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## Winkleigh Society News

We are in the process of relocating the [www.winkleighonline.com](http://www.winkleighonline.com) website to another internet server and the website is not accessible at present. We hope to have it back up as soon as possible, so please be patient.

Another project is the updating of Winkleigh's Information Directory. If anyone reading this currently has a listing in this booklet, please check it to ensure it is correct. Any changes necessary can be emailed to [alan.mulcahy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:alan.mulcahy@tiscali.co.uk) or sent to one of the addresses on the back cover.

In order to keep Winkleigh's Village Diary up-to-date, would organisers of events please keep us informed of future dates to help us do so. The information should be sent to Peter Howard on 01837 83362 or email to [peterjhoward@btinternet.com](mailto:peterjhoward@btinternet.com).

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Congratulations to that small group of people who made sure that Winkleigh Fair reached the grand old age of 751! And thank goodness that this time round the weather was dry - though I have to say that it was dry for the Fair Sunday service both this year and last. Does that tell you anything?

The day before Fair Sunday we had our Church Fete and held a Quiz in the evening. Thank you to everyone who supported those events in any way and to everyone who bought tickets for the Draw or gave prizes. We really do appreciate your support in helping us to keep your Parish Church open. In total we raised around £2,500 - enough to keep the Church open for about a month!

With all that behind us it is now time to turn our attention to Harvest Festival. We will be celebrating this event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October with a Sung Eucharist in Church at 11.00am followed by lunch in the Village Hall and we would like to invite you to join us. Tickets will be available for the lunch but the service in Church is free of charge!

Harvest is our opportunity to give thanks for the food we eat and those who provide it. Many of us grow food, even if it's just a few herbs in a window box, and those who do, know how satisfying it can be to eat a meal that contains food that you've grown with your own hands. Doing this also keeps us in touch with the land and the natural cycle of the seasons - the ordered way in which God has created the world and our responsibility to be good stewards of what He has given us.

Finally, did you know that our Sunday School has a special workshop session before Christmas, Easter, Fair Sunday and Harvest where the children, amongst other things, prepare a display for the Church window above the carpeted area in Church? There are always lots of interesting things to see as well as the flowers that fill the other windows for these special events. We would be very pleased to see you on these special occasions and at other times too but if you do miss them please remember that the Church is open during the day - feel free to pop in and look at the displays or sit and pray quietly. You are always welcome.

## A Big Thank You

Below there is a short article by Alan Jacobs thanking all those who took part in the 751st Annual Fair and making some suggestions for next year.

The biggest thanks, however, must go to Alan himself for his brave decision that the Fair was not going to be allowed to die, and saving our historic cultural event. He chivvied many people and clubs to stage a whole series of very successful events in Fair Week. His own immediate contributions, both the Wednesday evening of old vehicles, and the Saturday events in Castle Street, were clearly much appreciated, and very well attended.

So a very big 'Thank You' from the village, represented here by Gail Flockhart as Chair of the Parish Council, and Peter Howard, Chair of the Winkleigh Society.

**Gail Flockhart**  
**Peter Howard**

## WINKLEIGH FAIR – 2013 AND 2014

At one time it looked as though there might be no Winkleigh Fair in 2013, but in the end many people felt it was quite successful. Of course, we were very lucky with perfect weather, which held fine and dry throughout.

My thanks go to so many people, and I am sure that I have forgotten some, but thanks to Penny Griffiths, Kirsty Miller, Marjorie Bowers and Peter Howard on the organising group, to Andrew Ware, to Margery Howard, to the Methodist Chapel, to the Garden Club, the lunch ladies, the vintage vehicle owners, the WI, the Morris group, and to all those who put on events, helped decorate, served teas or assisted in so many ways.

A few people have expressed interest in helping at the Christmas Fair and for next year's Summer Fair, which will be the week from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

Consequently, we are having a **General Meeting** on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at the Community Centre, to form a coordinating committee.

Provisionally there will be a Christmas Fair on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2 – 6 pm, with stalls in the Community Centre & the Village Hall, and with food available in Castle Street.

**Alan Jacobs**

## Letters

As a responsible dog owner who has lived in the village all their life, I would like to bring your attention to the rubbish issue that occurs when people are putting their rubbish out the night before and not in appropriate bins so the wildlife and any other animals cannot get at it. Even worse when after a bank holiday it is common knowledge the refuse collection will be a day late, as was the case this very morning when I was walking my dogs and trying to avoid them eating anything that would harm them when the said rubbish was strewn across the highways and byways of the village. Name withheld.

