first go on her scooter. When she had been there for a while one of them even tried to teach her a few simple skills.

Another family member spoke to the lads later on and discovered that they always tried to have one of them there to oversee and keep it clean and tidy – apparently out of towners recently caused problems down there, spread litter everywhere and when the regulars politely asked them to clear up before they left, the visitors were abusive and kicked in one of the litter bins. Consequently the local lads cleared up the mess themselves. When asked why they did not report it to the police, they said that nobody would believe them and would just blame it on them!! Come on Chudleigh, give these lads the support they deserve."

Council meetings.

For the last year local councils had a dispensation from central government which allowed them to hold remote council meetings using platforms like Zoom. That dispensation expired on 7th May. Despite extensive lobbying by the National Association of Local Councils, central government has refused to renew the dispensation, saying that they are way too busy with their legislative timetable to renew the legislation that would allow remote meetings to continue.

So, what to do now? We are now in a position where we can no longer meet remotely but if we were to meet in person over the next few weeks we would be breaching Covid legislation. Community halls like ours can only open for activities relating to children and education up until 17th May. Thereafter, there is a limit of six on all indoor gatherings up until 21st June. We will then need to see what, if any, social distancing rules remain in place.

In terms of planning indoor gatherings Council meetings present particular problems. While we know in advance how many councillors and officers will be in attendance we have no idea how many members of the public might attend as they are not required to give prior notice. This makes the provision of a Covid secure environment rather difficult.

In Chudleigh we chose to bring forward our annual meeting to 5th May so that a virtual meeting was permissible. We cleared as much predictable business as possible which we hope will allow us to not meet until July. In the meantime we are exploring whether hybrid meetings are permissible; a mix of face to face attendees with others signing in remotely. This would allow us to control the numbers attending in person and ensure we can allow a level of distancing so that attendees feel safe and secure. More news next month.

Exercise Classes

Following advice from Teignbridge District Council, it was been decided that from Monday 17th May, exercise classes at the Town Hall will not be limited to a maximum of six people. The limit on numbers will be set by the need to maintain 2 metre spacing. Both the Large Hall and the Woodway Room are marked out in 2 metre squares.

Vacancies on Chudleigh Town Council

The recent election brings the strength of the Town Council to ten. We still have three posts to fill, due to Cllrs Bennett, Boston and Castle resigning after the election was called. Over the next few weeks I will be advertising these three vacancies. The first step is to invite electors to seek a formal election to fill the posts. If ten or more electors write to the Returning Officer at Teignbridge District Council, the a formal election will be called. If there are insufficient requests than the Town Council is free to fill the

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vacancies by co-option. If that happens I will advertise the fact, asking anyone interested to send me an expression of interest. All those expressing interest will be invited to address councillors at a Council meeting.

John Carlton, Town Clerk

Tel: 01626 853140, clerk@chudleigh-tc.gov.uk

Town Council Elections

On Thursday 6th May, Chudleigh went to the polls to elect three new Town Councillors. The results were as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes
HADLEY, Victoria		487
MCCORMICK, Michael Leslie		937 Elected
SHERWOOD, GEORGINA Known as Gina Sherwood		734 Elected
WEBB, Richard George Known as Rick Webb	Labour Party	606 Elected

Rejected Ballot Papers: 26
 Vacant Seats: 3
 Electorate: 3706
 Ballot papers issued: 1453
 Turnout: 39%

Our newly-elected representatives have the following messages for us:

Michael McCormick



I would like to give a big thank you to all those who voted for me in the Chudleigh Town Council election. The Town Council has responsibility for several aspects of community life: Town Hall, playparks, allotments and cemetery. Additionally, it provides a valuable link to Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council in relation to their wider areas of responsibility. For example, we can present the concerns of residents on matters such as highways and planning.

In my campaign, I used the slogan “Everyone deserves a voice” for a reason. Even where I may have strong views on an issue, it is important for me to represent all those voices in town to the best of my ability. So, if there any concerns you think I can help with, contact me through the [council website](#).

Gina Sherwood



Thank you so much to everyone who voted for me in the elections. I am chuffed to bits with all the support and kind messages I have received. I am pleased to let you know that I have been elected as a Councillor for Chudleigh Town Council. Well done to all the candidates.

