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Winkleigh Society News

As newly-appointed Chairperson for the Winkleigh Society, I would like to thank our former chairman, Peter Monkcom, for stepping into the breach when it looked as though the Society was about to collapse at the previous AGM in December 2009. Our thanks to Wendy Mondy for acting as Secretary and more recently as Minutes Secretary over several years. In her place, Pat Cunnington has very kindly taken on the role as Secretary.

The Winkleigh Society has, as its objectives, the following:

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting Winkleigh.
- To educate the public in the local landscape, history, architecture, traditions and culture of Winkleigh.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Winkleigh.
- To enable Winkleigh people and businesses to benefit from initiatives and activities that can enrich the lives of people in Winkleigh.

It is therefore the Winkleigh Society that brings you the “**Distinctly Winkleigh**” quarterly magazine (our thanks to Alan Mulcahy, our editor and treasurer), the **Winkleigh website** and is the covering organisation for the House Scouts scheme. At the present time (with help from Fiona Marshall and Peter Monkcom), we are in the process of producing the “**Welcome to Winkleigh**” leaflet that will be available sometime over the next few weeks.

With the formation of the Winkleigh Community Assets Trust, we are looking at the future of the Society, whether it remains as a close partner to the Trust, or becomes an integral part of it.

Please take advantage of the website. We are now in the position of being able to keep it updated.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Warmington

By the time that you read this I shall be part way through my Sabbatical. I shall be off duty until 1st August so any parish matters will need to be referred to our Reader, Adrian Magor, or one of the Churchwardens. Contact details can be found in the Parish Bulletin (available in Church or the Post Office) or from the notice in the Church Porch.

Although I shall be off duty, the work of the Church continues and Sunday services will be taken by visiting priests or Adrian Magor. The Church fete will take place as usual and will be on Saturday 9th July at 2.30 p.m. with stalls in the Community Centre and Tea in the Village Hall. Tickets for the Grand Draw will be available before then so don't miss out on a chance to win one of the prizes.

The next day sees the crowning of the Fair King and Queen after the Fair Sunday service which takes place in Church at 3.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to the service and welcome to bring the traditional eggs and flowers which will be taken around the Church sometime after the service.

Sunday School will also continue as usual on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays meeting in the Brook Room at 9.00 a.m. The children will be doing a lot of preparation for their end of term service on July 17th which will take the theme of Noah's Ark so that should be something to look forward to. The Archdeacon of Barnstaple will be taking that service.

The children usually have a picnic in the afternoon of the same day but as I will be on Sabbatical and not be available to join in they are having it a bit later on and combining it with a mini outing. Sunday School will finish for the summer after 17th July and then resume in September.

Winkleigh PreSchool Building – Grand Opening

The staff and committee of Winkleigh Preschool would like to thank the all of those who attended the ‘Grand Opening’ of our new building on 2nd April. We were honoured to have Mrs Betty Heggadon open the building for us and wish us well in our new home.



The new building has been long awaited and marks the beginning of a new chapter for us in our 42 year history. Many people have worked very hard over more than 20 years to gain a new facility for the setting and we are very pleased to have moved into the new ‘pod’ at the primary school site. The new building is a stimulating environment for the children with a large play room, fantastic garden and indoor outdoor space which will allow them to have free flowing play and stimulate their learning in this purpose-built environment.

We would like to thank the Wright fund, Winkleigh Brownies and Winkleigh WI for their generous donations which have been used to purchase new equipment for the building.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have supported us during the move and have given up their time to help us put together furniture and equipment, recovering chairs, making bunting and offering us invaluable support whilst we settle in. There are so many people it is impossible to name them all.



The new building has allowed us to take more children than previously and we would like to take the chance to welcome all the new families that have joined us since we moved to the building in January. We have spaces available at the setting, if you would like information about registering your child please feel free to drop in and have a chat with the staff team or give us a call on 01837 680007.

Winkleigh Preschool Committee

Winkleigh Preschool Committee would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents, friends and village folk who supported the Royal Wedding Day Fundraiser, we raised nearly £140 for the Preschool.

Well Done to Rob Palmer for having the most correct answers in our Royal Wedding Quiz.

Ange Jones (Committee Secretary)

WINKLEIGH BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Pond Dipping Update

Our pond dipping activities resumed this spring with a visit one warm and sunny evening to two sites just outside the village.

A few of us set out to look at an old and well-established pond, plus two newer areas. It was heartening to find a variety of creatures, even in the newly created ponds and to witness what an invaluable contribution a pond can make to increasing biodiversity. It has also been extremely satisfying to meet up with people in the local area, who care for the environment and for wildlife. Even the smallest amount of water in a garden can be beneficial, so please think about creating a pond this year. You will be amazed at what it will attract!

Green Group

The newly formed Green Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8pm. So far, we have met in the King's Arms, but the venue might vary. This is an informal social group open to anyone who is interested in 'green' ideas. Topics already discussed have included organising a litter pick on the 15th June, the recycling of plastics, which at present are not taken in the green box and the pond-dipping project.

For more information, please contact **Maggie Watson**
maggie2watson@gmail.com

Please contact me for any further information.

Philippa Lausen 01837 83209 dlausen@toucansurf.com

2011 Summer Allotment Report

Well it's the third season now for the allotmenters and all look really good and well cared for. We have water to the site, a large storage shed and many of the allotments have their own small sheds, the latter saving the growers from having to carry tools back and forth from home.

Several new and sturdy fruit frames have gone up over the past year and now we see the young fruit canes looking healthy and some already showing immature fruit. Much lip smacking at the thought (and hope) of what they should produce later in the season. A number of other structures have gone up, some raised beds which should make it less back breaking work as the gardeners as well as the plots mature, one or two cold frames have appeared and it is amazing to see how many different methods of support there are for runner beans and other climbers.

By now many of us have a good idea of which crops like the situation and soil on the sports field and settle for those things which we are fairly confident of cropping well. Other sturdier souls continue to do battle with troublesome things which are susceptible to disease and infestation, trying different varieties and treatments in the hope of solving problems previously encountered.

