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The Winkleigh Society: Chairs Report May 2023



Betsy Lill [age 13] brought our local archive to life at The Winkleigh Society AGM by reading from the school record book the trials and tribulations of **Mr Tipper** the Headmaster of Winkleigh Board School in the 1880's.

'Getting children into school, keeping it warm, dealing with hostile parents and exasperated by interruptions of Winkleigh Fair, a travelling circus and time off for potato-picking; he despaired about the very high absenteeism and how to explain that to Government inspectors'. *Thank you Betsy for your bravura performance.*

Lives in a Landscape was this year's theme and the stories we have covered in Distinctly Winkleigh of villagers who champion village life.

Villagers like **Malcolm Passmore** donating a bench and creating a floral planter on the Hatherleigh Road and the late **Brian Holland** who battled to create a cut-through on Elms Meadow. There are many local heroes who get on with improving village life. The Winkleigh Society is planning to compile a local hero's book as a follow up to the previous publication: **Its Living History isn't it?**

David Lausen our guest speaker, founder member of The Winkleigh Society and former Torrridge District Councillor drew an appreciative audience of 40 plus who had worked with him on a variety of community initiatives.



David picked up on key initiatives that he had worked on with help of grants available after the foot and mouth outbreak such as the **Business support Day**. Building on this momentum the Winkleigh Society held a **Community**

Information Day and from this flowed **House Scouts** and the involvement of North Devon Museum in creating a bespoke archive kiosk. The Society also regularly hosted music, drama and dance events promoted by Beaford Arts.

His reminiscences were greatly enjoyed by the audience who added their prompts and memories of past projects and the mammoth campaign against the biomass plant on the airfield.

The enduring legacy of the Winkleigh Society is *Distinctly Winkleigh*: now on edition 86 and in full colour. The editor **Godfrey Rhodes** was formally thanked for his remarkable dedication. Godfrey announced that he was looking to stand down as editor within the year.

District Councillor Simon Newton took the chair for the election part of the AGM. The committee stood en bloc and were returned unanimously.

Alan Jacobs who has served on the committee since its inception was thanked for all his efforts over the years, not least the footpath map.

FROM THE FLOOR.

Alan Jacobs told us about the changes to the bio-diversity area where additional trees and wildflower seeds will be planted/sown.

Phillipa Lausen spoke about her involvement with Kim Melhuish and the bio-diversity Group about the importance of creating spaces and habitat for wildlife to thrive.

Sue Ware raised the issue of the history of the village and ensuring the village did not exacerbate divisions.

Devon County Councillor Andrew Saywell concluded the meeting by thanking David Lausen for his entertaining and enlightening contribution. He also said it was a pleasure to be at another Winkleigh Society event and gave a vote of thanks to the Society and its excellent magazine *Distinctly Winkleigh*.

The event was held café-style with complimentary refreshments of local mulled cider, heritage apple juice, cheese selection & bread. Thanks also to Alex Hamilton for sound and Gail Flockhart for taking the minutes.

Penny Griffiths and Margaret Miller.

Devon Mobile Library Closure Threat

It has been brought to our attention that the Devon Mobile Library is under threat of closure as it is no longer viable to continue the service. Alternatives offered by the Library Service are to travel to libraries or to download books.

If or when this closure happens, please be advised that for those who cannot travel or who are not able to download books, at every Village Hall First Saturday of the Month Market, Julie Mustafa will continue supplying a range of books as usual, 3 for £1.00. Proceeds are donated between various Parish organisations so the money raised ploughs back into the village. Also on most Wednesday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30 am in the Community Centre at the Cancer Research Coffee Morning and Mini-Market, both Carol & Mick and Bev have offered to extend their ranges of books for sale to accommodate those who enjoy browsing for books at very reasonable prices.

Winkleigh Society visit to North Devon Record Office

On Tuesday 18 April 2023, between 2.00 pm. and 4.00 pm. three members of the Winkleigh Society Committee and local historian Marian Wood took up an invitation to visit North Devon Record Office Barnstaple Library, Tuly Street, Barnstaple to attend an event thanking those who have provided support to them, which included the Winkleigh Society.

The event featured a display of archives, a presentation about the Record Office's on-going work and a chance to look behind the scenes at how they care for North Devon's historic collections. Light refreshments were also provided.

Talks were given by Peter Beacham, Trustee of the SW Heritage Trust and Janet Tall, Head of Archives and local studies team for Somerset and Devon. They discussed their funding and expenses as well as projects undertaken, in progress and for the future. They also mentioned that the Beaford Archive is now held at the Exeter Record Office.

Winkleigh Documents on display were Parish Council Records in a book dating from December 1894 which started with the appointment of Mr William Molland of Hollocomb (sic) voted to Chair and a list of the candidates nominated for election to the Parish Council along with their proposers and seconders. There were 21 candidates and 11 were elected according to the number of votes.

There was also a Warrant dated 21st July 1788 for the arrest of a Joseph Bradley who had "absconded himself from the village of Winkleigh leaving a wife and child now chargeable to the said Parish of Winkleigh".

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Patricia [Pat] Tong RIP



Pat was born on the 17th March 1939 at High Wycombe in Bucks and she had two siblings one sister and one brother. Pat worked as a Secretary for Harrison & Son Printers and also as a home help for many years after meeting Steve her husband in High Wycombe. They had two daughters Susan and Sarah. The family moved to Devon after Steve took early redundancy from the same printing company.

They moved to Seckington Lodge and both girls attended local schools. Pat soon became involved in the village community. For many years she was a local correspondent with the North Devon Journal and Okehampton Times, attending community events and organisations and writing up the weekly news.

She became involved in WASPS [The local Amateur Dramatic Group] helping with costumes and bookwork. She was instrumental in the writing and publishing of the two Winkleigh books using her experience of assisting with printing the "Molland Book" in All Saints Church. She was also involved with the inception of the "Airfield Memorial" along with the late councillor Ron Cottey.

Pat served on the Parish Council for many years, always eager to volunteer for steering-groups, typing or photo copying. She was an activist in the Power Station proposal for Winkleigh Airfield, along with the proposed Gas Storage Plant at Seckington. She was also a founder member of the Winkleigh Society which has proved its popularity even today. She gave a lot to the community and was always willing to help out any organisation. She walked the Himalayas with her friend Sonia for a month taking presents to schools in Tibet and enjoyed riding an elephant. She also loved her local holiday trips in the company of Joyce Brock.

When her beloved grandchildren came along her time was filled organising them, so she started to retire from village life. Following her wishes a small family funeral took place. She was a lovely lady and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

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Our Devon County Councillor writes ...



I am writing this article immediately after the Coronation of King Charles III and I hope everyone in Winkleigh was able to enjoy the festivities and celebrations, or if not taking part was able to enjoy the long weekend. Although the weather was decidedly mixed, I hope it didn't 'dampen' festivities too much!

Elections for Torridge District Council were held just before the Coronation and I would like to congratulate Simon Newton on his re-election as Ward Member for Winkleigh. Simon and I have enjoyed a good working relationship and I'm looking forward to working with him over the next two years (and hopefully longer if I am re-elected in 2025!) on the issues that matter for Winkleigh.

One of the issues I know that matters for a lot of people is potholes and the condition of our highway network. From the 1st January to the end of April, a total of **21,199** safety defects have been repaired across the whole of Devon, nearly **7,000** more than the same period last year. One of the biggest factors behind this has been the weather, with prolonged cold weather spells of freezing weather followed by heavy rain. Approximately **11,500** tonnes of salt was used in Devon this winter for gritting, compared with just **6,000** last year.