## WINKLEIGH FAIR ART EXHIBITION

Many thanks must go to the 25 people who exhibited their work at this event during the Fair Week, bringing together a great range of arts and crafts to provide interest to a tremendous number of people on the Thursday evening and during the Saturday. Many visitors remarked on the talent displayed and many hoped this would become a regular feature.

Particularly I would like to thank members of Helena's Thursday Art Group who helped put up the exhibition as well as providing a number of exhibits of their own work....it was a long but rewarding day! Thanks also to Marjorie who served refreshments at Thursday's event, and to Marie-Claude who helped me to provide and serve refreshments during the Saturday. Almost £400 was raised and divided between the Fair Fund and the Community Centre, a great result.

**Margery Howard**

## LAST CHANCE TO JOIN THE SELLING LOCATIONS FOR THE GREAT VILLAGE GARAGE SALE IN WINKLEIGH!

On Sunday morning 1<sup>st</sup> September we are having a village wide garage sale. Starting at 10am and finishing at 1pm, this is your great opportunity to move those items on you have been storing FOREVER!

What a golden opportunity to look for those things you have been seeking for ages as well as gifts and presents for birthdays, Christmas and the New Year.

Please phone me, **Wendy**, on **01837 680022**, by 25<sup>th</sup> August, if you wish to join in.

A list of locations will be easily available the week before.

# WINKLEIGH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

After our very hectic and successful Autumn/Winter schedule things have been a little quieter at the Short Mat Club. We have two teams playing in Summer Leagues and they are doing quite well. The roll-ups on a Monday and Friday continue to be well supported even during holidays.

Already plans are well in hand for the next season. Winkleigh SMBC will be entering 16 teams in five different Leagues so something for everyone.

We are very pleased to welcome fourteen new members to the Club but there is still room for you! Beginners, improvers or experts, all are most welcome.

Following the success of our Flue and Chimney Specialist Tournament in March, plans are well in hand for another Tournament in September when Teams from all over the County will come to Winkleigh to play.

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## **HELP WINKLEIGH MORRIS CELEBRATE THEIR 25th ANNIVERSARY**

*Colin Andrews reports on Winkleigh's unique traditional dance group.*

Early in 1990 Sylvia Duffy, landlady of the former Winkleigh Hotel, arranged evening classes in Morris Dancing. She signed up several of her 'regulars' and attracted a few volunteers. Within a few weeks a ladies group had also been set up, with separate evening classes for the men and women running consecutively on a Tuesday evening. Both groups first danced out at Easter, 1990. Such was the enthusiasm that in the autumn of that year, Winkleigh Morris became established as a fully independent Morris side (team), with Colin Andrews, the original evening class tutor, as Foreman (instructor).

Many of the members had young children, who were also encouraged to dance, so by the time we participated in our first weekend away in 1991 as guests of another group we had a men's side, a ladies' side and a children's side.

After two practice seasons at the Winkleigh Hotel and one at the former Wagon Wheels Caravan Park, we moved to our current practice venue at the Community Centre. Over the years we have developed our own set of dances as a mixed side, with men and women all dancing together. We've modified our kit on two occasions – the most recent innovation of waistcoats happened this summer!

We are an active and friendly club. Every two years we organise our own weekend of dance, usually with 200+ visiting dancers from all over the country. We regularly visit weekends of dance and festivals hosted elsewhere in the U.K., and we've made several foreign excursions to France, Holland and the Republic of Ireland. We often run workshops for schools and youth groups, give talks and demonstrations, and we even have our own ceilidh band available for hire.

Though our numbers remain quite healthy, we no longer have any members who actually live in Winkleigh (though some live nearby), nor do we now have any children dancing with us. We would like to change this situation in preparation for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in two year's time. Ideally we would like to encourage whole families to come along and have a go, but we would welcome anyone, particularly from Winkleigh, who would like to try Morris dancing. Musicians, too, are welcome – squeezebox, violin and whistle/recorder are most suitable instruments.

We are holding special open nights for new people on 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of October from 8 to 10 pm at the Community Centre. We are also putting on a separate session for young people from 6.30 to 7.30 on these nights – though we would ask for parents' written permission for their child to take part or parental supervision for pre-teenagers. If well supported these early evening sessions would continue on a regular basis.

For further information, please contact Colin Andrews on 01363 877216, or see our website [www.winkleighmorris.org.uk](http://www.winkleighmorris.org.uk). We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH FLOWER LADIES

The ladies once again decorated the Church for Winkleigh Fair.

A variety of colours were used this time and the arrangements were all eye catching and lovely.

The coffee, cake and savoury morning during the fair week was a great success with lots of people attending - many of whom stayed a while and chatted in the peaceful surroundings of our lovely church.

