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## Record of Work – Townsend Hill Development



## Winkleigh Society - Chair's Report - May 2022



After last year's AGM via Zoom it was good to be back physically on the 11th March in The Community Centre. An attendance of 32 was recorded. We held it café-style with local cheese, mulled cider and apple juice.

**2021-2022.** The main focus has been on not missing a beat with the production and distribution of Distinctly Winkleigh. Ensuring we continue to feature local stories of relevance is key.



**Maria Brookes nee Malychkowych** was invited to speak from the floor about the Ukrainian connection with Winkleigh. Her father **Stanley Malychkowych** was one of several displaced men who came to Winkleigh after WW2 and settled, married and adapted well into the community.

**George Bridgman** [pictured left] read out the three winning entries from our **Children's Poetry Competition** which we ran in 2021 on the theme of Lockdown. Thank you George, a chip off the old block with his confidence in public speaking.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Collin Smallacombe** from **Farming Community Network (FCN)** was the guest speaker who spoke about the stresses and strains the farming community is under, the toll it has on mental health and how they operate a listening, supportive service for farmers. Colin took questions from the floor prompting a lively debate and he stayed talking informally afterwards. (*Editor's note: FCN can be contacted by calling 03000 111999 or emailing [help@fcn.org.uk](mailto:help@fcn.org.uk) and their website is [fcn.org.uk](http://fcn.org.uk)*)

**County Councillor Andrew Saywell** chaired the meeting when the committee was voted in en bloc. On a separate vote Rachel Goldsworthy was nominated and voted unanimously to the role of Treasurer.

**Alan Mulcahy** (who has left the area) was thanked for his sterling efforts in carrying out his dual roles so diligently of Treasurer & Distinctly Winkleigh coordinator over many years.

As a contribution to the **Jubilee Celebrations** we are promoting a Scarecrow Trail: theme Fashion Parade 1952-2022. The society has also set aside a sum of money to provide food towards the Jubilee celebration tea.

*Penny Griffiths*

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## Winkleigh Parish Church News



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In many churches you will find copies of the Book of Common Prayer and within them there are many prayers for the monarch of the day. In some churches you will find copies which pray

for 'the King' - either George V or George VI and these have sometimes been crossed out and changed to 'the Queen'.

I often wonder if those who amended them in 1952 could possibly have ever imagined that we would still be praying for Elizabeth our Queen 70 years later. Her Majesty has had a long reign during a time which has seen huge changes in the world and society. Human beings have landed on the moon, we know a huge amount about DNA and our genes, technology has become essential in our lives and we can communicate instantly with people on the other side of the world. Wars have raged, political turmoil has occurred, Prime Ministers have come and gone and the Royal Family itself has experienced many dramas.

Yet the Queen has remained solid and steadfast in her service of the nation and in bearing witness to her Christian faith. In the book '*The Servant Queen and the King she serves*' which was published for her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, she writes in the forward 'I have been - and remain - very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness.' This knowledge of God's faithfulness is lived out in her life and in a very public way. Her Christmas broadcasts to the nation often bear witness to her faith as she speaks of the real meaning of Christmas and of her personal faith in Christ. As Supreme Governor of the Church of England she is probably its best evangelist.

The Queen's long reign is an example to us all not just of living a life of faith but also as an example of service to and on behalf of others. Service which she has undertaken joyfully, unstintingly, and generously. As we gather together in our communities to celebrate her long reign we give thanks for her life, her service and her faith. We give thanks too for all who serve our communities faithfully and especially those who have organised our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Inspired by the Queen's example may we commit ourselves to the service of others and our nation.

If you are inspired to serve your community, then your church needs you! We are looking to set up a rota of people to volunteer to clean All Saints' on a regular basis, all equipment provided. Please contact Sue Ware on 01837 83526 if you wish to help.

Please come and support us on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2:00-4:00 pm at the church fete, held in the Church, lots of stalls and cream teas to enjoy.

*Rev'd Helen Blaine (01837 83710 - revhelenblaine@outlook.com)*  
*Priest-in-charge: Winkleigh, Ashreigney, Broadwoodkelly and Brushford.*

## Letter to the Editor: Blessing of Memorial Stones



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April I and many other local families were invited to the Cemetery by Councillor Angela Findlay for a blessing of the memorial stones, which had been laid down in September. The blessing conducted by the Rev Helen Blaine, Vicar of All Saints' Church, was a lovely Service which was very much appreciated by us all with refreshments afterwards that brought us together.

Thank you Angela for arranging this much-needed healing process for the pain and distress the laying down of the memorial stones in Winkleigh Cemetery caused us.

*Brenda Gale*

## Blessing of Memorial Stones - Thank you

I am writing to thank Revd Helen Blaine and her husband, Revd Alastair Blain for giving up their time, energy and resources to support the blessing of the memorial stones in the cemetery in April. Held on a lovely spring morning, the service was enjoyable, spiritually uplifting and I am sure helped to give closure to those relatives whose memorial stones were disturbed.

Thank you both very much for your support and help at this difficult time.

*Angela Findlay*



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## Coronation Day 1953

In 1953 I was a student at a Church of England Teacher Training College in London and on 2<sup>nd</sup> June we all had the day off for the Queen's Coronation. Some of our fellow students went home to watch the ceremony on television. (The TVs in those days had very small screens and only a minority of the populace had one.)

However, quite a few of us decided to go up to town to watch the procession. My friend Molly and I took ourselves off to a spot in the Mall, by the Duke of York steps which lead into Pall Mall, and we were early enough to claim ourselves a place by the kerb. We had taken sandwiches, fruit and a drink to sustain us overnight and, of course, our 'macs' to sit on and in case we had rain!

By the time darkness fell there were quite a number of people joining us. We took it in turns to doze, but we were rudely awakened by the police requesting us to stand up so that people could move in behind us – this at 2.00 am! A couple of Kings College students near us suggested that the four of us took it in turns to sit and stand, two at a time, but at 6.00 am we all had to stand, gathering our bags around us, as the crowd was closing in behind us.

