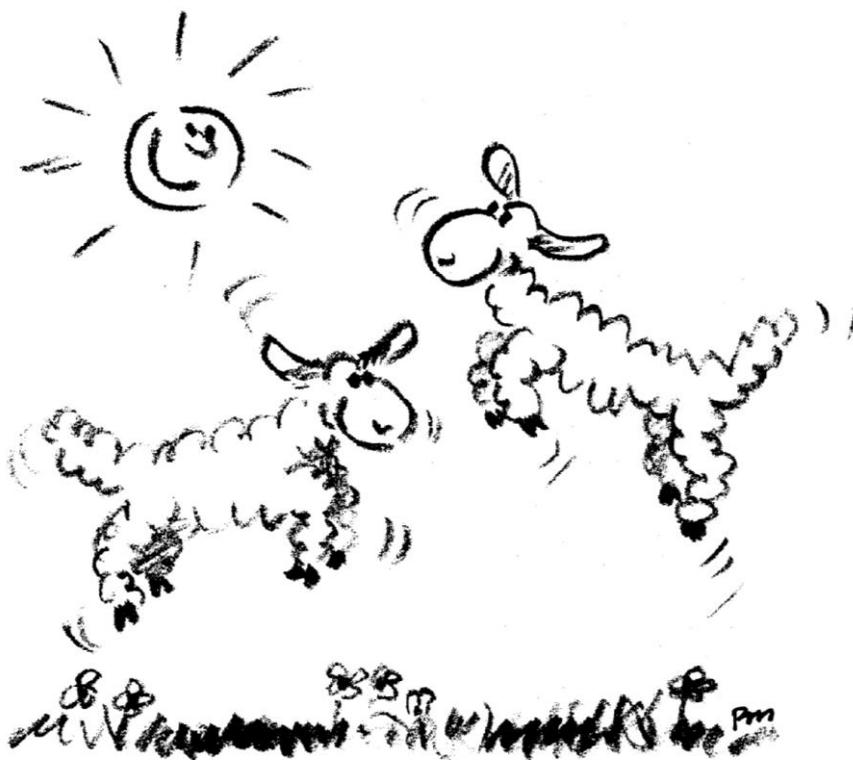


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## Winkleigh Society News

A New Year and a glance at the back page will show that there are some changes to the Winkleigh Society's officers and committee. Most obviously we have lost Graham Warmington as our Chair, and he will be a difficult act to follow, as I am just beginning to realise how many hours he must have devoted to the Society, and most notably to the Diary.

However, there was quite a good attendance at the AGM, and a revised committee is in place. I have taken on the chairmanship, with David Lausen as Secretary and Alan Mulcahy as Treasurer. Alan Jacobs, Philippa Lausen, Margaret Miller, Peter Monkcom, Ralph Northcott complete the set, and we should like to congratulate Alan Jacobs and Matthew Wright on such a successful Christmas Fayre. This may not be an 'official' Winkleigh Society event, but we are very glad to be in support.

What does the Winkleigh Society do?

The Society exists for the benefit of the people of the civil parish of Winkleigh, (including Hollocombe). It has an impressive history of publishing useful material, such as the Directory, the Winkleigh Diary, and running the village Website. Most recently it has published the Winkleigh Calendar in a new format that seems to have been popular. The Society also acts as an advisor and facilitator of local organisations, keeping their accounts and helping to obtain grants; these include the House Scouts, and the Green Group. If you are considering a local activity group but want to avoid the hassle of a bank account, or of structured committees, then WS exists to assist you.

In the end the Society will try to help with whatever people want to organise, provided it is legal! In the past it has fought planning battles on behalf of the village, has run courses, organised musical events and published books – but we do it by supporting the people who come forward and volunteer!

*Distinctly Winkleigh* This magazine is, of course, the main publication and is put together by Alan Mulcahy. We are able to produce it free of charge due to our advertisers and deliver it to all the houses in the village thanks to a team of volunteers.

Directory:- the directory (WWW) needs to be updated and we are busy getting details of changes and new businesses. If you are a business within the parish, or close by, offering goods or services, do make sure you are included. We shall need your business name and the contact person, telephone and fax numbers, website address and email, and the type of business. Please send details to Margaret Miller

Diary:- if you are the secretary of a local organisation do make sure your upcoming dates are included in the diary. Contact Ralph Northcott so that you can then enter these dates directly into the website. If it is just a one-off event then let me know and I shall enter it. We will then also post paper copies around

the village. We do not enter every single routine meeting, but the special ones for visitors. The regular dates will be on a separate list.

So our policy remains to help and support the things that Winkleigh people want to organise. We do not organise regular events (as the Chulmleigh Society does) but if people step forward to organise that, then we shall support them.

**Membership:** You may already be a member of the Society, and we shall shortly approach those on our list with new membership cards. At present there is no charge for membership but that may change if we organise events for which a charge would be appropriate.

This has been a rather formal article, but I hope that future editions can carry more personal outpourings, both from me and from others.

**Peter Howard, Chair**

## OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Once again the weather has done its best to defeat maintenance and refurbishment work on the Centre, however progress has been made. The obvious ones being the replacement of the emergency fire doors on the side of the building. The old ones had rotted at the bottom and were swollen. New doors have been built and numerous coats of paint have been applied. These are now fully operational.

Less successful was the replacement of the cellar door. This had rotted, the frame had rotted and the lintel had failed. A new concrete lintel was installed, new frame built and a new door fabricated. Unfortunately the wishy-washy, namby-pamby paint was not up to Winkleigh weather, (whoever heard of water soluble primer and undercoat – if water cleans the brushes, it stands to reason that rain affects the paint on the door). It never dried out! Work remains in progress.

In the main hall an edging floor strip has been added in order to stop chairs etc from damaging the walls. Work also continues on rectifying inherited electrical problems. The end wall in the small hall developed a crack in the plaster, this has been removed and work continues.

Quotes have been obtained for secondary double glazing in the small hall. It is hoped that this will be installed fairly soon, this should greatly increase the warmth of the room. All of the windows in the small hall have given cause for concern.