Rick Webb



I would like to thank everyone who cast a vote on 6th May. No matter how you voted, democracy is important.

The local issues are important to all of us. I am pleased to have been elected as a member of the Labour Party to serve on Chudleigh Town Council. I promise to do my best and work hard for everyone in Chudleigh alongside all new and serving Town Councillors.

As readers will be aware since the Election, three other Town Councillor places have become available so I am sure Victoria Hadley and others will have the opportunity to serve.

Doorstep Church

Bible studies continue on-line and can be accessed through [Doorstep Church](#). Email copies can also be requested by [clicking here](#).

We are currently studying the book of Ruth in the Old Testament. A series on ‘The “I am” sayings of Christ’ is proposed for June. Further individual study on both these can be found in the *Lifebuilder* series of booklets—available from Choice Words in Newton Abbot.

Easing of Covid restrictions means that we can start to meet again, in small groups, in our garden and hopefully indoors before too long. The former will be easier while the number of households meeting indoors remains restricted.

We continue to pray for all who have been affected by the pandemic, especially here in Chudleigh.



God bless you all

Rev'd Terry Brighton, Free Church of England

Bags of Hope / Cancer Lifeline South West

Our Bags of Hope stall will be back outside Chudleigh Town Hall this Saturday, 15th May from 9am until 1pm, and every Saturday fortnight. Really looking forward to seeing the lovely people from Chudleigh again.

We will be back selling handmade masks at £5 each or 3 for £10. Plus handmade bags and other items.

Chudleigh Post Office is also selling our masks if you can't get to see us. Please ask at the counter if interested.

For every mask sold, £4 will go to Bags of Hope to help us to feed a child for a month at school or provide provisions for a needy family in the community we support in Kenya. The other £1 will go to Cancer Lifeline South West to help fund therapeutic support for people affected by cancer, and their carers.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

*Anne Jenkins and Donna Cook,
07972 911053*



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Swimming Pool Now Open

The booking site is now live!! We're using the BookWhen site this time, which we think works better both for you good people and ourselves. Payment is via Stripe—another change from last year. The 2021 Pool Programme can be found by [clicking here](#). Please note: this may change as the season progresses.



Chudleigh Youth Centre

Hi all! How are you all doing? We are finally allowed to start to reopen, and we have started with our senior session (13+) on Thursdays 6pm-9pm.



We are looking into doing a BBQ in the next few weeks outside the youth centre where you can pop by, say hello and grab a burger or hotdog. If you or your child would be interested please [give us a message!](#)

Chudleigh and District U3A



For our May zoom meeting we have been lucky enough to procure the services of Dr Sam Bridgewater, Head of Wildlife and Conservation at Clinton Devon Estates. He will talk about the ambitious project of rewilding the lower part of the River Otter. The EU-funded Lower Otter Restoration Project (LORP) will reconnect the River Otter to its historic floodplain and return the lower Otter Valley to a more natural condition; creating more than 50 ha of intertidal mudflats, saltmarsh and other valuable estuarine habitats.



This follows a fascinating talk last month by Dave Smallshire who gave us a very comprehensive overview of the wildlife on the River Exe. His photos of birds were brilliant and his description of the importance of the River Exe as a habitat for wildlife was most compelling.

There will be an opportunity for you all to come to the meeting any time after 10.15am when you will be able to chat among yourselves.

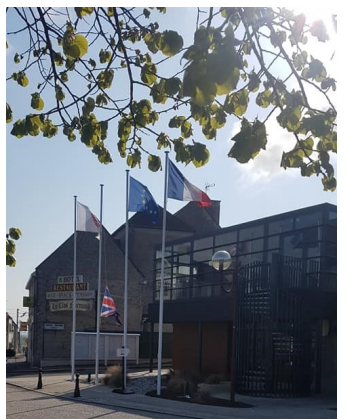
Vicky will say a few words at 10.30am and then I will then introduce our speaker .

Current members of U3A will have received the Zoom link by email. New members are always welcome. To get the link, contact me [via email](#).