A big thank-you to all who supported the event, and for the donations which help the ladies towards the purchase of flowers for the festivals. Our next festival will be for Harvest on October 6<sup>th</sup> when we decorate all the windows, the pulpit, font, pillars, porch and table as well as the Lady Chapel and pedestal (which always has flowers during the year with the exception of Lent, on a rota).

We would welcome anyone who would like to join our friendly group and would be pleased to see you.

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**For more details contact**

**Angela Le May 01837 83404**

**Claire Jolly 01837 83014**

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## WINKLEIGH FAIR COMMUNITY LUNCH

The group of volunteers who organise the Community Lunches in the Community Centre agreed to the challenge of providing a special lunch during the week of the 751<sup>st</sup> Winkleigh Fair, and the result was truly amazing. The buffet menu provided was first-class and 53 diners enjoyed a wide variety of beautifully cooked dishes.

Included in the number were 14 members of the recently formed Bondleigh Barn Band, which has advertised its existence in two previous editions of *Distinctly Winkleigh*. They entertained the remaining diners with a delightful programme from their repertoire that was appreciated by everyone including the youngest guest, 1 year-old Wilf, who was fascinated enough to want to dance!

There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout and the hard-working team, utterly exhausted by the end, were overwhelmed by the numerous comments of appreciation. They, in turn, would like to thank all those who came along to support the event and remind readers that the Community Lunches later in the year will be held in the Community Centre on the first Tuesday in Oct, Nov and Dec. Tickets will be available before each occasion.



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## Bluecoat Children's Centre

Hi Everyone. Hope you had a lovely break - it was good to see the sun this year!

The Bluecoat Summer Sensation programme went well, with families enjoying the different activities on offer.

Autumn sessions at the sports hall on Thursdays, 9.30-11.30 will continue as usual with structured activities based around the early-years foundation stage curriculum. All sessions are free, and a healthy snack is offered to the children.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our service, in addition to the above, the health team attend our session the first Thursday of every month. During this visit Jo Snell, the community nursery nurse, will weigh babies and update your red books. Jo will also be available to answer, or find an answer to, any child health related questions. This is a great addition to services offered to Winkleigh families so please feel welcome to come along.

Bluecoat Children's Centre outreach at Winkleigh can be an introduction to the Early-Years Foundation stage as all activities are based on this. For parents with children about to start pre-school or school joining our sessions will give you an insight to Early-Years education. All Bluecoat staff are qualified to give you advice or signpost you in matters relating to early years. Please also remember, in addition to the above, we run a family support service where a member of staff can support you in your home with matters such as helping to establish routines, building upon parenting skills, supporting isolated communities, supporting families into groups, helping families to access other services and agencies.

More details and up to date information on groups and services please see our web page [www.bluecoatchildrencentre.org](http://www.bluecoatchildrencentre.org).

Brenda Green

Family Support and Outreach Worker

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# A New Community Plan for Winkleigh



## THANK YOU

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**60 youngsters**

... who took the time to complete and return their **Winkleigh Community Plan** Questionnaire.

- What next? Responses are being analysed and results presented to **Winkleigh Parish Council, Weds 11th September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.**
- And then? The CLPG propose to hold a further **Open Day Event** towards the end of the year to present results, identify findings and assess issues for the draft **Community Plan.**
- What happens to your Questionnaire now? No individual or household is identified or identifiable; all responses are entirely anonymous and completely confidential. Once responses are finally collated, all paper Questionnaires will be destroyed and all online submissions deleted. Your data merely informs the cumulative Questionnaire findings.
- How do you learn more about the Community Plan? We hope you will follow progress through updates in **Distinctly Winkleigh**, reports to the **Parish Council** or look out for publicity for an **Open Day** later this year! Once again **THANK YOU** for your views and for helping identify the priorities for Winkleigh.

**Gail Flockhart (Chair)**  
on behalf of the **Community Led Plan Group**  
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## WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH

As most of you will be aware by now, Graham and Sue have returned to Wiltshire to be nearer family and grandchildren. This was rather premature for us all, but when someone is prepared to buy a property in today's climate one can't refuse. Both Graham and Sue have been involved with all the work here in our church since their arrival here when we were just a handful of people. Much has happened under their help and guidance. A significant refurbishment programme has taken place and will continue to be a priority in their absence. Regular attendances have grown from 30 to 40 people, including families and young people. We would like to think that we are able to provide worship that is relevant for our community, all of which was a vision for both Graham and Sue when they arrived here at Winkleigh.

And so our farewell is bitter sweet. Thank you to both of you.

Obviously things will be slightly different now, as we welcome our new minister who will be based in Hatherleigh once again. His name is Rev Nigel Coke-Woods. The day to day running of the church will not alter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to one of the stewards or any member of the church and we will endeavour to help.

