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## **“They” should do something about it!**

Whenever we see something in the village we don't like, or that needs dealing with, someone will always say, “they should do something about it”! So, who are “they” ... ?

“They” are usually the Local Authorities and public agencies providing our services and looking after the environment. At the village level, the Parish Council (often confused with the Church Parochial Council) is the most “local” form of Local Government. Despite its official status, it is not all bureaucracy and paperwork. Whilst there are several emails, being a Councillor on Winkleigh Parish Council (WPC) is more than that - it means getting involved in your community and the opportunity to champion issues you are passionate about.

There are different ways to get involved or help shape the village. WPC have an interesting range of work bringing us into contact with many agencies and organisations, as well as our County and District Councils.

Our Councillors have recently been involved in agreeing a **traffic-calming scheme**, renovating a much-loved old **footpath**, supporting publication of the **Village Design Statement** and are investigating the possibility of a **Neighbourhood Plan**. Getting projects successfully completed and influencing the work of others, to get the best results for Winkleigh, is one of the most rewarding aspects of the work.

WPC also often deals with difficult or emotive issues, where change or moving forward with a respect for the past (and the views of others!) can be difficult to balance.

Councillors represent their community, but may themselves have competing views, so a difficult but rewarding aspect of the work is how to reconcile personal views with a picture of what is right for the community as a whole. Are there things you care about?

Why not join and contribute to a vision for the future ...

Whatever your views or background ...  
**we want to see more of you getting involved!**

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*Gail Flockhart - Chair, Winkleigh Parish Council*

## Parish Church Notes

In one aisle the supermarket displayed bright orange banners wishing everyone a 'Happy Halloween'. A couple of aisles down and they were wishing us a 'Merry Christmas'! Just to add to the sense of confusion, neither of those occasions had arrived and Christmas was at that time still two months away.

At this end of the year there is a lot of confusion. Just as the commercial version of Christmas is gathering pace Christians stop and reflect. Instead of getting out the decorations, churches stop putting flowers in the windows and altar frontals and vestments become a sombre purple.

It all begins on 27<sup>th</sup> November when we begin the season of Advent – there are always four Sundays in Advent and so the date when it starts varies according to which day of the week Christmas Day falls upon. Advent is when we look back at the stories in the Bible which point towards God's plan to send His Son into the world; the stories which underpin our celebration of Jesus' birth. Doing this reminds us year by year of how important that birth was. The Bible tells us the story of a people and its relationship with God; the need for them to amend the way they live and be ready to receive this gift of God's Son.

So Advent has that sort of theme. We remind ourselves of the need to be ready to meet the Son of God born at Christmas but not only then but also day by day. The slightly sombre, reflective mood of Advent means that we can pull out all the stops at Christmas (the real Christmas) and celebrate with deeper appreciation the joy of that twelve day season.

With that in mind we warmly welcome you to join us at any or all of our services.

Christmas Eve. 5.00 p.m. Crib Service, 11.45 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with traditional Carols.

Also, Winkleigh Primary School will hold their Carol Service in Church at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and the Winkleigh Singers Concert is at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Details of all these services and others can be found in our monthly (free) Parish Bulletin to be found in Church or the Post Office.

*Fr. Peter Norman*

## **Winkleigh Parish Council - Notice Of Casual Vacancies**

Notice is hereby given that a **co-option vacancy** has occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill the vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing or email.

Any person wishing to apply to become a member must meet at least one of the qualifications set out below in order to be eligible for co-option and must not be disqualified under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- The applicant must be registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- The applicant should, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
- The applicant's principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or
- Have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2020 but for the interim period the present sitting COUNCILLORS MAY CO-OPT to fill the vacancies.

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## Postscript to the Pop-Up Museum Day

The purpose of the Pop-up Museum Day, hosted by The Winkleigh Society, was to stage a forum where the people of Winkleigh and visitors could come together to show, tell, hear and share their stories and memories with each other.

The day started with a rousing Peal of Bells rung out across the Village from All Saints Church.

Joyce Brock's album of a day in the life of Winkleigh is a remarkable piece of dedicated citizen journalism and was on display on her stall alongside her extensive Winkleigh Fayre archive.

Wendy Oxborough's comprehensive census of Hollocombe together with her magnificent, giant maps and her photographs of flora and fauna engaged many interested visitors. Wendy is also doing extensive work on The Lawrence Molland Book which for the first time was on display, outside of All Saints Church, together with the Great Bell Book of Winkleigh, both by kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens. The Church display was curated by Colin Gibson and Helen Norman.

Marjorie and John Bowers displayed their title deeds to Church House and dated 1534 they hit the jackpot for the oldest document on show.

ACE Archaeology, hosted by Janet and Gordon, could top that on the antiquity stakes though with their impressive displays. They were delighted to have villagers bringing them their finds (see Mrs Dent's Story and that of Ian Biddlestone). Also they were presented with The Alphabet of Parishes passport which has been yet another lost piece of the jigsaw of Winkleigh's cultural History.



David Woollacott's display pin-pointed his Family History and how the two World Wars and the Cold War influenced and shaped the different generations.



Simon and Sonia Hodgson's Dairy Corner drew us all into the hardship and beauties of butter and cream making and the agricultural products that were the engine of the rural economy. The authentic presence of Derek Miller in his heritage gaiters sitting on The Story-Tellers chair (courtesy of Winkleigh Pine) helped to draw everyone into the experience.



The Victorian Schoolroom (courtesy of Appledore Museum) invited the children in to don costumes, write on slates, and keep a wary eye on the cane wielding schoolmistress. Later, with luggage labels attached, some of them walked the village as evacuees; inspired by Gillian Holman's oral archive "It's Living History isn't it?", copies of which were on sale during the day.

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Three present-day authors: Shirley Cowling, Dave Watkins and Daniel Bazely displayed and signed their newly-minted novels.

Alan Mulcahy kept the film archive rolling, stopping visitors in their tracks as they glimpsed their youthful selves again. Thank you Godfrey for transferring the archive video tapes onto DVDs, so they could be viewed once more.

Steven and Shirley Leahy, with their extensive and varied airfield archive, were busy all day fielding enquiries and explaining the extent and significance of the Airfield and the transformative effect it had on the village.

In the middle of the day 'Flash Bang Wallop!' as a photograph was taken of past pupils of Winkleigh School with two ex-teachers to mark the occasion.



Winkleigh Morris, Winkleigh Football Club, The Women's Institute and the century old Inch's Cider (Sam's Cider) added to the colour, significance and

variety of the day. John Cowle's binding machine was parked outside the Community Centre and was a conversation piece as a "working machine that can be got at, repaired, doesn't dwarf its driver and defies obsolescence. An object of admiration".

The three walks and talks by Andrew Ware (round the village), John Bradbeer (down Shute Lane) and Viv Girardot, ('Evacuees') together with the costumed characters kept the day lively and interactive.



Thanks to Marie-Claude and Riitta for keeping everyone fed and watered, as well as all our local historians, helpers and providers of artefacts including North Devon and Appledore Museums.

As a follow up to The Pop-Up, The Winkleigh Society is planning to host a Film Night in the Spring, where more of Winkleigh's film and photographic archive will be shown.

*Penny Griffiths – Chair of the Winkleigh Society*

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- people who would like to build their own home (or have it built for them);
- owners of land or redundant buildings which might be suitable, in or adjoining a town or village.

To register your interest in building your own home and/or registering a plot of land that you think would be suitable for a self-build project, or for more information, please go to **[www.torrige.gov.uk/selfbuild](http://www.torrige.gov.uk/selfbuild)**

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## The Winkleigh Singers

The choir has had a successful year of enjoyable music starting with a performance of Handel's Messiah in March in Barnstaple, accompanied by Devon Baroque, and a very different musical style with Purcell's Fairy Queen, sung on a lovely sunny evening in July, at Umberleigh Village Hall, a full house enjoying the antics of dainty fairies, a drunken poet and haymaking frolics.

We are now rehearsing for the Christmas Concert on Saturday 17th December at 7.30 pm in Winkleigh Parish Church. This will include 'In Terra Pax' by Finzi, as well as choir and audience seasonal songs and carols - a festive start to the week before Christmas.