# COMING SOON ...

## a Questionnaire for everyone in Winkleigh

The community raised important issues affecting Winkleigh at the parish Open Day last September. These issues, along with feedback from other groups, are shaping a **Questionnaire** to be distributed with the **SUMMER ISSUE OF DISTINCTLY WINKLEIGH**.

When the **Questionnaire** arrives, please **COMPLETE & RETURN IT** asap, as your views could help us lobby for the things Winkleigh needs, such as playground equipment or better footpaths perhaps. It's **YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR FUTURE** - don't lose out - the **Questionnaire** results will help inform a new **10-Year Community Plan for Winkleigh**.

You will be able to drop off your completed **Questionnaires** at the **Post Office**, the **Village Store** and at **D&S** in special ballot boxes.

You will also be able to  
**COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE**  
details to follow ...

# it's coming!

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Many people will remember the tales of Ratty, Mr. Mole and Toad of Toad Hall, three of the characters who feature in “The Wind in the Willows” written by Kenneth Grahame and published in 1908. It’s a story that appeals to young and old alike even today.

Well just recently I picked up a book called “The Gospel in the Willows” by Leslie Francis. It’s a series of forty meditations inspired by “The Wind in the Willows”. Each meditation takes a passage from the story and relates it to a Gospel reading and encourages us to see the Gospel story from a new angle. I can’t tell you if it’s worth reading because I haven’t read it — not yet. There are forty days in Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> February) so by the time you read this it will be well underway and I’ll have some idea of what the book is like as I plan to read one of these meditations on each day of Lent.

Lent isn’t just about giving up things like chocolate or biscuits, valuable though that might be, but also about giving some time to reflect on our faith — and a book is a good and often recommended way of doing this. We also have series of Lent Addresses on the Wednesdays of Lent (7.00 p.m.) and this year we will be exploring the trials of Jesus immediately before his death, the most well known of which is the one before Pontius Pilate. What was the evidence against Jesus? Would it stand up to modern day scrutiny? Come along and find out.

Forty days of Lent, then the trials and death of Jesus. But this is not the end of the story because we step out from the shadow of the Cross into the light of the Resurrection; Jesus rises from the dead on Easter Day. As we move from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday the story gradually unfolds and especially through Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and on into Easter Day itself. We invite you to share with us in this great story which has changed the life of the world and the lives of individuals throughout history.

The main service times for this important part of the year are as follows;

**Palm Sunday** (24th March) 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Procession with a donkey, reading of the Passion Gospel (the story of Jesus’ trial and death).

**Maundy Thursday** (28th March) 2.00 p.m. Winkleigh School Easter Service  
7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist remembering the Last Supper.

**Good Friday** (29th March) 10.00 a.m. Service of the Day as we recall the Crucifixion

**Holy Saturday** (30th March) 8.30 p.m. Easter Vigil beginning with the Easter Fire, Lighting the Easter Candle, Renewing our Baptism promises and the first Communion of Easter.

**Easter Sunday** (31st March) 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist. Sunday School taking part.

Details of all these services and more can be found in our Parish Bulletin available free of charge in the Church or from the Post Office. Please come and join us.

## WINKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL.

Winkleigh Village hall committee are holding a quiz on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March (details below) to help raise funds to keep the hall running.

We also have Entry tickets for 10 people to Delta Force Paintball for sale at £25 each (rrp £99.99). They are a great idea for parties or just for a fun day out, if you are interested in purchasing some or would like more information please phone Alice on 01837 83484.

### Quiz - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Prompt start (doors open at 7pm)

Teams of six (maximum). £5 per head .To include a drink & refreshments

Cash Prizes

To book a table for your team phone: 01837 83484 or 01837 83734

Draw Tickets on the Door (Draw prizes include a family ticket for the Big Sheep & entry for 10 people to Delta Force Paintball)

**WANTED**



The **Village Hall Committee** is looking for a piano or a keyboard for the village hall.  
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## 2012 – A Wet Year!

Sonia Hodgson has kindly supplied 2012 rainfall figures for Winkleigh.

1½ metres a year might seem rather a lot, but by global standards it's just a slightly damp year! The average yearly rainfall measured at Milford Sound in New Zealand exceeds 6.8 metres a year!

Nevertheless, none of us will be terribly disappointed if Sonia records a little less this year!

January	122.2mm
February	44.7mm
March	36.5mm
April	149.8mm
May	22.2mm
June	201mm
July	119.5mm
August	121.5mm
September	99.2mm
October	152.4mm
November	205.1mm
December	258.5mm
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,532.6mm</b>

## Winkleigh Women's Institute

We have had several meetings since I last wrote. We were shown how to decorate cards and make origami boxes and we travelled around the world and we did not even leave the village hall. In the next few months we will sing for fun, have a talk on "Wildlife Gardening" and a talk on the Cheriton Family, a notorious North Devon family.

Another facet of the Devon WI is that they put on many day courses covering many subjects. In the last year members have gone on courses on basket weaving, flower arranging, watercolour painting and keep fit. In the coming months there are courses on forensic science, Flamenco Dancing, research, and days out to the races, a farm and to Wells City. Every month we are sent new courses so it is never dull.

Our lunch club has had its first lunch of the year at the Red Lion in Exbourne, it was very very good and staff very pleasant. Our new lunch club dates for the coming year are being written up as I type. We would also like to thank everyone who bought our cakes and craft items at the Christmas fair as well as those who put a lot of hard work into arranging the fair at short notice. If you would like to know more about us, please ring me on 01837 83487.