Andrew Turnbull

Twinning Association

Following the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we have received news, via Facebook, from our friends on the Troarn-Bures Comité des Jumelages (Town Twinning Committee) that they arranged for the Union Jack flag to be flown at half mast outside the Town Hall during the weekend of the funeral. This was a kind gesture that is representative of the 40 year strong bond of friendship between our two communities. I have conveyed thanks via Facebook for this mark of respect and solidarity.



*Tim Farrell, Secretary
Chudleigh Troarn Twinning Association*

Chudleigh Bowling Club



Chudleigh Bowling Club opened the 2021 season with a Members' Day, with approximately 22 members present. Some members had not seen each other for over a year. Although the clubhouse facilities at present are out of use, the event was, nevertheless, a great success.

More recently, the first friendly matches were played, against long-term friendly rival club Bovey Tracey, the visitors going home the victors.

A few days later, another match was played as a ladies' friendly, the Chudleigh team this time visiting Shaldon, in brilliant April weather. The visit by Chudleigh was a regular fixture


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between clubs with a long-standing history of both friendly games, and sometimes, league matches. This time, Chudleigh went home the winners.


The two matches mentioned above were played in 'triples' format, played with three players on each rink, playing another three, all players each using three bowls or 'woods'. This is just one format of the game: singles and pairs are also played. There is also a range of formats that bowls can be played in, besides the traditional games of fours. Friendly and league games are played both at weekends and weekdays, so there is good availability to play whatever anyone's circumstances.

The great thing about bowling is that many games are played with mixed teams, both friendly and competitive, in leagues and competitions. Indeed, a large number of the top national and international bowlers come from clubs such as Chudleigh, and are incidentally, in their twenties and thirties. Our Club days are held when members play a season-long competition known as 100-up. At the end of the season, the individual player with the highest points score is the winner.

On Saturday 22nd May, at 10am, the club will be hosting a Day for New Members at the Sports Centre at Kate Brook, adjacent to the cricket ground. Experienced club members will be on hand to give guidance, and a range of different sized bowls is available to try out. Fully qualified Bowls England coaches will also be on hand. The club welcomes ladies and men, particularly from the younger age group; the sport is one which can be played from childhood upwards. Parking is not a problem. If you want to know more, phone Graham or Pat on 01626 367368, or Ian on 01626 638248.



TOWN HALL
COFFEE MORNINGS
START AGAIN SOON!



For many years there has been a tradition of regular Coffee Mornings twice a week in the Town Hall. Old friends & newcomers are sure of a warm welcome & opportunity to chat.

Over the last year, some of us have missed these sorts of simple pleasures most of all.

On Saturdays there are different people in charge each week, taking the opportunity to keep up the regular service & raise funds for their Chudleigh group. (I was delighted when I was trying to raise money for a new community project & the Town Clerk suggested I do it.)

However, things are different on Wednesdays. Gill White & her friends have been regularly on duty. But after many decades of commitment to providing refreshment to Chudleigh folk, it is time for us to thank Gill as she steps down.

Across the years thousands of pounds have been raised for charity in this way & soon we'll be able to start doing it again, but for Wednesday Coffee Mornings to continue we need just a few helpers to pick up the reins from Gill.

Could you spare a couple of hours? After the past year of so much kindness being shown to & by friends, neighbours & strangers, this is a simple way of continuing that as we come together in our old routines.

VACANCY:

No special skills required;
Only a couple of hours' commitment;
Donation to your favourite charity or Chudleigh Group;
Cheerful environment.

enquiries: carolesmart2@gmail.com or
01626 853787

Thank-you, Carole Smart.

Best wishes to Chudfest and the Carnival from the badminton and short tennis groups ...

New players welcome ...

Fancy badminton?

Three evenings to choose from, all in Chudleigh School hall:
Tuesdays, 8-10
Wednesdays 8.30 -10
Fridays 7.30-9.30

Adults only. First session free.
Further details from Andrew on 01626 854572.

Anyone for (short) tennis?

Chudleigh doesn't have outdoor courts, so if you'd like to play tennis, think about short tennis. It's played indoors on a badminton court, with a soft ball. And it's very enjoyable. Once you get used to not whacking the ball hard, you'll quickly get the hang of it. ...