This time I'm afraid we have no new recipes for you. Ivor was unwell for some time and not able to chase people for these and unless we get contributions we can't include them, so please readers, one and all, not just allotment holders, new recipes for using home grown fruit and vegetables, particularly those likely to produce a glut. It would be good to have a bumper crop of ideas for cooking as well a bumper crop for eating.

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WINKLEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

So what has been happening at the Institute since the last report?

Sue Williams got everyone relaxed and moving again with a gentle session of Chi gung in March, perfect to create some peace and tranquillity after the dark and cold Winter. This was quite a contrast to the excitement Hilary's Hats generated in April's meeting when the opportunity to try on hats galore sent everyone into a spin! Hilary gave a history not only of millinery but also how her interest led to setting up the buying and hiring business she now has.

And between times?

Most of our members and their spouses attended another successful Birthday Lunch at the Fox & Hounds, Eggesford, when Tara and her staff organised a very pleasant meal. Some members attended the Spring Council meeting in Torquay when the guest speaker was Adam Henson of Countryfile fame, and they saw him wearing the famous woollen suit made with fleeces from his own herds. These Council meetings are fascinating well-organised days with much to see and do, and attended by several hundred WI members from the whole of the County.

Locally, the group of Institutes to which Winkleigh belongs held the Spring group meeting at Ashreigney and before supper we were entertained to a talk about 'Birds of Prey' by Nigel Palmer who looks after rescued birds once vets have checked them out. We saw close-up both a tawny and a barn owl, a snowy owl and a Bengal eagle owl, a harrier hawk and a buzzard. What magnificent birds they were!

One of our members has started a 'Theatre run' and is keeping us informed of future events at theatres in the area, and many members will be going to the annual Flower Festival at Crediton Church some time in June.

We were delighted to have an invitation to the opening of the superb new Pre-school last month and were pleased to present them with a donation to replace their aquarium so that their beloved fish can also have a new home. It was so good to see the new building which all those involved are so obviously enjoying.

In fact quite a lot has happened – and there's a great deal more in the future. You are welcome to join us at any time and just have a taster of what is on offer.

We look forward to seeing you on the first Wednesday in the month in the back room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm

OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Winkleigh Community Assets Trust (WCAT) was registered on April 15th as the registered owner of the Community Centre. It really is now ours – as is the responsibility for it to become a thriving community asset!

WCAT is set up as a company limited by guarantee and without shares, for charitable purposes. Its aim is to benefit the community of Winkleigh and its neighbouring areas, and to do this it may hold assets and carry out a wide variety of activities. We are greatly indebted to the gallant efforts of those that preceded us in the fight to gain control the Community Centre, and hope to build on many of the structures set up by them in the years to come.

The building, until now maintained by the voluntary efforts of many willing helpers, now faces a very different situation! Although the fabric of the Community Centre is basically solid, a considerable amount of repair and refurbishing has to be done. Improvement of heating is also needed for the Main and Smaller rooms to increase usage of the facilities during the cold months

A recent appeal, initiated by Maggie Wykes, to raise funds to help with this raised over £420 – a big **Thank You** to Maggie and all those who contributed! On top of this, the Chigong Group has generously donated £750 to help with the project.

We can save substantially on labour costs by doing much of the work ourselves. A small team has started work on the kitchen area – both internally and externally. The inside of the two rooms will get some temporary repairs to plasterwork and a new coat of paint; this will give us a chance to examine the nature of the problems in the walls, windows and roof where damp is getting into the fabric.

We are very keen to have more such volunteers. **If you can paint, wire brush, rake out pointing or plaster, please get in touch with Peter Stutt on 01837 83283, or email peter.stutt@theoldmalthouse.plus.com.**

Very welcome help with improving the external appearance of the Centre and Car Park has been volunteered from staff and residents of Little Acorns. (See article on Page 17)

Fund-raising events will be held during the year, including Art Exhibitions. **If you have an idea that you would like to develop we would like to hear from you.** Watch the Community Centre noticeboard and also Winkleigh's own website – www.winkleighonline.com.

Let's make it flourish!

The WCAT Trustees

Winkleigh Rethinkly

It's a shame to spoil a good mattress by filling it with freshly minted twenty pound notes. But where should we put our money? These last two years economists are all at sixes and sevens. Just like the politicians. So complex are our living systems nowadays that even experts and professionals get lost. Perhaps not enough so.

We were puzzling what to do with the money that our mother left us. The stock market and property market were in an early stage of meltdown. One friend said she grew up in a house filled to the rafters with bottles of whisky – her father's hedge against inflation. But that was in another country.

Another friend told us about DARE – the Devon Association for Renewable Energy in North Tawton, (<http://www.devondare.org>) who are independent and non-profit making. This time last year Fukushima had not yet happened. However rising gas and oil prices were certainly making their dent in our budget and the advance of global warming was clearly evident in the woods and hedgerows around us. DARE pointed us towards solar panels for generating electricity and heating our water - **and reducing our carbon footprint.**

From a long list of alternative energy installers, we chose a firm to install nineteen panels of photo-voltaic (PV) cells that magically generate electricity and two panels that heat our water when the sun shines. Which it's done rather a lot lately.

There are no direct grants for this installation but so clear and outstanding are the prospects of diminishing resources and worsening climate that the government rewards producers of alternative energy. We are paid a "feed-in" tariff of around 41.3 pence for every unit and the Electricity Company pay us 3p for half of what we produce. This represents a more or less ten percent return on our investment. Beat that Mr Gates. And the latest electricity bill comes to less than a quarter of the one for this time last year.

Here's a paradox. We need to do something – the world's in a mess. Whatever we do – we make it worse. All the world's problems stem from man himself.

But here's a way out. The sages and wise men have told us that if we want to change the world we have to change ourselves; our beliefs and our old inherited habits and our assumptions. For solutions we have to look within not without. We have to change ourselves.

It feels good these days walking with a lighter footprint on this earth and not sleeping on a mattress full of money.

