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WOMAN FINDS NECKLACE WORTH £500 THAT HAD BEEN LOST FOR 12 YEARS

32 year old Clare Draper finds precious necklace made in the Amazon rain forest when she sorts through her clutter, proving that you never know what you'll find when you start clearing your clutter!

'I'd wondered where it was' said Clare from Croxley Green. 'It's got a very touching story attached to it and I was worried that it had been lost in my move to my house.'

It was given to me 12 years ago by a man who was a missionary in the Amazon rainforest in the 1920's. He was given the necklace, made out of melted down silver farthings, by the tribe he lived and worked with for 40 years.

Several years later her returned to England and gave the necklace to the woman who became his wife. He had loved his time in the Amazon rain forest and he loved his wife dearly but sadly, about 6 months before he gave it to me his wife died. I met him when I gave a talk to his congregation in England after I spent 6 months living in South America and visited the same tribe that he had lived with. He said that he decided to give me the necklace because he could see how much I loved the country and my pictures of the country had enabled him to see 'his' tribe again and brought back so many wonderful memories'.

Clare, who founded and runs a company that teaches people how to clear their clutter, found the necklace when she was sorting through her spare bedroom in the New Year as part of her spring clean and also to get her house ready to sell.

'I practice what I preach and have regular clutter clearing sessions in my home. I always have a sort-out of photographs and paperwork over Christmas, just so I feel back in control for the New Year. My house isn't cluttered, but my spare room had a few cupboards that needed sorting - some old boxes that hadn't been opened since I'd moved into my house 6 years ago. I was sorting through my clutter so that I could put my house on the market when I suddenly found the necklace. It was a surprise because I didn't know I had any 'hidden' boxes to sort through. I'd always had a tenant in that room so I'd never de-cluttered that room. The necklace was right at the back of one of the cupboards in a box. It hadn't been touched or worn since I returned from the Amazon rain forest in 1993. I thought I'd lost it years ago.'

'I know I'm not the only person who's found something they thought they'd lost' says Clare. 'I've had clients who have either found unusual, unexpected or lost items in their clutter when they start to sort through it. I had one client who found a first edition Beatrix Potter book worth £6,500 that had been given to her by her grandmother. Although valuable, she decided not to sell because it had more sentimental value for her.'

The necklace is now safely back in Clare's jewellery box and being worn regularly. 'It's such an unusual design that it's attracting quite a few comments and questions!' says Clare. Now I've found it again I may even wear it at my wedding later this year! I like to think that the man who gave it to me all those years ago, who is sadly no longer alive, would be pleased that his necklace is being used and appreciated as he would have wanted it to be.

Notes to editors:

1. Clare Draper can be contacted on 0777 5897955.
2. Clare teaches people to clear their clutter in several ways – either by providing a home consultation or by people attending one of her one day workshops evening seminars or buying her unique workbooks to help people get started and find a process to follow.
3. Clare Draper runs The Clutter Clearing Consultancy – www.clutterclearing.net.