Why does the weather have such an impact? Certainly, pressure on drainage and general maintenance budgets has been immense in the last few years, if not decades, though compared with when I was first elected in 2017, we have seen successive increases in the drainage maintenance budgets (including a further £2 million this year). As ever I would still like to see more put into drainage budgets, as and when funding allows.

However, the fundamental factor is that Devon has over 8,000 miles of road network, the largest of any English local authority, the overwhelming majority of which are unclassified roads built on foundations of no more than stone tracks designed for the horse and cart. To compound this, Winkleigh and Torrington Rural is sat on top of a clay belt which runs through the middle of the County and we can



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see from the number of pothole reports and repairs that we have more defects in the clay belt than outside it.

There are also more vehicles on the roads than ever and the heavy goods vehicles that now traverse our roads are a lot larger and substantially heavier than the HGVs of 20-30 years ago. To reconstruct all 8,000 miles of highway network – while it would solve the pothole problem – would nonetheless run into the hundreds of millions of pounds and we have to be realistic that that sort of funding is not going to become available anytime soon.

On top of this, the overwhelming majority of expenditure DCC spends goes on social services – whether it is Adult Social Care or protecting vulnerable children from harm. Adult's and Children's Services alone account for more than three-quarters of the overall DCC budget. While I know it is frustrating to see the potholes in the road, I also have a duty as a County Councillor to make sure those in need are supported.

While we can see a pothole, we may not necessarily see that vulnerable child.

However, working with our new Chief Executive, Donna Manson, we are looking at different ways of working in the council and modernising the various services, both to improve the **quality** of the service but also, if possible, to see if we can free up any extra funding for Highways.

What funding that is available for roads I fight very hard for. DCC was awarded an extra £9.4 million of capital funding by the Government in the recent Budget Statement, the largest amount of any Highway Authority in the UK. Shortly afterwards I met with my local Highways Officer to put forward funding bids for improvement schemes using this extra money, and I can assure readers that several schemes in Winkleigh, both in the village and the wider Parish, were put forward: including Farmer Frank's Lane, Bude Hill, the Airfield road to Dowland, and other rural roads in and around the Parish. I have also asked for more serviceability patching to be done in the village itself including Barnstaple Street and Castle Street. Finally, several roads in and around Hollocombe are also currently being assessed for 'Dragon Patching'.

As ever, securing the funding will be a challenge but if you don't ask, you won't get and I have always taken a proactive approach in putting forward highways schemes for Winkleigh and will continue to do so! **Finally, I'd ask that you please do continue to report potholes and road damage to Highways, either online on devon.cc/report-it or through phoning Highways on 0345 155 1004.**

I hope though that, as we come into the summer, the improvement in the weather will see fewer potholes coming through! I also hope, after a very difficult winter with the Cost of Living Crisis, we will see an easier summer and a fall in inflation and energy bills. While of course I cannot control either of these last two issues, I will do what I can to help. **If there are any DCC issues you'd like to contact me about you can contact me on Facebook on facebook.com/cllrsaywell, ring 07886 446560 or email andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk.**

Winkleigh Community Centre – Latest News

We are delighted with the results of the new heating system, using an air-source heat pump and warm air, so that at long last we have much more consistently warm spaces for users. **A special thank you to Alan Jacobs and Angela Findlay for the research into the system, and to Alan for pushing ahead with its delivery.** Initial indications are that we have a much better quality of heating for about the same running costs as the old system of individual heaters. The capital expenditure was possible due to earlier fund-raising over several years.

A programme of interior re-decoration is also well under way, including new blinds and curtains, which according to the comments by users, is already much appreciated. **Again, thanks are due to Alan Jacobs for leading this endeavour; to Tony Byrne (whom we are also very pleased to welcome to the new Committee) and has been working with Alan on this; as have Benjamin Roth and Jo Jo Skinner who have also lent a hand: thanks for a wonderful job-It looks lovely.**

Erica Griffiths who has been looking after the management of bookings is retiring at the end of May, We are very grateful to her. This will be taken over by Alan Jacobs and Tony Byrne.

Our special thanks are also due to Alan Mulcahy, who was our Company Secretary and Treasurer and was a founder member of the Trust; he stayed on in order to help with the transition with our new members. He will resign from the Trust at the end of May. On a personal note, I have worked with him from the start of the present organization and would like to say how much I have valued working with him, and especially appreciate his central role in keeping things running so smoothly in the period when I was, for family reasons, unable to take much active part.

The new Committee is: Alan Jacobs - 83895, Angela Findlay – 682616, Peter Stutt - 83283 - , and Tony Byrne - 682795

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Winkleigh Parish Council – News

I'm so pleased that the Parish came together to enjoy the celebrations for the Coronation. Thank you to all those organisations and individuals who arranged and supported events over the weekend. At the time of going to press, the festivities are still not over, therefore more will probably follow in the next edition when our new Parish Council is convened.

You will no doubt be aware that only eight candidates stood, meaning there were not enough for an election of Winkleigh Parish Council to take place in the recent vote. Those who stood will therefore form the new council. They are Angela Findley, Greg Goldsworthy, Alan Jacobs, Andy Keys, Pauline Odulinski, Alex Phillips, Benjamin Roth and Andrew Warner. Those who stood down were Simon Hodgson, Stone Naylor, Alice Turner and Ian Whitehead.

At our last meeting, those leaving who were present were thanked for their contribution in serving the Parish, with a particular accolade from members of the public, the council members and Andrew Saywell for Devon County Council, given to Simon for his service as a councillor for the Parish for over 40 years.

Alex Phillips, Chair.

[Editor's Note: See article on page 14]



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Winkleigh Community Nature Area



Since August 2012, Winkleigh Biodiversity Group, assisted by many volunteers from the local community, has been responsible for managing "The Mound", behind the Sports Centre. It is a site of 2/3 acre, which has been planted with over 800 native trees and shrubs. The trees have grown from tiny whips to sizeable shrubs and young trees, producing blossom, nuts and berries. Over the years, the wildlife has gradually moved in and we have recorded over 100 species of plant, bird, mammal, insect and reptile and sent these records to Devon Biodiversity Records Centre. The story of these past 10 years has been told through many Distinctly Winkleigh articles and the blog written by Kim Melhuish at <http://winkleighbiodiversity.blogspot.com/>



From 1st May, the biodiversity area will be managed by the Trustees of the Sports Centre and will be double its former size. Together the whole area will be called the **Winkleigh Community Nature Area**. The new area has had its turf removed, banks created, about 300 trees and bushes have been planted and wild-flower seed sown, along with native grasses. We are looking

forward to seeing the new growth this Spring and Summer – why don't you come and take a look?

If you would like to get involved in activities to manage the Community Nature Area, please get in touch with either Mike Wilson mike.wilson605@outlook.com - 01769 520605 or Alan Jacobs 01837 83895 ajrjacobs@live.co.uk



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40 Years a Councillor on Winkleigh Parish Council

Councillor Simon Hodgson is without doubt one of the longest standing members of Winkleigh Parish Council along with the late Councillor John Turner. He has to my knowledge served the village for over 40 years without ever being co-opted, which in itself is a testament to his dedication and commitment to the village.

Winkleigh is lucky to have so many different organisations working thanklessly in the background ever struggling to attract new members. In addition, Simon along with his wife Sonia have always been at the forefront of organising Street Parties and celebratory events all through his term, on behalf of the council.

When I became chairman back in the '90s I remember being handed a cornflake box by an elderly caretaker of our cemetery who had recorded in both pen and pencil drawings of the burial plots and drainage: "you would have to see it to believe it". The Council set up a steering group to look at this information and Simon stepped up and transferred the information to up-to-date plans. That was only the start as we found that some of the deceased were actually very much alive and had only reserved their plots!

We owe today's current efficient system to the hard work of Simon. His commitment continued recently in taking charge of an unfortunate situation that occurred during a headstone inspection, when once again he took control and gained the respect and support of the Parish.