Rashid Maxwell
Hollocombe

THE WINKLEIGH SINGERS

The Winkleigh Singers recently provided a most enjoyable evening of song in Torrington, joined by the Vivaldi Singers, with music such as the Missa Choralis by Franz Liszt and Celia McDowall's Ave Maris Stella

If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, the Winkleigh Singers are looking for new talent, especially sopranos and tenors. We meet on a Monday Evening in the Winkleigh Village Hall at 8pm.

We will be holding a singing workshop, so why not come along and see how you get on. The workshop will be held on Saturday 9th July 2011 at South Molton Community College from 10.00am to 3.30pm with a break for lunch. The workshop will be open to all singers, including young people age 11-18. This is a special opportunity to work with one of this country's most highly regarded voice coaches, Deborah Miles-Johnson, voice coach to the BBC Symphony Chorus and the Philharmonia Chorus. She will pay particular attention to vocal quality and will work to improve tone, focus and vocal technique.

Further information about Deborah Miles-Johnson can be found at <http://www.choralclinic.co.uk>. The music for the day will include choruses from Handel's Messiah and well-known choral classics selected from OUP's European Sacred Music book.

Light refreshments are included, but you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

Booking closes on Thursday 30th June 2011.

Adult singer	£15.00
Youth singer (age 11-18)	£2.00

On-line booking at <http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk>.

Telephone enquiries, Winkleigh Singers, 01363 83922.

Our next concert will be held on Saturday 25th June 2011 at St James Church, Parkham, and will include the first performance of A Springtime Garland by Francis Chandler.

If you would like more information about our concerts and the choir please look at our website at the link above.

WINKLEIGH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

The last Saturday in March saw 21 teams arrive at Winkleigh Sports Centre for the fifth Winkleigh Short Mat Bowling Club Flue and Chimney Specialist Tournament. The teams came from all over the County and as in previous years the Tournament was heavily oversubscribed. A most enjoyable day was had and a delicious meal of steak and kidney pie was served by Winkleigh Club members and very well received by all.

Each team played four games and the eventual winners were Shirley and John Parnell and Margaret Smith from Wonford who won all their games to narrowly beat Exeter Nomads on shot difference.

They were presented with their trophy by a representative from Rangemoors, Flue and Chimney Specialists. We are very grateful to Rangemoors for their continued support of our Club and this Tournament.

Thank you to all the competitors and to the hard working club members who helped to make the day such a success.

At the recent AGM of the Short Mat Bowling Club it was reported that the Club had its most successful year ever with 9 winner's trophies and 5 runners up trophies being won in the leagues during the season.

The Club's own finals had taken place and the ladies singles were won by Lorraine Axtell, the men's singles by Bill Brook, the Royal British Legion cup by Jan Ovenden and the Carbery Pairs by Lucy Brown and John Horsham.

The Club will now be starting its summer programme with three teams playing in two leagues. Social roll-ups continue throughout the summer on Monday and Friday 2.00 to 4.00.

You would be most welcome if you would like to join us.

For more information do not hesitate to contact me.

Jan Ovenden 01837 83853 oldsmithy1@btinternet.com

Village Hall News

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a concert by the "Men From Morchard" on the 9th of September this year. Sadly the group is disbanding and this will be our last chance to see them in Winkleigh. More details will be available in the Village Hall notice board or on our Facebook page 'Winkleigh Village Hall' nearer the time.

ACE Archaeology Club

Preparations for the Festival of Archaeology and Old Technology on Saturday the 23rd of July are well under way and, like last year, this will be held at Pattiland Farm, Broadwoodkelly. Over the past few months we have been clearing the scrub at Moistown in readiness for the earthwork and dowsing survey, this work has revealed a large hollow and a glimpse of a very thick wall. As well as this we have been building three bread ovens, each having a different construction method - it will be interesting to see which one works best. The grain has been purchased for Sue Watts to grind in her quern and we have sown a small patch of it on site. Visitors to the festival will be able to see bread making from the growing wheat to the finished loaf, as well as have a go at dowsing and surveying. There are lots of other things to see and do; exhibitions, local arts and crafts, ancient televisions, old tractors and lots more, check the ACE website for more information. This event is ACE's contribution to this year's Council for British Archaeology's Festival of British Archaeology. To find out what other events there are in the area check out the CBA's website; <http://festival.britarch.ac.uk/whatson>

Meanwhile back in the land of the Archaeology and Bracken project. Dr Sandy Gerrard has made great progress on the report of the roundhouse excavation, not only has he got to interpret the archaeology but also try to work out what the bracken rhizomes have done to it! Providing he does not get too many interruptions he is hoping to have the bulk of it written by the end of this May. In June we will be showing representatives from English Heritage, the National Trust and Cornwall County Council how to assess what damage bracken could be doing to monuments in their care.

As if this was not enough to keep us all busy this summer we also have a guided walk on Dartmoor which finishes up at our guide's home for a barbeque. I just hope we have good weather, or was April the new August?!

If you would like to know more about ACE have a look at our website www.acearch.org.uk or contact me at ace@acearch.org.uk or on 01769 520326

Janet Daynes

Dowland Country Fair & Dog Show

**Charity Event - Sunday 19th June, 11am – 5pm
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Archaeology and Old Technology Festival

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ACE Archaeology will be baking bread in ancient designs of ovens (have a go yourself!). A survey of the ruins at Moistown will be in progress, and Devon Dowsers will prove, that you too, can dowse!

Artists are welcome to come along and sketch or paint.

Admission FREE – See poster in The Kings Arms for more information.

Contact giles@pattilandfarm.com if you would like to exhibit or help out on the day.



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WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH

We meet every Sunday for all-age Christian worship in the Chapel at 11am, except for the first Sunday in the month when we meet at 5.30pm for a Tea Service in the Oasis Room. With regard to the latter, we have tea together and conduct the worship while still sat at the tables. We would be very pleased to see you on any Sunday.