We welcome new singers to join our friendly choir. An Open Rehearsal evening starts the New Year programme on Monday 9th January at our practice venue in Umberleigh. This is counted as the first of 3 rehearsals to see if you would like to join the choir and we will be practising excerpts from Mozart's Requiem and Liszt's Via Crucis which we will be performing in April. Do come and have a chat with one of us at the Christmas Concert, visit our website or phone 01363 884446 for details.

### Dates for your Diary

Winkleigh Singers Christmas Concert Saturday 17th December at 7.30 pm in Winkleigh Parish Church. Tickets available through our website, from choir members, at the door, or phone 01363 884446 for details.

Winkleigh Singers Open Rehearsal on Monday January 9th at 7.30 pm in Umberleigh Christian Fellowship Church (on A377). See our website for contact details. All singers are welcome to this free event.

Winkleigh Singers concert, Saturday 1st April 2017, 7.30 pm at St Michael's Church Great Torrington. Liszt Via Crucis and Mozart Requiem. Accompanied by Andrew Millington former organist of Exeter Cathedral and with four first rate soloists including the soprano who sang at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics.



Also, looking a long way ahead, the Winkleigh Singers Christmas Concert for 2017 will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30 pm in Winkleigh Parish Church.

**The Winkleigh Singers**  
[www.winkleighsingers.org.uk](http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk)

# Letter from Chulmleigh Community College

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September 2016

Message for Winkleigh

We have been very pleased with the successes at the College this year and write to keep you up-to-date with developments.

The comparative GCSE results will be published by the middle of October. The College's results, on every measure, were very pleasing and we think they might be best in the area again:

82% of our students gained 5A\*-C including English and Maths. 24% of our students gained 5 A and A\* grades and every student left with a qualification. Children from Winkleigh were amongst the highest performing in the College.

On all measures, the school was one of the best performing in Devon and we are very grateful for the support we get from parents and community in Winkleigh. We think there is 'more to come' from Chulmleigh Community College and anticipate pleasing results in the years to come. The College is flying high.

Building work continues and we anticipate that Phase 3 will be finished by early summer.

We continue to work closely on transition with Winkleigh Primary School and offered Year 5 & 6 Transition Days which were well received. As promised, we attended Winkleigh Fair and we enjoyed it.

Every day is an Open Day at Chulmleigh Community College and I would encourage you to come and have a look at what we are doing. We would be pleased to show you around, whether or not you are a prospective parent.

Thank you again for your support.

Michael Johnson  
Executive Headteacher

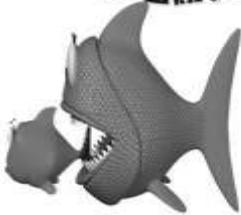
## Eating Experiences in Winkleigh

You may not be aware that Winkleigh has a choice of very good eateries.

At lunchtime:

- Each Monday, home-cooked food at the Café Oasis, where you can have a 2-course meal with a cup of tea or coffee for £8.
- On Tuesday to Saturday, Wright and Proper offers a very good menu.
- On Monday to Saturday try Fiona's Farm Shop for a home-made lunch menu.

Join Me For Lunch



Why not take your friends and family along for a lunch-time treat. All of these venues also offer tea or coffee with cake and snacks.

In addition on the Airfield D&S also cook into the evenings and open on Sundays as do Zukies, who have a take-away service as well.

We are very lucky to have so many good food outlets in Winkleigh.

*Deanne Whittaker*

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## Winkleigh Beavers

Scouting is for everyone of all abilities, gender and beliefs. Our sessions are open to all. We are the UK's biggest mixed youth organization. As a Beaver, Cub or Scout you can learn survival skills, first aid, computer programming and join in many outside adventures.

There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world. We change lives by offering 6 to 25-year-olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities.



It was sad that one of our leaders, Sunshine [Sarah] had to leave us. Sarah and I started up the Beavers together and I will really miss her. Sunshine put in a lot of hard work and time. Thank you Sunshine, you will be missed!!

**Please we do need you.** It was great to hear the support of the people in Bow and Lapford who have started up Scouting in their villages, so come on Winkleigh please support us. You can phone me on 01837 83487 and ask for Pat.

We have had a great year and as we head towards Christmas it is a time to thank all those who have helped to run our meetings, the leaders who give up their time and energy, those who are on our committee and fund raising committee, and those who come along and share their hobbies and interests. To the parents that put their trust in us. I am so grateful for everyone's help - without these dedicated people Winkleigh Beavers would not meet.

**I WISH EVERYONE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND A JOYFUL NEW YEAR.**



**THANK YOU.**

*Pat Cunnington [Ahmeek]*

## Down Farm Market Garden

Hello! We are Henry Allison and Olivia James and we are passionate about food - that is growing it, cooking it, processing it, eating it and sharing it! This is why we are setting up a vegetable and fruit market garden, just outside of Winkleigh, at Down Farm, ready for next summer season. Henry - born and bred in Winkleigh! - has been growing vegetables for the best part of the last 6 years, including training through the Soil Association apprenticeship scheme, and Olivia has been working a range of urban community growing projects and mixed farms in Devon & Australia since 2012.



*Veg growing in South Australia 2015*

At Down Farm we will be aiming to grow a huge variety of exciting and tasty vegetables and fruits using sustainable farming methods, on a small area of land; under one acre. We will be using the ‘no-dig’ method of farming, which is cultivating with no tillage, but rather fertility building on top of beds, through composting and mulching, mimicking natural processes, such as in woodlands. This will give us healthy soil providing us with healthy plants and healthy food.

We want to provide food directly to our local community, as we believe eating local produce provides better tasting, fresher food, because it has travelled less miles, whilst also supporting our local economy and building a stronger community. This is why we are exploring a ‘Community Supported Agriculture’ (CSA) model.

## **What is a CSA?**

Community Supported Agriculture is a partnership between farmers and their community, sharing the responsibilities, risks and rewards of farming. It directly connects customers with their local farm, forming a relationship that goes beyond a monetary transaction for goods. The involvement may be through buying a share in the business, sharing the costs of production, or providing labour.

## **The benefits of a CSA**

CSAs are beneficial for both farmers and the community: farmers receive a more stable and secure income, and form closer connection with the community who are eating their produce. Meanwhile the customers benefit from eating fresh, healthy, local and naturally grown food.

## **How to get involved?**

Down Farm are looking for members of the community who would be interested in supporting our vegetable and fruit enterprise from next summer. This may be through buying a 'share', offering labour, or equipment, in exchange for a supply of produce throughout the season. We would also like people to get in touch about what produce you would like to be eating next season, anything from beef steak tomatoes, to kale or cucumbers. If you are interested in wholesaling, please also get in touch, we want to hear from you too!

## **What next?**

Please get in touch via email, phone or FaceBook to register your interest, just to ask questions or a chat. Early next year, we will be organising an event to meet with those interested about the Down Farm CSA - stay tuned! We have an open farm policy, so if you would like to visit us, our gates are always open, just give us a ring.

## **Community feedback - win a prize!**

Please help us find out some information about our local communities' needs and wants regarding fruit & vegetables. If you complete our short questionnaire you will be entered into a prize draw to win a FREE VEG BOX, delivered straight to your door.

Please go online to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5SMH5LG>

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# CAROLS IN THE BARN



*SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER*

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*For further details contact:*

*Jane & Roger Hill  
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*Jan & Dave Ovenden  
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## Thank you to Tom (Licensed to Grill!)

Tom Robinson of Winkleigh Butchers, inspired by a group of children that came into the Butchers Shop as part of the “Evacuees Trail” walk during the recent “Pop-Up Museum Day”, decided to add another dimension to the day.

Tom contacted Beaford Arts and from their archive printed off an impressive collection of Winkleigh photographs by renowned photographer James Ravilious.

Tom & Barry have displayed the prints in their shop window and created great interest, many people stopping to recognise themselves in their youth, family members, other villagers or just how aspects of the village have changed.

Thanks also to Barry for sharing some of his memories with the children on the day.



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## Helping Hedgehogs as the Fruits Ripen

Autumn is here, an evocative, bittersweet season of fires, fruits and moody weather. Of all seasons, autumn brings to mind our wonderful, but sadly threatened, hedgehog. Some hedgehogs will already have started their hibernation. Many will be feeding voraciously and be exploring for a safe place to build a nest within which they may spend many weeks.