Soldiers from the Guards Brigade now marched along the Mall to get into positions lining the Mall. By the time they had performed their 'right dressing' and were in place we realised that we could see quite clearly between each soldier. Also at that time we learned that Edmund Hillary and Tensing Norgay, part of a British team had successfully made the first ascent of Mount Everest in Nepal.



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At 9.00 am there was movement on the road: the start of the procession, first minor dignitaries in cars, then colonial rulers in carriages. Among them was Queen Salote of Tonga in a open carriage, despite the steady drizzle of rain, waving at us and smiling. Queen Salote was a tall, large lady and was not to be forgotten. A number of processions then followed one after the other, either in cars or carriages until, finally the Queen's procession came by: Her Majesty and Prince Philip in the Golden Coach on their way to Westminster Abbey. They arrived at the Abbey at precisely 11.00 am.

All along the route a Tannoy system had been set up so we were all able to listen to the Coronation Service. Molly and I listened to the service but we decided we were too tired to stand and wait for the return procession so, once the National Anthem indicated the end of the service, we made our way up back to college, hot baths and bed. Years later Molly bought me a copy of "The Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth" (approved souvenir programme) – price 2/6d (12.5 pence). It is very interesting as it details all the people who attended the Coronation and the precise timings of the departure of all the guests from Buckingham Palace.

What a day – and what stamina the Queen had and indeed has to this day.

*Jean H Fletcher*

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## Thank you from John & Sue Short

As many of you will have heard I have recently suffered ill health which will take many months for me to recover from. Unfortunately this means that, after 40-plus years, sadly the time has come for me to hang up my brushes.

I will now concentrate on helping Sue with the Bed and Breakfast which is going from strength to strength and won the TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice 2021 award recently of which we are very proud.

However we now need to find someone to help us with housework, etc. so if anyone is interested please give us a call on 01837 83709.

We would both like to thank all our customers for their loyal support and everyone for their cards and get well wishes which were very much appreciated.

*John & Sue*



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## Down Farm News

After writing in the last issue of Distinctly Winkleigh about our new growers cooperative here at Down Farm we have had an eventful and turbulent start to the 2022 growing season. We all know Winkleigh is a windy village and the strength of winds during Storm Eunice was felt here in our market garden. By about 10.30 am the wind got inside one of our tunnels lifted it off the ground and bent it out of shape. We had to make the split-second decision to cut the plastic sheet off to stop the whole frame and concrete from being lifted and launched into our other polytunnels and worse our house and electricity pylons. We thought we would be able to take it down over the weekend, but the wind kept coming so we had to leave the polytunnel flapping about in the wind for at least a week after it was damaged in the storms. You may have seen it from the A3124!

To add to the loss of a tunnel, two days later we took a team outing to South Devon and on the journey were in a serious car accident on the A38 leaving me (Liv) with a brain injury and a broken shoulder, Henry and Josh suffered from whiplash. Chloe was luckily out of the car, and my one-year-old son was safe in his car seat. We then had to navigate the beginning of our new cooperative business venture with an injured team and one tunnel down. The rest of the team also had to support me with childcare as I couldn't look after my son on my own or drive anywhere with injuries, which is tricky in our rural location.

In our time of need we launched a crowdfunder to help us buy a new tunnel. We reached our £4,000 target in 24 hours and stretched the target to £8,000. We raised a total of £10,000 which blew us away. Our community stepped up when we needed them most and the money has helped us to buy a new polytunnel from local company Ferryman, cover the necessary installation costs and employ extra staff to cover me whilst I recovered from my injuries.



I am writing this 10 weeks from Storm Eunice and we have just put the new skin on our replacement polytunnel, the week before our tomatoes and aubergines need to be planted in it. What Timing!! Although it has been a rocky start to 2022 we are going into the new growing season with a new tunnel that is stronger and more robust than before. Whilst

it was not the start to our new venture we were expecting, we are ready for another growing season here in Winkleigh and looking forward to what is to come!

**Buying our produce:**

- You can subscribe to a regular veg box (£12/£16 small/large) from Feb - December or buy produce from our online shop ([www.down-farm.com](http://www.down-farm.com)). All our produce is organic from our farm or sourced from other local suppliers when we run short.
- We sell flower bunches grown on our farm June - September. You can subscribe to a regular bunch for £12/week/fortnight collected or delivered.
- We have a stall at Crediton and Exeter Farmers Market on the first and third Saturdays or every Thursday.

**Summer events:** We have a barn in our market garden which we have been making into a community space allowing us to run an events programme this year (see DW Diary for events and dates). Tickets for events will be available online or via email.

Also look out for a Singing Weekend and Yoga Retreat run by other organisations. If you would like to use our Community Barn for your event, please get in touch to come and have a look. We have kitchen facilities, garden space and space for overnight stays.

*Liv @ Down Farm ([hello@down-farm.com](mailto:hello@down-farm.com), call 07739 892488)*



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## Our Devon County Councillor Writes



It is a pleasure to be writing again for Distinctly Winkleigh. Most of my articles for the last two years have been dominated by Covid and the pandemic but at last it does feel as though things are 'getting back to normal', or as close to normal as possible.

This coming summer will see many events throughout Torrington Rural celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and I am sure Winkleigh's will be some of the best! With Covid uncertainties having continued in 2021, in many areas it has now been up to three years since they hosted any large events, so I hope the Jubilee is a chance to enjoy a return to 'normality' again.

Since my last article I have been busy working on a number of local matters and attending various local meetings including the Winkleigh Society AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting. As ever, potholes remain a 'popular' subject and again I urge readers to keep reporting as many as possible. You can report potholes online by typing in [devon.cc/report-it](http://devon.cc/report-it) on your internet browser, or if you are not online you can still ring in on **0345 155 1004**.