We continue to open the Oasis Coffee Shop every Monday from 10am until 1.30pm, serving morning coffees and teas, as well as mid-day lunches – all provided by Fiona’s Farm Fayre. This includes a Senior Citizen lunch-time special for just £6.50 (£6, if with one of our other cakes or traybakes). This is our meal-of-the-day, plus our cake-of-the-day and a cup of tea or coffee. We also provide a take-away service for both cakes and jacket potatoes and/or toasted sandwiches.

On a fortnightly basis, we host the Winkleigh C.A.B. Rural Outreach Clinic at the same time as the Coffee Shop (until 1pm). Please check with us (077597 25227) or consult the chapel website to make sure that it is happening on a particular Monday.

Messy Church continues to meet bi-monthly on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month at 5pm in the Community Centre. Please note that because of the Winkleigh Fair programme the July ‘Messy Church’ will be on the 19th July (not the 12th). Our special Messy Church Saturday events continue. Our next two are: Farm Night [June 18th @ 6.30pm] and Harvest BBQ [Sept 10th]. Please see our posters and either the Winkleigh Online or Winkleigh Chapel websites for further details. These events are open to everyone, whether you attend Messy Church or not. All children have to be accompanied by a responsible adult, however.

During Winkleigh Fair Week, we shall be hosting another Musical on the Monday evening at the Village Hall. Similar to the one we performed last year, “Pharisee” tells the story of Nicodemus, the biblical priest who discovered that there was more to religion than just following rituals and routines.

We also hope to organise an occasional “Hot Potato Evening”. An opportunity for folk to come together (with no agenda) to mull over some of the “hot potato” issues of life, over a jacket potato and a drink [non-alcoholic, I’m afraid]. Details to follow.

As we are a praying community, if you ever want to chat about anything or would appreciate the opportunity for people to pray for you (all, obviously, in the strictest confidence) then either contact us through the normal means, or call into the Coffee Shop on a Monday morning. We will always make time for you.

Details of other events are to be found on our website: www.winkleighchapel.co.uk

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House Scouts and Explore North Devon

The last time I sat down to write the House Scouts article for Distinctly Winkleigh I was feeling quite depressed, we were about to lose the Community Centre, which amongst other things is home for the Winkleigh archive. The only hope was for a fairy godmother or knight in shining armour to step in to save the day, and sure enough they did! The Community Centre now belongs to Winkleigh and the archive that has been growing over the past 8 years is safe. You can view the digital and physical archive on the first Wednesday every month at the mini market between 9.00 and 10.30 am.

Through the Winkleigh Society website www.winkleighonline.com we quite often get enquiries to House Scouts from folks studying their family tree, or offering items for the archive. In May this year we received an email from Sylvia Robinson (nee Audley) who lives in the United States. She was evacuated to Winkleigh in 1942 from Liverpool and stayed at a farm run by the Earle family. She remembers Mr and Mrs Earle and their two teenage daughters with much affection as they were so kind and helped her get over feeling home sick. Sylvia made friends with the farm's horse named Flower and loved to wander in the fields, she also attended Winkleigh Primary School (1942- 44). She could not remember where the farm was as she was only five years old at the time and now dearly wanted to know because it had played an important part in her life.

I printed out her email and took it to the mini market to show to some of the regulars, hey presto Betty Heggadon knew the Earle's farm, it was Gerrydown, just off the edge of the Airfield, also her Husband Cyril remembered the two daughters Marion and Mona (who have sadly both passed away), as he lived in the farm next door. So, while I was able to email Sylvia the good news, it is a shame that we do not have any old photographs of Gerrydown Farm as I am sure that she would love to see them. Please do get in touch with me if you have any memories or photos and I can copy them and pass them on to Sylvia.

House Scouts is doing its bit for Winkleigh Fair, on Friday the 15th July there will be a village heritage walk ending at the Community Centre, where the archive and various exhibitions will be on view, also refreshments will be available. Check the Winkleigh Fair program for details.

If you have anything for the archive or would like to help out with the House Scouts project, please do get in touch with Janet Daynes on: 01769 520326 or ace@acearch.org.uk

LITTLE ACORNS

Little Acorns is a small registered care home for people with learning disabilities and on the autistic spectrum, situated opposite Zuki's restaurant at Seckington Cross. Most of our service users (the name we give people who live in the Home) are from Devon, as we pride ourselves on offering placements for "local" people, so that family and friends can pop in and see them frequently.

Little Acorns is home to 6 service users at the moment; when our "new build" is complete towards Autumn 2011, we will be able to offer more accommodation opportunities to people from our client group, in addition to offering a sound proofed recording studio in the "new build".

Our aim is to work within the local community and integrate our service users, as much as possible, into community life. This way we can encourage socialisation within the larger community, and give our service users the opportunity to meet people outside of the Home, learn to value diversity in people, and, hopefully, be valued in return. We also promote self determination, responsibility and life skills for all our service users and offer everyone here the opportunity to make real choices in the manner of their lives.

Currently, we have several ongoing life skill projects including horticulture, animal husbandry, and free range poultry rearing. In addition to the pure pleasure that our service users gain, simply from being around, and petting, the animals, they also learn the importance of looking after other living beings. We are fortunate to have been gifted several animals by local people, all of whom are incorporated into our PAT (pets as therapy) scheme. People on the autistic spectrum, who can often be affected by sensory impairment, really enjoy touching a variety of things.

Little Acorns has been around for 4 years now and we are celebrating our 4th anniversary by way of our annual fete on Saturday 2nd July 2011, an event to which everyone is welcome!

This year, the fete will also host the magnificent covers band "Thick As Thieves", who will perform live for everyone in the evening. We will be open from 2pm to 10pm, and with homemade refreshments, stalls, raffles, tombola, games for young people, music by the Little Acorns buskers, a barbeque and a temporary alcohol licence in place, fun will be had by all!

If you are interested in learning more about the work we do at Little Acorns, then please feel free to telephone us on 01837-680157.

