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Winkleigh Live Music

Tuesday October 7th

Stephen Yates

We are delighted to welcome back the classical guitarist Stephen Yates after his widely acclaimed concert in Spring 2006. As a classical player Stephen performs a wide-ranging repertoire from Baroque through Romantic to Contemporary works. Stephen has won several awards including Guitarist Magazine's "Guitarist of the Year" and the Vicente Sanchis Guitar Challenge.

Tuesday November 4th

Max Miller (Dave Sealey)

Over the past 35 years, Dave Sealey has specialised in comedy from the great variety theatre tradition. He has recently toured with his one-man show, "The story of Stanley Holloway" and he has developed a new show, "Max Miller – His Career, His Critics, His Contemporaries". How did the street-wise urchin from 'turn of the century' Brighton get to become Britain's top comedian from the 1930s to 1950s? Between generous helpings from Max's sidesplitting repertoire, Dave Sealey reveals the quiet, unassuming man beneath the make-up and gaudy apparel.

Tuesday December 2nd

Torrington Silver Band

Tickets for Stephen Yates and Dave Sealey are £7 or £6 if bought in advance. All tickets for the Torrington Silver Band are £5. Tickets available from D&S Supplies, Winkleigh Post Office and Londis Store, Winkleigh or ring 01837 83209.

There will be a licensed bar and Fiona's Farm Fayre at the interval.

Winkleigh Society Beaford Arts

An Indian Summer?

After a July and August not particularly notable for their summery weather, one wonders what delights the autumn will bring. If recent history repeats itself, we could see some improvement – alas too late for the holiday season! Even a slight improvement would be more than welcome, though!

In this issue we include the results of various competitions held during Winkleigh Fair Week, which has been hailed as one of the best for quite some time.

Here's hoping that we can enjoy an Indian Summer !

OUR CHANGING COUNTRYSIDE

Winkleigh Society with North Devon Biosphere Reserve - Winter Lectures

Between Christmas and Easter there will be a series of lectures at the Community Centre on Friday evenings devoted to the theme of Winkleigh People and the Natural World. As Winkleigh is within the first World Biosphere Reserve in the UK recognised by UNESCO, the lectures will provide a forum for the exchange of expertise between all those who have an interest in our relationship with nature.

The series will include an introduction to the Biosphere (with an exhibition) and specialists to talk about the future climate, the future of our rivers, culm grassland, woodlands, ecotourism as well as local experts on a range of local topics.

The series is for all those who have an interest in the future of the natural world in this area, whether it be farmland, woodland, wildlife, landscape. It is for the farmer and the small-holder, the forester, the birdwatcher, the angler, the butcher, the cider-maker, the shooter, the walker, the painter and, of course, everyone who has a garden.

If you have ideas for topics you would like to have covered, or suggestions for speakers please contact Peter Howard on 83362, or email: peterjhoward@btinternet.com

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Telling the Time (or not!)

I visited someone recently who was asking about the church clock, telling me how much they missed it because most of their own clocks didn't work and they had come to rely on it. A number of other people have also asked what has happened to the clock, apart from the obvious fact that it has stopped.

First though, you might be interested to know that the clock, made by Funnell of Brighton, was a gift from a Miss Pinckard when the upper half of the tower was rebuilt in the late nineteenth century and cost nearly £200. The Westminster Chimes which you normally hear marking each quarter of an hour were added in 1933.

Well, today you wouldn't get a Church Clock for £200, nor would you get the motor repaired for that sum either. And it is the motor that is being repaired at present and it will cost around £1000 (a new one would cost five times that amount!). We hope that it will be back working soon. Miss Pinckard, the original donor, is, of course, no longer living, but if anyone else would like to donate towards the cost of the clock they would be more than welcome.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest celebrations this year begin on Sunday 5th October with the Sung Eucharist at 9.30 a.m. during which children are invited to bring a small gift to take up to the altar. On Monday 6th October at 7.00 p.m. in Church we have our Harvest Songs of Praise followed by the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. There will be the usual auction of Produce at the end of the evening. The money raised will go to Water Aid which provides clean water to some of the poorest parts of the world.

And finally . . .

Thank you to all those who came to the Church Fete or who bought tickets for the Duck Dinner Draw back in July., The money raised will help us with the upkeep of the Church.

Winkleigh Fair Week

Mark Bridgeman

I would like to take this opportunity to write to everyone in the village and thank you for your support and thanks for this year's fair week.