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Across the County however, one of the main pieces of work currently being done by the County Council has been on supporting Ukrainian refugees arriving into the County. Can I thank everyone in Winkleigh and across Devon for your amazing support and generosity towards the people of Ukraine. Already the first families are arriving here in Torrington Rural and I know that here they will be well looked after.

For anyone still looking to sponsor and/or accommodate Ukrainian refugees, DCC have updated their website to include all the latest information and support needed. Please visit - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supporting-ukraine/>

The County Council have, alongside 'Team Devon' colleagues and partners, been working hard contacting several hundred potential sponsors to conduct and complete the required DBS checks.

In addition, working with District Councils across Devon, we have developed and implemented a property and people appraisal process. District Councils have started to check a range of sponsor properties using this process and thanks to standardising it across the County it has meant that this was able to be sped up quickly. The County Council is also working with partners to ensure we can make early payments to sponsors and guests and alongside this, we are developing clear processes and arrangements regarding school admissions, health registration and access to Universal Credit and other benefit entitlements.

Due to the multiple organisations involved I know that some people have had difficulty in contacting the relevant Council and/or Department, but these issues should now be resolved. However, if you have any questions or issues on this matter there is now a dedicated email address to use which is [health.ukraineresettlement-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:health.ukraineresettlement-mailbox@devon.gov.uk). Alternatively, please feel free to contact me directly.

The other main issue DCC is working on is supporting residents with the cost-of-living crisis. While the threat of Covid may have receded, we are still dealing with the economic consequences of the pandemic and with the return of inflation, the cost-of-living crisis is a huge concern for local people.

While the County Council cannot provide all the solutions; as part of the Government's Household Support Fund initiative, DCC has been awarded £5 million of Government funding to help residents who are struggling to afford to pay for their energy or water bills or buy food and other essential items.

The first tranche of funding will be used to help support Devon residents who have prepayment or 'pay-as-you-go' meters to help pay rising energy bills. This will be targeted specifically at families with children and people of pensionable age who are struggling financially.

The County Council are working with the eight District Councils in Devon, including Torrington District Council, to develop schemes that will make the funding available for residents.

Alongside this, DCC will continue to make free school meal holiday vouchers available for May half-term and summer holidays, to ensure children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals do not go hungry over the holidays.

At the time of writing (11<sup>th</sup> May), work is still going on to finalise these initiatives, but I expect details to be available online on [www.devon.gov.uk](http://www.devon.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

Nonetheless, while these are difficult and challenging times, I and the County Council remain committed to supporting our residents during this tough period. Hopefully the summer months will bring happier news.

As ever if there are any DCC issues you'd like to contact me about you can contact me on Facebook - [facebook.com/cllrsaywell](https://www.facebook.com/cllrsaywell), ring 07886 446560, or email [andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk).



The banner features a central crest with a shield divided into four quadrants, each containing a different symbol (a cross, a fleur-de-lis, a book, and a ship), with a banner below it that reads "Mid Devon County". Below the crest, the text "CHULMLEIGH COLLEGE" is displayed in large, bold, black letters. The background of the banner is a collage of images: a modern school building, a classroom with students in uniform, and a group of students playing a game on a grassy field. The text "Save the Date! Year 5 Taster Day 29th June" is prominently displayed in the center, followed by the booking information. At the bottom, contact details for the school are provided, including the website, phone number, email, and Facebook page.

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## Winkleigh Volunteer Service

Winkleigh Volunteer Service – formerly Covid Volunteer Service is still up and running.

We take people to hospital and other medical appointments, collect shopping and take people to the shops, care homes and other **essential journeys**. Volunteers give their time for nothing but we do charge 45p per mile. When the service was set up at the start of the first lock down, my volunteers were at home. Now the volunteers are at work and going out and about including being away from home. This means that as much notice as possible is required.

Please note I will be away from the end of May for 2 or 3 weeks. The service will still be run by me remotely, so Instead of the local number 01837 682616, you need to contact me on my mobile **07455 365144**.

**May I take this opportunity to thank all my volunteers for their support and help with this service. If you are interested in helping out, please give me a ring!**

*Angela Findlay*

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## Winkleigh Community First Responders - Update

I wrote a small article in the last edition giving some information regarding emergency response in Winkleigh Parish. Our Community First Responder was reactivated after being stood down during the Covid Pandemic. I'm sure many of you feel happier knowing that the rapid response of trained volunteers with the Ambulance Service is able to give life support and reassurance during an emergency. Their role is not limited to cardiac emergencies; they often respond to less critical incidents.

Obviously this support is only available when a Responder is on duty but like everyone else they need to work. At the beginning of the year SWAST began a recruitment campaign and the response was amazing, Responder volunteers are now completing their training and will be assigned to units all over North Devon. On completion of training the good news is that one will be joining the Winkleigh Unit. The recruitment programme goes on.

I would like to say a big thank you to The Mad Butchers and the wonderful team at the Village shop for displaying posters contributing to this recent response. THANK YOU Barry, Tom, Red, Ben and the rest of the team.

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## From our Torridge District Councillor



What unique and challenging times lie ahead: with the cost of living and fuel crisis, the aftershocks and potential re-emergence of the COVID pandemic and now the war in Ukraine that threatens to spill out across Europe.

What is especially unnerving is that neither we nor our Government can have much influence over the future direction of these phenomena – ones that are clearly going to shape the way we live our lives in the near term.

So in the words of Baden-Powell, we must “be prepared” in a way that we have not experienced in recent decades.

The pandemic taught (or reminded) us that the State cannot immediately fix everything and so sometimes it falls to local communities and charities to provide the safety net to support the vulnerable – a role done so well during the pandemic by Parish emergency groups, etc. However, I fear that what lies ahead will be greater and so the response needed will have to be more comprehensive.

Therefore I urge our Parish Councils, local emergency committees, voluntary groups, local charities, etc. to look **now** at the detail of what might be needed in the future and how it could be provided.