**Pat Cunningham,**  
Secretary.

# All Saints Church — The Flower Ladies

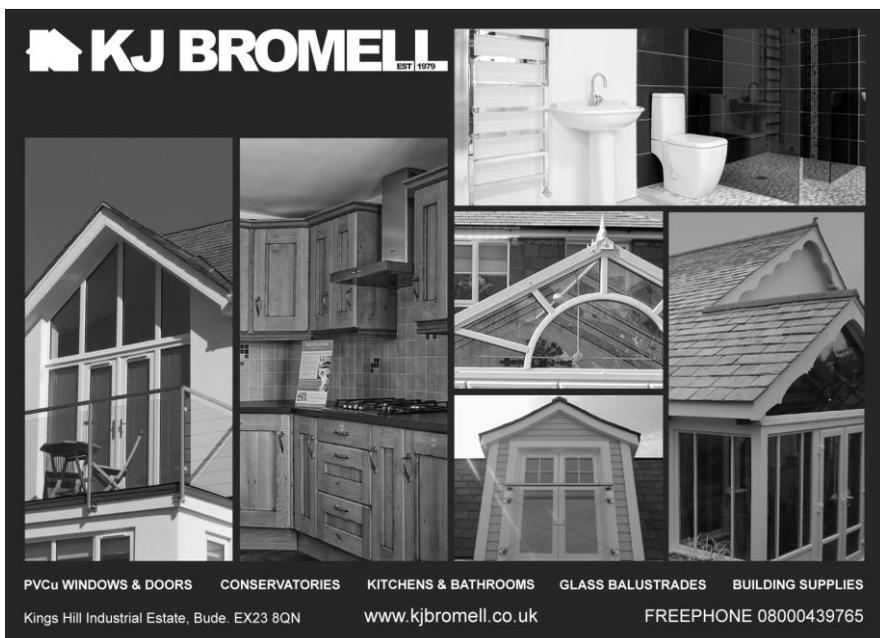
## Easter Lilies 2013

Each Easter we put lilies in the church flower arrangements in memory of loved ones. Their names are entered into the book of Remembrance that will be on display on the table beside the screen pedestal.

We invite you the “buy a lily” this year in memory of “loved ones”. Envelopes for this purpose (with instructions) are placed in the church, and also at CHANGES by kind permission of Valerie Bissett. The closing date for order will be Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

We also invite you to come along to All Saints Church-Winkleigh during Easter week on Tuesday 2nd April at 10.30am for “Coffee & Cakes” with the Flower Ladies and to view the lilies in their displays.

We are always looking for new arrangers to join us - should you be interested please contact Marcia Butt.(01837 83734) or Linda Millership.(01837 680040)



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## Monthly Recycling Collection

**1st Saturday of every month  
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9.00-11.00am**

Many thanks to everyone who supported our first monthly recycling collection and helped to make it such a success. More than 50 people came along with an assortment of items and PWS left quite satisfied with a very full load in their van.

Just to remind you that in addition to: cardboard, plastics, coat-hangers, clean tin/aluminium cans, plastic flower pots, CDs, DVDs, videos and their cases, you can also bring along

- Office paper, envelopes, paper bags, etc
- Rigid plastics (e.g. toys, bins, plastic buckets, plastic drums) but without metal or electrical fittings
- Plastic bubble-wrap only.
- Cardboard, newspaper and periodicals.

Hope to see you at the next collection!

**STOP PRESS – Over 70 people turned up for the Collection on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and 10 dumpy bags of plastics and cardboard were collected.**

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4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August,  
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# SCORHILL - A STORY FROM DARTMOOR

by Shirley Cowling

I tell him I've totally forgotten how to get there. But sitting beside him, in the front passenger seat, I recognise every twist and turn of the road. Dear Richard, my only child, now a man, with his own wife and family. Farming, as his Father used to, with all his energy concentrated on our 100 acres. How rare it is for him to get out with his family for a day! But this is August — with heaps of silage made, some of the corn harvested, but the spring barley not yet quite ripe. Mollie, aged 12, and Mike, two years younger, are in the back with their Mum, Simone, squabbling over how to play "I-Spy."

"Shut up arguing," Richard tells them, "And just play the game. Granny'd like a turn, if you just give her half a chance."

At last we arrive at Scorhill Car Park. Last time Don and I came here for a walk, long before he died, there'd been no car park. It was ten years ago, or even more. Just a few cars at the side of the road. But now the National Park has constructed a huge area of flat tarmac, with a map posted, detailing all the Ancient Stone Circles and Rows, and showing the Clapper Bridge. There's also a forbidding list of by-laws, and a granite honesty box to put our car-parking fee in.

We are so lucky to have chosen a sunny day, with only a light breeze, and small white clouds, looking like sheepskins. After some weeks of this weather the moor is dry underfoot, too. Simone gets the picnic out, lays the tablecloth on the ground, and the children help her set out the plastic boxes of food, the paper plates and plastic cutlery.

Richard sets up my recliner, from the boot of the car, near a rock that shields me from the breeze. He helps me get out of the car, and onto the chair. I remember coming here with my Mum and Dad for the first time, when I was Mollie's age. My brother Tim was 14. We'd race to get down to the rock with the hole in it — but he'd always win! That was several years before the war. Before we lost him, in the bombing raid, over Hamburg.

Simone comes to me, with with a knife and fork, and an empty plate in her hand.

"What would you like, Granny? There's assorted salads, drumsticks, pork pies, sausage rolls, hard-boiled eggs."

"What luxury! You put some on the plate for me, dear, will you? An egg and a drumstick and a tomato will be quite enough, thank you."

I look out over the heather to where the valley drops away, and the River Teign runs, in the gorge below.

"Do you think the rock with the hole in it is still there?" I ask my daughter-in-law, as she comes back to me with my plate.

“I’m sure it is. It was still there last time we came. It’s what the children come for! It’s so unusual! Why wouldn’t it be there?”

“I’m always thinking the winter floods will carry the rock away, one day. Or break the hole with erosion.”

“It’ll probably take another millennium or two for that to happen. Our kids will be able to show it to their kids, I guess!”

I eat my drumstick, and the other goodies. Eating in the open air is so lovely! It always gives me an appetite. Little Mollie comes over with a nice cup of tea for me, with fresh water boiled on the gas-ring.

“Shall I take the bag out, Granny?”

“Yes please, dear. I shall only spill it on my dress if I do it.”