Wednesdays in Chudleigh School hall, 7-8.30 pm. Adults only.
First session free. Further details from Andrew on 01626 854572.



Teignbridge and Devon Notices

TDC Update

Teignbridge District Council issued five update bulletins in the past month. The first four were issued on [Friday 16th April](#), [Friday 23rd April](#), [Friday 20th April](#), and [Friday 7th May](#).



The latest bulletin was issued on [Friday 14th May](#). It features an address by TDC leader Alan Connett on taking advantage of our wonderful countryside, staying safe, and supporting local businesses. Plus an invitation to join in with Naturally Healthy May and feel happier and healthier; news on the vaccination centre move from Sherborne House to the racecourse; next steps in the Covid roadmap; the return of Moor Otters; a virtual roadshow for parents and carers; and much more.

Teignbridge CVS

There were two bulletins from TCVS during the last month. The first was issued on [Wednesday 28th April](#).



The latest, issued on [Tuesday 11th April](#), features Mental Health Awareness Week and this year's theme: 5 Ways To Wellbeing. It also covers plans for Volunteer Week at the start of June, details of upcoming online forums and learning sessions, and general news items.

THAT Foodbank: Support for those in need

I am writing just to remind you that we continue to be open to support any local individual or family in need of food/toiletries.

We accept referrals by phone or email (referral forms no longer required). We need the name of the claimant, their address, phone number and the number of adults and children within the family group.



If the family can collect their packs, they should come to us and ring the doorbell. Packs will be placed outside to safeguard our volunteers.

If they really are unable to arrange collection and need a delivery, this can be arranged. They will receive a call before delivery and the packs will be put on the doorstep. Again, this is to safeguard our volunteers.

We trust that by working together we can help those in greatest need in the local community.

*Hazel Harrison
On behalf of THAT Foodbank*

DCC Updates

Devon County Council issued six update bulletins in the past month. The first five were issued on [Friday 16th April](#), [Friday 23rd April](#), [Friday 20th April](#), [Thursday 6th May](#), and [Tuesday 11th May](#).



The latest, issued on [Friday 14th May](#) covers: hugs are back! But please remain cautious; GO FOR THE FLOW—take twice-weekly rapid COVID-19 tests; one million milestone reached in Devon as over-38s invited to book vaccination; Devon schools encouraged to take learning outdoors; vaccination centre volunteers needed; and update on face coverings for secondary schools.

Result of County Council Election

Candidate	Party	Votes	
BROOK Jerry	The Conservative Party Candidate	1,704	38.9%
KEELING Richard Michael	Liberal Democrats	1,479	33.8%
SIMCOCK Emily Joyce	Green Party	674	15.4%
WEBB Rick	Labour Party	485	11.1%
Breakdown		Votes	
Spoilt		33	0.8%
Total votes cast		4,375	
Electorate		10,271	
Turnout		42.6%	

Business Growth Hub

Consult our website; Email us;
Give us a call: T: 03456 047 047

The latest bulletin from the Heart of the South West Business Growth Hub is available now. Keeping you updated on the latest Government and local business support, including help with mitigating the impacts of Coronavirus (Covid-19) on your business, it can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Devon and Cornwall Police

Election result

Alison Hernandez (Conservative) has been returned as police and crime commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for a second term of office.

Commissioner Hernandez won with a majority of 65.2% over second place Gareth Derrick (Labour) after the second round of voting. Commissioner Hernandez was sworn into her role in Exeter by Karime Hassan, CEO of Exeter City Council.

The election was postponed from 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and legislative changes mean that the next term of office will now be for three years.



Reporting crime in Devon and Cornwall

Do you need help and advice? Not sure where to look or who to speak to? Why not [AskNED](#)— Devon and Cornwall Police's non-emergency directory. [AskNED](#) combines the most commonly asked questions with contact details of those who can help.

If you do need to contact Devon and Cornwall Police about a non-emergency, you can contact them via: [Online webchat](#); [Online crime reporting form](#); or by calling 101. In an emergency situation, always dial 999.