All of this would not have been possible without the support of a number of people, whether it was sponsorship, advertising, help (there are too many to mention in this letter) or just attending the events we put on for you. It is much appreciated and thank you all.

This year we held a lot of new events ranging from an inter pub cricket match to the amazing display from our emergency services at the community day, not forgetting the very popular farmers market on Saturday morning, but we have also brought back some old favourites such as the pram race and tip the bucket which have not been in the square for 20+ years.

I have received numerous letters from locals saying thank you for putting on one of the best fairs for many years, so I would like to pass these thanks on to my committee. I have had the luxury of the biggest, most varied, most fertile, and hardest working committee a chairman could have wished for. Without them none of these events could have gone ahead. So I would like to personally thank them all, as I know most of the village would like to join me with this.

We are always on the look out for new members so if you would like to join us or just offer your assistance at future events please come along to the A.G.M (8th September) in the small room of the village hall.

I would like to also invite you all to Winkleigh fair 2009 (12th-18th July) and we hope you will enjoy it as much as this year's, and don't forget to look out for more events on our notice board

Many thanks to all
Still fair chairman, Mark Bridgeman

Church Bulletin Bloopers

All allegedly true !!

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar,

Tuesday at 4.00 pm there will be an Ice Cream Social. All ladies giving milk please come early.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the North and South ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.

Wednesday the Ladies Literary Society will meet. Mrs Johnson will sing "Put Me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the Pastor.

Thursday at 5.00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers will please meet the Minister in his study.

The Thursday meeting will be gin with prayer.

Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell"? Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The service will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

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We were 6, 7 & 8 years old when we were evacuated. The eldest of my brothers, Bill, was 7 years old and the younger George was 6 years old. We were put on trains in London, with several ladies to look after us on our journey and we all had our gas masks on a strap over our shoulder.

On arrival at Tiverton we were taken to a large house in lovely grounds where there were some houses). I remember there was a Maltese cook who cooked all our meals. We had a large play room and were put in groups of four to a room to sleep. We were there for several weeks, waiting to be placed in a house for the duration of the war.

My parent had insisted that we three children were billeted together but somehow my eldest brother Bill and I were separated from George and were eventually taken to a farm in Winkleigh. The farm was called Stone Henge farm, the couple who owned it, were called Mr and Mrs Eastman, they had a son Claud and a daughter Lillian who also had a son, Harold. He constantly ridiculed us for our accents and seemed to resent us somewhat.

The farm produced much fruit and veg, but also had horses, cows, bulls, ducks and chickens. My first thought was I could not stand the silence, no planes, cars, trains or trams, we had come from the docks area in London's Canning town - the first road past the docks - and were used to the sound of boats horns as they set sail and docked. We lived in the centre of all sorts of transport, so the silence was almost unbearable for me.

Several weeks later my other brother George had been traced and came to join us.

We took part in picking fruit and apples, hay making, digging rabbits out of the snow, milking cows and making sausages. The farmer also had his own dairy and used to turn the milk into cream and cheese.

We used to collect red berries from the trees for making into syrup, this was used by the pilots to help their eyes. My brother Bill, only seven, used to walk cows to the market for sale, the market was in Barnstaple about 12 miles away.

We had no electric light, we used oil lamps and the toilet was 200 yds through the thicket and the ducks yard and into the next field.

The farmer had previously given Lillian, his daughter, the farm next to his as a wedding present. Her married name was Lillian Holland. I remember being told her husband had worked hard to get the farm tidy, but had spent too long out in the sun, and had died of sun stroke, only a few years into the marriage.

We went to school in Winkleigh opposite the Vicarage at the bottom of the hill. We children used to walk to Sunday school every Sunday afternoon even if it was pouring with rain, we had to stop about nine or ten times to empty out our wellington boots. The Sunday school was about a mile and a half away.

My mother used to write to us, but because my father was not a very fit man, he did not earn a big wage and they could not afford to visit us, we never saw them for three years, and then when they managed to visit us, we were very excited.

German bombers used to go over our farm regularly on their way to bomb Swansea, this went on every night for months, one night we heard a loud whistle and a bomb came down and got caught in a small tree, which was growing on the side a stone quarry, about 500 yards away from the house. , It was a collection of bombs called a bread basket.

Our parents had moved out of London in 1942 when they could no longer live in our home because the windows and doors were blown out. They moved to Staines, Middlesex. and put their name on the local council list.

In 1944 my mother received a letter from the council saying a four bedroom house was available, but they could only qualify for the house if they had the children home from Devon.

