



CALF NEWS

Crispin Aubrey Legacy Fund | Newsletter

About the Fund

The Crispin Aubrey Legacy Fund was set up in memory of the campaigner and journalist Crispin Aubrey. Crispin's family founded the fund in 2013 to ensure the spirit of his values lives on. The fund provides scholarship and mentoring support to aspiring journalists championing environmental and social justice issues.

Memorial Walk 2015

Following the success of last year's literary walk, we held our third memorial walk on the Quantock Hills on Saturday 24th October focusing on the environment and sustainability. Despite the weather, we had a committed group of 70 walkers. Talks included: Nigel Phillips on the diversity of Somerset's sealife and impact of Hinkley Point power station on marine life. Louis Pearson discussed the unique ecology of the Quantocks and local bat populations, Crispin's grandchildren presented on the importance of fair-trade and Toby Cann and Lauren Wilce exploring deep ecology. The walk raised £560 towards the fund.

CALF Update

Welcome to our second CALF News. We are pleased to report that we have reached our 2015 fundraising target of £10,000 and we have continued to build on our successful partnership with University of West of England (UWE). We have now established a BA and MA scholarship programme for students studying Journalism at UWE. Scholars are provided with a grant together with a mentor to support their professional development towards a career in journalism and to build a body of work raising awareness around environmental issues and social change. The scholarship programme is now well established and we are pleased to announce that we have two new Scholars supported by the fund.

Rhys Buchanan was awarded the 2015 BA Scholarship in September. Rhys has a background in music journalism and is passionate about fighting climate change.



"Hi, I'm Rhys Buchanan a twenty year old Journalism student from Street in Somerset. I currently devote my time to a local print magazine called Bristol Live as Deputy Editor but I'm constantly looking to seek out new opportunities. I'm passionate about fighting climate change and ultimately aspire to raise public mindset into believing that they can make a difference on an individual level. My ultimate goal as a journalist is to write for national publications, so in order to achieve this I've already been pro-active and had my work published at The Bristol Post, NME and for Time Out Bristol amongst others. I'm really excited about the future and can't wait to gain new experiences in this ever-changing field. I look forward to meeting everyone involved with this wonderful fund in the near future." **Rhys**

Leah Henderson was awarded the first MA Scholarship in December 2014 and has used the funds to research Scottish politics following the Referendum and has undertaken a work placement with the Bureau of Investigative Journalism.



"Hi, I'm Leah. I grew up in beautiful, windy Aberdeenshire. Being able to witness first-hand the furore in the lead up to the independence referendum last year has inspired me to find out more about young people's attitudes to politics in the UK. I have a degree in English Literature and Language from Glasgow University, where I read and wrote to my heart's content. I continued this love of writing into the MA Journalism course at the University of the West of England. After I graduate I hope to write for an online newspaper, and maybe if I'm lucky, become a published author." **Leah**

A week of Cornwall living... by Summer Brooks



Summer Brooks our first CALF scholar, awarded the BA Scholarship in 2014, shares her experience of her first year with the fund, working with Cornwall Living and journey to publishing her first article with the Ecologist.

I was lucky enough to spend a week with Engine House Media, who publish 'Cornwall Living' magazine, as well as their own food magazine 'Foodie' and 'Cornwall Living Goes to London' which is distributed around the capital. I arrived on the first day to the picturesque offices based in the fishing port Porthleven, Cornwall. I spent the week writing

copy which is provided by clients; businesses all over Cornwall who want to be featured in the magazine. I wrote pieces on properties for sale in Cornwall, as well as articles on local restaurants, art galleries, bespoke furniture makers and pieces for their 'Home Show Guide' which will feature in the October issue. I also wrote a piece for their London edition, which promotes Cornish businesses in the capital. Cornwall Living has been going for three years now, and already has the largest circulation of any magazine in the Cornish sector with around 120,000 readers.

I don't think there are many places more scenic to do work experience than Porthleven, and it was a great week of learning and writing. The office dog, aptly named Leven definitely contributed to the laid back atmosphere in the office. I worked alongside the editors and designers, using InDesign to put together the articles as they appear on the page. It was exciting to see how the words translate on the page with the images and graphics. It was useful to get feedback on my writing, and there was plenty to be done as they were going to press on the Friday.

Halfway through the week, I received an email from the editor of The Ecologist to say that they had published my article! I interviewed Dom Ferris, from Surfers Against Sewage, back in June and spent a long time trying to get the article published. I had been in touch with the editor for a few weeks, trying to get the photos that he wanted and making sure that the article fit their author guidelines. I was so excited and relieved that it all paid off in the end.

You can read Summer's SAS article by going to: <http://bit.ly/1hSO3ZG>

How to Donate

First of all a special thanks to all those who have donated to date. To ensure the long term success and sustainability of CALF we would like to encourage you to sign up to a regular standing order. If we can get just 35 regular donors of £10 a month it would enable us to establish a regular scholarship programme. We value the support of anyone who is able to donate or set up a standing order. If you would like to make donation please complete the gift aid form enclosed and return to: Hockpitt Farm, Over Stowey, Somerset TA51EX .