“Will you come down with us to see the rock with the hole, in a little while?”

“I don’t think so, dear. Not this time. You and Mike wouldn’t like to haul me back up the hill again, through all that heather and bracken, would you? I’d just as soon have 40 winks while you’re away. If I’m really lucky it’ll be a blue butterfly afternoon!”

I enjoy the tea, and think how sophisticated picnics are nowadays. We used to enjoy those cheese and chutney sandwiches that Mum and I made to take with us. And a cup of over-brewed thermos tea! But now a picnic is truly delicious!

“Go on, you two,” Richard encourages them. “Go and find the rock. See if you’re still small enough to get through the hole! Mum and I will come down when we’ve had our tea.”

The children run off — Mike trying to trip Mollie up, as she goes. She jumps over his leg, catching his back leg, as he runs, so he is the one that falls! He shouts a bit, but soon gets up and tries to catch up with her again. Sibling rivalry will not change in a hurry, any more than that rock will. As Richard pulls Simone to her feet, and they wander off, I pull my blanket over me, and settle down to sleep.



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We were very pleased to be able to share in the special Christening Service for young Barney Down during January, and at our Covenant Service in mid-February we formally welcomed new members into the Church.

Over the next three months, the **Messy Church** programme is as follows: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (Lent and Easter); Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Beetle Drive); and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May (theme to be decided).

Throughout the next few months, instead of our fortnightly Youth Emmaus evenings for our young people, we are hosting a **Youth Alpha Course** for the area. If members of your family are interested in attending, please contact Kevin Down (07886 927111).

Despite the refurbishment, the **Oasis Coffee Shop** continues to open every Monday from 10am until 1.30pm, serving morning coffees and teas, as well as mid-day lunches. We also act as a collecting point for Okehampton Foodbank.

On **Easter Sunday**, we are celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus by meeting together for a Breakfast Service. This will begin with having breakfast together at 8.45am, followed by an Easter Celebration which will include Holy Communion (approx. 9.30am).

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 can be found on our website: [www.winkleighchapel.co.uk](http://www.winkleighchapel.co.uk)

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# WINKLEIGH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

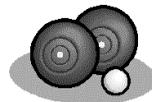
The Club is now over halfway through the winter season and our teams are doing really well in all Leagues. We have twelve teams playing in five leagues and as I write this report four teams are leading their divisions and all others are in with a chance. We do not only play competitively we meet for a social roll up on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Sports Centre from 2.00 – 4.00.

We are busy preparing for our 7<sup>th</sup> Winkleigh Flue and Chimney Specialist Tournament in March very kindly sponsored by Rangemoors. Teams from all over the County descend on Winkleigh for a day of bowling and good food.

Bowling is an all inclusive sport and we can cater for all ages and abilities.

It would be great to see you. If you want to know more give me a call or just show up. Jan 0183783853

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Winkleigh Sports Centre

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Saturday 6th April

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activities including info on hall hire

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family, with something to suit everyone

Everything is open and everything is  
FREE



Go on! Give it a go!



# Winkleigh Sports Centre

This is a big year for the Sports Centre. Our first Open Day is being held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April and we're looking forward to a bright future. Our outdoor playground is finally back to full working order and we'd like to give you a taste of the clubs and facilities that we have available.

## What's happening?

The Open Day will involve every club opening all their facilities for use by everyone on the day. Everything is **free** and there will be something for people of all ages.

Each club has designed a cunning 'challenge' that is aimed at getting children involved. There will even be a prize on offer for the winner of each club's challenge.

## Why should I go?

This is a great opportunity to come and visit the Sports Centre and see what happens and experience what great facilities we have to offer.

You'll also find information from up-and-coming clubs that have a great idea and want to share it with other like-minded people. For instance, are you interested in a casual game of outdoor bowls, or maybe croquet? Then come along and talk to others who are trying to set up a new club.

We hope to have free tea, coffee and cakes on the day, so you won't go home thirsty or hungry!

## What's on?

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## More info

For more details about this event please contact:

**Peter Bunting** 01837 83646 or **Catherine Knight** 01837 83205

For information about hall hire, contact: **Robin Coombes** 01837 680016

## STABLE GREEN'S CAROLS IN THE BARN

On the Wednesday it was a bustling work place, a massive shed full of thatching material, the tools of the trade, lorries and hard working men.

On Thursday something magical happened. A willing group of workers had cleared, swept and constructed a stable using the materials available to them in this working shed. Chairs were transported down from the Stable Green Chapel and hay bales scattered for seating. Tables were put up for refreshments and subtle lighting was removed from member's homes to create this special place.

The working party were happy and went home to await the appointed hour.

It was a cold clear night so blankets were pulled out of cars and dug out of cupboards and spread around for use by our visitors. We waited with anticipation would people come? Yes they did lots of them children, families, older folk they all came we are so sorry we ran out of seats!

Our Carols in the Barn was about to begin.

The piano and guitars accompanied the singing of favourite carols, the Christmas story was told as members read the lessons. The Nativity began to unfold as the donkey arrived and Mary and Joseph took centre stage with a real live baby soon to be joined by all the children. The sheep quietly munched on their hay. The Star that had appeared in the east moved across to stop over the stable a really magical moment! Well done to the "props" engineer! The Singing Sunbeams entertained with their singing and playing of instruments and, was there a dry eye in the Barn? The weather might have been cold but the love and warmth in that shed was tangible.

Something magical definitely happened.

This is now a set date in Stable Green's calendar so if you missed this memorable event in 2012 make sure you don't again in 2013. Watch out for the posters around the village in December or speak to any member of our Chapel.

Singing Sunbeams continues to go from strength to strength meeting on the second Wednesday of the month in the small room of the Village Hall 10.30.

All 0 to 3 year olds most welcome.

Any further information please call Jan 0183783853

## WINKLEIGH SUMMER FAIR

In the absence of a Fair Committee, an idea has been proposed for this year's Summer Fair. As the Fair has lasted for 750 years it would be a shame to lose it.