THURSDAY CHIGONG AND TAICHI CLASSES

The morning class has grown and moved across to the village hall. We still start at 10.30 a.m. and practice until 11.30. This seems to be the shortest hour of the week as we are all amazed when time is up. It is the way of Chigong that you are totally involved in every movement you make. Focused and aware of your breathing and body, you gradually develop a better relationship with yourself. At the end of a class you feel more relaxed and more alive.

The word Chigong may be intimidating and mysterious when you have not experienced or seen the exercises. But anyone who wishes to come and learn will find something in this for themselves.

Because the class is weekly (mostly), drop in, pay as you go, and not run as a course or series of courses. I have been asked how people progress - I think the answer is that it is not so much about the difficulty of any exercise, as any exercise can be adapted and used by any one at any level.

We all come with our different abilities and experiences and this is only the starting point.

Chigong is a huge and wonderful ancient and living movement and anyone can join in.

Here in Winkleigh I do it my way and the way of the members in the class - they actually lead me. The whole thing is a lovely experience and we do progress, and laugh and care about each other.

The morning class is followed by Tai chi until 12 noon.

The afternoon class still meets at 4.45 - 5.45 p.m. in the small room of the community centre.

This is a smaller class more dedicated to those with specific health issues - in theory. But in the spirit of Chigong anything is OK. We do the same exercises but with the emphasis on the members particular needs. There is discussion, and lots of camaraderie and support. Anyone is welcome and there is room in this class for new members.

If you wish to know more ring **Sue Williams:** 01837 83817

One Chigong attendee writes:

“Forget the mantra ‘no pain, no gain’. As one of the worst self-disciplined members of our class, I must say that these sessions give me great deal of relief from pain and stress. No Lycra gear is needed, the sessions are very informal – and are great fun!”

WINKLEIGH FAIR 10TH – 16TH JULY 2011

The Fair in the Field!

It's nearly that time of year again! The Church Fete on Saturday 9th July followed by the Quiz in the evening mark the beginning of Winkleigh Fair Week. Fair Week officially starts on Sunday 10th July with the well dressing by the pre-school and the official opening ceremony, the crowning of the Fair King and Queen, Torrington Silver Band and the start of the balloon race all of which will take place in the village square. Also in the square between 2pm and 2.45pm there will be a head-dress workshop for children. The church service will be followed by cream teas served by Winkleigh W.I. in the Community Centre. On the sports field there will be a village Rounders Match – everyone is welcome to join in. Refreshments will be available.

Throughout the following week various events will be held; On Monday the Roger Jones musical "Pharisee", the story of Nicodemus, will be performed in the village hall starting at 7.30.

On Tuesday evening Bingo is back! This year we will be in the Community Centre, doors will open at 7.30 for an 8pm start. Tea, coffee and snacks will be available.

On Thursday events move to our new marquee in the field! The village Produce and Culture Show will take place on Thursday afternoon and early evening in the marquee. Entries can be brought along between 1pm – 4pm. The marquee will be open for public viewing from 5.30pm. This year we would love you to bring along your old archive photos of Winkleigh Fair. We would like to use the one judged to be the best for the cover of next year's 750th programme! From 6pm on Thursday we will be holding the Dog Show in the field next to the marquee. Thursday is also the first night the fairground is open, and all rides are at a reduced price for villagers.

On Friday from 6pm in the marquee we will be holding the Winkleigh's Got Talent Competition. If you've got a talent, come along and flaunt it for all to see! The Winkleigh Footpath Group will be organising a guided walk around Winkleigh leaving the Community Centre at 4pm. This will be followed by refreshments. Photos and information from the recent pond dipping project and House Scouts will be on view. All ages welcome. The fairground will be running from 6pm until 10pm. Don't forget that the final of the Skittles competition, held all week, will take place on Friday evening too!

Fair in the Field Saturday is July 16th! All the events on Fair Saturday will be held in the field, where food and refreshments will be available all day. The Farmers' and Craft Market will be held in the marquee from 10am. There will be a vintage vehicles rally with locally owned vintage vehicles from 10am. The fun

fair will also start at 10am – children will be able to go on the rides all day for a fixed price. Also running through the morning will be a head-dress workshop. Afternoon events will start with the Children's Fancy Dress parade and Competition – this year's theme is Wild Wild West. All entries should meet at 1pm for a parade with the pipe band. Throughout the afternoon there will be a children's entertainer, Reptobug Man, the winner of Winkleigh's Got Talent, Street Dance, Winkleigh Primary School Choir, Morris Dancers, Village Races, Village Games, Grand Draw, Children's Competitions with new for this year, Children's Tug of War. The adult Tug of War competition will start at 7.30pm. All entries to the competition should be given in by 7pm. There will be live music from Philippa & Grant during the afternoon, Gobi will play in the early evening followed by The Feel Good Factor who will play Winkleigh Fair 2011 out.

From 10am tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches will be available from the Fair Committee. There will be a bar running from 2pm until 11.30pm. The Lions of Hatherleigh will be providing hot snacks all day and a hog roast will be available. The Methodist Chapel will be serving Ploughmen's lunches in the marquee between 10am-2pm, the W.I. will be serving teas in the marquee from 2pm. Hockings Ice Cream van will be serving ice cream all day.

Transport from the square to the field will be available from 10am and will run throughout the day.

Because the field is used for livestock glass will be prohibited on the field. The Winkleigh Fair Committee reserves the right to remove glass items where necessary.

Don't forget the Blooming Winkleigh Competition! See your programme for full details.

Winkleigh Fair Committee looks forward to welcoming you to all the events and hopes that everyone will have an enjoyable Fair Week.

See posters nearer the time for final details.

FUN QUIZ

10th June 2011 For St. Loye's Foundation

At the Victory Hall, Lapford - Doors open at 7.00 for a 7.30 start.

Licensed Bar. Teams of four,

£5 per person including a light supper.

Entries to Liz on 01363 83886 by

Wednesday 8th June please.

WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2010---2011

Heads banging against brick walls, water dripping inexorably on stone, going round in ever decreasing circles etc. etc. etc.....These are some of the rather trite sayings which come to mind when we find ourselves yet again having to respond to yet another draft of the Core Strategy, or arguing Housing Allocations with T.D.C.'s Planning Dept., or attending seemingly endless meetings on traffic calming with Highways, having sent what seem to us to be extremely concise and rationally argued letters!

Nevertheless, there seem to be a few lights at the end of what appeared to be interminable tunnels, and so, onwards and upwards and if you would like to know exactly where we are heading, do read on.

PLANNING

CORE STRATEGY

Having formulated many responses to North Devon and Torridge District Council's Core Strategy documentation, we have been informed that there will be yet another re-draft of this to be considered in the near future. The reasons for this is that a Government directive has been issued, decreeing that the R.S.S. [Regional Spatial Strategy], should be scrapped, and as this was integrally entwined with the Core Strategy, the Core Strategy will not now be published until the end of 2012.

The Core Strategy and the Settlement Assessment will dictate planning policies until 2026 and are rather important documents, so we are concentrating on making our views and opinions known in our many responses on these issues. However, the government's Localism Bill, which is due to be adopted towards the end of this year, may cast a different light on these deliberations.

AIRFIELD SITE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

The S.D.B. is not a policy document, but feeds into the Core Strategy as a Supplementary Planning Document. However since the Core Strategy has been delayed, so too has the S.D.B.

A reminder that it contains the following statement -

1. No provision for housing on the airfield.
2. Any further planning applications there will have to comply with policy for sites in the open countryside.
3. Development will be focussed on the central and southern parts of the site, but no specific area has been targeted.

HOUSING

In the results of our Parish Plan, 83% of the respondents indicated that they thought:

1. The village is large enough already
2. There is a definite need for some affordable housing.
3. New houses should be in keeping architecturally and that indigenous materials and designs should be employed.
4. Energy saving techniques should be used

At the time of writing this we are anticipating that a member of the Settlement Assessment team at T.D.C. will be coming to enlighten us on any future obligations as far as housing is concerned.

We will, of course, echo the views of our parishioners, who may welcome small brownfield and infill housing development, but who do not wish any more large estates.

Although, at last, T.D.C. has developed an Empty Houses Policy, there seems to be little pro-activity in this area and we must urge them to commit to the occupation of empty housing in our parish before commencing new development.

As for the present, officers at T.D.C. have been instructed to work to the existing Local Plan boundaries when dealing with applications.

HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

As mentioned in my report from last year, the traffic calming measures on Townsend Hill are still ongoing. We have kept up the momentum by having meetings with Mr Newcombe and Mr Anstee of Devon County Highways Dept. We have also lobbied our County Councillor, Andy Boyd, who happens to be chairman of H.A.T.O.C. [Highways and Traffic Orders Committee], who has assured us that this scheme has their full backing and is a top priority for this financial year.

We have had letters of support from Jane Rivans of Winkleigh Primary School, Anna Bridgman, chair of Winkleigh Pre School and Geoffrey Cox M.P. These letters have been sent to all members of H.A.T.O.C. requesting that they look favourably on our constant submissions [over a period of 6 years!] and in the hope that the safety of our children will be of paramount importance.

Our Vice Chair Peter Stutt and I met with James Anstee in Barnstaple as recently as March of this year and were assured that, if the monies were available in the new financial year, there may be a positive outcome. W.P.C. has a copy of the proposed plans for traffic calming and these can be seen on application.

The lighting for these works would continue the changeover to white lights which was recommended by the police and which has already started in parts of Winkleigh. Obviously there would be a consultation period for those who live near the road.

WINTER GRIT SCHEME

Our Snow Warden and Emergency Plan Officer, Gareth Cooper, reported back to us from a conference at the Met. Office on Winter Service Reviews. We were told last autumn that only major roads would be gritted as part of a cost cutting exercise. We therefore decided to purchase a small salt sprayer to mainly tackle pavements around the village.

Our County Councillor, Andy Boyd, has suggested that he could supply a grit spreader that could be towed behind a large vehicle which would cope with minor roads. This could be shared with neighbouring villages and we will be discussing these possibilities in the near future. Many thanks to Gareth and the Tidy Group for making our village a safer place.

MEDICAL MATTERS

The Wallingbrook Practice have had their surgeries assessed by documentation from the C.Q.C. [Care Quality Commission] and some of the problems which we have shown concerns about in the past have been highlighted. These are: poor disabled access along the ramp and through the narrow front door and lack of a disabled toilet.

Work has now commenced and I have spoken to Andrew Waite, an officer at T.D.C., about these alterations. The angle of the ramp and the width of the front door are apparently in compliance. However, an additional outer rail has been attached to the ramp and the steps up to the front door are being made shallower. The step at the front door will be removed to aid access as will the inner door. A doorbell, disability signs and an external light will be put in place. The reception desk has to be lowered and a deaf loop added. Our thanks to T.D.C. and the Practice for their speedy actions. We hope that we can improve communications with the Practice for the greater benefit of our residents

Many thanks to John Gledhill and Catherine Knight who have represented the village at Patient Forum meetings and to Peter Stutt who has attended a conference on potential government led changes to the Health Service and the expected outcomes.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

A reminder that, through our new policy document, you can apply from May - July each year. Forms must be returned by 15th September. During the last year our grants went to:

1. Winkleigh Tennis Club
2. Okehampton Community Transport Group [Ring and Ride]
3. Seize the Moment—youth involvement design group to paint the bus shelters.

THANKS

A special mention of our hardworking and dedicated councillors and their particular skills areas-----

Internal Auditors/ Finance Group	Cllrs. Gledhill, Stutt and J. Turner
Village Hall Rep	Cllr J. Turner
Burial Ground and Bungalow	Cllrs Hodgson, Judge, Cooper & Turner
Community Centre Cllrs	Bowers and Griffiths
Playing Fields Committee	Cllrs Cooper and J. Turner
Emergency Plan	Cllrs Cooper and Holman
Chulmleigh P. P. Group	Cllr Gledhill

Torridge area advisory group
Pre-School and School

Cllrs Bowers, Judge and Johnson
Cllrs Cooper, Holman and N. Turner

Sadly we are losing four of our councillors at this election. They are Cllrs Holman, Judge, Johnson and N. Turner. We thank them for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment over many years.