There is never any substitute for good forward planning and rehearsal. Sitting with our heads in the sand thinking that someone else will swoop in and do something is just not realistic!

Councillor Simon Newton MBE

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## Hollocombe Community Group update: May 2022

We now have 107 members on the Hollocombe Community Group Facebook site, which continues to be a valuable source of support and information.

Storm Eunice arrived in mid-February followed by several more storms. Everything was disrupted for a while including post, recycling, school closures, power cuts and damage to buildings and trees. Gusts in Hollocombe were recorded as high as 75.7 miles an hour! Thanks to Jeffrey Jones for the data.

Kim kindly organised a "Tree Hub" giveaway on 19<sup>th</sup> February at Winkleigh Sports Centre – trees donated by Devon Wildlife Trust. It was so popular that they were gone in half an hour so further tree events were planned. The next event was on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April with trees donated by The Woodland Trust. Another fabulous event, well attended and thanks to Kim and her team of volunteers.

Huge thanks to Chloe who, in early March, arranged for donations of essential supplies for Ukraine refugees. Hollocombe residents rallied round and donated long-life food, personal hygiene products, medicines and other required items. Chloe boxed and labelled everything ready for shipping to Ukraine and arranged onward travel.



The Easter Bunny also dropped off chocolate treats in our Hut for the children of Hollocombe. Thank you Bel.

Congratulations to Astrid who passed her Community First Responder Course in March so Hollocombe now has a local CFR.

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Here a few photos of Hollocombe taken recently by Helena, Andrew and myself.



Thank you to everyone who continues to stock our Hut with homemade cakes,

biscuits, cookies, tea bread, jams and marmalade. Special thanks to Flick, Maddy and Lucas. The sales of produce and other donations continue to enable us to donate to Okehampton Food Bank.



Jubilee plans are in full swing around Hollocombe with a Scarecrow Trail in Winkleigh and Hollocombe organised by Winkleigh Society. The theme is fashion 1952-2022. Entry



forms are in our Hut and maps have been available

from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May from the Post Office and our Hut. The Jubilee Party 'bring your own picnic' is arranged for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2-5 pm and kindly being hosted by Ben and Wendy. There will be music and children's entertainment provided.

If you have any articles, news stories or photos, please email me on pebbles256@gmail.com as I would love to include them in future Hollocombe Community Group quarterly updates. 😊 Stay safe and take care!

*Sue Dally*



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## Out of the Darkness and into the Light

Following the Obituary to Janet Magor on page 34 of DW 81, Distinctly Winkleigh has had a further conversation with her husband Adrian, who has kindly offered his experience of grief and coping with loss. Everybody grieves differently, he says, but there are many stages we go through and some common denominators which can be helpful when it comes to ways of dealing with it.

Thirty years of policing in the Metropolitan Police Force provided Adrian with a range of experiences of loss for many of those with whom he came into contact, both public and colleagues. Towards the end of his time in the police force he was in charge as a Temporary Inspector, covering a colleague who was off sick. "It was a very full year" explained Adrian after a long pause and a little shake of his head. A year or so after he retired and the family had already moved to Shaftesbury, Adrian was invited to take a course which he thoroughly enjoyed and was ordained into the Free Church as a priest. He was at that time working weekdays in the same Waitrose as Janet, which left him free to follow his Church work at the weekends. He completed a three-year course studying Theology at Worcester Theological College: "That course was wonderful, I was so happy, everything kept falling into place, I really felt it" he says.

The Bishop of the Free Church for the South called him in at the end of the course to say "Adrian, you did well with that. We are going to ordain you and give you a church that needs help."

This was a Free Church in the North-West area of Exeter, built during the war. When



Adrian went there, the congregation was a total of six. Within nine months of ministry, organising Christmas dinners, outings and other activities the congregation had increased to thirty-two. In his ministry there, Adrian became more involved in helping others with loss. He took many funerals in his time in ministry. It was another new undertaking which he continued after completing another course (C of E) as a Lay Reader in Winkleigh.

However, any amount of experience cannot prepare you for the loss and pain when someone with whom you have spent 57 years together, had 3 children, someone with whom you shared all your hopes and fears and ways of working things out throughout the ups and downs of life, someone you have prayed with,

shared Communion with leaves you. Adrian has been in a “Very Dark Hole” but he made a decision to use Easter Sunday as a date to take the first steps to move forward out of it. He still wore a black garment, his black police blazer with the badges he’s won for International Target Shooting during his time in the police force. However, beneath that he wore a white shirt, lighter trousers and bright red gloves. He made a conscious decision to bring colour back in. It was a symbolic shift.

Adrian is a man of Faith. When he spent the last time in hospital with Janet, he spoke softly to her about her going, her freedom from pain. He waited, then quietly spoke about the Lord coming to help her. If she needed to go, to leave with his blessing. Finally, his last words, barely whispered, “Janet, when you’ve been called home, please do one thing? Prepare a place for me to join you?” Janet was unable to respond but Adrian felt sure she heard him. She died the next morning.

The communication Adrian and Janet shared was a key to their marriage: “Communication with others is of vital importance, especially when you are feeling very dark, very low. Taking tiny steps, little goals, making changes to lift, bit by bit, out of the darkness into the light. “

Adrian has said that if anyone wants to talk with him about similar issues, his door is always open.

*Adrian Magor in conversation with Rachel Goldsworthy*

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## Winkleigh Parish Council – Letter from the Clerk

Instead of a Chair's report, you have another report from yours truly, I hope you don't find this too onerous. I hope you are all well, and basking in this warm springtide we are currently blessed by, let us hope it is a sign of things to come.

As for the Council, I don't have much to report, in fact; current projects are moving well, and the Council continues to be united in its desire to fulfil its function to the best of its ability. Many of you will still be concerned by recent developments going up, or being put forward I know. I encourage you as your Clerk to come along to a Council meeting and voice any concerns you might have about these. Individual councillors are monitoring the situation very closely, and the Council as a unit is keen to be a voice for the community with any developers.