The thought is for each organisation/group i.e. The WI, The garden Club, etc to help with a particular aspect of the fair (not necessarily in just their area of expertise).

A team could be formed with a representative from each group, who will relay info to the other members for discussion. If individuals who are not part of a group wish to help they would also be most welcome.

In this way an exciting week could manifest itself involving many people from the village, with no group being under intense pressure.

If any group/individual is interested please contact:

**Alan Jacobs** on 01837 83895. Email: [ajrjacobs@live.co.uk](mailto:ajrjacobs@live.co.uk)



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## **WINKLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – Spring 2013**

Time seems to have flown since we started back in January. Thank-you for all your support last term, it was great to see so many people at our church services, parent assemblies and coffee mornings. We had a fantastic beginning to our school year with many exciting events and activities going on throughout the term. We had a range of visitors into school from theatre groups to cyclists. Our MacMillan coffee morning raised over £220 – a fantastic effort. Our term ended with the wonderful performances from Reception – Yr 4. Yr 5 and 6 wrote their own versions of carols for our carol service. Parents sharing assemblies were very popular and hopefully gave parents an exciting insight into some of the children's learning over the term. Our cake stalls were very well received and are a great way of classes having their own money to spend on learning resources they would like. We are currently up to 163 children and have welcomed two new families to the school this term.

### **Events this Term**

As mentioned above we do have many exciting learning experiences planned for this term, such as our Literacy week where we have a special day planned for Dads or Grandads to come in and work with their children in exciting workshops and activities. This is an event to support part of our School Improvement Plan and continue to raise the profile of reading and writing for boys. We hope that by giving you the date early we will have a large turnout. There will also be the opportunity that day for Dads to stay and enjoy lunch with their child. During this week there will be a sponsored read, dress up as your favourite book character and many other exciting events.

As in previous years we will be holding our Mothers Day massage where Mums are invited in to be pampered with tea and cake and then a massage from their child. This always proves a very popular event!

We had Rob Pudner (Entertainingly Different) coming in to work with the children over two days ending in a performance for parents. He proved very popular on the last day of term when he came into school to perform his Christmas Show. I think children and staff alike were suitably entertained.

### **Some New Awards**

This term saw the start of some new awards within the school. Our first was the 'Writer of the Week' this will be awarded to any child who has completed some learning with just that little something extra. There will be a writer of the week for each class. A special certificate will be awarded and the learning will be displayed on the front display board.

Our second award will be a class award, each week Yr 6 school council members will go around and inspect the tidiness of the cloakrooms, they will award 3, 2, or 1 point to each cloakroom area. The area with the most points each half term will get a reward.

Our third award is a class attendance award. Each Friday Mrs Hawkins will print off the class attendance for the week and points will be awarded for the classes with the highest attendance. They will be published in the Newsletter each week and the total will be added up each half term and a reward will be given to the class with the highest attendance.

### **After School Clubs**

As of last term we are able to offer a wide range of after-school activities. Clubs were well attended last term and provided children with many different learning opportunities. Thank-you to all the teachers, TA's and parents who have run and organised these clubs. We now offer the following clubs - film club, sewing, board games, football, cricket, book club, chess, art and drama.

### **Reading**

Thank-you to all our parents and governors who have given up their time to come in and hear children read. The more often children are heard reading the more they will progress with their fluency and understanding of texts. We are always looking for more volunteers so please contact your child's teacher if you would like to do so. We were able to restock our Key stage 1 individual reading books and buy some new guided readers last term thanks to Friends of Winkleigh and match funding from the Government. We will be using the money raised from our sponsored read to purchase new books for each class. These will be chosen by the children.

### **Ofsted**

We were expecting Ofsted last term in line with our last inspection (2009), but the term came and went without them! Staff have continued to work extremely hard to drive the school forwards and continue to raise standards. From our end of autumn assessments our data is looking very good. We have a high percentage of our children working above the National Expectations in reading, writing and maths. Well done and Thank-you to all the staff and children who continue to make our school a happy, exciting and safe place to be with excellent standards.

### **And Finally.....**

It just leaves me to say Thank-you to everyone involved in the school for your continued support. I am hoping we have seen the last of the snow this year and am looking forward to the next half term.

**Vicki Fenemore**

## Winkleigh Patient Participation Group (PPG) & Wallingbrook Health Group (WHG)

Several positive comments received on the **additional Weds afternoon sessions at Winkleigh**, although another comment suggested more afternoon sessions would be helpful.

**Volunteer Car Drivers wanted** for Winkleigh to help patients get to/from GP and hospital appt's. If you can help, please contact **Sue Wonnacott on 01837 55000** (Mon-Fri) at the Okehampton & District Community Transport Group (ODCTG).

If you need to get to a GP, nurse or hospital appointment but you don't have **transport**, please make use of local community transport groups, like ODCTG (above). Details of several are listed on the surgery Notice Boards.

WHG are investigating details of a **mobile van chiropody service** - to be advised.

WHG have advised the **Practice Booklet** will be updated shortly.

**Dr Thomas** joined WHG on 2nd January and is based at Chulmleigh and North Tawton sites.

A query was raised as to how the surgery/hospital would be aware of any **Living Will** requests. WHG advise the surgery will not be aware unless patients are on an 'advance care plan' or have a 'treatment escalation plan' in place. The advice is to contact a solicitor to run through legalities especially if family members are not fully aware of the a Living Will request.

News for  
Winkleigh:

**WHG Newsletters now available at Winkleigh Post Office and Village Shop as well as at all surgeries**

Winkleigh PPG still looking for members to represent families or young people (contact below if you are interested in participating)

**Don't forget to put your comments in the 'Suggestion Box' now in the Winkleigh surgery Waiting Room - we do listen!**

Contact Trish or Gail, members of Winkleigh PPG via WHG on 01769 580295

Gail Flockhart  
Winkleigh PPG

## ACE Archaeology Club

We have just about finished clearing the scrub from Moistown in readiness for the final part of the earthwork and geophysical survey, which we hope to complete before the Bluebells have grown up too much. The rest of the earthwork survey is now inked in and is just waiting for the final part to be added.