There are many ways you can help them with these preparations. Provide a dish of meaty cat food, dog food or mealworms and some water to drink. Avoid cutting back all of your herbaceous borders – these standing stems and seed heads hold overwintering insects that will feed hedgehogs next year. Build any bonfires on the day you plan to burn them – piles of vegetation are very attractive nesting places for hedgehogs. Plant a tree: think apple, pear, cherry, oak or hawthorn as these all have leaves of the size preferred by hedgehogs for nest building and are good for encouraging invertebrates. Build a log pile in the corner of your garden as a hedgehog refuge.



More detail on these tips and many more can be found on the website [hedgehogstreet.org](http://hedgehogstreet.org) - by Henry Johnson, Hedgehog Officer for People's Trust for Endangered Species

*Submitted by Sheila Anderson-Witty  
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Autumn has come and along with it the season of many harvest festivals to give thanks for the harvest we've reaped. It is also the time of year when young (and old) farmers are busy preparing for next year's harvest.



Dung Spreading, ploughing, cultivating and drilling. No doubt you've seen them busily working in the fields or maybe just bright lights working at night. A farmer never stops!

Livestock have to be brought in for the winter. This year, we have been blessed with a gorgeous autumn allowing them to spend more time outside.

It is also a busy time for the Young Farmers Club. With our AGM in September we now have new officers for the year ahead. We held our new members meeting earlier in the autumn with some new faces (New members are always welcome).

We held a band night in the Village Hall for Winkleigh Fair with the 'Tumblin' Dice' on the 30<sup>th</sup> September which was unfortunately not very well supported. However we raised £132.16 which we have presented to the new fair committee.

As mentioned last time we have been busy painting our carnival float. This year our theme is Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, chosen in memory of the late Gene Wilder. So far we've been to Okehampton, South Zeal and Dolton carnivals, receiving best YFC, 2<sup>nd</sup> and best YFC and 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. We now have 2 more carnivals (Hatherleigh and Holsworthy) to see the season out!

We celebrated another year of the club, and all we'd achieved at our annual dinner with members and some parents attending. A good night was had by all. The weekend after, we entered the county young farmer's hockey competition, coming third in our group.

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On the 29<sup>th</sup> October we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Big Breakfast in aid of Winkleigh Pre-school. We served around 50 breakfasts, making around £90 (exact figure not available at the time of writing). Thanks to all those who attended.

**Upcoming events.....**

We are planning a Tractor Run on the 8<sup>th</sup> January starting at Burrington Village Hall from 10am. Refreshments will be available at the event. Everyone welcome.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January we will be holding a Blind Drop. Starting from Broadwoodkelly Village Hall from 7pm. For those of you wondering what this is, you get blindfolded and dropped somewhere in the area and have to make it back to where you started without being spotted by the ‘spotters’ driving around in cars. It’s great fun so come along with friends and family!

For more information, please look at our Facebook page ‘Winkleigh YFC’ or contact our secretary Tim Laarveld - 07910074836

*Katrina Brook*

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**Hollocombe Music Club**

Next music event will be held on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Community Centre. See website for details: <http://hollocombemusicclub.org.uk>

*Trevor Melhuish*

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## What's Going On At Winkleigh Methodist Church

There won't be many of you reading this who didn't know and love the late Mrs Marian Short. She was a long-serving member of Winkleigh Methodist and was completely dedicated to the Chapel and worked hard and served for many years. It can truly be said that she was a good and faithful servant. She is still mentioned often at our meetings and members are so grateful that alongside Mrs Molly Short and Mrs Betty George (and others before them that some of you will remember) she played a big part in keeping the Chapel open during difficult times. She was a true Christian and put her faith into action helping and supporting many people within the community. She taught many local people and was known as 'Gran Short' to lots of children and adults who were no relation to her at all! Donations given at her funeral service, totalling £535, were gifted to the Chapel and we are thankful to the family and for everyone who contributed. Mrs Marian Short will continue to be missed by all her family and friends and we give thanks to God for her life and the wonderful way she reflected His love to all who knew her.

You may remember back in the hazy, lazy days of summer we had a concert during Winkleigh Fair week. We had a very enjoyable evening and also managed to raise £270.00p for the North Devon Hospice at the same time; thank you to all who came and donated so generously.

We've had a busy summer with camps, holiday clubs, barbeques and cream teas enjoyed by all, from the youngest to the oldest. SPACE hosted a barbeque at the Sports centre where 60 – 70 people turned out for free hot dogs and burgers and various games, including hungry hippos which caused some amusement by all accounts. Helpers of Oasis loaded their cars with customers and took them off to Fremington quay on a gorgeous afternoon in early October for a cream tea, courtesy of profits from its lunches; all being well we will be having a little outing every quarter.

Oasis continues to run on a Monday from 11 – 2 pm for a 2-course hot lunch, lighter snacks are also available, along with cake, coffee and tea. Our Christmas lunch is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, booking is essential for that.

This year's carol service is to be led by our minister, Rev Nigel Coke-Woods with help no doubt from some of our younger and maybe older members. It will be taking place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 5.30 pm with refreshments to follow.

After the success of our Carol singing last Christmas we will be venturing out again on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, decking the tractor with boughs of tinsel and lights, look out for us and join us if you would like as well.

As always we will be celebrating **Christmas morning** with a short time of worship at 10.30 so as not to interfere with lunch preparations, which will be led by someone from our own church. You're welcome to join us for this family occasion.

Everyone is welcome to join us for any of the above events. As previously said Oasis runs weekly, "SPACE" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month of term time.

All worship times and preachers are on our notice board outside of the chapel along with any other special events that we may have on, also:

Keep up to date on Facebook @**WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHAPEL**.

For more information about church life or prayer requests contact any of the people below or any other church member and we will be do our best to help you.

Alan and Fiona Marshall 01837 83809. Pam Down 01837 83674.

Rev Nigel Coke-Woods 01837 810591.

## The Molland Book

Seeing the Molland Book displayed recently at the Pop-Up Museum raised the question about how one could actually read it, as it is normally in a locked glass-fronted case in All Saints Church.



Gordon Fisher has found a photocopy of the complete book. It is, unfortunately, only in black & white, so the wonderful page illumination cannot be seen. But having this copy available has made it possible to scan it and put it on the Winkleigh Online website for all to read.

It has been made into PDF files - one for each Chapter - and can be accessed at: <http://www.winkleighonline.com> - then click on "What's Going on in Winkleigh", then click on "The Molland Book".

It is Lawrence Molland's antiquarian snapshot of the History of Winkleigh from pre-Roman times up to 16<sup>th</sup> February 1949 and, although not easy to read, is well worth looking at.

*Alan Mulcahy*



The Women's Institute would like to  
wish you all a  
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.

2017 is a very important Year for our W.I. as we will be Celebrating our 90th Birthday in March!

Due to popular requests, we have decided that in future we will now meet on Wednesday afternoons instead of the evening, between 2.30 and 4.30pm in the Small Room at the back of the Village Hall.

Please note that although we usually meet on the first Wednesday of the month, January's meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th** and the Speaker will be Mrs Carol Austin talking about Antique China.

Our programme for 2107 will be available on the Winkleigh Website (see Clubs/WI) but keep a look out for information posters in the Village Hall, Community Centre and other places around Winkleigh.

You are all welcome Ladies to any of our meetings - there is a small charge but it includes Tea!

Looking forward to seeing some of you in the New Year

*Claire Tricker*  
*President/Secretary*

## Winkleigh Breast Cancer Now (BCN) Group

A range of fundraising activities have been carried out by the Winkleigh Group, some locally, some further afield but always following notification to the Charity's Central Office. Through this process we were able to have permission to collect at Tesco's in Barnstaple on two occasions and also to be part of the highly publicised M&S promotion during the recent Breast Cancer week. At all these venues we were extremely grateful to those members of the group who gave up a considerable amount of time to standing in the stores with collecting boxes. As always we were delighted with the response from the public, many of whom, as I have said previously, have personal experience of family members or close friends being affected by this disease.

Unfortunately the 'Drop-in Breast Cancer' day was not well-attended but the few who came were able to have advice and support from a North Devon Breast Cancer nurse while having refreshments and a chat.