At the very beginning of the school holidays Kevin and Bridget ran a hugely successful "Big Top" holiday club for children aged from 4 – 11 which was thoroughly enjoyed by 60 participants, learning circus skills, arts and crafts and special appearances from Daniel the Lion Tamer, Samson the Strongman and Jonah the escapologist. Bridget runs the weekly Sunday School here at the chapel and also special Messy Sunday School. Look out for the first one at Harvest, **Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

The Oasis café continues on a Monday morning with a new time of **11.00am – 2.00pm**. Fiona and team will continue to provide lunches, snacks and some chat, come along.

We still collect for the **Okehampton Food Bank** and would appreciate contributions for this. These can be dropped off during Oasis opening times or Sunday mornings.

We meet for worship at 11.00am, coffee from 10.30, except for the first Sunday in the month when we meet at 5.30pm for a bring & share tea followed by worship. All ages are welcome to join us at all our worship times.

Alan and Fiona Marshall 01837 83809. Daisy Bray 01837 83458.

Rev Nigel Coke-Woods 01837 810591.

## MONDAY SINGERS

It's that chap Gareth Malone's fault. He says more of us should sing because it's good for us. So, for the last year or so, some of us have been doing just that - simply for fun. At present there's about a dozen of us- including some MEN! - but we would be delighted to welcome a dozen more.

Facts: there's no choirmaster, no auditioning, no requirement to read music and no public performing. It's just for fun. Unaccompanied, we sing what takes our fancy - traditional songs, music hall, popular songs, songs from shows, and rounds. You get to choose. And we do it fortnightly on Mondays at 7.30pm.. in the back room of the Community Centre.

We sing for an hour only and contribute £1.00 each. Dates for September - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. How about it? Just turn up or ring me on 01837 83817.

**John Williams**

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## SINGING SUNBEAMS

Where has the last year gone! This time last year we were making the final plans for the start of Singing Sunbeams in the September, and what a joy this group has been. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the small room of the Village Hall and have a session of music and fun, singing songs and rhymes and making a lovely noise with a full range of instruments. The drums are always popular!

It has been wonderful to see babies just weeks old when we started now sitting up and rocking and rolling to the music. Our families have also been producing more babies so our numbers are swelling - congratulations to you all.

We held a party at Stable Green Chapel to celebrate Singing Sunbeams. We were able to thank the congregation for their continuing support and financing of the group and they were able to see and hear exactly what we get up to! With lots of noise, games and food a good time was had by all - something we will definitely do again

After a break for August our next session is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the small room, Village Hall 10.30 all 0-3 year-olds most welcome.

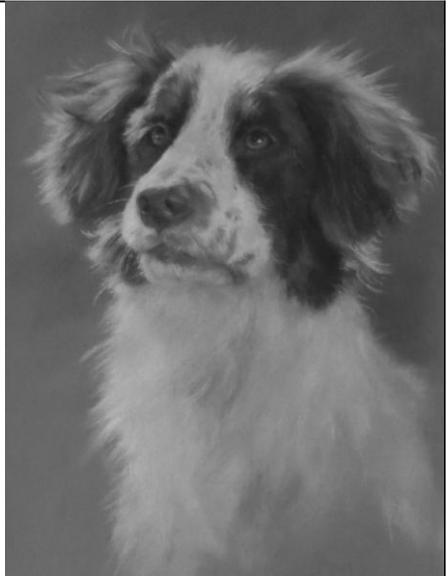
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August 20<sup>th</sup> Evening visit to Eggesford Gardens – talk on spring bulbs and opportunity to buy if you are interested please contact Beverley Cook [cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk)

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)

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over a thousand years.

With aching backs and calloused hands the village armies toiled,  
sickles sweeping skilfully through golden stalks,  
bound in sheaves and stacked in stooks,  
awaiting the great horses and their wagons  
to gather the harvest in.

They are gone now, those men  
who tilled this ancient land.  
Lying in village churchyards in the unchanging earth  
turning their bones perhaps at the rumbling roar  
of a monster tractor

passing by with its lonely farmer,  
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## Saving the Village Swifts

As I write this, on 10<sup>th</sup> August, there are no Swifts in view over my part of Winkleigh. I saw my first one this year on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and they are now leaving, if they have not all left. As I walk along Vine Street or Exeter Road I shall no longer have to duck as a screech of Swifts (yes that is the proper collective noun) shoots noisily past, not until next May to announce that summer is a'cummen in. But perhaps they won't come next year. I do the Garden Bird Watch routine weekly count of all birds feeding in or over my garden (organised by the British Trust for Ornithology) and throughout the summer the only bird I can record every week that is not listed as 'Common Bird' is the Swift. But here in Winkleigh they are declining year on year, certainly over the last five summers.