Simon has seen many Parish Chairmen and Clerks come and go during his time in office, being always knowledgeable and committed and missing very few meetings.

So many people on various organisations and committees work tirelessly in the background to make things happen in Winkleigh with little thanks and no reward and they should also be congratulated, but 40 years is such an achievement and dedication which must be recognised.

So a big thank you to Simon and to all those past and present volunteers who make Winkleigh what it is today.

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Church life has been busy and varied since the start of the year and it has been wonderful to see so many people coming to events and activities or just simply popping into church for a bit of peace

and quiet. The doors of the church are open every day and the times can be found on the door. In the Lady Chapel in the far corner is a prayer tree, all are welcome to leave prayers here and we will pray for those people, places and situations at our Wednesday morning service. At the start of July, our clergy team will be expanding with the arrival of Fiona Law as our assistant curate, this is an exciting time for us all as we help Fiona develop her ministry. Fiona writes:-



‘Hello, I’m looking forward to joining Revd Helen Blaine to serve in the Winkleigh Mission Community from July 2nd. As Assistant Curate, I’ll be continuing my training to become a priest in the Church of England. The day before I will have been ordained as a Deacon in Exeter Cathedral, along with 17 others in my cohort. This follows two years of study at South West Ministerial Training College, and some time before that during which both the Church and I discerned if priesthood is right for me. God willing, in 2024 I will receive ordination as a

priest and so be able to lead Holy Communion (also known as Eucharist). In the meantime, you can see me preach, lead worship, and begin to hold funerals and join in with other events in the church and community.

I’m a self-supporting minister and I live at West Leigh where I have a yoga retreat place. I am also a life coach. I have two grown-up children in London. My ‘sending’ benefice is North Dartmoor Parishes (Chagford and around) where I have served in the lay ministry team since 2017. Please pray for me in these next few weeks as I make the transition. I look forward to meeting you and if you see me about, and feel so inclined, please do introduce yourself. Looking forward to meeting you.’

All are invited to church on Sunday 2nd July at 10:00am at All Saints, as we welcome Fiona to our group of churches and our villages.

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Letter to the Editor

I wish to respond to Alison Leah's letter in the Spring edition 2023 regarding safety for road users around the village. As both a driver and pedestrian I agree with her every word but I would like to add that the driver in me would like to ask that pedestrians, be they runners, dog walkers or people just going for a walk on roads with no pavement, should always walk towards the traffic for their own safety. That way they can see approaching traffic which is particularly important when they are wearing headphones etc.



While I am writing, I would also like to point out that not everyone in this village is on Facebook. Some do not have access to the internet, so it is no good for the many organisations to communicate solely in this way.

The addition of old-fashioned posters would help your message reach many more people. Sadly, the news of the events for the Coronation failed to reach many villagers because of this.

Angie Coombes



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From Your District Councillor



Firstly, it was an honour to be re-elected as your District Councillor in the recent local government elections and I look forward to representing the Ward again over the next four-year term. As before, I will do my best to represent everyone in the Ward as well as the Parishes and communities. Thank you for your support and I am very humbled.

Several people have asked me to say more about my recent trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina when I joined a group of fellow service veterans to re-visit the Eastern enclave of Gorazde where we had been deployed in 1994. During the Bosnian War of 1992-95 when Bosnian Croats, Muslims and Serbs were all fighting each other with horrendous consequences, the UK deployed forces as part of a UN Peacekeeping force. In 1994 my battalion had been deployed in central Bosnia positioned between the Croats and Muslims when it was decided that we would be redeployed to the Eastern enclave town of Gorazde where the Muslim population was under siege from Bosnian Serbs. The three Eastern enclaves, Gorazde, Srebrenica and Zepa, were close to the border with the Republic of Serbia and although all three had been pronounced "UN Safe Havens" they were



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very vulnerable to the ethnic cleansing programme of the Bosnian Serbs and were coming under increasing pressure. We were deployed to reinforce Gorazde whilst the Dutch were sent to Srebrenica.

For the next 18 months a succession of three UK Infantry Battalions, supported by troops from France, Norway, Canada and Ukraine, protected the population and town of Gorazde from the Bosnian Serbs who were surrounding it. My battalion, of which I was the deputy commander, was the first to deploy down there and in the first few months there were serious and often brave actions by our soldiers as we pushed the Bosnian Serbs out to the limit of an internationally-agreed exclusion zone. This frequently involved combat with the Bosnian Serbs during which we sustained one fatality and several seriously injured (one of our soldiers was the first recipient of the new Conspicuous Gallantry Cross that ranks just below a VC). Prior to our arrival, UK Special Forces had also sustained a fatality helping the local Muslim forces to defend their town. Typically, our approach was firm and whenever we were attacked or interfered with by the Bosnian Serbs, we would respond robustly often causing multiple fatalities and casualties. Sadly, due to political constraints placed upon them by their own Government, the Dutch force in Srebrenica were not able to respond in a similar way and so were unable to prevent the massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys by the Bosnian Serbs in 1995 – a dark day for humanity. The future of Gorazde and the other enclaves was finally secured in late 1995 as part of the Dayton Agreement (that still prevails today).

And so we went back to unveil a memorial to our fallen, commissioned by two of the Regiments involved and the SAS, as well as re-visiting the town where we had also been financially supporting the local primary school over a number of years. When we left 29 years' ago, none of the houses had roofs on and many buildings had been burnt out, the population were living in the cellars with the crump of mortar rounds a near-daily occurrence and the town was largely cut-off with everything in short supply, especially food. Indiscriminately-laid minefields littered the surrounding hills with women and children being their main victims.

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town were embarrassingly generous in their welcome although it was a joy to think that we played some small part in securing their safety and future. The school gave us a concert that lasted nearly two hours (including recitals of Shakespeare by their English language class!) and of course it would have been rude not to have accepted the generous hospitality offered to us by the local Mayor and his town.....(hic!).

It was a humbling experience, especially when I reflect on our own society where we expect to have everything and suffer little.....

As always, my mobile and email are the best ways of contacting me if you have a problem that I can help with or something that you want to make me aware of. I attend and give a report at most Parish Council meetings and I am also very happy to meet residents at their home or work if that helps.

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Winkleigh Village Hall News

You will all be aware that, over the last 3 years, a great deal of work has been carried out in the Village Hall, by way of redecoration, new carpeting and other flooring, a new fully-fitted kitchen, renovated meeting room and installation of bar, new stage curtains and vertical window blinds, plus lots of smaller things. Many of you have been very positive in complimenting how the hall now looks. As Chair, I am very pleased with all that has been done and with all the hard work that has been carried out by Committee members, past and present, to achieve this.

However given that the hall is over 80 years old, there is still some serious work crying out to be done so I want to make residents and users aware of how the money you all pay for clubs, events, private parties and more, is being used. Below is a list of major projects that are being considered and planned:

- Installation of roof space insulation throughout;
- Replacement of all windows – many of the existing double-glazed units are blown, their locks are broken, and some are no longer watertight;
- Replacement of heating system. The current oil boiler and radiators are well past their sell-by date. Discussions are under way as to the most appropriate type of heating to be installed;
- Woodworm treatment in roof spaces and beneath the stage.

These are all substantial projects which are going to take both time and big money to address. There are opportunities for grants from a whole variety of sources which we are endeavouring to pursue, and I will report on progress in due course. But as is often said every little helps, and we are so thankful for the funds you all contribute from your various activities, which go towards the upkeep of the hall.