You can also report crime anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [via their website](#).

Devon and National Notices

Neighbourhood Watch

The latest issue of Our News, the national newsletter from Neighbourhood Watch is available now.

NCVO

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations issues regular bulletins full of information, advice and funding news. You can register to receive these bulletin by [clicking here](#).



	<p>Chudleigh NHW Co-ordinator Chris Webb email 07968508451</p>	
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Employer Support

You can get information on Covid-19 business support on the Government website, by [clicking here](#). And you can find full details of help and support available from HMRC by [clicking here](#)



Chudleigh Businesses

Post Office

Thank you to all our wonderful customers that have supported us through the lockdowns and we can't wait to welcome back all our customers who have been isolating. We have missed you.

We are a safe shopping destination. Please remember your face masks. We still have COVID safety procedures in place: hand sanitizer at the door, a one way system, max 4 customers inside the shop, and social distancing measures in place inside and out. We look forward to seeing you all soon, best wishes and stay safe.

JoJo & the PO Gang.



Woods Homes



Thinking of Selling or Letting your Property?

You could win one of two

£1,000

Garden Centre Vouchers

Or eight £100 runner-up vouchers for a local Garden Centre

Everyone arranging a market valuation for the sale or rental of their property will be entered in our Experts in Property draw, all you need do is contact us.

Terms & Conditions apply and can be seen at www.theexpertsinproperty.co.uk

WOODS 01626-853940

Local Businesses and Relaxation



Amity Veterinary Care
Home Visits and Pet Taxi Service available
Open for new and existing clients
Covid safety measures in place
Is your pet part of the family?

Are you looking for a vet who will care for your pet the same way as you do? At Amity Vets we are pet guardians taking care of pet guardians and we want to help you!

Amity Essential Membership includes:

- ✓ **Unlimited initial and repeat consultations for accidents, emergencies, new illnesses and any general concerns** NEW!
- ✓ **Flea, tick and worming treatment for the whole year**
- ✓ **Insurance excess covered up to £100**
- ✓ **Claw clipping / anal gland expression**
- ✓ **Discounted services (up to 20%)**



Did you know ... All Amity Vet consultations are 30 minutes!

A Gift for You...

Bring this voucher along with you and get a **FREE** 30 minute Introductory Consultation (worth £75) for your pet!
Discount code: ChudPhSpring21
Terms and conditions apply. Appointment must be pre-booked.

Contact us today...
01626 247888
friends@amityvets.co.uk
www.amityvets.co.uk





Family Matters

CADS Update

Watch out, CADS are plotting another murder!

As Chudfest approaches, Chudleigh Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) is working up another murder mystery evening for Saturday 3rd July. Spurred on by the warm reception given to *The Great British Bump Off* in 2019, we plan to present *A Scrap of Lace*, a tale of intrigue in which our wily sleuth Rosika Storey uncovers how a charming young lady came to an untimely end. Brilliantly adapted for the Chudfest stage from a radio play by our own Rod Blackshaw, we think it will have you jumping out of your seat. Meantime, our CADS Kidz section have been having great fun on Zoom this month, perfecting their performance of the locally written *The Runaway Toys*.



Next up after Chudfest, we'll be casting our post Christmas panto, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, with all those local twists that have made Chudleigh pantos the ideal way to follow the festive season. If you're aged 6 to 106 and sheltering your inner wish to get involved in such a show, whether on the stage or in the various roles backstage that bring it to life, we plan read-throughs in late July and August and for rehearsals to begin in the second half of September. No previous BAFTA nominations required. Find out more by emailing our secretary; visiting our Facebook page, or asking any one of us when we're about during Chudfest.

Tai Chi

TAI CHI in the Park with Lisa Jay
Tai Chi Grand Master
Saturday mornings 10am to 11.30am
Come and join (beginners welcome) in the playpark behind the church
£5.00 per session

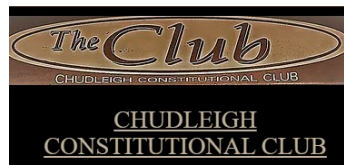


Good News from the Con Club

Next week we will be re-opening. For those who are no longer paid-up members, it is the perfect time to re-apply! Membership is just £5 to 31st December, 2021 and there will be no joining fee of £10 which is re-introduced from 1st January, 2022.