The Annual Progress Meeting went exceedingly well; in addition to the Chair's Report we were fortunate to be given a very thorough presentation by Emily Willoughby - the Devon UNESCO Biosphere Project Manager - on how we might engage further in protecting, and pledging to protect, our great wildlife diversity.

It continues to be my privilege to serve you as Clerk, I mean that sincerely, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Jubilee Celebrations coming up in the village.

*Benjamin Roth*

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## Winkleigh Church Flower Ladies

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The flower ladies have been considerably reduced in number during the pandemic for various reasons, so we would appreciate any newcomers who would like to join our friendly group, no experience is required, and you do not have to live in the village to join us.

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## Snippets from Local Newspapers

**Peter Christie** in the **North Devon Journal** [March 31] highlights the problem of empty homes in Bideford. In 2020 there were 161 [68 being 'long-term' empty]. A long-standing councillor on the housing committee, he floats the idea of Torridge re-introducing requisitioning of empty houses.

**The Okehampton Times** [April 7] **enthuses about** the popularity of the Okehampton to Exeter railway service. One Okehampton councillor, keen to highlight the re-established train service as a destination for Dartmoor, has proposed commissioning a statue of a hiker by the station.

**The Crediton Country Courier** [April 7] flags up the screening at Crediton Arts Centre of the **classic Ukrainian silent film 'Earth'**. A 1930 cinematic masterpiece by **Dovzhenko** it is about the resistance of the Kulaks in the Ukraine to Stalin's collectivisation of their farmland. Nine days after its release it was banned by the Soviet authorities. The film was accompanied by a live improvised soundtrack by three local musicians. All donations went to the **DEC. Ukrainian Appeal**.

**Western Morning News** [April 22] features the economic crisis facing **British egg farmers**. In particular, free range egg producers, [BFREPA] say it will be unviable to stay in business unless supermarkets agree to increase their prices. A survey by BFREPA found that 51% are contemplating stopping production with 18% saying they will decide when their current flock has been dispatched.

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**In the Moorlander** [1-14 April] **Penny Mills** the Director of **Devon Campaign for the Protection of Rural England** writes and warns about the Biodiversity Offsets scheme. Very few have heard about it but Developers most certainly have as they stand to gain from it. Offering to plant saplings in another parish to offset bio-diversity loss on a prime site means that legitimate objections to planning approval on environmental grounds can be overruled. **Putting up bird or bat boxes will in no way mitigate the loss of ancient woodland and hedgerows.** Ms Mills concludes by stating that CPRE will be briefing all Devon MPs on this vital issue.

**Penny Griffiths**

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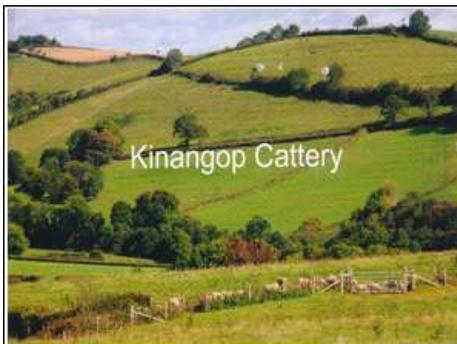


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## What's On Diary – June – August 2022

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*See the online diary at [www.winkleighonline.com](http://www.winkleighonline.com) if DW is advised of the details.*

<b>June</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe – Community Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilee Celebrations – See pages 31 - 35
15 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Café – Community Centre
24 <sup>th</sup> <i>time TBA</i>	Down Farm – Solstice Farm Tour
<b>July</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> starting at 3.15 pm	Okehampton Choral Society – Fairplace Church, Okehampton: 'Leaving Lockdown' Concert
6 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe – Community Centre
9 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Winkleigh Fair Week – see page 36
10 <sup>th</sup> at 3 pm	Winkleigh Fair Sunday service – The Square
11 <sup>th</sup> starting at 8 pm	Winkleigh Singers Summer Concert : 'Noah & His Floating Zoo' Tickets £12 at Umberleigh Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe – Community Centre
24 <sup>th</sup> <i>time TBA</i>	Down Farm - Farm Tour & Lunch
<b>August</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Café – Community Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> from 6 pm 'til late	Sam's Cider Festival at Winkleigh Cider Barn
13 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Church Fete, Winkleigh Church
13 <sup>th</sup> <i>time TBA</i>	Flower and Produce Show – see posters
17 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe – Community Centre
13 <sup>th</sup> <i>time TBA</i>	Down Farm - Opening Party and Thank You to our crowdfunder supporters

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Your Winkleigh Jubilee Committee, all volunteers, has been working hard over the last few months to ensure that celebrations for this major event have been planned so that all residents are able to join in this festive occasion across the 4-day holiday between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – The Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving from St Paul’s Cathedral** will be televised at 11.30 am, preceded by bell pealing. It is hoped that a live feed of the service will be available in either All Saints Church or the Village Hall. Watch out for notices around the village.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – FREE – 8 pm in The Square – The return of ABBA tribute band “Take A Chance On Us”.** The band, including local keyboard player Tim Rhodes (Benny), had Winkleigh rocking when they entertained us during the 2018 Winkleigh Fair and we are delighted to welcome them back. Hot food will be available to purchase.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – FREE - Jubilee-themed Winkleigh monthly market** in the Village Hall between 10 am and 12 noon. Refreshments will be available together with live music from Jenny Gill.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – FREE - Crown-making craft morning for all ages** in the Community Centre between 10 am and 12 noon. All materials provided for crowns which can be worn at the Street Party. Wear your crowns with pride, with a prize for the best. **Children must be supervised by adults.**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – FREE 2 pm – 5 pm. Over 60’s Tea & Dance party** with pianist Trevor, in the Community Centre. Come and join in to tunes of bygone days.