As part of our commitment to a process of ongoing continuous improvement, the committee has embarked upon a programme of policy creation and review. Existing policies are being reviewed and updated. Where no policies exist, new ones are being drafted. The following policies are being reviewed or created

Safeguarding	Finance
Data Protection	Hall Hiring
Health & Safety	Risk Assessment
Handling of Complaints	

The new Movie Nights, held monthly in the meeting room, are proving to be extremely popular. With a 100" screen, plus a new projector and sound-bar system, we have had full houses for movies such as "YESTERDAY", "RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN", "BELFAST" and "FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS 2". We recognised that using the main hall for showing movies was not successful with its poor heating and ineffective acoustics. Moving to the meeting room addresses both issues and more. A warm and

cosy environment which provides for a great atmosphere, together with softer seating. Thanks to everyone who is supporting this activity. By the time you read this, the next movie, “MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS”, will be screened on **Friday 9th June** at 7 pm with doors opening at 6.30 pm. Refreshments, including a pay bar, snacks, and theatre-style ice cream tubs, will all be available. [Let me know via Facebook, Messenger, 01837 83248, 07946 490967, or tonyaston1953@gmail.com](#) if you would like to reserve seats. The room takes a maximum of 35 people so pre-booking is really important. Payment, as usual, is by donation of your choice to hall funds at the door on the night.

Tony Aston- Chairman



WHEN	MOVIE	RATING
FRIDAY MAY 12 TH 7PM	FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS 2 – ONE AND ALL (2022)	12
FRIDAY JUNE 9 TH 7PM	MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (2022)	PG
SATURDAY JULY 8 TH 7PM	HIDDEN FIGURES (2017)	PG

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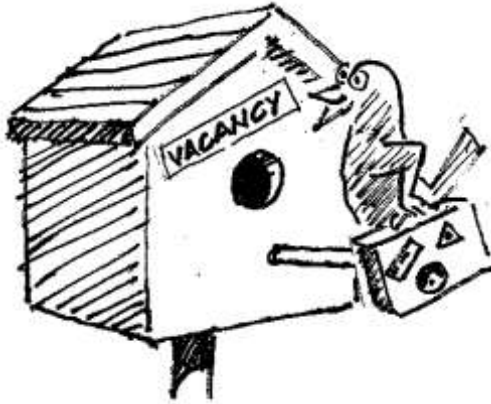
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New Distinctly Winkleigh Editor Needed

At the Winkleigh Society AGM on 10th March Godfrey Rhodes, our current Editor, gave notice that he would like to retire within the next year or so. He feels it is time for someone else to take over the reins as he isn't getting any younger!

Godfrey became joint editor along with Alice Turner in Spring 2016 when Alan Mulcahy retired and then sole editor in Winter 2017 when Alice took up other commitments.



If you would like to find out more about what the role involves, please email: Penny Griffiths at penelopegriffiths@googlemail.com or phone 01837 83407

OKEHAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY

In July 2022, the Okehampton Choral Society celebrated its first post-Covid public performance with a Saturday afternoon event. It was so well received that the choir will present another at **Fairplace Church in Okehampton on Saturday 1st July 2023 at 3 pm**. The programme will consist again of a wide variety of sung music interspersed with solo instrumental items as well as opportunities for the audience to join in.

Admission will be FREE and there will be a retiring collection.

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Winkleigh Friendship Club has moved!!!

The Winkleigh Friendship Club moved over the road to the Community Centre, on the 11th of May. We will still meet on every other Thursday at 2.30 pm for 2 hours; it's only £1.50p for tea/coffee/ biscuits and a raffle ticket. **Remember all are welcome.**

Why are we moving? Because we need more space.

Our next coach outing is to Sidmouth and we will also be stopping at the Donkey Sanctuary. This outing will be on Tuesday 4th /July/2023, 9.30 am
If you want to book a place then call Margaret on 01837 82312.

Our next talk is by Andrew Ware on Winkleigh. Date is still to be set.
Do come along, all are welcome; maybe we can get a scrabble and dominos table going, as we now have more room.

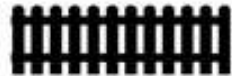
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Planning Developments in Winkleigh

I am writing to apologise to our parishioners for our failure to stop the building of Phase Two of the Townsend Hill Development. We are really disappointed but believe me it was not through want of trying. WPC Planning Group worked very hard to stop this development. At every stage of the planning process, we responded to TDC Planning Department by putting in our objections and constantly reinforcing the need to use and consider the Neighbourhood Plan. Indeed, we have been told by TDC planners that the actual proposed plan for Phase two will be better designed and better future-proofed for climate change because of the existence of our plan. Looking at other estates designed by Allison Homes, I believe this to be true. WPC Planning Group also drafted responses to each and every amendment made to the application. District Councillor Simon Newton also *called the plan in*, which meant it had to be discussed and voted on by Councillors and not just be agreed by council officials behind closed doors.

When the discussion took place, we went to the Plans Committee and tried to persuade Torridge Councillors not to support this development. However due to the lack of Five-Year Housing Land Supply, TDC councillors were too anxious about a legal challenge which would cost the tax payers a lot of money. Unfortunately, the system



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in the UK, with a few mighty international companies, is skewed to support big developers with deep pockets!

I also want to reassure those who are on waiting lists for housing that we are not against new houses per se. Our ambition is for more rental, social, affordable and first-time buyer houses which are future-proofed for climate change, low density, and in keeping with the village, creating environmental net gain, with supporting infra-structure.

We are also concerned about the use of agricultural land for new builds when food insecurity in the UK is not many years away, as food shortages following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine have shown. In addition, we think with all the estates that have already been given planning consent that Phase Two will result in over-development. I am afraid that our housing system is broken and needs urgent action at government level to be resolved. Once again, I am sorry and disappointed that we failed to support the village's concerns over Phase Two but we did try our best against the giants of the industry.

Angela Findlay -On behalf of the Planning Group and anti- Phase Two petitioners.

Winkleigh Junior Football Club

Winkleigh Junior Football Club has a new Welfare Officer. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding our young players please contact Angela Findlay on [01837 682616/ 07455365144](tel:01837682616) or email angela.findlay@btinternet.com

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There have been a few occasions when I have received phone calls from distressed persons needing incontinence pads urgently, usually because they have not been delivered. As it would cost the user £11 to send a driver to Okehampton to buy them I have approached Winkleigh Parish Council and asked for their support in buying a number of pads of varying sizes which can be sold separately at cost to tide someone over in an emergency. This will considerably reduce costs and lessen anxiety for users. My thanks to the Council for supporting this endeavour.

Most weeks my volunteers are called out at least once and often several times, for example I did five trips last week. Therefore, if anyone has a little time on their hands and would like to act as a volunteer you would be most welcome.

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Winkleigh Bell Ringers – A Beginner’s Story

We moved into the village in March 2018. Bell Ringing hadn’t been foremost in my mind, but after a few weeks of hearing the church bells ringing out on Sunday morning and Tuesday evening I became more curious. Then I saw an article in Distinctly Winkleigh about the bell ringing and decided to call the Tower Captain, Jane Hill. Jane suggested I go along to a practice night on Tuesday for a “taster” session.

All Saints Church has 8 bells, ranging in weight from 5.3 cwt. to 19 cwt.; the bell tower is accessed by a spiral staircase. On that first session I watched and listened to the experienced bell ringers – there are eight regular bell ringers of various ages, most of them have been ringing for many years. At that first session I was able to ring a bell myself, with an experienced bell ringer standing beside me - it was great, I really loved it. Learning how to handle the bell is a gradual process and takes time and commitment, after all, it’s not something you can practice at home. I was always given a lot of encouragement and support by the other bell ringers and when a peal goes well it’s a great feeling. Since that first session I attend the weekly practice every Tuesday evening which runs from 7.30 – 9 pm.

During the Pandemic we had to stop ringing which was hard, but since restarting I have improved, gained more confidence, and been asked to ring on a Sunday morning before the Service starts.