For those of you who are interested in our Dowsing and Geophysics project the interim report is now on our website and the excavation is planned for early September, more on this in the next issue of DW.

Plans are well under way for this year's festival which is on the 20th July at Pattiland Farm, Broadwoodkelly, as well as all the usual (and unusual!) attractions, the theme this year is genealogy, so pop this date in your diary.

ACE Archaeology Club is to host its first Conference this year, on the theme of: 'Life in the Past: Archaeology, Rural Practices and Skills'. The aim of the Conference is to provide a better understanding of the past by forging links between current traditional country practices and archaeology, which studies people and their lifestyles throughout time. Modern archaeological methods include the study of landscapes, the people who inhabited them, animal and plant remains, traces of habitation and artefacts, as well as using experimental archaeology to explore forgotten skills and help interpret the evidence recovered by archaeologists. But the experience of those who still live and work within the countryside is invaluable, and can often better help explain the traces left by previous farmers and prehistoric hunter-gatherers, while archaeology can provide insight and background into the world in which these people lived and worked.

The Conference is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, at the Boniface Centre, CREDITON, Devon. For more details please check out our website.

If you would like to know more about ACE, please do get in touch. Our website can be found at [www.acearch.org.uk](http://www.acearch.org.uk) or contact Janet Daynes at [ace@acearch.org.uk](mailto:ace@acearch.org.uk) or on 01769 520326



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# District Councillor's Report

## *North Devon & Torrington Local Plan*

In January, the draft Local Plan – which covers the plan period 2011 to 2031 – was brought together, so that consultation with interested organisations and individuals could begin. The Local Plan has been prepared in parts, to provide a clear distinction between strategic and non-strategic policies –

Part 1 – Strategic policies and the principal land allocations for employment and housing within the main towns;

Part 2 – Development management policies; and

Part 3 – Allocations for rural areas.

Parts 1 & 2 are now being tidied up for public consultation, which will start in a month or so. The Planning Policy Officers at Torrington and North Devon will then contact the rural parishes – Part 3 – to discuss the scale of housing that communities would like to see over the period to 2031 and what sites they might like to see released for development. This will effectively negate the need for parishes to do costly Neighbourhood Plans and avoid the expense of an inquiry and referendum.

All local plans must be “positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework.” At the end of the process independent planning inspectors must look at all local plan documents that local authorities prepare for an “examination”.

The Local Plan is an extensive document but the first thing people look at is the proposed distribution for provision of housing and employment land. The overall figures are to provide approximately 16,000 homes and 157 hectares of new employment land during the period 2011 to 2031. These figures are slightly higher than the projected northern Devon needs to 2031, as evidenced by the Strategic Housing market Assessment. However, they are 25% less than those imposed in the Regional Spatial Strategy drawn up by the now defunct Government Office for the South West. Not surprisingly the main projected areas of growth are in and around Barnstaple and Bideford, but Ilfracombe, South Molton and Holsworthy are projected to have a rate of growth above the average for northern Devon.

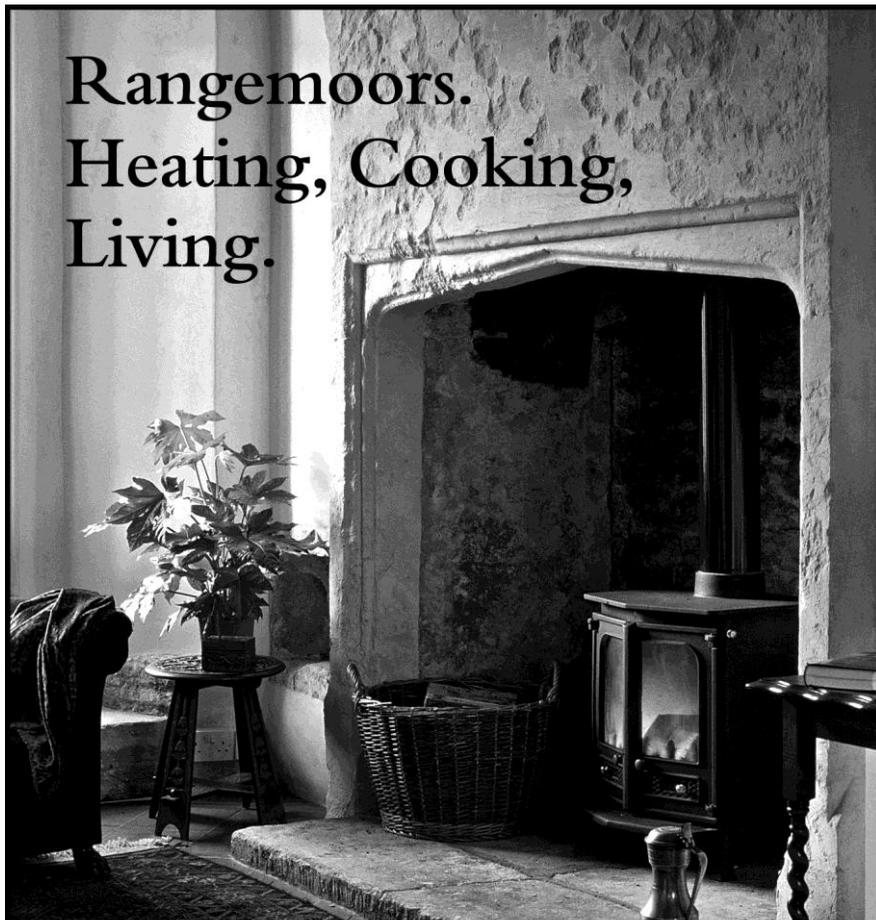
The proposed allocation for rural areas is 2,200 – 13.7% of the total. “Proposals for housing should predominately be affordable and mixed tenure schemes will be enabled to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing to meet identified local needs.” All villages need some modest growth and some villages are keen to have higher than average growth in order to preserve their local primary school or shop. The biggest change is likely to be smaller mixed developments where landowners will be able to build one or two open market houses to cross-subsidise affordable homes for local people. However, until the parish aspirations are all collated and evaluated, it is difficult to comment further. Hopefully, a range of expectations can be accommodated, but for the moment we will have to wait and see.