We came home, but although there were no regular bombings, the age of the unmanned doodle bug had arrived. We heard them every now and then, but not on a regular basis, they would drone up above , as soon as they stopped we ran for shelter. Once they stopped they would drop anywhere.

After we came home the farmers wife kept writing to mum to ask for wellingtons and coats, as there were three of us and we were continually growing out of things, even if we had not worn them out.

Violet Ann Holmes

Notes: Stone Henge Farm does not show on modern maps. It has probably been renamed.
It is possible that Mrs Eastman requested the coats and wellies for other evacuee children

ACE Archaeology Club

Janet Daynes

At the time of writing this article for Distinctly Winkleigh I am up to my neck in preparations for our excavation at Teigncombe. Tools are being packed, paperwork sorted and a visit to the Devon Archaeological Society's tool store at Bovey Tracy is being arranged. There is so much to do before you can put a trowel in your hand and get stuck in!

On the 2nd of August we went to the site to carry out a bracken stipe (stalk) and contour survey, but before we could do that we had to lay out the grid for the 5 x5 meter trench and tie it in to our previous work. It was a lot to do in just one day but our splendid ACE team managed it. We plotted over 500 stipes, this information is very important and will show the relationship with the rhizome mat below. Again like our first dig we will be plotting all finds three dimensionally which will hopefully show exactly what the rhizomes are doing to buried archaeology.

I will let you know what happened at the dig in the next issue, so fingers crossed that it doesn't rain too much, like it did last year!!

Archaeology Day at Pattiland Farm

Have you ever wanted to take part in an archaeology day? Now is your chance! Come and help us to make an archaeological survey of the ruins of Moistown. Day led by Janet Daynes and Gordon Fisher of the Ace Archaeology Club.

When:

Saturday September the 20th at 9.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch.

Where:

Pattiland Farm, Broadwoodkelly

Places limited so please book early.

Please Contact to Book a Place:

Rod, Sylvia and Giles Warham, Pattiland Farm,
Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon EX19 8ED

Tel: 01837 680176

There is NO CHARGE for this event as it is part of our Higher Level Stewardship Activities.

If you want to know more about ACE, contact **Janet Daynes 01769 520326**

Explore North Devon and House Scouts

House Scouts has now been “signed off” by the Heritage Lottery Fund, this was no mean feat, finances were sorted and written up, as was the completion report, along side this we had to make sure that we had spent all of our budget! All this had to be done and handed in by the end of June. This was completed in plenty of time and the HLF seemed very pleased with what the project has achieved.

We now have quite a bit of useful kit that can be used by the community for a small fee (to cover running costs). Details of hire arrangements have not been finalised as yet, but will be at the next Winkleigh Society committee meeting. Probably the most useful things we have to offer are a multi media projector, or for the less technically minded an overhead projector, a screen and some exhibition stands.

Also in June the Winkleigh Society hosted a heritage event for the Broad Clyst Historical society, starting with a heritage trail around the village followed by a talk at the Community Centre about House Scouts with the archive on display. This went down very well, so we had the idea that we could arrange a similar event for Winkleigh folks.

Calling all organisations! You can have the opportunity to put your organisation and its history on the internet and reach a global audience through Explore North Devon, the ever growing community heritage archive. Putting data on to the website is very easy, you will be given a password and all the training you need to add collections and stories. Don't forget a photograph taken today is tomorrows heritage! The Explore North Devon website can be found at; www.explorenorthdevon.org.uk have a look at it to get a feel of what you can do.

House Scouts and Explore North Devon volunteers meet up on the 1st Wednesday of every month at the Community Centre, in the small room from 8.00 to 10.00 pm. The archive can be seen at the Mini Market every Wednesday morning from 9.00 to 10.30 am.

The archive, both digital and physical is still growing; there is a huge amount of cataloguing to be done so some help with this would be appreciated. If you would like to have a go at entering data, scanning photographs or conserving objects, or are interested in any aspect of local heritage, please come along on a Wednesday evening or contact **Janet Daynes** on **01769 520326**.

Janet Daynes

Sports Centre - Fresh Horizons?

There has been some discussion in recent weeks, both informally and at committee level, regarding possible new activities in the Sports Centre building and grounds.