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – FREE – A grand “Bring & Share” Street Party** between 2 pm and 5 pm in The Square. Everyone is welcome to join in this major final fun event of the Jubilee Holiday. Tables and chairs provided. Take-away Jubilee mementos for everyone attending. Bring along your favourite food and drink for a huge caring and sharing party. The results of the **Scarecrow Competition**, organised by the Winkleigh Society, will be revealed, as will the winners of the Pudding Competition and Best Crown. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THEN PLEASE TAKE ENOUGH CLOAKROOM TICKETS, AVAILABLE IN LONDIS, THE POST OFFICE AND THE MAD BUTCHER, FOR ALL OF YOUR PARTY. YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING WITH THEM BUT THE STUBS WILL INDICATE HOW MANY WE NEED TO CATER FOR.**

Clare Bolt has kindly donated the magnificent Jubilee Cake Topper (featured on the front cover of this edition of Distinctly Winkleigh) which will be displayed at the Street Party on Margaret Bridgman's Jubilee Cake. The Topper will then be auctioned and the proceeds will go to the charity Dementia UK.

**Jubilee Pudding Competition** The pudding competition, open in 4 categories – up to 11, 11-16, over 16 & Professional – open for registration during May so if you have registered you are probably baking. Each category will have 3 awards:

**1<sup>st</sup> – Gold Medal plus Jubilee Apron; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Silver Medal; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bronze Medal**

Each of the 4 category winners' creations will then be separately judged with the overall champion being awarded an engraved plate.

All winners will be announced during the street party.

The following events are also taking place as part of the Jubilee celebrations:

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Village Hall Jubilee Quiz and Pudding Night** with lots of scrummy puddings provided in the Village Hall commencing at 7 pm. Book your tables with Tony and Kay at 01837 83248 or [tonyaston1953@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaston1953@gmail.com)

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**There will be road closures**, together with parking restrictions, required for the events in The Square for the ABBA tribute event on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and for the Street Party on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Details of these will be published. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to residents as a result and thank everyone for their co-operation in helping to make these events as successful as possible.

Major events such as those detailed do not happen on their own and without significant funding being donated. **The Jubilee Committee is enormously grateful to those businesses and organisations across the area who have contributed financially to make all of this possible. Thanks are also due to all those residents who have personally contributed funds.**

Special thanks are due to Alan Jacobs and Greg Goldsworthy who have volunteered to take photographs so that a visual record of events can be created, and to all members of the Jubilee Committee who have contributed in so many ways to organising, running, or contributing to events.

This is a unique event – the celebration of 70 years of The Queen as Monarch - which is unlikely to ever be repeated in the future. Generations to come will be taught about it in history lessons and will see photographs and footage of how Winkleigh celebrated. So, let's make this the most wonderful few days for everyone to enjoy; it will create a new chapter in the annals of Winkleigh history.

*Tony Aston - Chair – Winkleigh Jubilee Committee*

## Queen's Green Canopy: Jubilee Tree in Jubilee Wood

Jubilee Wood in the Recreation Field was first planted for the Queen's Jubilee in 1977, so it seemed a fitting place to plant a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. The tree was given to the people of Winkleigh by Devon Wildlife Trust's Saving Devon's Treescapes Project. It is a Small-leaved Lime, which is a native, flowering tree. The sweet-scented blossom is very attractive to bees. The tree was planted at the right time in March and by June will be in full leaf. We have registered this tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

*Kim (trulywildabout@gmail.com)*



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## Winkleigh Fair Week July 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Proposed Programme

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fun Clay Shoot</b> 2 pm – In the field behind Winkleigh Sports Centre
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Opening Ceremony in the Square</b> Church service 3 pm. Dressing of the well. Crowning of the King & Queen, Morris dancers and musicians. Bring and share picnic. <b>Car Treasure Hunt</b> early evening ( <i>timings tbc</i> )
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dog Show</b> 6-8 pm - field behind the Sports Centre
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bingo</b> 7.30 pm at the Community Centre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Classic Vehicle Show</b> in the square with vintage vocal group the Hummingbirds 6 - 9 pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Walking History Tour.</b> The History of Winkleigh Houses by Andrew Ware. 6.30 pm start in the square
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Quiz</b> at the village hall details tbc
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fair Day in the Square</b> Pram Race 12 pm Market Stalls 1-3 pm Traditional Children's Games and Tug Of War Inflatables Face Painters. Nicos Ice Cream. BBQ. Pygmy goats walking, petting and feeding tbc Live music Johnny Cash and June Carter Tribute 4 pm Family Disco Abstract Dragon 6-8 pm Main Band – to be confirmed - 8 pm 'til late <b>Quilters Exhibition</b> at the Community Centre 10 - 4 pm

*There will be posters around the village and flyers through your doors in early June with full details.*

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**Future event:** Flower and Produce Show Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August - details to follow.

*Sarah Goody*

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## **Winkleigh Singers: 'Lifting the Spirits' after so long without live music**

The Winkleigh Singers held a fabulous Spring Concert in St Peter's Church, Torrington on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and are already working on their distinctly 'nautically-themed' Summer Concert.

The audience at the Spring Concert enjoyed a fabulous programme including John Rutter's haunting 'Ukrainian Prayer', Mozart's Trinitatis Mass in C K167, Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine, Haydn's rousing The Heavens are Telling and, in recognition of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Parry's I Was Glad.

Accompanied by internationally renowned organist Peter King, this was a truly rousing performance. One appreciative member of the audience commented:

"The concert last night was wonderful, thank you all so much for your presentation of such well-chosen pieces, and obvious hard work, we so enjoyed it. The Ukrainian Prayer was very moving, the mix of the organ and choir in the Mozart Mass and also the trio in the Creation were all so good, all of it lifting the spirits after two years without music."

The choir is already working on their Summer Concert, which has a distinctly nautical feel, featuring Flanders and Horovitz's 'Noah and His Floating Zoo'. The concert, at Umberleigh Village Hall, will be on Monday 11th July, at 8 pm. Tickets are £12: <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-rpljrdd> or call 0333 666 3366.