**David Lausen,**

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## Winkleigh & District Garden Club

We have a great 2013 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.

**March 19th** "Lavender" Mr and Mrs Herd from Cheristow Lavender Farm, Hartland

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** "Art and Auriculars" with Sarah Howlett, Dave Archer the Auricular Group and others

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>** Plant Sale, Coffee morning & Grand Raffle 10:00 – 12:00 at the Community Centre. Lots of great plants starting at 50p please come along

**May 21th** "Grasses" speaker to be confirmed

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** "Propagation 2" Neil Lovsey, Picket Nursery

**Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Winkleigh Open Gardens – a great chance to see members' gardens and the proceeds will go to South West Children's Hospice

July visit to Hestercombe Gardens Taunton and a summer social

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** Evening visit to Eggesford Gardens – talk on spring bulbs and opportunity to buy

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** "Plant hunting in the Himalayas" Barry Phillips

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** "Cactus" Ralph Northcott

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** AGM

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** Christmas event

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 on e-mail [cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk)

# WINKLEIGH SNOOKER CLUB

## News Flash :

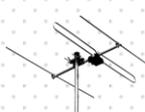
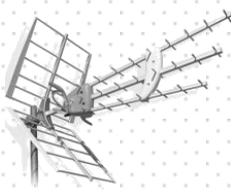
‘A collective sigh of relief was recently heard when the senior members learned that the juniors had decided not to challenge their elders this year. Instead the juniors are to concentrate on their own internal cup fixtures and take great delight in beating ‘the teacher’ whenever they can.’

The senior’s league team is not quite holding everybody else up in the league and recent results would suggest a change in fortune. However, our team, like a lot of teams, struggles at times to get a full compliment, so we can always benefit from new members and anybody wanting to join is encouraged to contact a club or committee member. Having said that, it’s worth noting that the club is just not for the team, as ordinary members are an integral part of the club and we do want to get more ‘men, women, boys, and girls, on the baize’. Contact details for membership generally, are available via a dedicated poster outside the snooker room at the leisure centre. Moreover, we do hope to be included in the new Winkleigh On Line web site, where again contact details will be available.

An open day in early April, in conjunction with other clubs at the leisure centre, will see the club open for anybody wanting to come down and have a game of snooker or pool free of charge. Without giving the game away, if you will excuse the pun, there will be something for everybody.

Late news from the junior section : Freddie Finch wins the Handicap Cup.

**Dave Ferguson** 01837 83660 (email : [winkleighsnookerclub@gmail.com](mailto:winkleighsnookerclub@gmail.com))



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## PUZZLES

1. What mathematical symbol can be put between 5 and 9, to get a number bigger than 5 and smaller than 9?
2. The following equation is wrong:  $101 - 102 = 1$   
Move one numeral to make it correct.
3. Two boys wish to cross a river. The only way to get to the other side is by boat, but that boat can only take one boy at a time. The boat cannot return on its own, there are no ropes or similar tricks, yet both boys manage to cross using the boat. How?

Solutions on Page 36

## The Winkleigh Singers

Thank you to everyone that supported our last concert. It was a lovely evening, and made very special by our accompanist Emma Spandryk, a student from the Royal College of Music who played the harp so beautifully, and organist Andrew Downton.

### *Future Concert*

We would like to invite you to join us for our next concert at **Torrington Parish Church on 18th May celebrating the centenary of Benjamin Britten's birth**. We will be joined by four up and coming soloists from the Royal Academy of Music and Andrew Daldorph at the mighty Willis organ.

The programme will also include:

A Wedding Anthem

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Hymn to the Virgin

Five Flower Songs

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Further details and on-line booking from early March 2013

**Saturday 18th May 2013, Great Britten!** Torrington Parish Church - Details can be found on our website or by telephone on 01363 884446. Tickets are available on-line at [www.winkleighsingers.org.uk](http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk) (follow the "concerts" link) or by post from Winkleigh Singers Tickets, 4 Pitt Court, Nymet Rowland, Crediton, Devon EX17 6AN. (please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope).

### *The Winkleigh Singers News*

We do have a vacancy for a Bass so if you would be interested in joining the Winkleigh Singers please come along on a Monday evening, sing with us for a 3 week trial and see how you get on. We are a very friendly group and would make you most welcome!

The Winkleigh Singers do come from a wide area within North Devon and it seems more of us are from further afield than the Winkleigh area. So after some consideration we have decided that our future practices will take place at a more central location for everyone, and a possible venue would be in Umberleigh. We will confirm the details in the next issue of the Distinctly Winkleigh. Even though our practise will not be in Winkleigh we are and always will be supporting Winkleigh and be **The Winkleigh Singers!**

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Spring Time and look forward to seeing you in May.

## Friends of Winkleigh School

The contents of this and future reports will concentrate on detailing the efforts of the “Friends of Winkleigh School” committee and supporters as they continue to raise much needed funding for a variety of activities important in making our School just that much better.

It is unfortunate that the first item to report is that the Friends AGM in November was very poorly attended, with no new parents appearing. At the re-arranged meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January the news was so much better with a much improved attendance, following appeals within the School, resulting in three new volunteers coming forward to date. On the money front the following is a brief outline of the results of the various happenings of the last year taken from the financial statement for the period .