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Ringling on a Sunday is a fundamental element of being a bell ringer and something that every trainee ringer aspires to – it is part of the commitment a ringer makes. It's only once a new ringer is sufficiently skilled and confident that you progress to Sunday ringing, so attending the weekly practice evening is very important. My partner Alan has also recently started to learn and is doing really well; he doesn't ring on a Sunday yet but that will happen eventually.

We also ring on special occasions such as the late Queen's Jubilee, Christmas and New Year, when we ring out the old year just before midnight with muffled bells and then just after midnight we ring in the New Year without muffles. By the time you are reading this we will have rung a Coronation Peal for the King on Coronation Day.

There is also a social side to Bell Ringing. We regularly go to ring at the Church in Zeal Monachorum and they come to us. We also have trips to other towers further afield throughout the year, when we may ring at 3 or 4 churches and then have dinner together in a pub or restaurant.

Bell Ringing is such an important part of village life and it would be such a shame if it died out. Many of us bell ringers are getting on a bit now and we always need new recruits to ensure the future of ringing in Winkleigh is secure. It doesn't matter how old you are and you don't have to be musical or particularly strong as some people think. If you are interested and prepared to commit the time needed to learning come along to a Tuesday evening practice session and see what it's all about. Give our Tower Captain Jane Hill a call on 01837 680128

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Listening Bench of Winkleigh

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Across the country this pioneering idea is a way of getting people talking in a safe place. A way to help those in the community struggling with mental health and to combat loneliness. Offering a safe and easy way to reach out for assistance/support.

In schools ‘Buddy Benches’ or ‘Friendship Benches’, are appearing in playgrounds; a place for children to go if they are feeling sad, lonely or have no one to play with.

Having brought the ‘Listening Bench’ idea before WPC, they voted unanimously to offer funding towards the creation, installation and maintenance of a new bench. Thanks also to the generosity of other individuals and companies, we can commission something unique, rustic and lasting, something we can all be proud of. Ideally, this circular bench would be installed under a tree in a communal green space (the benefits to our mental health and well-being when we are close to nature, especially trees, are undisputed!). Sadly Winkleigh has no central ‘communally-owned’ green space, but we do have one ideal location: the beautiful Oak Tree on the Green in Southernhay.

To this end, Councillors from WPC spoke with Westward Housing who own the Green. They have now offered their full support providing certain conditions are met.

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Therefore, to any residents in the immediate vicinity of the Green, we would ask for your support for this caring, community-minded project, but if you do have any concerns or misgivings, then please get in touch and we'll try our best to address them.

We are proud to be partnered with, and supported by, Step One Charity, part of the Devon Mental Health Alliance, who offers free Mental Health Support for Devon Communities via Online and Face-to face, Peer and Support Groups, hosted by compassionate, qualified professionals.

If anyone would like to be involved with the Listening Bench, this is a great opportunity to gain experience of working in the community. There are so many caring folk in this Parish that we hope to create a team of Emotional Support First Aiders, with full training and support from Step One Charity.

I intend to host a 'Well-Being Walk' support group later in the year.

Find us on Facebook: Listening Bench, Winkleigh, and Community Interest. Also see me at the weekly Mini-Market in the Community Centre on Wednesday mornings or *email joanne225@hotmail.co.uk*

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The Digital Divide: Inclusion, Exclusion and Poverty

Perhaps it's fitting or maybe ironic that I'm writing this on St. George's Day 23rd April, when this afternoon at 3 pm an alarm was sent out to everyone's mobile phone as a test for emergencies. **Or not**, as the case may be. Or for some, like me, to receive the alarm at another time, in my case 3.15 pm.

In theory in the case of a major catastrophe, we would all be alerted and take appropriate action. **Or maybe not**. Except for those who don't have a mobile phone. **Or can't get a signal**. **Or** have an old model. **Or** have no access/ signal/ internet.

When I did get the feeble warbling noise on my phone for a few seconds I thought how puny it was in comparison with the wonderfully loud Warning Siren that used to ring out over the village where I lived in the 50's and 60's to indicate any emergency. I would feel, rather than see, my parents flinch at the sound initially until a constant note signalled the WW2 All Clear rather than the rising and falling note that denoted an attack. It certainly could be heard by everyone, over the top of radio, kettle, TV or vacuum cleaner, road noise and machinery, and the birds would fly up squawking and then after a few minutes you'd hear the sound of a police, ambulance or fire vehicle (or all 3, they all had different sounds so you could hear which service it was) and know that someone was 'dealing' with the emergency.

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This was the same all over England and it worked. Everyone was on standby immediately. Everyone was alerted. I remember asking my parents about it and about “The War” and my mother explaining about the fact that the Germans hadn’t won and hadn’t taken over the country so we didn’t have to learn to speak a completely new language, German, regardless of choice. I remember solemnly announcing that would be very hard to have to do, especially for Grandma, who was old and had spoken English all her life (she was born and brought up in the Victorian era). I was more upset about how this would have affected my poor Grandma rather than the fact that I would have had to learn German at school and probably, unlike the rest of my family, have been christened my second name, Penelope, rather than my first.

But, it’s not just the alert for an impending apocalypse that might be missed by whole groups of the current population. It is important to realise that there is still a massive **digital divide** which must not be ignored or glossed over. There are many people who do not have a mobile phone permanently grafted to one hand or wear a smart watch connected to their mobile phone, which buzzes and throbs like an angry wasp every time they receive an email, notification, text or phone call.

The danger is that nowadays, there’s an underlying assumption that everyone in our society is permanently plugged in to the system, to the internet, to online banking, shopping, utilities, government organisations, medical facilities, Google or social media. The use of technology is increasing and those who are not ‘online’ are becoming more and more penalised. If you are, or choose to be (for whatever



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reason) outside this system, you are becoming more likely to have to pay more for your basic utilities, may spend hours on the phone trying to talk to a human, getting passed from pillar to post on phone systems which have umpteen options, all because you do not have the available technology to be able to apply or make contact online. You are becoming more and more excluded in this present society. Suppliers of Utilities (such as electricity) are discounted by the government (in order to reach their Target for being 'green' i.e. no paper). Therefore, by not being able to go online, you may be paying as much as a third more with 'Standard Rate' than your neighbour who can go online and therefore receive the discounted price.

Trying to obtain photo ID with no passport or driving licence is a problem. If you are pensionable age you can at least send off for a bus pass, assuming you can get a passport type photo. If you are a student, you can't use your student card to vote: it's not included in the eligibility list, something I mentioned when I went to vote on the 4th May as detrimental to encouraging young people to vote. You can apply for an ID card from the Post Office. However, no physical application forms are available in any Post Office. The only way you can apply is.....yep, you've guessed.....ONLINE!!

Technophobia is not yet recognised as a disability, but it is prevalent in our society and statistics show it is not just age-related. Interestingly in the over 60's age group it's the male population who tend to embrace IT skills more than the female. The New 'Hunter' is 'providing' by getting online and dealing with technological issues! Move Over Rock Stars and Film Stars and the handsome Millkman! (Does he still even exist?). The Nerdy Geek is the Man of the Moment, the most desirable companion,



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Joking aside, those who are finding themselves digitally excluded are having to come to terms with being more reliant on family and friends. Consequently, this necessitates family and friends giving time and patience to those members of Society who are falling into this divide. Remember, Grandma is now forced to ‘learn a new language’ whether she likes it, or not.


Government must continue to promote better communication and signal networks. It must identify and support digital poverty and the study of technophobia in all age groups. Communities can and are helping each other across the Country. The Good Things Foundation is a country wide organisation (a registered charity) which helps Communities create hubs to help with these very issues. I shall look into this more as I’ve had positive responses from those who I hope to be able to address in a future edition.




