



LOOKING GOOD: Despite 2 Shoes being booted off X Factor, Lucy Teixeira still sees a successful future for the group

2 Shoes Lucy on a nasty X Factor exit

Singer was 'devastated' after judge sent group home

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BUBBLY brunette Lucy Teixeira, one half of X Factor finalists 2 Shoes, said she was "inconsolable" after being booted off the show.

The 22-year-old Shenfield singer believes her double act, with Basildon's Charley Bird, 23, would have survived if the decision had gone to public vote, as in previous years.

And the "twist" – which forced judges to pick one of their acts to send home – worked against the pair and left them and their mentor, Tulisa Contostavlos, "devastated".

Vote

The former St Martin's school girl, who lives with her mum in Hutton Road, said: "I think it's quite obvious if the twist had not have happened I think we would still be there if it was public vote."

"As soon as we got off stage I was inconsolable."

"I was hyperventilating a bit, and obviously we were devastated, really devastated."

"But I think we handled it really well and we have kept true to ourselves the whole way through."

"We don't think we deserved it to be us at all, I think we deserved to get through."

"But I think we may have a little bit of a

Finalists support Save Our Sanctuary campaign

X Factor finalists 2 Shoes have lent their support to the Save Our Sanctuary campaign.

Lucy Teixeira said: "I think it's really important to get behind the campaign for the Hopefield Animal Sanctuary."

"I have got a passion for animals and they obviously need to be looked after."

"The sanctuary needs to raise some money to get some sheltering." The duo will sing at Hopefield on November 27 at the Christmas fete.



gimmicky title, although we don't think we are gimmicky.

"That's just us, but because we have got a gimmicky title it was quite the easy option to get rid of us."

Lucy was reduced to tears when the judges first announced the cruel twist to contestants back stage, which spelled an end to seven months' involvement with the show.

Straight after the live results programme the pair headed for N-Dubz star Tulisa's dressing room, where, she said, the judge was emotional.

She added: "After the show Tulisa was devastated."

"She said 'I don't want my decision to affect your lives and make you feel bad'. She is just absolutely genuine."

"She had to make a decision and we kind of knew it would be us anyway."

Lucy – a huge Michael Jackson fan – believes Misha B deserves to win the contest and a recording contract.

Since leaving the X Factor on October 9, the girls – who now have a manager – have been busy recording X Factor's charity single.

They have also appeared on national TV, radio and at gigs across the country.

And Lucy, who used to work at The Fragrance Shop in the Baytree Centre in Brentwood, says the show has given them a fantastic platform to fulfil their dream as a "female Ant and Dec" or successful recording artists.

She added: "We have just been us from the beginning, obviously the TV picked up on Essex and the little words we say and that is just us."

"It's not an act and especially when we are together, it just goes up a notch."

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Snooker champ to take on multi-terrain contest

KELVEDON HATCH: A gruelling, multi-terrain race in aid of charity takes place next month.

The seven-mile run, called Lactic Fallout, will see competitors wade through water, splash through bogs and take on obstacles.

It follows the Lactic Rush fundraising run in May, which was won by three-time world snooker champion Ronnie O'Sullivan, who will be taking on the new route.

The Lactic Fallout starts from the Secret Nuclear Bunker on Sunday, November 6.

Go to www.adventureracessex.co.uk to register, or call Tracey Alexandrou on 07792 011817.

Church cash is stolen

INGRAVE: Thieves used concrete from a statue to smash into a church and steal charity cash.

A three-figure sum was stolen from St Nicholas' Church in Brentwood Road, after the crooks smashed through the rear clergy vestry window, some time between noon last Tuesday and 9.50am the following day.

Investigating officer, Pc Craig Hartgen said: "It is a sad day when people steal from a church."

It is the latest in a series of church break-ins across the borough, but Brentwood Police and clergymen have united to launch the brand new,

Faith Watch scheme, in their bid to eradicate this type of crime.

Anyone with information about this latest burglary should contact Pc Hartgen at Brentwood police station on 101, or 0300 333 4444 for those calling outside of Essex.

Alternatively call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Spooky fun with mayor

BRENTWOOD: Residents can have some spooky fun with the mayor on Friday night.

Councillor Joan Holmes is hosting her own Hallowe'en party at the Bardswell Social Club, in Bardswell Close from 7.30pm.

Tickets for the party, which will feature a disco and buffet, cost £7.50.

Call the mayor's assistant Claire Hayden on 01277 312741 or e-mail claire.hayden@brentwood.gov.uk

Victorian-style evening

INGATESTONE: A host of festive entertainment has been lined up for the Victorian evening on Friday, December 2.

The High Street Christmas spectacular will feature carol singers, a horse-drawn carriage parade and Father Christmas has promised to drop by to greet the children.

Many of the village shops will keep their doors open into the evening to welcome residents and visitors.

The event will begin at 6.15pm.

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