### 2011/12 School Year

**Events:** Easyfundraising website, Fireworks night , Bacon and egg morning, Quiz., Xmas draw, Valentines disco, Easter Fair, Bags to School, Donations, Uniform sale, Bingo, Duck race, School’s out disco. **Amount raised £2701.57**

**Donated to:** School trips, Laptops, Polytunnel cover, Swimming contribution, Puzzle lending library. **Amount Donated £3271.00**

### 2012/13 School Year (to date)

**Events:** Easyfundraising website, Bacon and egg morning, Casino night, Fireworks night, Uniform sale, Auction. **Amount raised £1953.06**

**Donated to:** School trips, KS2 Chairs, KS1 Books, Theatre performance, Chess pieces, Chess sets. **Amount Donated £2600.00**

Additional money is now coming in from the 100 Club which was started in October. If you are not already involved full capacity has not been reached at the time of writing, so you could still become one of the lucky prizewinners by joining - details from committee members.

Events for the future are now being planned, with an Easter Fair date set for 23<sup>rd</sup>. March, bacon and egg mornings for April and November, a Race Night now possibly May, the Duck Race late June/early July, Auction early/ mid.July, Schools Out disco at the end of School year in July and a Casino night in September. The very popular “Fireworks Night” is already booked in the Sports Centre diary for 1<sup>st</sup>. November. Wow! pause for breath. We have a very busy year coming up for a hard working group of volunteers. It’s not too late for joining in if you feel **you** have something to offer. The group’s next meeting in The “Stars” is set for 13<sup>th</sup>. March.

If you are involved in “on line” shopping of any kind, have you registered with “easyfundraising”? The amount raised so far through this innovative, simple and financially pain-free (it costs you nothing) scheme is now approaching the £300 barrier. Very many of the recognised retailers are involved and whenever

you shop they will be making a contribution to School funds – a recent £30 contribution came through the setting up of a new home contents policy which also showed a £20 saving for the policyholder, this was a result of delving into the mass of information on the site itself.

The dedicated link is [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowinkleigh](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowinkleigh). Go on, you really have nothing to lose and could find yourself better off as well as the School!

Once again I will finish with a big thank you to all those who help with our activities on a day to day basis. If anyone not already involved would like information on any part, please come forward, you might find it fun!

**Brian Holland.** 01837 83521 (briwyc@hotmail.co.uk)

## Okehampton U3A

Okehampton U3A monthly meeting will be at 2.30 on Thursday, 28th March, at the Ockment Centre, North Street, Okehampton, with refreshments and a speaker from Age Concern (AGE UK) to give a talk on "Wills/Benefits/Probate and general items.

Contacts, **M.Hudson** 01837 52488, and **S.Johnson** 01837 54391



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## Winkleigh Sports Centre- Winter 2012/13

It is pleasing to be able to kick off with some good news! Yes, the much missed swings in our play area have been replaced a few days before the time of writing. Despite some very adverse weather conditions the contractors were eventually able to fit visits in to enable the laying of the safety surfaces at a suitable temperature. There is currently some freshly seeded topsoil surrounding the immediate area and it is intended to freshen this up when the warmer spring temperatures arrive, but it was decided that this should not inhibit the use of the area in the meantime. The aerial runway will also be back in action in the near future, a replacement part for the seat is awaited.

We cannot get away with having just good news of course and it must be mentioned that at the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> January the turn-out was non-existent, with the exception of current committee and group representatives. This is very disappointing considering the current much improved usage within the centre generally and the amount of comment the play area has generated in recent months. The main news to report from the AGM was that Catherine Knight has come forward to take up the vacant position of vice-chair. Some works have recently been carried out to relay parts of the paved area which had become uneven mainly due to the extreme weather conditions of the past year. It is hoped that general improvements to outside areas will continue but it is of course totally dependent on the input from a small number of volunteers.

As user groups are now submitting individual reports I am finishing by making just one small addition on behalf of the hugely successful Junior Snooker group, which operates under the tutelage of Anthony Tanner who is so well regarded by his young group that in between frames they write poems about him!

This submission is from **Kiera Finch** aged 11:

Tony is a funny and crazy snooker player that told everyone he was bold  
He likes to wear socks and sandals even though it's cold  
He wants some hair of Sapphire's but she just said no! no! no!  
So now he went to have false teeth done  
And came back and scared us all.

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## Outdoor Bowls

Our volunteers have not been deterred by the appalling weather at the end of last year and will be working hard to bring the bowling green back to a reasonable standard ready for our promised open day to, hopefully, attract some people who are interested in bowling. Now that the other clubs at the Sports Centre have joined in on the 6th April there will be a great day of fun for all the family. There will be more details about the other sports in this magazine so please all come along and have a great time at our free taster day.

## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

- 5.9
- $101 - 10^2 = 1$
- The boys start from opposite sides of the river.

## MONDAY SINGERS

If you enjoy singing for fun come and join our group.

Any age, ability and voice are welcome. No auditions and no need to read music. We are a non-performing group of local people who enjoy singing all types of music.

### **FUN IS THE AIM.**

Come and join us in the small room of the Village hall on alternate Mondays at 7:30 for an hour. The next dates are March 4th and 18th.

Also, if you are able and willing to take on the role of our Musical Director we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact: **Wendy** on 01837 680022

## Winkleigh Church Flower Ladies Christmas Draw

The results of our Christmas Hamper draw , which took place at Changes Salon by Father Peter.

1st prize of the Hamper was won by Sarah Howlett

2nd prize of 2-bottles of Wine was won by Norman Hoare

3rd. prize of a Christmas cake won by Paul Frisby

4th prize of tin of Quality Street won by Mr.Ferguson

## And finally . . . . .

It was good to see that, despite various difficulties, the village managed to put on its Christmas Fair. Hats Off to all those who made the extra effort to keep the Christmas Fair alive. Certainly, with the inclement weather the stallholders had an easier time being under cover and this seemed to have been appreciated by their customers.

Now the Christmas and New Year Festivities are over we can look forward, hopefully, to a Spring and early Summer which reflect this issue's front cover. And, after the inundations of 2012, it would be "quite nice" if we were to have some decent Summer weather too! We live in hope.

My thanks to Anne Balcomb and Alan Jacobs who have taken on the Distinctly Winkleigh delivery rounds in The Meadows and Village North-East.

Please note that the closing date for articles or adverts for the Summer Issue is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, so do try to send them in before that date.

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