



Connect's
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newsletter

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News from...

It has been an exciting and busy couple of months for Kevin, our worker in Chulmleigh. Kevin is based at Chulmleigh Community College where he is involved in the class-room, taking assemblies and running lunchtime clubs. Kevin shares something about what he's been up to:

Chulmleigh



Chulmleigh Community College

Uganda

"From 19th October - 3rd November a group of 44 set off from Chulmleigh Community College to Uganda. The students on the trip were members of the African Drumming Club started by Denis Kigongo (a former Chulmleigh Connect trainee) in the school. We performed in a College, at a culture show and for the Kabakah (the Bugandan King). We visited three schools, the village where Denis grew up and Send A Cow projects. We also had the chance for a day on Safari seeing elephants cross the road metres from our bus. The trip was an eye opener for all and certainly a life changing experience. It gave me a great opportunity to live out my faith whilst being watched and have lots of God conversations with youth and adults."



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Since Carrie returned to the USA in the summer, Kevin has been working on his own as unfortunately Sarah, who was hoping to join us in Chulmleigh, is still in the States waiting to hear if her visa has been granted. Here's a message from Sarah:

"I am glad to hear that Connect... are praying for me. Currently I am serving as the youth leader in my old youth group. We have about 30-40 teens. We meet weekly all together and then my teen leaders and a few other teens meet together on Sunday nights as well for a little bit deeper lesson. God has been doing amazing things through me which is exciting and I have really been enjoying being the youth leader. I am still excited about coming over there and what He has in store for me there. Thanks for your prayers I will make sure I keep you updated as anything new occurs."

And finally, a word from the Chair of Chulmleigh Connect LMG

"Exciting things are happening among the young people in Chulmleigh, many are showing interest in faith and several have recently made decisions for Christ. Two young people were confirmed at a joint Anglican/Methodist service on the 19th November, which was a powerful and meaningful demonstration of God at work in their lives. I am sure Connect through Carrie and Kevin has acted as a catalyst for much of this activity of the Holy Spirit, and we give thanks to our awesome God for these things.

I have held the post of Chair of Chulmleigh LMG for several years and have been threatening to step down for a year or so. I am afraid that time has now come and from the end of the year Terry Nott has offered to take on the role in the interim. Many thanks to Terry and to Les Partridge who will be assisting Terry. I know also that Kate Wilford who has been secretary of the LMG for sometime is also looking to step back. Please remember the Chulmleigh LMG in your prayers as we seek to fill this post."

Christine Chandler

Chulmleigh prayer bites

- Praise God for the continued good relationship between Connect and Chulmleigh Community College.
- Praise God for the three young people who gave their lives to the Lord last month and the two who were confirmed. Pray that they would continue to grow in faith and continue their walk with the Lord.
- Pray that Kevin would continue to work in God's strength and that he wouldn't be discouraged as he continues to work on his own.
- Pray for Sarah, that she would continue to trust the Lord and have peace about the situation with her visa appeal and her future.
- Pray for Chulmleigh LMG as they seek to find a new secretary.

Dates for your diary

Next Joint LMG/Exec meeting

Thanks to everyone from the Exec, LMGs and to Tracey and Mandee who joined us on Monday 23rd October for a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Waie Inn. A game of skittles was followed by great food and we all had the chance to have a good old chat and catch up.

The next event is our joint LMG/Exec meeting on **Monday 12th February 2007 at 7.30pm at Coplestone Methodist Church**. This is a follow up to our meeting in July, where we discussed the Connect Review. All LMG members are encouraged to attend.



Do you enjoy running? Never run before and would like a goal to work towards? Fancy raising funds for Connect? **Crediton Connect** have laid down a challenge to each church in their area to put someone forward to run in next year's Great West Run, but **Okehampton** and

Chulmleigh Connect supporters and friends are welcome to get involved too!! There is a course for everyone -

- 3km Junior Race (age 11-16)
- 2mile Family Fun Run (min. age 16)
- Great West 5km (min. age 16)
- Great West half marathon - 13.1 km (min. age 17)

The run takes place on **Sunday 6th May 2007**.

For more info, including entrance fees, visit www.thegreatwestrun.co.uk and please contact **Sheila Steer** to let her know if you intend to run for Connect - we hope to have snazzy Connect t-shirts available for anyone running for Connect.



Please put **Saturday 14th July 2007** in your diaries! Following the successes of the last two years, Connect and CtiC have begun to plan for next year's Sponge event at Shobrooke Park, Crediton. The day will run from 12.30pm - 6.30pm.

This year's Sponge was a wonderful day - the weather was great and there was loads to do for all the family, including arts and crafts, bouncy castles and sumo suits, canoeing, archery, salsa dancing and taiko drumming as well as a sponsored water-walk to raise money for Christian Aid. We are sure next year's Sponge will be even better - do join us!

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FOCUS ON...

Connect Line Managers

Connect has a wonderful team of Line Managers who meet on a regular basis with the Connect trainees. Each area has a Line Manager, who is a member of their Local Management Group and of the Connect Executive Committee, and they serve as a liaison between these committees and the trainees.

A major role of the Line Manager is to help the trainee plan and shape strategy, by discovering the needs of the school and church groups and how the trainee's own gifts and talents can be utilised. The Line Manager also keeps an eye on time management by helping each trainee to formulate a weekly timetable. They are also an important link between the school/churches and the trainee, and may be contacted to discuss suggestions and ideas or potential issues. Ultimately, the role of Line Manager is one of support, encouragement and accountability. We are so grateful to **Jane Lucas** (Chulm.), **Naomi Pritchard** (Cred.) and **Julie Yelland** (Oke.) for giving their time, devotion and expertise in this important role.



Rev'd Jane Lucas

Alumni news

John Prockter (Okehampton 1997-1999) got in touch recently to let us know what he's up to:



John Prockter

*"Since leaving Connect I've just about made it around Dartmoor! In 1999 (the year I left Connect) I went straight to Tavistock where I worked for a project that we ended up calling **Catalyst**. **Catalyst** was a project similar to Connect but we only worked in one school and we didn't have a thousand churches to work with! I was in Tavy for four years and then in 2003 I started working for **South West Youth Ministries** as the Plymouth Area Coordinator. In the year with **SWYM** I also got married, which is ace! The following year I dipped out of full time ministry and drove a van for a year... Now I'm leading **Exmouth ICE** with a team of seven and have become a DAD too! Madeline Ann May Prockter was born on Sunday 3rd December at 6.18am and weighed 7lb 13oz!!"*

For more info visit www.exmouth-ice.org.uk

Calling all former Connect workers

*We'd love to hear what you're up to.
Send your news and a photo for the website to:
connect@louisemott.net*

Don't forget to visit the Connect Website
www.connect-devon.com

Copy date for Easter issue (with news from Okehampton)

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