Locally groups have continued to give support during activities such as coffee mornings, film nights and lunches, as well as individuals giving loose change or having a small collection box. We continue to sell the Winkleigh Notelets printed from paintings by two local amateur artists; we are happy to sell these to anyone requesting a set at £2.50. A Quiz night organised by Pauline will have taken place by the time you receive this edition of Distinctly Winkleigh, but we would like to thank Pauline and her team for setting it up, and to those who collected a quiz team together to add to the fundraising challenge.



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The 'Pink Party' scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> December has had to be postponed due to urgent family commitments of some of the organisers, but is rescheduled for **Saturday 21st January, still at the Village Hall, and still with a request that all attendees sport something PINK!**

This will be the final large scale event the group will be organising and we hope most of you will come along to support it and give a toast to the many, many of you who have supported us throughout the year. Already, new research is leading to more effective forms of medication and intervention, and it would be terrific if Winkleigh was on the map of those places that had raised funds to support the ongoing vital research.

**WELL DONE WINKLEIGH!**

## Thank You to Winkleigh Young Farmers Club

It was with great pleasure that the Winkleigh Fair Committee recently accepted a cheque from the Winkleigh Young Farmers Club. The donation was made from the proceeds of a social event held by the Club. The Fair Committee would like to extend its thanks to the Young Farmers, renowned for its fund-raising for local and charitable causes, for its kind donation.



Here is the photo that was taken at the Community Centre when the Winkleigh Young Farmers presented us with a cheque

## Children, Church and Charity

In early July, All Saints Church held its annual summer fete at the beginning of Winkleigh Fair. It's a popular community event and an important fund raiser for the church.

To ensure that the younger members of our community were not overlooked during the event, a number of the children who attend our Sunday school programme offered to help organise games and activities. They expressed a wish that any money donated should go a charity in support of young people. They chose CLIC Sargent, the U.K.'s leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families.

The children's efforts raised £40. They then challenged the adult members of the church congregation to match their efforts. An additional £68.00 was donated. We then claimed funding under the Gift Aid/Small Donations scheme.

So thanks to the efforts of a few young, dedicated children, and the generosity of members of the community, a cheque for £135 was recently sent on their behalf to support the work of CLIC Sargent. All Saints Church salutes and thanks all involved for their efforts.

Our next charity fund raising event is a coffee morning on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 10:30 am in the church when we will be raising money in support of 'Crisis at Christmas.' Please attend and help bring some cheer to single homeless people over the Christmas holiday period.

*Collin Gibson, Church Treasurer*

## Winkleigh Church Fundraising Group Report

Harvest Thanksgiving and the lunch that followed were well-attended and we were able to send off a contribution to 'Water Aid', an apt charity when we had given thanks for the bounty our gardens and allotments had produced thanks to our weather patterns. The Church was once again beautifully decorated by the Flower Arrangers, and the display in the Porch at the South Entrance was excellently done by children from the Primary School who had their own Harvest Festival in the Church on the previous Friday.

Especially now that the weather has changed quite dramatically the plight of the homeless registers strongly, and so with our posters and flyers circulating we hope that many of you will come along to the 'Crisis at Christmas' Coffee Morning in the Church at 10.30 on Friday 25th November. All proceeds from that event will go to this Charity that supports the homeless.

Dates for 2017 have already been discussed, and worry not if you are given a duplicate or unwanted gift for Christmas, on Friday 27th January at the Coffee Morning in the Church there will be a sale of items with 50% of the price going to you the seller and 50% to church funds.

Future dates include:

Friday 31st March – a coffee morning hopefully held in the churchyard to raise awareness of the gardening chores necessary in that area

Saturday 22nd April – a Poetry and Pies evening to celebrate our famous and favourite poets, or even, write your own!

Friday 26th May – coffee morning

Friday/Saturday 16th/17th June – a Craft Show open to all in the Parish

Saturday 8th July – Church Fete preceding Fair Week

Saturday 15th September – coffee morning

Saturday 24th November – a Christmas themed coffee morning.

Following our first very enjoyable but wet barbecue, there will be more on an ad hoc basis throughout the year; posters will be on display in advance.

## DOG FOULING IN THE CHURCHYARD

**Despite the notices appealing to people's better judgement, dog-fouling still goes on with a few dog owners being spiteful enough to allow their animals to relieve themselves on Church land. Someone is now allowing their dog to mess the pathways, presumably thinking it clever to avoid the grass the notice refers to while making the point that pathways were not specifically mentioned. We are reluctant to close the gates as so many people enjoy walking through the churchyard, but we cannot let this problem continue; this is a sacred burial ground and includes recognised Commonwealth War Graves.**

## **Archaeological Watching Brief Question and Answer Session**

Survey done at Homeleigh, Church Hill, Winkleigh, with Mr & Mrs Biddlestone.

*Q.* Why did you have an archaeological survey done?

*A.* We live in a Grade II listed property and a conservation area. Due to the proximity of the house to the Church, Torridge DC felt we should have an Archaeologist present when we excavated the garden to construct a new garage.

*Q.* Was it a lengthy process?

*A.* The actual dig was three days. We had to find our own archaeologist. The conservation officer for Torridge District Council suggested a couple of local Archaeologists and we engaged one from an Exeter company called AC Archaeology Ltd.

*Q.* How many Archaeologists.

*A.* Just one.

*Q.* What special equipment was used?

*A.* A toothless digger bucket. The Archaeologist talked to the digger driver as he scraped off the turf and peeled back layers of soil. It was only a small section. She worked with a trowel and brush, also measuring equipment, bags for samples, camera, sketch book, and, of course, a helmet and hi-vis jacket.

*Q.* Was it interesting to watch?

*A.* It was when she found something.

*Q.* What was found?

*A.* Medieval pottery, an old wall and a drain. (Detailed list at end of article).

*Q.* Was it significant?

*A.* North Devon Museum has the artefacts. The watching brief was justified. We were surprised that they found anything.

*Q.* How much did it delay your planned work?

*A.* Not significantly.

*Q.* How did you rate the process?

*A.* It was less time consuming and disruptive than we had anticipated and the archaeologist worked cooperatively with the site worker. We had to pay for the dig, but we thought the cost was reasonable.

*Q.* Has it changed the way you think about Winkleigh?

*A.* I do feel others need to be aware that there could be significant discoveries. This is a very ancient settlement.

### Artefacts found:

- Sherds of pottery, consisting of seven medieval (North Devon derived wares) dating to c. AD1200 – 1350, including a piece of thumb-pressed jug base.

- Nine sherds, post medieval in date. These mostly North Devon wares and included a piece of North Devon sgraffito ware dish.
  - One piece of South Somerset slipware dish (found in a culverted drain).
- All of these post medieval sherds dated to the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Other finds (dating to AD 1700 – 1770) included pieces of clay tobacco pipe, one plain stem and two bowls. A piece of an iron nail.

In addition to the above, one undiagnostic piece of medieval ceramic building material was unearthed.



Plate 2: View of stone drain 108 overlying wall 113, looking south (scale 1m)

*This article relates to the Homeleigh 'Archaeological Watching Brief' Report which was brought to the recent Pop-Up Museum Day held in Winkleigh.*

*JB/IB/PJG October 2016*

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## Winkleigh Church Wives Group

Since our AGM meeting in June we had a break of two months before resuming our meetings for the forthcoming year.

We were able to enjoy our annual coach outing in August, this time visiting Lynton and Lynmouth and this year we were blessed with good weather.

On resuming back in Sept. we began the year with a Service in Church and then continuing the meeting back in the Hall. We were able to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming Autumn Fair, which will be held on Saturday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 10 am to 12.30 pm.

Donations from the Fair will be given to the DEVONFREEWHEELERS.

Our programme for the forthcoming year will include Sue Read from Crediton Country Courier, giving us an insight into setting up a newspaper.

In November, we hope to have a speaker from Devonfreewheelers.

In December, we will enjoy our usual Social afternoon with a quiz and perhaps a few games.



In the New Year we look forward to Cathy Norton telling us all about Body Shop.

In March, Barry Beckingham will be talking about the WW1 Ambulance Trains.