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Winkleigh Fair Week – Dates for Your Diary

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SUNDAY 9TH JULY

- 3 pm. Opening ceremony in The Square with church service from Revd Helen Blaine
- Winkleigh Morris Dancers
- Dressing the well - Crowning of the Fair King & Queen with Attendants from Winkleigh Primary School
- Bring a picnic and drinks

Fair Queen: Emily Illman

Fair King: Marshall Lill

Attendants: Martha Rhodes / Ruby Cowan / Chloe Hill / Ben Palmer / Jayden Saunders / Isla Phillips

MONDAY 10TH JULY

- Dog Show 6-8 pm. - Sedgetts, Farmer Franks Lane
- Drinks / Snacks / Cakes

TUESDAY 11TH JULY

- 7.30 pm. BINGO at the Village Hall
- Drinks / Snacks

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY

- 6 pm – 9 pm. Classic Vehicle Show in The Square. Live music from The Hummingbirds Trio
- BBQ – Drinks - Snacks

FRIDAY 14TH JULY

- 7 pm. Quiz at the Village Hall
- Licensed Bar / Snacks

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What's On Diary – June – September 2023

All dates & details are believed to be correct at the time of going to press. Please send details of your events to articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk. For up to date information (if DW has been notified of any changes) see the online diary at www.winkleighonline.com.

<i>June</i>	
3 rd from 10 am to noon	Winkleigh Monthly Market, Village Hall
7 th & 21 st - 2 – 4 pm	Memory Café – Community Centre
9 th starting at 7pm	Village Hall Movie Club: 'Mrs Harris Goes To Paris'
9 th & 23 rd - 7.30 pm	Four Seasons Bingo
9 th from 7.45 pm	Green Drinks at the Lymington Arms
10 th from 12 noon – 4 pm	Airfield Garage Car Show
24 th 2 – 6 pm	40 th Birthday Celebration, Halsdon Nature Reserve, Dolton
24 th starting at 3 pm	"Devon's War Girls" by MED Theatre, Winkleigh Bowling Green (behind Sports Centre, or inside if wet)
<i>July</i>	
1 st from 10 am to noon	Winkleigh Monthly Market, Village Hall
1 st starting at 3 pm	Okehampton Choral Society Concert at Fairplace Church, Okehampton. Retiring Collection
2 nd at 10 am	Parish Church - Welcome of Fiona Law to The Winkleigh Mission Community
12 th & 26 th - 2 – 4 pm	Memory Café – Community Centre
4 th at 9.30 am	Friendship Club visit to Sidmouth & Donkey Sanctuary
8 th starting at 7 pm	Village Hall Movie Club: 'Hidden Figures'
14 th & 28 th - 7.30 pm	Four Seasons Bingo
15 th to 7 th August	Big Butterfly Count
21 st 2.30 pm	Rewilding Roborough Fields - guided walk
29 th July	ACE: Moistown Open Day
<i>August</i>	
5 th from 10 am to noon	Winkleigh Monthly Market
9 th & 23 rd - 2 – 4 pm	Memory Café – Community Centre
11 th & 25 th - 7.30 pm	Four Seasons Bingo
12 th – 2.30 – 4.30 pm	Parish Church Fete
<i>September</i>	
2 nd from 10 am to noon	Winkleigh Monthly Market
9 th & 23 rd - 2 – 4 pm	Memory Café – Community Centre
8 th & 22 nd - 7.30 pm	Four Seasons Bingo

Financial Focus – *Liquid Money*

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One feature of a busy quarter has been a splitting of minds over the future direction of the US economy. The Bears are certainly getting themselves heard at present, but the actual underlying figures are not nearly as bad as many would like to have us believe. The resilience of the US economy is probably not a surprise to all of us, but it continues to confound many economists who have been predicting a US recession for some considerable time now. Watching the financial news daily, many continue to insist it *will* come to pass towards the latter half of this year. However, with inflation falling, employment growing and, according to USA Today, only [17% of corporate economists citing falling sales](#) over the past three months, the Bulls still



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have a good case as supply bottlenecks continue to ease. The US, for now, powers on.

Power is certainly proving troublesome in the UK, as our reliance on wholesale gas for electricity generation remains an obstacle to economic recovery. [The ONS reports](#) electricity prices in the UK rose by 66.7% and gas prices by 129.4% in the twelve months to March 2023 and were some of the main drivers of the annual inflation rate. The potential over-tightening by the Bank of England, or the continued raising of interest rates beyond a sensible level, is also a hot topic. There are increasing calls to resist over-tightening, given the effects of rate rises on the real economy are delayed and household finances remain under extreme pressure. The Bank of England, traditionally held in high regard, has in recent years lost some credibility and this persists. On the 26th April Huw Pill, chief economist at the Bank of England on a salary of £180,000, went on record to state people 'need to accept' they are poorer. Confidence in the BoE's ability to manage a genuine crisis is becoming a more fundamental concern. Meanwhile, the government has actually borrowed less than predicted over the last financial year and Reuters report that many are predicting Jeremy Hunt will announce a package of tax cuts ahead of a likely general election next year as a result.

[Changes in the budget to pension rules](#) have been widely reported upon, affecting those who can afford to save more than £1,073,100 into their individual pension scheme/s. This tax break has been introduced alongside a reduction in the Annual Exemption Allowance (AEA), relating to Capital Gains Tax, reduced from £12,300 to just £6000 this tax year and due to be halved again to £3000 next year. Further cuts have also been confirmed to the Dividend Allowance which stood at £5000 in 2018; now just £1000 and next fiscal year a mere £500.

Taking advantage of all your annual tax allowances has become imperative and many are now seeking independent financial advice for the first time.

For example, one client we recently onboarded was widowed years ago and, for convoluted reasons, had her deceased husband's offshore pension paid out as cash. She has been using her annual ISA Allowance ever since, but now has accumulated

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Capital Gains of circa £57,000 in her General Investment Account, whilst the underlying investment portfolio needs attention. The changes in taxation policy mean that selling down her existing portfolio (at current levels) without incurring a capital gain liability would now take eighteen years, instead of five! An independent financial advice and investment management firm may ensure an over-arching, tax-efficient plan is devised, potentially retaining holdings with an excessive capital gain within a suitable, bespoke portfolio.

In other news, Japan announced a review of their long-term policy of deliberately keeping the yen depressed. An increase in the value of the yen is likely to cause a repatriation of monies back to Japan and, with Japan's insurers and pension funds alone holding \$1.84 Trillion in foreign assets, it is potentially a seismic shift in wealth. Japanese investors are also the biggest holders of US Treasuries, or US government debt, owning over \$1 trillion of them and they also own almost 6% of Australian bonds and 4.1% of French debt, according to Deutsche Bank. This shift in monies will not happen overnight, but the implication that it will happen has created ripples across the globe.

Looking ahead, global liquidity remains on the radar. When Quantitative Easing (QE) is reversed, as is happening now, money is sucked out of the real economy as banks look to purchase the assets now being sold by the government/s who initially bought them. The effect is generally to reduce the amount of money banks want to lend to businesses and private individuals. This is happening whilst Central Banks increase interest rates (to combat inflation), also making borrowing more expensive. As cash becomes harder to borrow and increasingly expensive to repay, this in turn stifles economic growth. At present, it looks like access to capital, both for investment and refinancing, will remain expensive for some time to come, in turn inferring a global slowdown is unavoidable. However, as proven by recent supply bottlenecks choking the US, a global slowdown does not a recession make and there are various routes to raising capital nowadays that exclude banks completely. US sentiment bottomed on June 30, 2022 at 50.00 and has risen every month, bar one, since that time. Currently 63.50, many concur the next couple of months will be telling...Up or down?