As a member, you can enjoy (once restrictions are lifted) all our lovely club has to offer:

- Bingo
- Snooker and Pool
- Skittles
- Euchre
- Karaoke and Open Mic
- Cabaret Sauvignon
- Discos
- Christmas Parties, Race Nights and Quiz Nights
- Meeting space
- Monthly Members evenings featuring a Meat Draw,
- Live Bands, Comedy Evenings and more...



Membership forms are available from our website or by calling into the Club from 7pm on our temporary opening days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and Wednesday when there is Quizgo. [See poster, page 11]

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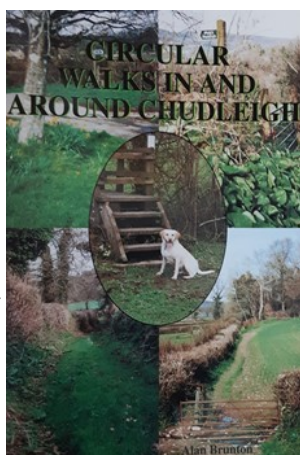


On A Lighter Note...

Monthly Musing

I expect you have favourite walks. We are so fortunate here that we can step out of our front door & head off in any direction, walking for as little or long as we like, & be sure to enjoy the exercise.

There are various walking groups in Chudleigh & a while back I enjoyed carefree Thursday evenings throughout the summer on walks led by Alan Brunton. You might have seen his book which details sixteen of them. Each week we could relax in the knowledge that he had planned a new route that would lead us around the lanes, bringing us back to our starting point, the Town Hall, at dusk. Of course as the months wore on & the evenings grew longer, so did the walks. That is until the end of June, when they gradually became shorter! We witnessed the changes in the hedgerows and as we exchanged our knowledge of natural history, we had the chance to get to know new people & make some lasting friendships. Those walks provide some of my happiest Chudleigh memories.



Teignmouth & Dawlish Warren have provided easily reached shoreline walks with the added attraction of an ice-cream & a close-up of the trains. But I really love the moors, in all weathers. Nothing can beat that glorious, uplifting of the spirits when a skylark sings as it hovers in the brightness of a blue-sky day. Or, when you're surprised by one rising up with its alarm cry from the heather in front of you as you unknowingly approach its nest. Such a contrast to the moody, mysterious days when a mist comes down & obscures the tors—best be well prepared whenever embarking on even a light-hearted expedition.



A skylark with three hungry mouths to feed.

The part of Dartmoor I know best is on the southern side, above Burrator Reservoir. I've even heard a cuckoo at Cuckoo Rock and discovered the potato cave in the woods as we sheltered from the rain. Then there was the joyful day, striking out (with a compass) from the Devonport Leat and, as planned, reaching Crazywell Pool, completely hidden until you are almost on top of it. Added to the usual delights of Dartmoor, on one occasion we had the unexpected entertainment provided by the Marines from nearby Bickleigh Camp practising manoeuvres on the farmhouse at Ditsworthy Warren, while we ate a picnic on Legis Tor.



In May, following the River Plym downstream from Cadover Bridge, there is a beautiful walk through bluebell woods, beside the clay pipe-line that used to carry the clay from

The walk along the pipe-line beside the River Plym.

Shaugh Lake China Clay Works. It was washed down to the holding tanks at Shaugh Bridge, where it dried out and was loaded onto trains to carry it to Plymouth. The rail-track is now a cycle path so you can walk through the long tunnel & over the magnificent viaduct at the other end. Happy, carefree days.



Shaugh Bridge at the confluence of the Rivers Plym & Meavy.

Take care & stay safe.

C.S

P.S. We once took our children up to Buckland Beacon, where the ten commandments are carved into the granite, to watch the sunset and were amazed to hear & then as we grew closer, see, a Scotsman in his kilt playing the bag-pipes!

Wild About Chudleigh Celebrating Hedgehog Awareness Week in Chudleigh



Hedgehog Awareness Week (2nd to 8th May) aimed to raise the profile of hedgehogs and highlight the important work that's being done to protect them all around the country.