We are deeply grateful to our District Councillor David Lausen, to whom I regularly give lists of problems and queries for T.D.C and who deals with them in an unfailingly efficient and good humoured manner.

Also many thanks to our Vice Chair, Peter Stutt, who gives up so much time and effort on every front, and whose clarity of thought and thoroughness of operation are such a great asset.

We would probably be in administrative chaos without our invaluable clerk Nicki Bullen who guides us through a minefield of bureaucracy with a steady hand! - Many thanks

We are indebted to P.C.S.O. Sandra Brown and P.C.S.O. Mellisa Baker for their commitment to our community and for their informative monthly feedback on incidents in the parish, which is always displayed in the P.C. noticeboard.

Also to our resourceful and dedicated Fair Committee, Distinctly Winkleigh, the Youth Club, School and Pre- school, and for all the endless list of clubs and organisations whose involvement makes Winkleigh such an interesting village in which to live.

Our Parish Council meetings take place usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting is always advertised in the P.C. noticeboard in the square. So do come along and tell us what you would like to happen in the village, as you can participate during 2 public periods. We look forward to seeing you there.

Marjorie Bowers [Chair, W.P.C.]

RESULTS OF WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION – 5TH MAY
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The following table lists the successful candidates in the Parish Council Elections.

Name of Candidate	Votes	Name of Candidate	Votes
BOWERS, Marjorie King	378	KENNY, Catherine Naomi Jane	332
COOPER Gareth Rhodes	387	KNIGHT, Catherine Patricia	467
FLOCKART, Gail Deborah	273	STUTT, Peter Dominic	319
GLEDHILL, John Quentin	309	TURNER, Alice Rebecca	256
GRIFFITHS, Philip Henry W.	276	WATSON, Marguerite	249
HODGSON, Simon Wakefield	317	-	-

WINKLEIGH SPORTS CENTRE

Along with the new daffodil plantings and other signs of spring at the sports centre this year came the “Torrige Taster” sessions. This was an initiative brought about by the authority to introduce new activities into the community and comprised sessions of pilates/exercise, boxing (without the contact!) and street dancing. It has to be said that the “boxing” was obviously regarded by all as a non-starter - nobody attended - except the organisers and Robin (to open and close). However the other sessions can certainly be said to have been successful,. The pilates was not as well attended as it might have been, but this was mainly due to clashing with holiday periods and not particularly good advertising. The real success story however was undoubtedly the street dancing (see photo) and at



the time of writing there are two sessions to go - these are additional, by request of the community. All these sessions were provided free of charge but if there is interest in continuance it is now down to somebody coming forward to do the organising and set up arrangements for use of the centre facilities.

Moving to on-going activities, netball is continuing to be **the** good news story. Having just finished third in a Crediton tournament “The Warriors” are pleased to welcome aboard two new players - take a bow Louisa and Becky. Once again they have entered the summer league and the prospects of further improvement in position must be bright. Liz has asked me to say a big **Thank You** to all team members for their commitment time and effort and not to forget **The Mad Butcher Of Winkleigh** for his sponsorship. The “Honeybees” meanwhile continue to have fun. If anybody reading this wants to get involved in the netball scene do come down on a Sunday morning - you won't be sorry!

The other success story to report is the performance of the snooker team. Having finished fourth in the league they have gone on to reach the final of the singles knock out cup and are semi- finalists in both the doubles and team cup competitions. There must be some silverware on the horizon before too long!

Saturday Club are currently in the early stages of the bus shelter murals and have had some delays but at the time of writing Seize The Moment are working on plans for our schedule over the coming weeks. It is hoped we will be able to move on to work on the boiler room walls at the Pre-School when the bus shelters

are finished. The other Saturday club activity of note was our pond dipping trip, for which we must thank Phillipa Lausen and those property owners who were good enough to let us visit. This came about as a result of making use of a Saturday when the sports centre premises were occupied for a short mat fixture and has to



go down as a great success(see picture) - building on which there are now plans afoot for our own pond!

On the garden front, progress continues and we will soon be seeing and tasting the results of our endeavours at Saturday morning cooking sessions.

As usual, if you want any information or involvement please get in touch and I have to add on a request for any centre users during the coming months - please help us fulfil our commitment to Torridge with regard to separating recyclable materials by making use of the bins provided if you are picnicking, or just snacking, on the grounds.

Many Thanks Brian Holland 01837 83521

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OPEN STUDIOS – ART TREK 2011

10th to 26th June

Bondleigh artist, Celia Olsson, is once again opening her garden studio at Little Linhay, Bondleigh, for Art Trek 2011- a major North Devon Festival event. During last year's open studio events, 200 visitors, locals and from as far afield as Cumbria, Hamburg and Israel, enjoyed the 'wonderful colours and atmosphere', 'lovely evocative views' and a 'wonderful workshop in perfect setting'. Celia is looking forward to welcoming previous visitors and meeting new people to see her work and chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

A mostly self-taught artist, Celia has been painting in Bondleigh for the last ten or so years. She paints in a loose style mainly using watercolour because of the wonderful choice of vibrant colours and she also enjoys experimenting with various texture media. Her work is inspired by the local area, as well as by her travels. In fact she is never without her sketchbook. Getting the feel of a place is important, so meeting people as she sketches, often hearing stories of the place or being guided to other interesting sites and views is for an important part of the creative process. One of last year's visitors commented that 'the sun shines out of the sketch books'.

During Art Trek Celia will be working on two commissions based on North and Mid Devon scenes and also exploring the effects of acrylics, which she finds very different from watercolour.