So we are privileged to be hosts every year to this extraordinary bird. I was once told that the only 'real' submarine was the nuclear version; all the rest were merely 'submersibles' which could stay submerged for very limited periods. So the Swift is perhaps our only 'real' flying bird. Once those youngsters drop out of the roof nest they will not set their feet down on ground or wire or tree until they return to the same roof two years later to nest. They eat, sleep and mate on the wing, heading down to Africa and back again. If you see one on the ground it is probably injured as they struggle to fly from that position.

There are not very many left in our towns and it is our older village houses that are the regular hosts, those where there is still sufficient access to the roof space. But modernisation often covers these small holes. My own house, built in the 1900s had a completely sealed roof space with serious consequences for condensation, so it is not only the birds who gain from having some holes. However, there are other alternatives as a specially designed Swift box can be fitted under the eaves, preferably facing east, so not in full sun. A fairly simple design to make yourself can be found on the website of [actionforSwifts.blogspot.co.uk](http://actionforSwifts.blogspot.co.uk) but of course there are ready-made versions available, from the RSPB's one for £30 up to one by Forticrete at £141.

The other problem for Swifts, as well as Swallows, House Martins and most obviously Spotted Flycatchers, is the decrease in the insect population. No flies, no flycatchers. We have been very effective with our pesticides and our hygiene. The one I notice most obviously is that there are so very few Green Woodpeckers in the area, and these live on ants, but there are so few ants left. Now I hesitate to suggest that we should all have more muck around the garden, but the only garden I know here with resident Spotted Flycatchers also has an excellent compost heap. At least we can aim for our gardens to be as insect rich as possible; it is not only the bees and butterflies that need help. Our Swifts would like to eat as well as breed while with us.

No doubt some of the decline in our Swift population comes from problems in Africa where they spent the other nine months, but at least let's do what we can. When they come back next May, perhaps they might find a new nesting place in your house.

**Peter Howard**

## ACE Archaeology Club

Our guided tour by Dr Sandy Gerrard of the excavations at Crownhill Down in June, was really an eye-opener. There were huge trenches cutting right across the tin workings, their sections told the story of how the area had been exploited for tin over the centuries and also revealed the terrible conditions that people used to work under, which was mind boggling!

The Festival of Old Technology and Archaeology was a great success this year, despite there being six other events in the area on the same day. From prehistoric pottery making techniques, right through to the medieval period (Kernow Levy's re-enactment and living history) and ending up in the last century with collections of Vintage Vehicles and 1970's computers, there was something of interest for everyone who came. The guided tour to Moistown went down well, as did the small excavation of a bread-oven and archaeological displays in the ACE tent. Next year we are planning on extending the festival to two days; 19th and 20th July, so put the date in your diary now.

The excavation at Moistown starts on the 7th September and will run for two weeks. We are hoping to open two trenches; one within the dowsing and geophysical survey grid and the other cutting across the scarp which runs East - West to the North of the buildings. This trench should tell us how and hopefully when the building platform for Moistown was originally constructed. The open day is to be held on the 14th September from 11.00am to 4.00pm, so do come along to see what we have found.

The list of speakers for our Conference, 'Life in the Past, Archaeology, Rural Practices and Skills' is just about finalised and will soon be posted on our website along with all the other information about the event. The Conference is on Saturday 12th October, at the Boniface Centre, Crediton, Devon.

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

## WINKLEIGH CHURCH WIVES GROUP

We welcome anyone to come and join us at our monthly meetings. We meet on the second Monday of each month at either 2.30pm or 7.30pm depending on the time of year.

We do not have an annual subscription and members only pay for their cup of tea or coffee and a draw ticket. So do come along and join us sometime in the coming year.

We will be beginning our 2013/2014 programme on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> with a service in church followed by a meeting in the Village Hall.

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm We will be having a visit from “Quickes” cheese from Newton St. Cyres.

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm. “Devon Dialect” with Margaret Weeks.

Also in Nov. we hold our Autumn Fair raising funds for a local charity.

On Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm. We will be having a Social & Quiz afternoon.

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm. will see Bobbie Farrington talking about her Grandmother’s Diary.

Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm “ North Devon Savages” with Peter Christie.

April 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm “The life of a Prison Officer.” Hugh Bruce.

May 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm “Running the London Marathon” with Ian Webber.

We look forward to seeing you. Look out for the posters advertising the monthly meetings and perhaps you will be able to come along to one or more of them.



