



Hot stuff from the Chainsaw Pyrates

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Cheddar Starr singers



Father Christmas comes to Cheddar 18 days early

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Brian Purkiss, David Herring, Richard Herring and Catherine Wilkins man the authors' stall in Cheddar Library

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# Bear's-eye view of a fabulous night

By Billie Bear

Hello everyone. Did you have a nice time at Cheddar Festive Night on Friday? I did. Though I was a naughty little bear as I walked away from my babysitter a few times and tried to borrow a policeman's helmet. Me and my best mate Ross Woodier had a free pork roll at Lanes of Cheddar where one little boy queued up half-an-hour for his free torch thanks to a coupon in the *Cheddar Valley Gazette*. Bargain. Walking along the pavement outside the Bath Arms was a bit of a squeeze with all the people about. But then Santa came on his sleigh, chased by Cheddar firemen, and waved me a merry Christmas. Cliff Street was very busy this year with the road closed all the way up to the top of Cheddar Gorge. There were stands along the way and I got told off for trying to eat the Guides' cakes without paying but I had already spent all my pocket money on sweets. Then I tried to go into Cheddar library to see the children's books but Ross wouldn't let me as comedian Richard Herring was in there and apparently he tells naughty jokes. It took me an hour to get to Cliff Street car park because lots of new friends kept stopping me for hugs. I was a very sweaty bear by the time I made it to the slides and had to be taken into the Lattitude cafe



Giving a wave from the waltzer

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for a sit down and bottle of pop thanks to owner Paul Lacy, who despite being 30, begged to join my birthday club. My babysitter Ross was so slow I missed all the exciting stuff like the Chainsaw Pyrates who had a flame thrower. But Ross said that was probably best as I am covered in fur. We also missed the Royal Mail Choir singing, but I saw them on telly last month so that's

OK. Did you enjoy festive night? If you had one of my Billie Bear birthday club forms make sure you fill it in and I'll wish you a happy birthday next year. Speaking of next year I can't wait for Cheddar Festive Night on December 6, 2013. There's only 358 more sleeps until then. See you there! ■ See more Billie Bear on page 40.

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