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At the end of March we were again able to hold our Flue and Chimney Specialist Tournament after a break of two years. It was a great success with teams coming from all over Devon, Somerset and Dorset. The eventual winners were the team from Sidbury. We are extremely grateful to Andrew Baker of Rangemoors for their continued support of this event.

As I write this, several of our members have started playing outdoor bowls but we still have teams playing in a Summer League. We continue to meet on Mondays and Fridays 1.45 to 4.00 pm for our social roll-ups. This is a sport for all ages and abilities; it is great fun and very sociable. Why not pop along and give it a go or for more info give me a call or email.

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*Jan Ovenden - 01837 83853 - oldsmithy1@btinternet.com*

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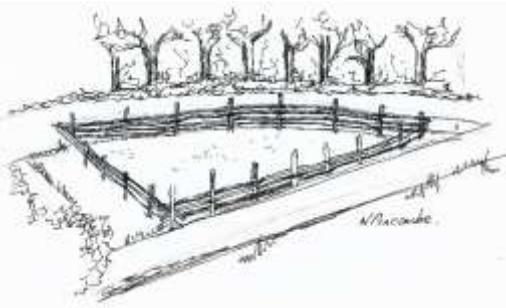
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*Penny Griffiths*

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## Wednesday Coffee Mornings in the Community Centre

As all our regulars will know, for many years there has been a coffee morning held each Wednesday in the Community Centre alongside a mini-market, starting at 9.30 for an hour or so. A small group of volunteers take it in turns each week to serve coffee, tea and hot chocolate, as well as biscuits, to everyone who comes along, in return for a donation to Cancer Research UK and a chance for a chat.

All your £1 donations each Wednesday add up over a year and as a result we sent a cheque for £1000 to Cancer Research UK in January. This amount includes a few donations from individuals as well as the money donated in the CR-UK collection goblet at the Bakery Stores. Our only expense is the hire of the Community Centre. Since the lockdowns, the coffee mornings take place in part of the main hall around a number of tables, making for a very sociable and friendly get-together. If you have never come along, please think about doing so - you would be made very welcome.

**Thank you very much for supporting this worthy cause.**

*Godfrey Rhodes (CR-UK Winkleigh Committee Treasurer)*





## Winkleigh Fair 750<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Wall Hanging

*This piece was kindly and beautifully put together by Liz Rafferty on behalf of Winkleigh Fair Committee July 2012*

Winkleigh by night <i>Suzy Garland</i>	Winkleigh Singers <i>Helena Lewis</i>	Well Dressing <i>Peggy Osman</i>	Wednesday Market <i>Suzy Garland</i>	Sports Centre <i>Catherine Knight</i>
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We have water and wheelbarrows on site and vehicle access for most of the year. If

you are interested in joining us and have the time and the energy to keep a tidy and productive plot, please contact **Catherine Knight on 07816 608819** for a chat and a site visit.

## Okehampton Choral Society

You are warmly invited to join Okehampton Choral Society and friends as they celebrate

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in an hour of live music made by local musicians.

Starting at 3.15 pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at Fairplace Church in Okehampton, the informal programme will appeal to people of all ages. Families will be most welcome.

We shall also enjoy guest performances from our friends Ruth Penrose (clarinet), Robby Cassels, aged 13 (Piano) and Christine & Roger Cleverdon (Piano Duet).

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## Ashridge Court News

The Richards moved to Ashridge Court in 2012 taking on the challenge of a house in need of modernisation, decaying out-buildings and dilapidated barns. Over the last ten years they have lovingly restored the house, The Old Laundry (now a holiday let) and gardens to something of their former glory. Work on restoring the barn began in earnest in 2015 when their daughter's friends decided that it would make a fantastic venue for her wedding.

The vision for the barn has now grown into a full-time business with thirteen couples tying the knot and dancing the night away in 2021 alone. The stunning outdoor ceremony spaces, rustic barn along with helpful and supportive staff all contributed to Ashridge Great Barn being voted County Champion in the 'Best of Bridebook' Awards 2022 - receiving the highest number of five-star reviews in Devon.

Talking about the way the business is set up, Cat explains "The Barn is a blank canvas: couples can put together their celebrations however they like. We support them to organise a wedding that showcases their personality as a duo and brings joy to all involved. That was my experience planning our wedding and I wanted to share that with couples who choose the Barn as their venue."

The barn has also been used for birthday celebrations, craft fairs and pop-up restaurants offering unique flexibility in a sustainable environment. This year they will be hosting the second ***Not Your Average Wedding Showcase*** on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October – a great day out for those headed towards a celebration of love of any kind.

At the same time Cat's mum, Carolyn, has been selling locally raised grass-fed beef from their native breed herd. With meadow-grass pastures and woodlands at the farm, the cattle enjoy a varied diet. "Allowing the cattle to grow slowly on grass without additional inputs leads to healthier, tastier and more tender meat" explains Carolyn, "It's so full of flavour and absolutely delicious."

Sawn timber and logs for firewood are also available from their managed woodlands.



Ashridge Court is just a short distance from Winkleigh and easily accessible. Travel down the B3220 to the toll house and turn right – keep going over the ridge and the entrance is on the right. A warm welcome awaits you.

Feel free to contact Cat or Carolyn on 01837 880192 [www.ashridge-court.co.uk](http://www.ashridge-court.co.uk)

## More discoveries in the Biodiversity Area

I always find it exciting to come across another new species in the Biodiversity Area. This Spring I found a tiny leaf beetle, shiny black with red legs and antennae, named *Chrysolina bankii*. I also saw a Willow Warbler there for the first time. But my most exciting find so far in 2022 was the nest of a young Harvest Mouse. The Latin name - *Micromys minutus* - gives us a clue to its size! Weighing just 6 grams as an adult, the Harvest Mouse is a tiny mammal only ever seen in cute photographs, posed on stems of wheat, with its tail gripping the stem.