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The Church Council would once again like to thank all the very generous businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the Church Fete 'Duck Dinner' Draw. Although it is still called the Duck Dinner draw, there are many other prizes each year, including pine furniture, pub meals and cash. We would like to thank Sonia and Simon Hodgson, Winkleigh Pine, Mid Devon Motors, Changes, D and S, Londis, Rangemoors, West Ridge Vets, Winkleigh Cider, Winkleigh Post Office, Barry the Mad Butcher, James the Fishmonger, Lymington Arms, Andrew Ware and 'Beauty in Dolton' as the local businesses who donated prizes. Thanks also to all of you who bought tickets and those who went around selling them. The draw raised £1,470 towards Church Funds.

When it looked as if there was to be no Winkleigh Fair this year, we took the Quiz slot and would like to thank everyone who helped and took part in what was a very successful and enjoyable quiz. This raised a further £450 for the Church and, in addition, the prize winners donated their winnings to Devon Air Ambulance. Along with the £25 cash prize from the draw, which was also returned, we have been able to send £75 to the Devon Air Ambulance. Many thanks to all those concerned.

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## Friends of Winkleigh School

As the School year was coming to a close the activities of the group grew in intensity, with the events detailed in the last report on the agenda. It is necessary to start with an apology for the change from the original date for the “Race Night”, this took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and I was unable to beat the D.W. deadline date for the last report with details of the change. The fantastic good news however is that the night raised £445.17, thanks once again to Mark and Karen at the “Seven Stars” for hosting this event and those who attended for their generous support.

The “Duck Race” on 5<sup>th</sup> July went ahead as scheduled whilst the “Schools out” disco on 19<sup>th</sup> July was spectacular with the Teachers deserving big pats on all their backs for taking on the responsibility for supervision, so allowing all the children to attend whether they had parents present or not. They were also hugely impressive with their movements on the dance floor! That night raised £159.20.

On “Fair Week” Saturday the “Stars” once again earned thanks for hosting the “Bake Off” event in the skittle alley and I cannot let modesty stand in the way of detailing the results in this column:

Bread	Virg Rothery	Decorated Cake	Ange Jones
Quiche	Vicky Browning	Childrens	Shona
Sponge	Vicky Browning	Overall	Ange Jones
Biscuits	Brian Holland (red face)		

The “Casino Night” is now scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> September - so watch out for the posters - do not miss this!

The 100 Club draw continues to be made monthly and the up to date winners are:

May: 1<sup>st</sup>. Carol Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tina Brook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lisa Garnsworthy.

June: 1<sup>st</sup> Roy/Amanda Singer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Risdon, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trudy Saunders.

July: 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Hawkey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maggie Keenor.

Money continues to be added through the “easyfundraising” website and I will again appeal to all who shop on line and would like to help the cause of our School to please take a look at this - it can be accessed through the link on the School website and it offers many good deals to those who use it as well as contributing to our cause.

The next meeting of the “Friends” committee is in the “Seven Stars” on 18<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm. if there are any new parents for the new School year (which will then be under way), this could be a good chance to find out what the group is about and perhaps be able to join in activities which will all be helping your child/children - you really can have a bit of fun as well!

It is expected that by the time of the meeting above we will have full details of the amounts raised and donated for the last academic year. These will appear in the next report.

So, once again many thanks to all those in the community who help with our efforts and, if anyone feels they can join in and add that little extra, please step forward.

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**Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)**

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: "Not good in a bed, but fine against a wall."

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement..

**Mark Twain**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible

**George Burns**

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

**Victor Borge**

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

**Mark Twain**

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

**Socrates**

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

**Groucho Marx**

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

**Jimmy Durante**

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

**Zsa Zsa Gabor**

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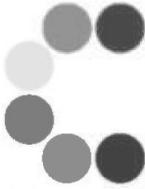
**Spike Milligan**

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

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## District Councillor's Report

Recently on Radio Devon and in the North Devon Journal, I have been asked for my views on homelessness and crisis loans. In both cases I stated that, at the moment, I could see little reason for optimism, as the economic outlook remained uncertain. With a low wage economy and underemployment, many people have little on which to fall back. A couple of people have taken me to task, as they believe that I have been far too negative and have ignored “the facts that the economy is on the mend, jobs are growing in the private sector and unemployment has fallen in our area.”

So what is the truth? Looking into the government statistics in detail, I cannot share the optimism of some, as much of the job claims appear to me to be “spin”. For example –

In spring 2012, lecturers in further education and sixth-form colleges were reclassified from the public to the private sector, and now when a school becomes an academy all jobs are reclassified to the private sector;

- A growing number of people on government training and employment schemes are now being classified as employed
- It is now believed that there are over 1 million people on Zero-hour contracts and a significant number would like to work more hours than they are given, and
- JobcentrePlus appears to be increasingly encouraging people to set up as self-employed rather than claim JSA.