Without doubt, the main catalyst has been the activities during Winkleigh Fairs Week – in particular the hugely successful Community Fun Day. A major contribution also came from the cricket match on the opening Sunday, which went off with such a bang after last year's wash-out. Both these occasions gave opportunities for the Bowls Club and Tennis Club to open their doors to the community in general and offer coaching or “just try your hand” sessions. There were many expressions of contentment to be heard at the enjoyment of such a convivial atmosphere in pleasant surroundings – the weather also playing its part!

Anyway, plans are already afoot to try and fit in another cricket match, possibly in conjunction with an Autumn Fete. At the time of writing, dates are being considered in mid to late September – again on Sunday afternoon – but with an earlier start to allow for the light. This will be a real grudge match, with a Winkleigh pubs team combining to take on the “Duke of York” who can almost certainly boast more experienced cricketing credentials!

With regard to the more distant and ongoing future, ideas put on the table so far include yet more cricket, with tentative attempts as the formation of a “proper” village cricket club, the creation of space for allotments and the setting up of gym facilities within the main hall. Attempts at forming a netball team have previously been launched but have gone quiet in recent times – are you still there?

Credit for the successful happenings of this summer and the ensuing positive outlook must be shared between the various groups representing the Sports Centre, the Winkleigh Fairs Committee and the “Friends of Winkleigh School”, who have combined so well together on behalf of the community in general – not forgetting the input from the Police and Torridge Voluntary Services. A mention must also be given for those business and retail interests who have helped with raffle prizes and general promotion activities. All this goes to show that with the right consultation, proper planning and all-round co-operation, the ideas aired so far – and more – can be accommodated. What is needed now is for members of the community not already involved to come forward, join in and “stand up and be counted”!

The Sports Centre is **a great community facility** so let's make the most use of it.

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Steve Todd (Snooker)

Mark Bridgman (Fairs Committee)

Jane Riches (Friends of Winkleigh School)

Gerrard Fawcett (Tennis)

Jan Ovenden (Short-Mat Bowling)

Rachel Tapp (Lawn Bowling)

Winkleigh Youth Club

Report Summer 2008

At the time of writing the summer holiday period is not quite spent yet the evenings are drawing in and there is a feeling around that the downhill slide into winter is not far away. There – just thought I might cheer you all up! This has been very much a good news/bad news period for the Youth Club, as indeed has been the case with our community at large.

The bad news has, of course, been headed by the burglary on the night of 30th June, resulting for the Youth Club in the loss of most of our computer games equipment and musical instruments – we all keep asking ourselves what kind of low-life scumbags could do this to the youth of the community? The answer probably lies in the fact that cowards will always attack the young or the old – those they perceive as the least able to fight back. There! That's got that off my chest, So suppose the good news starts with the fact that we are in the process of replacing some of our equipment. Initially this is being funded (insurance/claims pending) by monies raised from the activities of the hugely successful "Fun Day" held in Fairs Week. Now this was a good news story. If, by any chance, you happened to miss it this year, then get next year's diary out now, work out when Fairs Week is and make sure you are free! The one slight downside to our input was the fact that this year the date clashed with both primary and secondary school events which had children away from Winkleigh at the time. This did have an adverse effect on the evening activities.

One of the good aspects of the day's activities was the attendance by Amy Sands representing the "V Team" project. This organisation operated to encourage volunteering amongst young people in the 16+ age group and, as a result, a number of our members – Amy Bazley, James Anstey and Jack Riches – will receive certificates for their days input which, it has to be said here, was **enormous**. Further recognition will follow as these young volunteers build up their hours on Club nights and during future events. An additional name will be added to the list as Carl Woodison became a member of our 16+ group some weeks back, but unfortunately was away during most of Fairs Week. It would appear that the "Winkleigh V Team" has been founded. Amy tells me that they are the like the "A Team" – but better! We are now scheduled to have a further visit from Amy on the Club night of 10th September, when more details will be revealed. To go back to Carl Woodison, do keep your eyes on the notice boards as he has agreed to do a trumpet performance in the near future in aid of replacement equipment. Those of you who have heard Carl play will know that this will be a special night.

If you haven't, this will be your chance to find out what you have been missing!

It is hoped that some of our other musically talented young people will come forward on the night to add to the entertainment. Whilst on the subject of young people doing good things, if there is anybody out there – perhaps new to the area or just not aware of our existence – who feel they may fit in with the “V Team”, please come forward.

Before signing off, just a reminder as you all return from holidays, that we are still collecting mobile phones and inkjet cartridges for recycling as part of the “Foneaid” charity. If you would like any further information on our activities, please get in touch.