All our meeting take place in the small room of the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

All are welcome. There is no membership fee.

*Janet Magor (sec)*

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*The solution is on page 58*



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## Lives in a Landscape - David Trenaman

“Trenaman, I know where you’ve been. You’ve been hay-harvesting.”

“Wouldn’t get away with it now,” chuckles David, “we’d have been bankrupted by the fines. But the teachers knew why the farm kids were away”.

As David talks and reminisces about his and his father and ‘granfer’s’ farming life in Winkleigh it is a timeline of agricultural, social and political upheaval.

He recalls his father ‘Boxer’ telling him how US airmen were billeted in the farmhouse and how one of them had painted his bedroom wall with USA insignia. Also how his Dad used to light beacons in the bottom meadow to guide the airmen to the airfield.

By order of The Ministry 30 acres of their land were planted out to potatoes. They carried on with potatoes after the war and they and Arthur Sanders supplied the village school. “That is how the village operated as a local economy. Also, with no school field,” David recalls, “they used one of our fields as a cricket pitch and Farmer Ellicott let them use one of his fields for sports.

“Lots of the village men worked on the local farms, in the days before contractors and their machines were hired in. Dick Wonnacott and Albert Stapleton worked for Dad and Granfer. Come Harvest time other villagers pitched in; but David particularly remembers Arthur Wonnacott. He would come up after finishing his bakery shift at Hunts (now Londis) and cart the bales. He was as strong as an ox. Dad would go to Inch’s and leave a jar or two of cider for Arthur in the Dutch barn.

“We always kept sheep but stopped milking cows when it moved from buckets and churns to the automated pipeline and bulk tanks. That’s when we moved into suckler calves. Eventually the redundant shippon’s and yard were developed into housing”.

David recalls two foot and mouth outbreaks.

The first in 1964 and still at Primary School he echoed David Woollacott’s memory of many carcasses being buried in lime pits opposite their farm, (now Westcot’s Drive).

The second in 1999; that long wet winter, he recalls, the difficulties of not being able to move their animals. They did not lose any; but not being able to move their stock for three months made life very difficult. They finally got the “all clear” after blood tests. The Ministry gave permission to move as long as they “simply brushed the road and sprayed it with disinfectant after moving”.

David’s memories explain a seismic time in Winkleigh’s built History and the connection with Eggesford House. The family farmhouse was built with stone from Eggesford House which Mr Chambers had bought in the 1920s.

The Village Hall and Greystones (the house opposite) were built with this. Also fireplaces, beams and gates came from there.

David explained “that there was great rivalry between Mr Chambers and Squire Johnson. The Squire was top dog in the village. Mr Chambers was new money, an upstart, but he was determined to make his mark through architecture.

“The established Village Hall (now Old Castle School) was too small and he had one built right next to it, on the ancient Croft Castle mound, bigger, bolder and higher and in art-deco style.

“This engulfed the village in a seismic row and made the newspapers. The Western Morning News featured a professional cartoon about it. Many families refused to enter it when it was finally completed”.



As David’s conversation ranged over farming practice, local characters, village events and changes in the landscape, it was apparent that he has witnessed vast changes in the village and with his own farm.

“Our cows would make their own way down Townsend Hill. ‘Twas a country lane then. Imagine that now!”

*David Trenaman interviewed for “Lives in a Landscape” April & October 2016.*

**Postscript:**

Of all the new builds in Winkleigh *Old Barn Close* is one of the most sympathetic in terms of design and building materials (stone was recycled from the demolished barns to face the houses and the boundary walls). The white render blends with houses further up the hill. David remarked that four of the houses have ‘hip roofs’ echoing the buildings they replaced. The name ‘Old Barn Close’ reflects the original nature and purpose of the site.

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## Muddy Shoes Walking Group

### Walk on Hollocombe Moor

By way of a change in July and under grey skies, we had a circular walk on Hollocombe Moor, which is open access land under the 'right to roam' Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, meaning you do not have to keep to designated footpaths.

We were a small group and set off from the lower south-east corner along the bottom boundary with a marked lack of any obvious foot-paths. A bit of a mistake, as we quickly reached a stream and some very boggy ground, where one of our number was soon up to her knees in mud! Not to be deterred, we pressed on, noting that the moor included an area protected by an electric fence and containing cattle.

At first they ignored us when we walked towards them, but, as we made our way to the north-west side of the moor, they became more curious and started to move quite quickly, so we all hopped over the nearby electric fence to get out of harm's way! Fortunately the electric fence did its job, so we quickly and safely regained the lane along the top of the moor for the return stretch to our starting point. All in all an eventful but very worth-while walk.



### East Ruby Country Walk through 'The Warhorse Valley'

We planned to take it a bit easy on this circular walk by completing one half only (about 3 miles). We all met at North Hall (Stage 4 on the Warhorse map) and ambled downhill, through farmland, to a 'wild wood'. There was not an obvious path through this wood but this added to the appeal, it was all a bit mysterious and secret. We walked beside and crossed over 3 streams and saw badger sets and deer tracks. The route then took us out of the woods and up a steep-sided field with views to Dartmoor from the top. We then joined the Upcott road near Pewson Barton – still with beautiful views to Dartmoor.

Shortly after that we turned down the Tarka Trail in the direction of Iddesleigh. We crossed some more pasture whilst keeping a wary eye on some cows with their calves. The exit from this field was over a lovely little wooden bridge with steps, set high across a small river. Safely out of the range of protective cow mothers, we followed the path through more pasture and then onto a farm lane with a hazel copse and rolling countryside. The track was intersected by the road from Iddesleigh Methodist Chapel to Whitemoor and Hennacroft.

We crossed over and continued on the Tarka Trail to Eastpark Farm (6) where there are some natural lakes and ponds together with peacocks, ducks and a collection of abandoned farm machinery and old Land Rovers in the process of being claimed by nature.

If James Ravilious was still with us, he would have taken some wonderful photographs!



We walked through the farmyard and turned right along a rough farm track with beautiful Ruby Red and South Devon cows and calves on the left and wonderful views to Dartmoor.

About 10 minutes later we emerged at the bottom end of Iddesleigh Village Green by the Old Coach House and then to the Pub! A few ciders later we emerged with a spring in our steps following the road back to North Hall, where we had tea and flapjacks. It was a really good walk with a lot of variety (woods, fields, tracks, pub!) – we plan to complete the other half of the circuit very soon.

Here is a link to the Ruby Country map:

<http://www.ridetherubycountry.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Iddesleigh-and-war-horse.pdf>

*Rosemary Simmonds*

PS: If you would like to join us on future walks, please contact us via the Winkleigh Community Plan Facebook Page or ring Penny on 01837 83407.



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## **BRONZE SEAL FOUND AT HILLMANS, WINKLEIGH**

### **How was the Seal lost and found?**

*Fiction by Shirley Cowling*

Thomas Barrett, Lord Archdeacon of Exeter, talked to himself as his horse pushed on towards Winkleigh.

“Oh dear! I'm getting tired, and my back aches already. Horseback is so uncomfortable. It is the year of Our Lord 1572. You'd think someone would have discovered a better way to travel than horseback! I've been in this Office for ten years now, and I'm still having to root out bad behaviour among the clergy. The Bishop trusts me to do it with speed and tact - - so I must do it again today.

“I've got to examine William Tucker, Vicar of Winkleigh. He's neglecting his wife, and he's got no subtlety. All the village knows the young woman who is beguiling him, so I have to teach him the error of his ways. She must be a witch, and will be dealt with according to the customs of the church. I have to wear all these hot robes, and carry this heavy bronze Official Seal of the Lord Archdeacon of Exeter to prove my authority. Thank Heaven for young Tom here, riding beside me. He's keeping my hoss in order as well as his own.”

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William Tucker looked out of Hillmans window onto the Square. The bells were ringing to hush the crowds, and to tell them that the important visitor had arrived at the bottom of the Square. The Vicar was talking to himself, trying not to feel nervous. “I do hope they will be quiet and reverent as the Lord Archdeacon rides among them. Here he is. He's dismounting. The young lad's helping him, holding the horse's bridle.”

He did not wish to face up to his parishioners. He stayed by the window and only went out to open the big front door to greet the Archdeacon as he approached the door. He did not show his face to the public at all. He was afraid they would boo him, as they had on the previous Sunday.