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Winkleigh YFC News

I'm not quite sure where the last 3 months have disappeared to! However, it's always nice to wave winter goodbye as spring comes in to full spring. This is usually quite a quiet time for Young Farmers Club as members' work-load rapidly increases on farms with calving, lambing and spring corn to drill.

Several of our members kicked off spring by heading to the South West Area YFC Weekend in March. This year, the event was held in Weymouth where members enjoyed a fun-packed weekend of balls, fancy dress and perhaps the odd pint. This event is always a great opportunity to network with other clubs throughout the South West and get to know new people.

In the middle of March, Winkleigh entered a team of members in this year's 'Crealy Challenge'. This is an event where the club has to complete an obstacle course around Crealy in the quickest time. Winkleigh managed to achieve 9th place out of all the clubs in Devon!



A promotional poster for the SAM'S CIDER Summer Festival. At the top, a dark blue banner contains the text '5TH AUGUST 2023 AT THE CIDER BARN - WINKLEIGH - EX19 8AP 6 PM TIL LATE'. The main image shows a rustic wooden sign with 'Summer FESTIVAL' written in yellow cursive and block letters. To the left is a sign for 'SAM'S CIDER' with a tree logo. In the foreground, five glasses of golden cider are lined up, each with the SAM'S CIDER logo. To the left of the glasses is a sign for 'LOCAL FOOD' with silhouettes of people, and to the right is a sign for 'LIVE MUSIC' with silhouettes of musicians. The background is a vibrant field of yellow daisies under a blue sky with a blue jay and several butterflies. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text: 'TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE VIA WWW.WINKLEIGHCIDER.CO.UK PRICE £15 - OVER 18'S ONLY - NO PARKING ON-SITE'.

Moving through to April, a car-load of members ventured out to Bradworthy Social Club to take part in the Tarka Pool, Skittles and Darts competition. All those who entered did well: Luke Nicholls and I made it through to the Devon round later held at the Waie Inn. Here, we were sadly knocked out of the competition, although a good night was still had by all. A few members also came to spectate – seeing as it was being held just down the road!

Many of our members also attended a Devon YFC tour around the NWF agriculture feed mill where they learned about the processes involved in making all sorts of different animal feeds. Winkleigh YFC is always looking for interesting local businesses to have tours around. If you happen to own a local business and you are happy for us to come and have a look at your products and how they are produced, please do get in touch (my phone number is at the bottom of the write up).

Finally, we recently held our spring disco at the Sports Centre. These discos are vital to keep the club afloat and mean that we can give substantial donations to other charities at the end of each year. Many thanks to all members who helped in any way.

For more information about our club or membership, feel free to call me on 07498 972991 or find our Facebook group – Winkleigh YFC.

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Biodiversity Group and “Green Drinks”

The Biodiversity Group is looking forward to a range of activities this summer, involving citizen science surveys and exploring our natural environment. Our events are open to all. We have no membership fee or joining form, all we ask is that you bring your enthusiasm and sensible clothing to suit the weather. Follow our Facebook news on Winkleigh Community Action page. Here are some of the activities on offer:

- Tuesday 30 May 7:00 pm **Wild Flower Walk and Talk**. Tom Hynes, Higher Cherubeer (booking required via Eventbrite or phone)
- Saturday 24 June 2:00-6:00 pm **Halsdon Nature Reserve, Dolton - 40th birthday celebration** – adults and children’s activities
- Friday 21 July 2:30 pm **Rewilding Roborough Fields**- guided walk – more details available
- Get involved in **water quality testing** of Bullow Brook or Hollocombe Water for Westcountry Rivers Trust – kit supplied
- 15th July - 7th August **Big Butterfly Count** – see online and contact us for details
- **Bat walk** with detectors – August



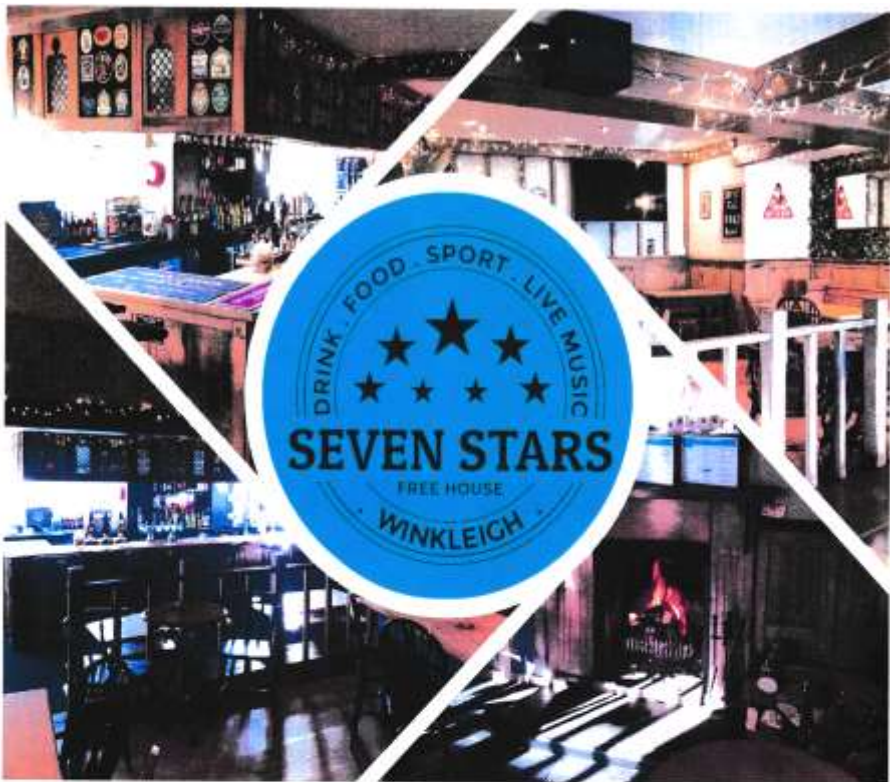
We are delighted to have sited three Swift nesting-boxes for Hollocombe and Winkleigh from **Ashreigney & Riddlecombe Nature Recovery Group**. We are hoping more of these delightful and threatened birds will take up home with us. We already have existing colonies in this parish and we are hoping that numbers will expand. If anyone is interested in siting a box on their house or barn (4m or higher) then do get in touch, as more boxes

may become available for next year.

We also had an enjoyable gathering of “**Green Drinks**” last month, after such a long break. This tongue-in-cheek name describes a social get-together, in a pub or a garden, where we can exchange ideas and information on all things environmental. We don’t judge anyone to see how “green” they are; an interest in our natural environment is the main requisite, and we are not affiliated with any political groups.

Our next gathering will be at the Lymington Arms on **Friday 9th June from 7:45 pm**, where there will also be some live music from local musicians.

We welcome you to get involved in one or more activities. More details will be posted on our Facebook page or you can contact Penny on **01837 83407** or Kim J Melhuish on **wildspacestorridge@gmail.com**



SEVEN STARS - UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Wow time has flown, it's been more than 7 months since we took over as the new Landlords of the Seven Stars when Mark retired. We hit the ground running and have made many cosmetic changes since the transfer of ownership, new branding, new seating, some new tables, which all have their own history as we purchased them from different pubs around Devon, we've opened up the fireplace and food is back on the menu, both eat in and takeaway. We have started tackling the long list of maintenance so watch this space for the façade facelift and new signage when the weather permits.

However, our main focus has been to bring the Stars back to a place where everyone can meet, socialise and chat in comfortable and welcoming surroundings. We thoroughly enjoyed our first Christmas at the Stars and want to thank everyone who popped in Christmas Day to say hello, you made our day. We topped the day off by enjoying a lovely Christmas Dinner which Ash kindly whipped up, which we shared with a few of our locals who would have otherwise spent the day by themselves, plenty of laughs and good conversation was had.