Celia's studio will be open from 10.30am to 4.30pm every day between 10th to 26th June, except Mondays and Tuesdays. On Thursday, 16th June there is an evening opening from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Once again, Celia is offering workshops for visitors to have a go at creating texture in watercolour - on Saturdays 11th, 18th and 25th June, from 2pm to 4pm. (Weather permitting, Saturday 25th maybe a sketching in the village workshop.) The cost is £10 per person to cover the cost of materials. All materials are supplied and these events are suitable for beginners and more experienced painters wanting to try a different method. The main idea is for you to have fun without worrying about 'the rules'.

For more details and to book a workshop please contact Celia – tel: 01837 82 796. Email: martin@macolsson.freeserve.co.uk

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District Councillor's Report

At the time of writing, the New Council at Torridge District Council has been elected but we haven't had a meeting yet to decide who does what. Instead, over the past week or so I have talked to members of all parties to informally discuss what we believe should be the priorities over the next four years. As everyone knows, the next few years are going to be tough financially, as Torridge not only has to make £1 million budget savings in 2011/12 but Torridge's revenue budget will need to be reduced by a further £1.6 million over the following three years to 2014/15.

Initial signs, though, are quite promising. There are 14 new councillors on the New Council. They come from a variety of backgrounds, and the ones I have talked to so far, appear well up to speed in understanding the key issues in our area. The main group at Torridge is the Conservatives – who now have 18 seats (out of 36) – and immediately after the election, elected a new leader, Barry Parsons, who will in all probability become leader of the New Council. Barry is well respected by virtually every councillor at Torridge, and hopefully we will all work together to ensure that we hit the beach running with an agreed list of priorities.

So what should be the priorities? I believe that the following are essential –

- Better Support for Businesses – After a difficult start North Devon Plus now appears to be about to deliver. Let's keep our fingers crossed!
- Flexible and Supportive Planning – Progress over the past few years has been painfully slow, as Torridge has been impacted by an ill-conceived Local Plan and constant changes in staff.
- Help for Young People – We start from a very low base, and the rate of unemployment/underemployment of young people in our area is a scandal. We have to be much more pro-active in helping organisations and groups, and,
- Ensuring that we “Work Smarter” to Preserve Existing Services.

As I mentioned at the beginning, Torridge will be impacted by the cutbacks imposed by central government. David Cameron's ideas about the Big Society have met with a mixed reception throughout the country. Many see it as little more than a smokescreen for cutbacks, and, at the moment, we are also having to deal with the constant initiatives coming from Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. While some of his utterances make sense, they are not followed up, so people are left feeling rather let down. When they are followed up, in the case of the recent Localism Bill, what eventually transpires can best be described as complex, fascinating and creating more

questions than answers. While the Bill talks about devolving decisions down to the grassroots and the importance of neighbourhood plans, the Bill comprises 400 pages with 140 new reserve powers to central government. There is a presumption towards development, which can be shown to be “sustainable”, but this could conflict with the claimed bottom-up approach to planning. And how are referendums about local opinions going to be paid for?

However, we must not forget that all governments face re-election; and roughly two to three years before elections we normally begin to see attempts to pump-prime the economy. As I have argued before the present extent of cutbacks is counter-productive and “economic illiteracy”. If – and it’s a big if – local authorities and other organisations can get themselves slimmer and more “fit for purpose”, we in Devon should be able to make better use of whatever pump-priming does become available in a year or so. We can but live in hope!

David Lausen – 01837 83209

www.davidlausen.org.uk

Winkleigh Family History Group

This meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10.30am at Meldons, the home of Kate de Louvois, at the top of the High Street in Winkleigh. We appreciate that not everyone who is interested in Family History can attend a meeting on a Tuesday morning. If this is true of yourself, please contact me and I can keep you in the loop regarding information about resources that are available, and also whether you have any ‘brick-walls’ in your research that you might appreciate help with. We have no membership charge, so just turn up if you want to find out more about your family history or how to set about starting it.

Each month we look at a particular topic. In the past we have looked at Parish and non-conformist records, military records, indentures, old photos, etc. Our theme for our next session is “deciphering old handwriting and wills” and space is always given for us to help each other if we have encountered any problem in our research, no matter how experienced or not we are with regard to family history.

Graham Warmington - warmington49@btinternet.com

Winkleigh & District Garden Club

We have a great 2011 programme which consists of monthly meetings with a range of speakers and a number of visits.

The club meets in the evening of the third Tuesday in the month in Winkleigh Village Hall and normally start at 7.15pm.

Meetings:

May 17 th	Gardeners Question Time.
June 21 st	Forest Gardening.
July 19 th	Plant lover's tour of New Zealand.
Sept 20 th	Gardeners market evening.
Oct 18 th	Veg without Pain.
Nov 15 th	AGM and Seed order.
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In addition to the 'topic' of the meeting, such as a visiting speaker, meetings also include a raffle, tea/coffee and biscuits, giving time for members to socialise, and we encourage members to bring in plants to sell/swap.

New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings and under 16's can join the club without a membership fee. A nominal charge of £1 per meeting is made to visitors which is put towards the cost of the meeting and includes refreshments.

For further information contact our Chairman Mr Ed Porter on 01805 804838 or Beverley Cook E-mail cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk



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And finally

After a positively balmy April, we can now probably look forward to another of the Met Office's famous "Barbecue Summers"! Which means, "never go out without a raincoat". Of course, the Met Office could get it right . . . ?

Since the Spring Edition appeared, Winkleigh has become the proprietor of its own Community Centre, and now has the responsibility of bringing it to the standard we would all like to see. It is to be hoped that Winkleigh folk will rise to the occasion and help the new organisation, Winkleigh Community Assets Trust, to ensure that this happens.

This year will see a bit of a departure from previous years for Winkleigh Fair, which will now take place "just" outside the village. Let's hope the Met Office will relent for once and forecast some good weather for it! We wish it every success

It's time now to remind all you letter and article writers that the closing date for the Autumn Issue of Distinctly Winkleigh will be **Monday, 15th Aug 2011**.

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As newcomers to running a Post Office, Jan and Sue have had to learn the ropes quickly and so would also like to thank everyone for their patience and support during those early few weeks.

Thank you for welcoming and supporting us,

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