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Archdeacon – Mr. Tucker. Can we walk in your garden? What I have to say is for your ears only.

W.T. - Yes, my Lord. Please come this way.

They walked to the middle of the garden path.

Archdeacon - By my authority held in this Great Seal of Exeter – (He waved the seal into William Tucker's face) – I have to warn you, Mr. Tucker, that intimacy within marriage is the only kind permitted to Anglican Clergy. You do know that?

William Tucker nodded.



The brazen young woman, who must be a witch, will be removed from the village if your penitence is public and contrite.

W.T. - Yes, my Lord Archdeacon. I do know that. I have not been reticent, and I have sinned. My poor wife has been sadly wronged. She did not deserve that. I repent of all my sins. I do wish to stay as Vicar of Winkleigh if I can have your p..permission to do so.

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Their intense conversation absorbed them utterly. Neither of them noticed the Great Seal fall into the flower bed. They walked back to the house and through it. Out of the front door, where the milling crowds hushed their speech and watched their vicar humbled to his knees in the street, uttering his confession to God and mankind. Then the Archdeacon proclaimed the words of forgiveness, and invited the penitent to stand. The crowd burst into applause.

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It was not until the Archdeacon disrobed that night, back in the comfortable house in the Cathedral Close that his Office entitled him to enjoy, that he noticed that the Great Seal was no longer hanging by its string around his neck. "Great God help me," he prayed. "Where on the route to and from Winkleigh can that precious creation be lost? Please, Lord, may one of your servants find it and return it to me." The prayer was never answered.

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17th September 2016: At Winkleigh's Pop – Up Museum.

Margaret Dent explained to each of the villagers who came to her exhibit that she had come to live at Hillmans as a bride in 1960. In May 1990, when a trench was dug in the garden in order to lay electricity to the Garden Shed, she noticed the Seal lying on the surface of the soil that had been dug out of the trench. We don't know when Thomas Barrett came to Winkleigh and lost his seal, but it was probably during the reign of Elizabeth I, 400 years ago. How the seal was lost, and the erring Vicar are fictions, but the Archdeacon probably did visit Winkleigh. He, and Margaret Dent, are the only 'real' people in my story. All the rest has come from my imagination.

*Shirley Cowling*

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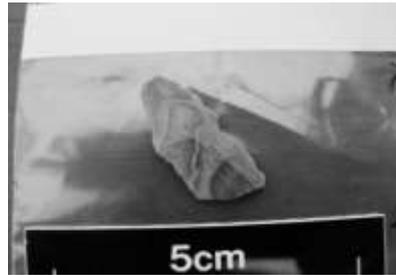
Our dig at Moistown in August and September went really well. The director was, as always, surprised at the amount of work we all got done. For those who are following our progress you will understand when I say – we found more cobbles! We also found walls, quite often where we expected to find them, and the remains of an interesting structure that could be something like the fire under an old water boiler. Of course this structure goes into the section (the side of the excavation) so we will have to wait until next year to find out more.



*Burnt bricks disappearing into the section* *Some of our finds – a piece of pottery, probably Victorian but could be earlier*



*Bowl of a clay pipe*



*A worked flint – probably Neolithic*

Our AGM is in November when we plan the next year's activities so look out for those in our next piece. We would love to see you.

Our website is worth a look but you cannot contact us through it. As before, feel free to contact us through our Facebook page or to me at [mail@ericaonline.plus.com](mailto:mail@ericaonline.plus.com)



*Erica Williamson*

*ACE Archaeology Club Secretary*

## Okehampton Choral Society

### Seasonal Words and Music

Starting at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 2nd December and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Fairplace Church in Okehampton, the Okehampton Choral Society will present its usual seasonal programme of Christmas music and themed seasonal readings.

There will be carols old and new, including familiar ones in which the audience will be invited to join.

All are welcome. Tickets, at £5 for adults and £2 for school age children, will be available on the door or in advance from Bill Sutton-Coulson on 01837 531095.

Come along and bring your family and friends!

*Helen Palmer - Publicity*

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#### **Are you aged 18-25?**

If you are aged 18-25 and studying at University or on a recognised course of training you may be eligible for a small grant from the Old School Charity.

To be eligible you also have to reside within the Parish of Winkleigh.

Grants are normally given in the form of Book Tokens.

If you think you, or someone you know, might be eligible then in the first instance please contact the Chairman of the Trustees:

*Fr. Peter Norman. (01837) 83719*

## Winkleigh Birds this Winter

The summer migrants are gone, Swifts since the beginning of August, House Martins and Swallows since mid September. It has been such a fruitful year that many birds cannot yet be bothered to risk the cats (and indeed the village Sparrowhawk) to head for our gardens. I have plenty of Chaffinch but only a few Greenfinch or Goldfinch. Some of the Greenfinch have trichomonosis, unable to eat and very stiff. And I have had two Goldfinches with lesions on their legs. In one case this is an encrustation and in the other orange filigree hanging there. The Siskins are not back in the garden yet, and I am too near the village centre to regularly have Bullfinch or Linnet.

Blackbirds are here by the dozen mostly fighting over the little red crab-apples on my tree, while on the trunk this year I clearly have a pair of Nuthatches and a pair of Treecreepers. Very proud of them.

Before too long we can expect not only the Song Thrush to be singing, but Redwings and Fieldfares to be going through the rotting apples. Just once, on a very cold December day did a Waxwing reach me. Both Blackbirds and thrushes sing at night, so it is not a Nightingale, not here. Two records of Nightingale in Devon last year, one at Axminster and one at Berry Head; largely extinct in North Devon.

I've been getting Coal, Blue and Great Tit every day, and an occasional Marsh Tit. The Long-tailed Tit, drifting in chattering flocks are now classified as warblers not tits. The Goldcrests are back, and the Robins, Dunnocks and Wrens never left. This year I had two male Robins showing off their red chests and getting ready for a fight. Somewhere in the village a pair of Starling must stay the summer, but they are now mainly a winter bird, and have arrived over the past week, along with a young Woodpecker determined to break the wire nut holder. On the airfield they have recently had a Black Redstart.

Meanwhile the Sparrows are stripping everything, always mob-handed, about 20 of them. Now a red list species because declining in the big cities ..... but clearly not here. But keep an eye and ear for the Parakeets. They have now reached Plymouth. Has anyone seen ordinary urban pigeons in Winkleigh? We get Woodpigeon and Collared Dove but not the urban bird. Perhaps this proves we are village not town.

If the fish in your pond seem rather fewer, that may be the heron that has been dipping early every morning.

*Peter Howard*

*[Editors' Note: Please let us know what birds you have spotted around the village or in your garden.]*

## **Winkleigh Sports Centre – Celebrating Success**

It has again been a busy (and exciting) few months for the Sports Centre, with lots of fantastic events including a fabulous night of live music from Evolver, a very successful day from The Auction Room (and further ones planned) and of course, the spectacular Fireworks Display (at the time of writing) which was held by Friends of Winkleigh School.

### **Youth Club**

The Youth Club are still looking for helpers – if you can spare two hours on a Wednesday night, please just turn up and see us – we'd love to hear from you. And, we hear those jingle bells...the Christmas Party is on the 14 December, so come along and join in the fun!

### **Saturday Club**

After the Summer recess, the 10-12.30pm Saturday Club is going great guns. The aim is to allow parents to spend time with their children so come along and enjoy yourselves.

### **Snooker Club**

We have completed the renovation of the tables, which are now ready for this season's league games. The team have made a good start and you can look at all the hard work on Facebook.

We've been discussing the potential with Devon Air Ambulance of using our field as a night landing site which we will update you on in due course. For all of you who voted for the chance to get Aviva funding for a community cinema in Winkleigh – watch this space to see if we reached the finals of the bidding process! We will keep you updated on this and any other funding opportunities and let you know through our Facebook page as they arise. Please 'friend' us if you haven't already for the latest Sports Centre news.

*Tom Radcliffe - Secretary (07811 772730)*

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## Townsend Hill Traffic Calming Project



This project consists of the installation of a series of traffic calming structures known as pinch points with central elongated cushions at strategic positions along the length of Townsend Hill. Uphill traffic will be given priority to reduce noise and exhaust emissions.