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Auction of Promises - Change of Date

The Auction of Promises in aid of **Winkleigh Community Centre** has been rescheduled for Saturday 27th September 2008. The auctioneer had to change the date after receiving a wedding invitation!

This should not, however, change the organisers' plans too much. In fact, it gives them an extra week to collect even more promises! The catalogue will soon be available so that you can decide what you would like to bid for prior to the event.

Keep this date free for what promises to be a very interesting evening – one which will help the village to retain an important and well-used asset.

SUPPORT FOR LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS IN DEVON

People in Devon living with long-term health conditions are to receive free support from trained tutors.

The *Expert Patients Programme (EPP)*, run by Devon Primary Care Trust (PCT), will help them develop skills, confidence and knowledge to manage their conditions better and have more control of their lives.

Led by trained tutors who have experience of living with a long term health condition, the programme includes relaxation techniques, dealing with tiredness, healthy eating, coping with feelings of anger and depression, communicating with family, friends and health care professionals, and planning for the future.

Carmel Fanconi, *EPP* co-ordinator for the trust, said anyone living with a long-term health condition was invited to take part.

“It is important that people with long-term conditions feel more confident and in charge of their lives and that’s what our courses are designed to achieve,” she said.

“We have been working hard at running courses across Devon to ensure as many people as possible can benefit from the *EPP*.”

Devon PCT also runs *Looking After Me* courses for carers who look after a person with a long term condition.

All these courses are free but it is advisable to book early in order to secure a place.

To take part in an *EPP* or *Looking After Me* course, please contact us by phone: 0800 073 0792 or by email: d-pc.EPP@nhs.net. Please leave your name and number.

For more information or interviews contact Paul Hopkins or Nick Pearson on 01392 356 953.

See below for the dates of the *EPP* courses:

Location	Dates	Time
Kingskerswell Health Centre, School Road, Kingskerswell, TQ12 5DJ	3 Sep - 8 Oct 2008 (Wednesdays)	10.30am - 1pm
Dawlish Hospital, Barton Terrace, Dawlish, EX17 3NH	5 Sep - 10 Oct 2008 (Fridays)	10.30am - 1pm
The Classroom, Jerrard Wing, Honiton Hospital, Marl pits Lane, Honiton, EX14 8DD	12 Sep - 17 Oct 2008 (Fridays)	10.30am - 1pm
St Thomas Methodist Church Hall, Cowick Street, Exeter, EX4 1JE	24 Sep - 29 Oct 2008 (Wednesdays)	2pm - 4.30pm
Christian Outreach Centre, Barnstaple, EX31 1GG	17 Sep - 22 Oct 2008 (Wednesdays)	1.30pm - 4pm
Boniface Centre, Church Lane, Crediton, EX17 2AH	30 Sep - 4 Nov 2008 (Tuesdays)	2pm - 4.30pm
St. James Church (Main) Hall, Mount Pleasant Rd, Exeter, EX4 7AH	16 Jan - 20 Feb 2009 (Fridays)	10.30am - 1pm

See below for the dates of the *Looking After Me* courses:

Location	Dates	Time
Westbank League of Friends, The Healthy Living Centre, Farm House Rise, Exminster, EX6 8AT	10 Oct - 14 Nov 2008 (Fridays)	10.30am - 1pm (Sandwich lunch afterwards)
Council for Voluntary Service (Exeter), Wat Tyler House, King William Street, Exeter, EX4 6PD	17 Oct - 28 Nov 2008 (Fridays) (Except 14 Nov)	10.30am - 1pm (Sandwich lunch afterwards)

2008
WINKLEIGH FAIR GRAND DRAW
LIST OF WINNERS

Prize No.	Prize	Winners	Ticket No.
1st	Four People to Trencreek Farm, Cornwall.	Ed Collinson	01577
2nd	Set of six Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall books.	Maggie Keanor	00566
3rd	Half Case Veuve Cliquot	Tony Brand	01757
4th	European Satellite System	Mr Conibeare	01755
5th	Radio control Helicopters	Marcia Butt	00458
6th	Two Way Radio Set	C.Slade	01548
7th	Digital Photo Frame	M.Beskeen	01205
8th	Body Shop Gift Set	Alan Thomas	00107
9th	Stafford Moor 48hrs Fishing Voucher	Val Judge	00561
10th	Company of Landscapers voucher £50	Mrs Heard	01674
11th	20yr old Bushmills	Steve Paine	01741
12th	£20 voucher for The Lymington Arms	Wendy Ley	01345
13th	Aquadraw Deluxe	Anne Macdougall	01200
14th	Hannah Montana Microphone	G.Cooper	01114
15th	W.H.Smith Voucher £15	S.F.Coombe	01731
16th	I Tunes Voucher £15	J.Bridgeman	00179
17th	Back Pack	Heather Macgregor	01745
18th	Choc Gift box	Claire Leahy	01071
19th	Gents Hair cut	Mr G.Maycock	01213
20th	Beatrix Potter tin	Nick Jackson	01442
21st	Tea Tree Gift Set	Kelly Macdonald	01417
22nd	Outdoor thermometer	Andrew	00569
23rd	4.5 litres of oil	Claire Campbell	00012