Linden Homes' The Oaks development in Chudleigh is now a hedgehog friendly development. Site manager, Daniel Fisher commented: "We've been installing hedgehog highways at The Oaks and we're delighted to be part of this fantastic initiative. Creating these small holes in the fences enables the hedgehogs to travel easily between gardens and wilder areas. It's a small amount of work but it will have a large impact on the local hedgehog community, helping them to thrive."

The 13cm by 13cm holes in the fences allow hedgehogs to roam freely at night, enabling them to find enough food, mates and shelter—and to preserve their natural habitat.

Daniel added: "It's also a great opportunity for nature-loving residents to learn more about the wildlife in their gardens and to see how small changes like this can help to support efforts to conserve the hedgehog population."

Chudleigh Prickly Hedge is a relatively new group which aims to protect hedgehogs by raising awareness and support in the town. Barbara Steele from Chudleigh Prickly Hedge added: "Unfortunately many hedgehogs are killed and injured on our roads as they can roam around a mile at night foraging for food. Hedgehog highways are an easy way homeowners can prevent this happening by giving them an alternative safe route through our



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gardens and access to the wider countryside. It is a good sign that new developments in Teignbridge fully support and implement this initiative.”

As part of Hedgehog Awareness Week, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society asked everyone to create their own hedgehog haven and offered advice on how to make their garden hedgehog friendly:

- Link your garden
- Ensure there’s an easy route out of ponds and pools
- Create a wild corner
- Deal with netting and litter
- Put out food and water
- Stop using chemicals on your garden
- Check before strimming
- Build a logpile

Fay Vass, chief executive of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society said: “Hedgehogs roam around about a mile a night, that’s a lot of gardens! Hedgehogs are in decline and have recently been added to the UK Red List as a species ‘vulnerable to extinction’. Loss and fragmentation of habitat are serious issues for them, which is why this connectivity is so important. We hope residents will soon enjoy hedgehogs visiting their gardens and would ask them to log any hedgehog sightings on the [BIG Hedgehog Map](#). They could even sign up as a Hedgehog Champion for their new community. [Hedgehog Street](#) is a project we run with People’s Trust for Endangered Species and is currently celebrating its 10th year!”

Ecologist and author, Hugh Warick added: “The response of Linden homes should send a message to all developers—it is not difficult to help hedgehogs—just a little care on their part can

make a huge difference for these delightful creatures.”

Barbara Steele

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Gardening for Wildlife

The response to our Gardening for Wildlife project has been amazing with around 50 people claiming signs to put in their gardens. Sue has been busy trying to keep up with the demand and deliveries and Jonathan Valentine has kindly been providing her with recycled wood which she then paints with wood preserving paint and varnish—so they should last the course! Tess and Mary have been collecting seeds, many donated by our members, and are nurturing plug plants. All of these are free and you can find the ‘Seed Buggy’ outside the Town Hall each Saturday morning—so please help yourselves.



What’s On In Chudleigh

MAY

Saturday 15th

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

Bags of Hope/Cancer Lifeline: Charity stall in Weekly Produce Market, details page 4.

Monday 17th

Covid Roadmap: Next step in easing of restrictions.

Wednesday 19th

U3A: Dr Sam Bridgewater with *The Lower Otter Restoration Project*, via Zoom, 10.30am, details page 5.

Con Club: QUIZGO, 7.30pm for 8pm, details on poster, right.

Thursday 20th

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

Saturday 22nd

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

Bowling Club: New Members’ Day, Sports Centre, 10am, details page 5.

Thursday 27th

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

Saturday 29th

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

Bags of Hope/Cancer Lifeline: Charity stall in Weekly Produce Market, details page 6.

JUNE

Thursday 3rd

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

Saturday 5th

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

Thursday 10th

Chudleigh Phoenix: Copy date for June issue, details page 2.

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

Saturday 12th

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

Bags of Hope/Cancer Lifeline: Charity stall in Weekly Produce Market, details page 6.

Tuesday 15th

Chudleigh Phoenix: June issue due out.



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