The Winkleigh Parish Council (WPC) had voted to proceed with this same scheme back on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010, but lack of available funding following the financial crisis prevented it from going ahead. The results of the questionnaire used as the basis for the creation of the 2014 Community Plan showed that the so called “rat run” problem was still high on the list of traffic problems associated with Winkleigh and the WPC agreed to try again by putting the scheme out to public consultation.

Seven public consultation sessions were held at either the Village Hall or the Community Centre back in June this year. The details of the scheme were advertised through this publication, via the Council website and on notice boards. Businesses thought to be affected were informed by mail. Residents were invited to make written submissions into a register or write/email the Parish Clerk with their comments.

Whilst the overall response was limited, the final results indicated residents in favour of the scheme outnumbered those against by a factor of 5:1

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Parish Council ordinary meeting, the WPC again voted to proceed with the scheme providing that grant funding could be found. I have since applied to the National Lottery but without success and am currently applying to the Torridge District Council for financial assistance. I also have other areas of investigation under consideration.

Devon County Council (DCC) would not fund this proposal because, under their policy, no serious accidents or fatalities have occurred to justify any remedial work being done. DCC does, however, suggest this scheme as being the only practical way of dealing with our problem of traffic speed and volume using Townsend Hill, whilst being of least inconvenience to local inhabitants.

*Graham Pearce - Community Plan Action Group*

## Winkleigh Bell Ringers

The Church bells have been ringing in Winkleigh for hundreds of years, calling the faithful to worship and in local and national celebration, mourning and remembrance. We still use the centuries old tradition of call change ringing.

We have an excellent peal of 8 bells, the largest of which is called the tenor and weighs just under a ton. They are fairly straightforward to ring, given some training, and you don't have to be super-fit - it is more about technique and timing than sheer strength.

Currently there are about 10 regular ringers in Winkleigh. We are a very sociable group, enjoying a drink after practice and eating out together several times a year after touring around ringing in other towers in the south west. Four of our regular 10 are women.



We are keen to welcome returning ringers and new learners to our group. It is good physical and mental exercise, helps to develop stamina and concentration and has been described as the ultimate team activity. Anyone over 14 years old is welcome to come and give it a go.

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# Winkleigh School – Work by the Children

This piece of work, sent to us by the School, is by Oliver Evans of Year 6

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

## Recent Elicitation

### The day I overcame a fear of mine at Sthern Lodge

We were all waiting in the shed above the tunnels system. Having just practised in a big tunnel outside, we were really pretty confident. I was still fairly nervous about going through that trapdoor into the dark. Then Rhys called us through and there was no going back. ✓

When we had all got into the lower chamber, Rhys told us to enter the first tunnel one by one. As my turn came, I became more and more nervous. Then, when he called my name, with my heart beating ~~my~~ rhythmically with my footsteps, I entered the tunnel...

It was dark, damp, dusty and dirty in the tunnel. But as I got through it, I got more and more confident with every movement. When I got to the next chamber, I was ~~very~~ courageous enough to go through our next challenge: the bungee tunnel. ✓

The bungee tunnel is only one metre ~~away~~ long but full of bungee chord! When I was in there, I was surprised by how easily it came. After that, it was like I had been doing it all my life.

We played some games including hide and seek<sup>is</sup> which we found Mrs Manning but not Rhys. At the end of the ~~section~~<sup>section</sup> I was sad to be going because it had been so much fun.

## News from Winkleigh School

The school reopened after the summer break on September 5<sup>th</sup>, the children and staff returning full of enthusiasm and motivation for the new school year ahead.

During the first half of the autumn term the whole school visited the church for its annual Harvest Festival, each class performing a song or poem and contributing produce that was auctioned for charity. We will be back at the church closer to Christmas for another annual event, the school Christmas Carol service and Nativity on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

The Foundation stage (including children aged from 2 to 5 years) began the year by settling in the children and supporting them to become used to the settings. The half-term topic was Harvest and found the children harvesting some of their own produce from the school garden including apples, pears and rhubarb. Scarecrow Day was enjoyed with the children and staff dressing up and welcoming a variety of large farm machinery to the school grounds, which was excitedly investigated by the children. One of the tractors pulled a trailer that held some very big and handsome sheep and the display also included a Landrover with a tip-up back and a very clean and shiny quad bike! We were very grateful for the support from our families who helped us to stage this day. Festivals are being discussed in this key stage during the second half of the autumn term, beginning with Bonfire Night, looking at Remembrance Day and then moving on to the Hindu celebration of Diwali, ending with lots of activities around the Christian celebration of Christmas. The reception children will be performing the Nativity at the school carol service in the church then joining with the preschool children for a Christmas concert in the school hall during the last week of term.

Children in Year 1 began the year with a topic called 'Ourselves' when they looked at photos of themselves as babies and discussed how they had changed since then. The skeleton story 'Funnybones' fitted in well with this topic and enabled the children to take a close look at the purpose and functions of the skeleton. Along with Year 2, these children enjoyed an exciting trip to 'Trethorne' at the end of the half term and are now working within a topic called 'All dressed up' when they will be focusing on firemen including a visit to school by some firemen and a look at 'The Great Fire of London'. The Christmas play performance is looming and the children have already begun practising.

The joint Christmas play with Year 1 is also imminent for Year 2, after they began the term working on number sense in maths, story writing in literacy and, in science, compass points. 'Trethorne' also proved to be a brilliant trip for Year 2 and they are now looking at everyday materials and poetry writing.

Volcanoes, Tsunamis and Earthquakes engaged the Year 3 children at the beginning of the school year and ended up with an informative trip to Lyme Regis. This has been replaced with a topic on the Egyptians and, along with other classes, they are also beginning to practise their Christmas performance in conjunction with Year 4.

Before joining with Year 3 for their Christmas performance, Year 4 children have been looking at the Rainforest and working on persuasive writing in literacy. After the half term their literacy work has moved onto discussing non-chronological reports.

The highlight of the Years 5 and 6 term has been the residential trip to Skern, an outdoor education centre where children had opportunities to take part in rafting, canoeing, surfing, abseiling, high wires and archery, amongst other activities. Before that, Year 5 studied forces and wrote UFO recounts, while also exploring Wallace and Gromit inventions.

The Ancient Greeks are occupying the Year 6 class right from September to December with a geography focus, looking at locations and trading for the first half of the term and a history focus on democracy after half term. These two year groups can take a break from performing this term, as they will be treading the boards in the summer term.

Christmas will arrive all too soon in school but no doubt all performances will be slick and smooth and provide excellent entertainment for proud families and staff, before the second term of the year begins in January.

## **Friends of Winkleigh School**

### **What is FoWS?**

We are a small group of parents which raises funds for Winkleigh Primary School. These funds supplement the school budget and help to pay for things like new learning resources, improvements to the school, activities for the children, and playground equipment.

Here are some of the things we helped fund last year...

- New courtyard area in school
- Resources for the Reception class and Preschool
- Year 1 and 2 – Otter, Butterfly and Aquarium trips
- Year 3 – Roman day
- Year 4 – London trip
- Year 5 – Bude surfing trip
- Year 6 – Woodlands trip
- World Book Day activities
- Space Odyssey day

### **How do we raise this money?**

School discos, Fireworks night, Winkleigh Fair BBQ, bacon roll drops, Grow a £ competition, Easy Fundraising donations from online purchases, to name but a few!

We are always happy to welcome new members to the group. There are five of us at present, but many hands make light work, so if you feel you would like to join us, please contact us on:

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If you are a business, and would like to make a donation to FoWS in return for some advertising, please contact us on the above email address.

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Thank you for your support over the past year.

*Friends of Winkleigh School*

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## **Grit Bin Replenishment this Winter**

Please be aware that Devon County Council **will no longer automatically refill grit bins**. To report bins which need refilling or repairing within the parish, contact DCC Customer Service on 0345 155 1004 or email [customer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk) stating the location and ideally the grit bin number (found on a label located on the underside of the lid). The grit bin at Winkleigh Woods has already been reported.

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## **Winkleigh Winter Wonderland!**

The new Winkleigh Fair Committee are pleased to announce that Father Christmas will be visiting the village again this year! Come and join him in his festive workshop on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2pm to 5pm in the Community Centre, where we will also be serving mince pies, mulled wine and cider, along with a BBQ.