WINKLEIGH FAIR 2008
RESULTS OF THE ART AND PRODUCE SHOW.
PRODUCE

Beetroot	1 st Fiona Marshall		
Lettuce	1 st John Scarlett	2 nd Fiona Marshall	3 rd Julie Mitchell
Carrots	1 st Les Scarlett		
Onions	1 st Les Scarlett	2 nd Julie Mitchell	
Cabbage	1 st E. Briggs		
Peas	1 st Julie Mitchell	2 nd Mark Bridgman	
Potatoes	1 st Julie Mitchell	2 nd Les Scarlett	3 rd Helen Norman
Tomatoes	Jo Salmon		

FRUIT

Rhubarb	1 st Fiona Marshall	2 nd Julie Mitchell	3 rd Mrs Short
Gooseberries	1 st Julie Mitchell		
Raspberries	1 st Julie Mitchell	2 nd Mrs Short	
Soft Fruits	1 st Julie Mitchell		

FLOWERS

Fushia	1 st E. Briggs	2 nd Barbara Jones	3 rd Patricia Nilson
Sweet Pea	1 st E. Briggs	2 nd Julie Mitchell	3 rd Margaret Bridgman
Fern	1 st Mrs Sanders		
Sunflower	1 st Sabrina Bridgman	2 nd George Bridgman	

COOKERY

Victoria Sponge	1 st Debbie Scarlett	2 nd Sue Holden	3 rd Jo Salmon
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WINKLEIGH FAIR 2008 RESULTS OF THE ART SHOW AND WINKLEIGH WRITERS

UNDER 11

Painting	1 st Summer Mills	2 nd Lorien Salmon	3 rd Sebby Salmon
Photograph	1 st Caitlin Jordan	2 nd Maya Leahy	

11-18 YEAR OLDS

Photograph	Highly Commended	Kieran Davies	
Painting	1 st Ellie Wonnacott		
Poem/Short Story	1 st Lorien Salmon	2 nd Ellie Wonnacott	

ADULTS

Photograph	1 st N. Clark	2 nd Jenny Miles	3 rd Dave Ovenden
Painting	1 st Andrea Wendall Torry	2 nd Margery Howard	3 rd Margery Howard
Poem/short story	1 st Sylvia Smith	2 nd Margery Howard	

DESIGN NEXT YEARS PROGRAMME COVER

OPEN TO AGES 5-11

Programme Cover	1 st Caitlin Jordan	2 nd Hattie Knapman	3 rd Sam German
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CHILDRENS SECTION

6YRS AND UNDER

5 Shaped Biscuits	1 st Izzy Harris	2 nd Tom	3 rd Josh W.
Model	1 st Kara	2 nd Elana	
Painting of a garden of flowers	1 st Theo Duffin	2 nd Theo Duffin	
Decorate/paint a pebble	1 st Lily	2 nd Jasmine	3 rd Izzy Harris

AGE 7-11 YEARS

Model Garden	1 st Molly Harris		
Decorated flower pot	1 st Maya Leahy	2 nd Luke Parker	3 rd Molly Harris

ALL AGES

Vegetable Vehicles	1 st Izzy Harris	2 nd Parker Family	3 rd Maya Leahy
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Village Hall Events - October

Winkleigh Village Hall is holding two events in October.

On Saturday 11th Oct at 7.30 pm there will be a Quiz with Quizmasters Leon Hunt and Willie Hocking. Entry will be £4 per person. Teams of 6 (maximum). A ploughman's lunch with wine or cider is included.

On Thursday 16th Oct there will be a concert by Exeter Police and Community Choir, starting at 7.30 prompt. Tickets are £5 and are available by phoning **01837 83484** or **01873 83734** or on the door.

All proceeds from these events will go towards village hall repairs.