Economic figures released recently showed that the economy grew by 0.6% in the three months to the end of June and that the economy has recouped about half the 7% of output lost in the 2008/09 recession. Much of the impetus is coming from housing. With mortgage costs lower and the new government-subsidy scheme - Help to Buy - stimulating consumer confidence. I believe, though, that these headline figures disguise worrying problems. Lending to businesses continues to fall and business investment has fallen by over a third in the past five years. Britain's investment ratio to GDP and its R&D spending remains well below our competitors.

I am not alone in my concerns. The Economist and Fitch Ratings have warned that the Help to Buy scheme will push up house prices boosting profits for housebuilders and banks, while doing little to increase the supply of homes. As The Economist – which describes Help to Buy as daft – puts it, “Britain's house prices are rising again, and household debt is starting to swell. This is sustainable only if workers' future wages justify the mortgages granted against them.” At best I can only see very little, or no wage growth, (after inflation) for those in mid-tier and low-tier jobs (the majority) over the next few years. But for many the prospect of owning their own home is remote. In our area – with some of the lowest wages in the country – a lot of welfare claimants are working. Here recent reductions in housing benefit, council tax relief and other aspects of welfare reform are already causing financial hardship and will increase poverty, debt and homelessness. As a country we must find ways to build affordable homes for local people to buy and rent (rather than schemes that encourage the wealthy to buy-to-let) and encourage people to save for the future.

I would be very interested to hear what you think and any personal experiences you may have.

**David Lausen**, 01837 83209 [www.davidlausen.org.uk](http://www.davidlausen.org.uk)

## We need help!!!

We are starting a new Beaver Scout Group and we have two leaders, but it would be so much better if we had more. Beaver Scouts are boys and girls aged between 6 and 8 who meet once a week.

Are you aged between 18 and 108, man or woman, or are you an ex-Scout or do you have an hour and a half on a Tuesday evening going free and would like to join us for fun, fun and more fun.

Then do get in touch with **Pat** on 01837 83487.

## WINKLEIGH RINGERS

Winkleigh ringers will again be having an 'open morning' for people to come and see what ringing is all about. We are keen to recruit new people to take up the ancient art of Devon Call Change Ringing. Come along and have a cup of coffee, see the bells and talk to the ringers between 10am and 12 midday on Saturday 12th October 2013.



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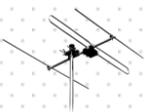
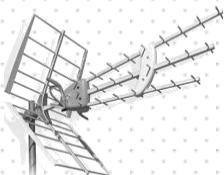


Mark Ward a keen snooker player, and local postman from Dolton, stamped his authority with a snooker cue recently when winning the 2013 Winkleigh Snooker Club knockout tournament. Mark, seen here being presented with the challenge cup, delivered a first class performance, only losing one frame during the whole tournament. It appears that the format for this tournament, held and completed in one

day, is something that will be taken forward into next year and, hopefully, beyond.

In other news, the juniors continue to go for glory with their own set of competitions, the results of which we will endeavour to publish later.

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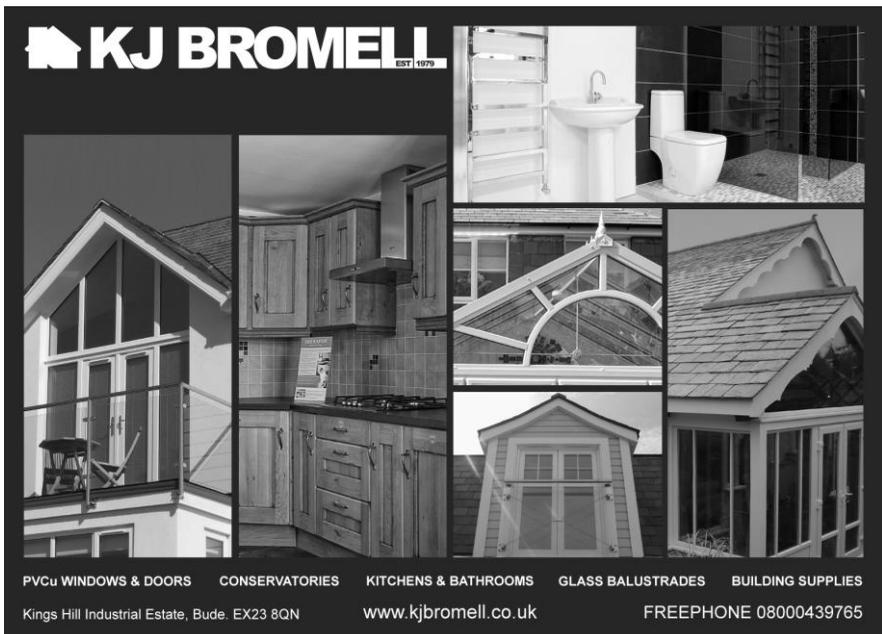
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## Old Technology & Archaeology Festival 2013