Children are invited to come along and enjoy a variety of Christmas crafts before visiting Father Christmas in his grotto. And don't forget the Christmas market will be trading between 2pm and 4pm...so there will be lots to see, do and buy. Donations of mince pies would be very welcome and can be brought to the Community Centre any time on the day please.

At 5.30pm Father Christmas will then make his way into the Square for the Christmas Lights switch on. Come and join us for singing around the tree...and it might just snow! We would like to thank Hills for the very kind donation of this year's Christmas tree.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to hosting some exciting events next year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Fair Committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm...you have left us a tough act to follow!

*Winkleigh Fair Committee*



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## Time to Celebrate...



...the delivery of 50 copies of the newly published Village Design Statement (VDS).

The document has been nearly two busy years in the making. Along the way, lots of people have helped by walking, talking and photographing where they live, looking at and discussing how their particular neighbourhood complements and integrates into village life. This discussion led to a set of **Design Principles** highlighting local distinctiveness, while suggesting ways new development can help to create a village that is well integrated and connected to the village core and surrounding landscape.

Individual stories are being collected in *Lives in a Landscape*, published in every edition of Distinctly Winkleigh. Stories about the Old Hospital Site and village characters are the currency of our history and explain how the village was shaped.

The **Pop-up Museum** in September, hosted by The Winkleigh Society, was a celebration of our shared history and was inspired by the background work for The Village Design Statement.

If the VDS just sits on shelves, then it is not doing its job! At its heart it is about active citizenship and how we can all enhance local distinctiveness by being observant and paying attention to the detail of our surroundings.

The VDS is now being distributed to those who are expected **to use it**.

Torridge District Council has been sent several copies, to refer to when dealing with **development proposals and planning applications** in Winkleigh.

The Parish Council will also use it when they give their responses to Planning Applications. The Community Plan Action Group, local libraries and County Council have also been given copies.

Numbers of the new document are limited, but an electronic version will be posted on **www.winkleighonline.com** as well as the Parish Council web site: **www.winkleighpc.org.uk**.

*Pauline Warner*  
*Pauline.warner@aol.com*



## **WINKLEIGH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB**

The bowling season is in full swing now and the Club has sixteen teams playing regular matches in five different leagues. We are one of the largest clubs in North Devon and have the best premises to play in.

Although we run so many teams we also have very successful Club afternoons on Monday and Friday for social bowling. These afternoons are very relaxed and enjoyable with the opportunity for all to practise and improve their skills.

New members are very welcome just come along Monday or Friday afternoon at 2.00pm - no experience necessary we will all help you learn the game.

Last month we had our Pairs Tournament where 20 teams from all over Devon, Dorset and Somerset came to Winkleigh for a brilliant day of bowling. We served them a two course meal which is always well received. This year the winners were a team from Woodbury.

As a Club we will be having our in house singles competition in November where members compete for The Royal British Legion Cup. The winner holds the title Club Champion for the year. Good luck everyone.

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*Jan Ovenden - 01837 83853*

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*The solution is on page 58*



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## New Perspectives Exhibition – Beaford Arts

This summer 2016 Beaford Arts held an open submission photography competition to respond to 25 photographs by James Ravilius from the Beaford Archive. There were over 150 photographs submitted from all over North Devon, and entrants from as young as 8 to 80 years old. We offer our thanks and congratulations to Melanie James from Winkleigh for submitting her photograph pictured here, selected for the exhibition 'New Perspectives'. We hope you recognise faces in the photos! In total there were 50 photos, past and present, exhibited at The Goodwin Gallery, Petroc throughout October - 12<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate 50 years of Beaford Arts and launch our new 3 year funded project 'Hidden Histories'. If you would like to get involved and know more about this project, or if you can tell us more about the original photograph, please contact [Sophie@beaford-arts.org.uk](mailto:Sophie@beaford-arts.org.uk)



*Crowd of young people at Winkleigh Fair, 1985, by James Ravilius*



*Tug of War, Winkleigh Fair, 2016 by Melanie James*

*Caroline Preston - Arts Education Leader - beafordarts*

## Stable Green Chapel

Stable Green Chapel on the road from Winkleigh to Bridge Reeve and Chulmleigh. A small chapel but one with a warm welcome to all those who enter it.

This Christmas we will be having Services for all the family, starting with a CHRISTINGLE Service on Sunday 4th December at 5.00pm when we will be looking forward to Christmas and learning about the symbolism of the orange, candle and sweets, followed by refreshments for all the family, a service for the children and the young at heart.



On Sunday 18th December at 5.00 pm we will have a CAROL SERVICE with candles, mince pies and stollen to follow.

Then to end the Christmas celebrations and welcome the New Year we will have a BRING AND SHARE SUPPER with a selection of favourite music on 1st January at 5.00 pm.

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## Letter to the Editors – Pop-Up Museum

Dear Editors,

I believe this was the first time that the Winkleigh Society has organised an event such as this and it was a huge success. The brain-child of the Committee who must have worked for months to put things together, it featured various archival materials, collections of photographs, cuttings, artefacts and some original documents concerning the church; among others Joyce Brock and Andrew Ware both had large displays of pictures showing how the village has evolved over many years. There was a storytellers chair manned by Derek Miller and a schoolroom with films of Winkleigh Fair in previous years and a display of pictures from both the Fair and Winkleigh School over the years.



Following the Oral History book of the village, published about 12 years ago by Peter Monkcom and me (Gillian Holman), there was a guided walk by Viv Girardot re-living the letter from Ron Peachey, who was evacuated here during WW2, which we included in the book. A further village walk was led by Andrew Ware, who having been born and bred in Winkleigh, has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the village and finally, John Bradbeer, a landscape archaeologist, led a discovery walk down Shute Lane.



*Telling the story  
of Ron Peachey the  
Evacuee:*

The success of the day was evidenced by the constant flow of people coming and going. As with most Winkleigh events, the day was supported by the team in the kitchen keeping up a constant supply of coffee, tea, pasties and biscuits and always smiling though their feet must have ached by the end of the day.

On a personal note I would like to say that if anyone is interested in carrying on with Oral History interviewing in the village I would be very happy to offer some training on the techniques and pitfalls of the work.

And finally a big thank you to Penny Griffiths for her efforts in getting this venture off the ground and running it so successfully.

*Gillian Holman*

## What's On Diary

*Please note that dates and details are correct at time of going to press*

29 <sup>th</sup> November 7 pm	WPC - Defibrillator Training Session – Village Hall – pg 9
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2 p 5 pm 5.20 pm	Father Christmas + Winter Market – Community Centre Christmas Lights Switch On – Village Square – pg 49
4 <sup>th</sup> December 5 pm	Christingle Service – Stable Green Chapel – pg 56
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2 to 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends – Community Centre – pg 36
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm	Okehampton Choral Society Seasonal Concert – pg 40
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Youth Club Christmas Party – Sports Centre – pg 42
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2 pm	Primary School Carol Service - Parish Church – pg 4
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18 <sup>th</sup> December 5 pm	Carol Service – Stable Green Chapel – pg 56
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25 <sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am	Family Worship – Winkleigh Methodist Church – pg 23
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## And Finally . . . . .

Some of you may have noticed that this edition of Distinctly Winkleigh is No. 60, meaning it has now notched up fifteen years of publication, which is well worth mentioning. This milestone has only been reached as a result of the number and variety of articles that you, our many readers, have contributed over the years, backed up by the continuing support of our sponsors, advertisers, publishers and, last but by no means least, our team of distributors, who brave all weathers to ensure that your copy is delivered to your door. So our grateful thanks to one and all - after all there would be no Distinctly Winkleigh (or job for Editors!) without you.

Please do keep all your articles coming. Also new contributors are very welcome. So how about a New Year's Resolution to submit an article or contact us in 2017!

This time the front cover features a sketch found in the House Scouts photographic archive kept in the Community Centre; as you can see the only details we have of the artist are the initials 'BE', but does anyone know who it actually was?

Looking ahead, the deadlines for the Spring 2017 Edition will be **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February for articles and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for adverts.**

All that remains now is for us to wish all our readers -

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