Winkleigh & District Garden Club

Remaining Meetings for 2008

September 16 th	Gardeners' Market Evening
October 21 st	Winter Hanging Baskets
November 18 th	Seed Order / AGM
December 16 th	Social Evening

Our provisional programme for 2009 includes

January 20 th	Speakers from within the club
February 17 th	Speaker – Victorian Gardens
February	Club Xmas Dinner!
March 17 th	Speaker – Devon Garden Trust
April 21 st	Speaker – Autumn & Winter Colour
May 19 th	Question Time with Guest Panel
May	Visit – Drewsteignton Garden
June 16 th	Speaker – Awaiting Confirmation
June	Visit – Lower Ashmoor Farm inc. Cream Tea
July 21 st	Visit – Garden Cottage Plant Centre & Vineyard inc. Cream Tea
August	Club Social / BBQ
September 15 th	Gardeners' Market Evening
October 20 th	Speaker – Garden Birds
November 17 th	Seed Order / AGM
December 15 th	Social Evening

Our club meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in the village hall and new, or prospective, members are always welcome at our meetings.

For further information please contact our Chairman Ed Porter on
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The Winkleigh Singers

That time comes again when we say "hello and thanks for your ongoing support" to our old friends, and, we hope, "hello and welcome to something just that bit different" to our soon-to-be-friends.

For those of you unfamiliar with how to get in touch or to get further specifics about our events, you will find a website address, and terrestrial contact details for those of you without Internet, at the end of this newsletter.

The season of 2008-09 is upon us with some new challenges and opportunities, together with tried and tested formulae.

The long awaited C.D., "A Christmas Gift", is coming to a shop near you by late October. A unique and personalised gift for those shopping early - or even to accommodate that last minute panic. *A "snip" at £10.*

We have been deeply privileged to be invited by The Two Moors Festival to join a performance of Elgar's epic "Dream of Gerontius" at Exeter University's Great Hall on Sunday 19th October. We are a chamber choir, and therefore to collaborate with other performers in a work written for larger numbers will develop us as musicians, and we believe, ultimately benefit us as we work together in our smaller number.

*7.30 p.m. tickets £16, £14, £12, concessions £14, £12, £10,
Box Office 01643 831006*

Come and join us as we get put through our paces in a workshop on Saturday 22nd November. A great days singing for all with Christmas music but focussing on Haydn's St Nicholas Mass. Treat yourself to a bit more singing experience, a venture into something new, or just the ability to have some "you time" to focus solely on your music, complete with expert accompaniment. In return we get the pleasure of your company for a day, and even possibly more long term if you decide you want to progress into membership.

All day event, £10 (includes refreshments but not lunch).

Saturday 13th December crystallises all that hard work from 22nd November - our Christmas concert in Winkleigh will feature a resounding performance of Haydn's St Nicholas, together with an eclectic mix of carols for all to join in. We'll be joined by some rather super soloists and an orchestra too.

All Saints Parish Church Winkleigh 7.30 p.m.

You can do your bit for a most worthy cause by joining us at Filleigh Village Hall on Thursday 18th December. Enjoy the true meaning of Christmas by sharing carols with us and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Starts 7.00p.m.

We progress into 2009 with our regular "welcome to spring" concert on March 28th in Torrington. We are varying the usual "set works" menu this time with a programme called "The English Anthem" - an exploration into the wonderful tradition of English Church music from medieval times to the present day - a great opportunity for us to show our versatility through the centuries and, we hope, food for meditation and a moving experience for our audience.
St Michael and All Angels Church, Torrington. 7.30pm

Summer, (which, whatever the weather, will officially occur in 2009 on Saturday 4th July!), brings the effervescent Rossini and his "Petite Messe Solenelle" - possibly the most joyous mass ever composed. Experience the pleasure of 80 delicious musical minutes, together with accompaniment of two pianos and a harmonium. The (shorter) first half of the concert will consist of some contrasting choral music.
St.Peters Church Barnstaple. 7.30pm

Not to disappoint, December 2009 will take us full circle to another Christmas with our traditional concert and seasonal programme - dates, times and content to be advised in a later newsletter.

Exciting news! - **2010 Winkleigh Tour** - spring of this year it is our hope and ambition to tour Brittany/North West France. Watch this space for more information.

We currently have vacancies for new members and a new term is an ideal time to join. Please contact us as detailed below if you feel you may be interested in more information.