A BIG Thank You to everyone who took part in the festival, either by exhibiting, helping to put the show on or by visiting and taking an interest. Also a BIG Thank You to our sponsors. The show went as planned and we have received lots of excellent feedback from visitors, many of whom have said they had an excellent time and a very interesting day. We have received lots of compliments about the new show layout and the Arena shows by Diana Tigwell and BBC Radio Devon's Kirk England, who kept the arena active and interesting for the whole day, despite the heat. The Arena provides an opportunity for spectators to see active exhibits of Old Technology, battle re-enactments by the ever popular Kernow Levy (in full armour, despite the heat!), Morris Dancing by Winkleigh Morris Dancers, Interviews with Archaeologists, Genealogists, and Richard Moyse, who is believed to be a direct descendant of the Moyse family from Moistown. All this while enjoying a pint of Real Ale or a fine pint of chilled Winkeigh Cider, which was very welcome on such lovely hot day.

The FREE Duke of York (Iddesleigh) Bus Service proved popular and brought a number of new visitors to the show from both Iddesleigh and Winkleigh, with many first time visitors saying they're looking forward to the 2014 show which, incidentally, will be bigger and better!

For your diary, the 2014 show is planned for Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th of July. No previous knowledge of Archaeology or Old Technology is required -



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please come along and see what your local Archaeology Club is up to and enjoy the nostalgia of the Old Technology. Food and Bar on-site, so you can enjoy a full day of unusual exhibits and trade stalls.

Next year Kernow Levy are planning to spend more time in the Arena putting on battle re-enactments, as well as expanding what I call "Kernow-Levy Village", the living history exhibit. Visitors to this year's show will remember the wonderful bright colours of the period Kernow Levy tents and the "living history" activities being undertaken in this area.

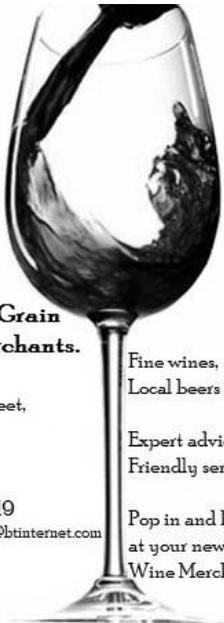
Visitors to the archaeology exhibits were treated to a guided tour of Moistown, Dowsing with Devon Dowsers, Basket Making, Pottery Making, Archaeological Dig and more, which provided an insight into what ACE Archaeology Club is all about. Archaeology in the ground and experimental archaeology play a large part in the club's activities, which help to make it both fun and fascinating.

Old Technology exhibits included a number of Vintage and Classic Cars & Commercials, Tractors, Lawn Mowers and other small machines. Static exhibits included what you can only describe as historic computers and peripherals, dating back as far as 1969 - which is old for computing exhibits. Much nostalgia was enjoyed by visitors who were computer addicts of the 80s, when home computing started to become popular.

For those not into computers, a selection of Gramophones, Radios, TVs, a twin-tub washing machine, an ancient Hoover and a large collection of Sewing machines created a lot of interest. It's wonderful to see people walk up to the old twin-tub washing machine and hear them say "we used to have one like this". That is what this show is all about and if you are too young to remember some of these things when they were the latest technology, it's an opportunity to find out just how much things have changed and how the pace of change is increasing exponentially. We live in interesting times, technologically.

Donations have been made to Ace Archaeology Club and Devon Air Ambulance, who are all very grateful for your support.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2014



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## And finally . . . . .

The Met Office finally heard our prayers and afforded us some really superb weather for the 751<sup>st</sup> Winkleigh Summer Fair, although some people say it was the Azores High that did the trick. The editor joins with others in congratulating the group that organised the fair – despite it not being an official Fair Committee. It is hoped that one will be formed in the near future to keep the summer and winter fairs alive.

I'm sure that readers will have noticed the poem on page 8, which is practically on time for the later than usual harvesting. It would be nice to get some more poetry sent in.

Some of our contributors have found that sending articles in using the Email address at the back of previous issues of Distinctly Winkleigh were "bounced". We have now resolved this problem by changing the address to [articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk). You can also use the alternative address which appears below it.

And, while mentioning articles, please remember to send in any that you want to appear in the next issue BEFORE Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.

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Further information about the Society and what is going on in Winkleigh can be accessed online at: <http://www.winkleighonline.com>

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