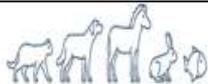
It is possible to search for their abandoned nests among tussocky grass during the



winter. I was lucky enough to find one tucked inside a tree-protection spiral. The adult mouse weaves a maternity nest out of grass, supported within a large tussock of coarse grass, such as Cocksfoot. Here the babies are born and reared, and when grown to independence in a few weeks, they go off to weave their own solitary nests to sleep in.

They feed on insects, seeds and berries, which are supplied by our hedgerow trees. Most Harvest Mice do not survive the winter, with those that do starting to breed again in April-September. Thanks to Marie Reynolds for her watercolour illustration.

If you would like to get involved in maintaining the Biodiversity Area, please get in touch with Kim ([trulywildabout@gmail.com](mailto:trulywildabout@gmail.com)).



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**For further information, please phone Vicki or Sam on 01837680036 or call by the Britannia Shed, just behind Airfield Garage. Note launch date will be re-scheduled.**

# A Devonshire Hedgehog's Dilemma: T' OTHER SIDE OF ROAD

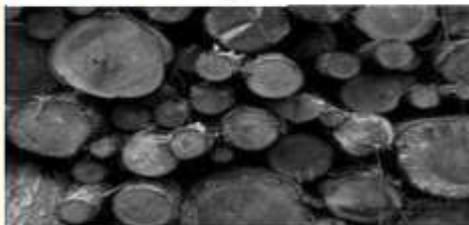
Oh no! Not yer again  
I'm sure I've been yer before,  
Twas yer I lost me foot you know  
A month or so bevore,  
This bit of rood 'tis bendy yer  
I've tried to tell 'em so,  
but they won't listen to me at all  
I'm only 5 months old,  
I'm covered all in prickles  
Got fleas as well I know,  
Just wish they all had listened  
Me motes all dead on the rood.  
Well, shall I dosh, can't decide  
There's a juicy slug on t' other side,  
I'm feeling hungry, me stomach's rumbling  
But is it worth the gamble?  
I'll walk along this side a while  
And hove a little ramble.  
A saucer of cat food  
'twould go down well  
Couse I was yer first you know!  
And really all I want in life  
is to get t'other side of the rood!



Sue Turner

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## Hunts Bakery

Herbert (Bert) and his son, Leon purchased the Bakery in South Street, Winkleigh in April 1948 from Mr Fred Letheren; included in the purchase was one full-time member of staff Miss Peggy Ford.

By 1959, with a larger bakery, they employed 26 full and part-time staff and it was decided to have a works outing. A coach was hired from Mr Ted Saunders and Mr John Beer was the driver. The first outing was to Polperro and Looe, and John Beer asked if his wife and 2 children could join future trips. Subsequently outings included Padstow, Bournemouth, Corfe Castle, Stourhead, Longleat and Beaulieu.



This picture is from the 1960 trip to Padstow and Newquay. John Beer can be just seen to the back of this picture, second rear right, behind Mrs Bette Beardon, and his wife: the lady in the cardigan standing on the far left with her daughter and son in front of her.

The 'works' outings only continued until 1967 but the bakery remained for many years until it was sold.

*Leon Hunt*

## ACE Archaeology Club - Springing into Summer!!

Since I last wrote we have had three ACE days, two looking at things on Dartmoor and one to do with a church at South Tawton. The weather was kind to us on all of them, so we must be doing something right.

In March we set off to finish something we started a few years ago. We were helping out an ACE member with work on her parish churchyard at South Tawton. We had previously surveyed most of it but have now finished that off and also helped to decipher some of the older inscriptions on the gravestones. This will help visitors trying to do family research.

Our April ACE day was a trip to Mardon Down, near Moretonhampstead. We explored prehistoric cairns, saw stone rows and discussed local legends. The surprise of the day was that seemingly the whole of Mardon Down is riddled with World War 2 practice trenches. There was even evidence of bridging, railway cuttings and embankments which had been constructed by American engineers. The morning prehistory session was led by Andy Crabb, our Archaeology Adviser and also a Dartmoor National Park archaeologist. The afternoon WW2 session was led by our member Anne Whitbourn.

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May's ACE Day was again on Dartmoor this time at Goadstone or Goatstone, depending on your preference.

The Goadstone area is very popular and accessible with the result that there is a fair amount of erosion happening around the prehistoric sites. We were comparing four previous surveys with what we could now see on the ground and working out what remedial work needs to be done to protect the sites. We plane-table surveyed two cairns and started an off-set survey of two stone rows but this wasn't finished so we will be going back there at some stage.

The rest of the summer will be taken up with preparation for our dig in July, 16<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have an open day, probably on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so do look out for information about that on our website and our Facebook page, we really would like to see anyone who is interested. As ever, contact us through our website or our Facebook page.

*Erica Williamson* (with thanks to Mac Howard and Janet Daynes for their contributions).

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3	8	1	4	7	9	6	5	2
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## And Finally.....

This summer looks like being a particularly busy one in Winkleigh with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and hot on its heels Winkleigh Fair in July. As a result our Diary has a couple of supplements: full details of the Jubilee events and a proposed programme of Winkleigh Fair events. The organisers of both events have clearly been working very hard, as these things don't just happen on their own, so what is needed now is for everyone to come along and have a really good time to make all their hard work worthwhile. Of course it will help if the sun shines and the rain keeps off.

This edition of Distinctly Winkleigh is again a bit slimmer, but well supported by our many advertisers. Please do think about sending in an article to us and don't be put off by the word 'article': as well as typing up a document, it can be embedded in an email or hand-written and delivered, as long, if it's not just before the deadline!

While on the subject of deadlines please note that the deadline day for each edition is being brought forward by 24 hours and for new or changes to existing adverts by a week. This change will give a bit more time for the editorial work to be done.

**The deadline for contributions to the Autumn edition will be NOON on Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> for planned publication / delivery at the end of August.**

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*WW2 archaeology on Mardon Down*



*Plane table surveying*

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