For more information visit the web site www.winkleighsingers.org.uk or 'phone 01363 83515



The Winkleigh Singers

District Councillor's Report

At the beginning of July, the Boundary Committee (BC) announced that its preferred option for the structure of local government in Devon is to leave Plymouth and Torbay unchanged, and to establish one authority that would “govern” the rest of Devon. The new Devon-wide council would “serve” more than 700,000 people - making it one of the largest unitary authorities in the UK and the largest by geographical area.

Most council taxpayers will be primarily looking for two things from any reorganisation – better services and lower council tax bills. There is certainly scope to reduce costs because over the past quarter of a century we have seen an incredible increase in the numbers employed in “governing”. In addition to the Government Office for the South West, the South West Regional Development Agency, county councils and district councils there are vast arrays of specialist quangos and consultants. The salaries for highly paid “professionals” have grown enormously but the vast majority are far removed from those at the sharp end delivering the service to the general public / taxpayer. The BC is keen on the idea to set up 28 community boards (based around the county’s market towns). These boards would not deliver services but would give a “substantially stronger” role to town and parish councils. I believe that the number of “experts” who spend their time advising, making presentations, networking etc. is unsustainable. If many of these roles were axed, the significant savings could then be redirected to where they are most needed – in delivering better services to people. However, it is a very big “if”!

I believe that the Boundary Committee has a mind-set that is hopelessly out of tune with what people really want – i.e. genuine local democracy and local accountability. For example, the comment on page 13, 2.32 about “shortening the distance between governors and governed” might have come straight out of Private Eye’s spoof, “From the Desk of the Supreme Leader”. Do we really need to spend considerable sums of taxpayers’ money on management consultants and redundancies over the next five years to create an even bigger bureaucracy in Exeter?

Meanwhile life goes on and there is much to do. Over the past few years Torridge District Council (TDC) has made progress in delivering services and more sensible decision-making. With the formation of a new council in May 2007, outreach has become an increasing priority. On July 16th, TDC had stands at the Winkleigh Fun Day and TDC is now evaluating how best to hold surgeries in the ward on a regular basis.

These surgeries will give help and advice on the services available from TDC and its partners – such as Citizens Advice Bureau and Torridge Voluntary Services.

New Councillor Community Grant Scheme of £2,000

The Councillor Community Grant Scheme has recently been launched. Each councillor at TDC has been allocated a budget of £2,000 to enable projects that meet local needs to quickly get off the ground. Grant money is for one-off capital expenditure or revenue items but the money cannot be used for retrospective funding. Any group based within the ward can apply.

I hope that a number of groups will apply and that the grants can open up other match funding for groups. If you have any projects that you feel might be eligible, please get in touch as soon as possible, as the Councillor Community Grants must be spent by February 28th 2009.

David Lausen – 01837 83209
www.davidlausen.org.uk

OH NO THEY HAVEN'T

OH YES THEY HAVE !

The Winkleigh Society has an idea afoot to revive amateur dramatics in Winkleigh, initially in the form of a Pantomime.

We luckily have writers and producers, particularly Penny Griffiths, with bags of experience but what we need are actors, seasoned or not. It promises to be a lot of fun for the village – so please let us know if you'd like to join in.

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STABLE GREEN METHODIST CHAPEL

STABLE GREEN Methodist Chapel would like to invite you to the following events where a warm welcome awaits you:-

1. Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 5th October at 6.30pm which is being led by Mr D Chammings;
2. Harvest Evening on Saturday 11th October at 7.30pm. Come along for a bowl of soup and a roll and enjoy some entertainment;
3. Safari Supper on Saturday 8th November. Tickets will be available shortly from Fiona's Farm Fayre.

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Torrige have launched their **LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE** campaign with these goals in mind and have given Winkleigh Parish Council a free composter. At our last meeting in July, we decided to contribute this to the **Auction of Promises**, which will be held in the autumn, to raise money to try to retain our Community Centre.

The good news is that parishioners can buy these bins from Torrige at the very competitive price of £12 inc.VAT.

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8	3	5	1	2	4	6	7	9
3	9	1	8	4	7	5	6	2
7	5	8	2	9	6	1	4	3
4	2	6	5	3	1	7	9	8

And finally

We hope you found something to interest you in this issue. If you did not, then maybe you have some suggestions for how it could be improved – or even an article or story to include in the next issue. All you have to do is to contact the editorial team – details are on the back cover!

Please remember to get your letters or articles to us by **21st November 2008** for inclusion in the Winter Issue – in good time for Christmas!

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The Newsletter is always looking for new members, please come forward if you would like to help in any way.

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