Those who know Ash, know that he loves a good costume and getting into character for any event, something he has made sure has rubbed off on Tracey and our Staff, whether they like it or not! We've enjoyed everything from Halloween, St Patricks Day, Cheltenham Gold Cup, Aintree Grand National and now St George's Day, which saw us add additional games to our selection, with Bagatelle, Shove Ha'penny, Bar Skittles and a 4 player Shut the Box, so you'll often find our locals trying their luck against each other.

We still have SkySports and BT Sport, so you can still watch all of your favourite games on our big screens, but if that's not your thing, then you're welcome to try your hand at Darts or Aunt Sally. The Aunt Sally Team play each Sunday between 11.00am-1.00pm during the season and practice on a Tuesday night, you are most welcome to pop in and see what it's all about.

We are big believers in giving back, so we enjoy supporting the Winkleigh Football Club throughout the Season, so you will always find the boys in the Pub after a home game. We support our local Darts Team the Wandering Stars and if you would like to join, please pop in and speak to Ash and we regularly donate or sponsor Community Events, including Winkleigh Fair, Winkleigh Christmas Fair, Airfield Garage Annual Car Show and more.

We aim to have Live Music on the first Saturday of each month, we have also accommodated a number of birthday and special events since we took over. With our food, our menu is a little restricted due to the size of our kitchen, however diners can expect quality food and generous portions. We serve food eat in or takeaway and each meal is made fresh when ordered. Food is currently available Wednesday to Sunday 5.30pm to last order by 8.30pm. We have colouring books and pencils to keep the kids entertained and a highchair on request.

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Allison Homes South West - Sponsored Advertorial

Devon housing Developer Allison Homes South West has announced its latest community initiatives as part of its ongoing support for Winkleigh.

Allison Homes South West has recently provided sponsorship to Winkleigh School, allowing them to buy brand new kit for the year 3 and 4 football team. The children will be showing off their kit when they compete against other schools in the area in the coming months.

In May, some year 5 students are being welcomed into the High Moor View show home to attend a writing workshop. The trip will be documented by Allison Homes' film crew, who will produce a video of the event that the children will be able to watch back and enjoy for years to come.

Commenting on the partnership, Head of Winkleigh Primary School, Mrs Victoria Fenemore said: *"Thank you to Allison Homes for their kind donation. The kit looks brilliant, and the team is very proud to wear it. This sponsorship is greatly appreciated by all at Winkleigh School.*

"The children are also very excited to be going to High Moor View for a writing workshop that is being hosted by the developer giving them a chance to hone their creative writing skills. Once they have taken part in the workshop, the students will get to showcase their work in a video and share their thoughts on the show home.

"As a school we have had a good relationship with Allison homes throughout the build and are grateful for their support with our bacon roll mornings, where they have purchased over 200 rolls. The profits of which, along with a donation from Allison Homes have gone towards our children's trips and enrichment activities."

Allison Homes South West recently held a coffee and cake afternoon for employees and local residents, the money from which will go towards the running of the annual Winkleigh Fair.

Commenting on the community activities, Michele Jones, Head of Sales and Marketing at Allison Homes South West said:

"We are proud to be able to give back to the wonderful community of Winkleigh, by both supporting the School and raising money for the Winkleigh Fair.

"I know the Fair is at the heart of the village and I am thrilled that Allison Homes was able to raise these funds, which will go towards the running of the much-loved event."

Winkleigh Primary School is based directly opposite the beautiful High Moor View development where potential homeowners can benefit from rural scenery and life as part of a tight-knit village community.

The development is also situated close to the village's local amenities such as the local shop and pubs while being less than ten miles from Dartmoor National Park. The area offers the very best of modern country living, perfect for families and downsizers.

Work on Phase 2 of the development is expected to start in the summer.

The show home is open Thursday to Monday 10 am to 5 pm.

Please contact 01778 391530 or register your interest via

<https://allison-homes.co.uk/development/high-moor-view/moor-view/>

Britannia's 108th Anniversary

Last Easter Monday we celebrated the 108th anniversary of Britannia's original launch. Britannia was built by the Norfolk Brothers and launched in King's Lynn, Norfolk, in 1915, where she went on to enjoy a successful career as a whelker.

We've got into the habit of throwing the old girl a 'birthday party' each year, celebrating the community she has drawn together around her in Winkleigh and the milestones we have reached together in her restoration. Her 2023 bash was the biggest yet. The local community was summoned to the ship's workshop, with invitations delivered door-to-door by four of Britannia's friends. Masses of people came to celebrate the ship – some familiar faces and some new, many of them families with children. The event was organised and coordinated by our dedicated group of Winkleigh volunteers – Alan and Jane, Chris, Jill and A.J. - many thanks for all their hard work.

Keeping things true to Britannia's fishing heritage, the party was catered by the Winkle Picker Seafood and Oyster Van, all the way from Bristol. This salty cornucopia proved a big hit with our guests.

<https://winklepicker.org.uk/>

While Neptune himself was unable to attend (this being an inland event), the four winds certainly came along to pay their respects, blowing up a squall that nearly blew the beer tent away! Luckily guests and volunteers sprang into action, managing to wrestle the tent under control and re-anchor it to *terra firma*. We were also blessed, quite unexpectedly by the spirit of Britannia herself, complete with trident and shield. Britannia (a.k.a Sandra) also brought along her husband – a barrel organ musician (and barrel organ builder!) who churned a charming rendition of Rule Britannia from his instrument.

There was no shortage of music at the event, for we also enjoyed the hearty songs of Mariner's Away shanty group ([Mariners Away Sea Shanty Singers](#)) – an essential feature of any Britannia Sailing Trust event. Among other classic





shanties and sea songs, we enjoyed two renditions of Britannia's "theme tune" - 'Rise Up Again, Britannia' – which was written by one of the group. Plus, of course, a finale of 'Rule, Britannia!' sung on deck, from the stern – which we are now able to do since the decking is complete. The audience sat on the rail around the deck and also down below, looking up through the hatch.

Meanwhile, members of the Iddlesigh Ladies Group (Dot, Annie and Jill) were working hard manning essential services such as the tea table, cake stall and the tombola, which made about £175.

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We also had a display of traditional shipwright's hand tools, many from our special 'Radcliffe Chest', generously funded by the Radcliffe Trust. Kevin, our Chair, gave a presentation cheque to Dan Cameron of National Trust Exmoor. The 'cheque' was a wooden cut-out of Britannia, made by one of our volunteers and painted by our trainee, Abi. This cheque was for picnic tables and signage for the newly inaugurated Britannia Wood plot, just north of the Hunters Inn. The woodland is scheduled in the autumn of 2024. A plan of the site was on display, along with information about native trees traditionally used for boatbuilding (our so-called 'Boatbuilder's Friends').

This woodland is part of our mission to ensure that the means and materials required to build more 'Britannias' are available for future generations. With the degradation of our ecosystems and the loss of old growth forests, good oak for shipbuilding is today in short supply. Fortunately wood is renewable, if only we have the foresight to plant acorns today for the boat-builders of tomorrow.

By planting trees in 2024, we will not only contribute to the restoration of the ecosystem, helping to regrow native forests and 're-wild' our landscapes, but in 400 years – much longer than the natural lifespan of any wooden vessel – the woodland could yield timbers with which to construct a sailing vessel much like Britannia. 50 trees are all one would need. If we plant them now, we will give future generations a gift: the means to continue to build environmentally friendly ships, grown from forests and powered by the wind. The event generated £275 altogether for the Trust, as well as two more volunteers.

All in all, the day was a great success – just as well for it was our last planned Britannia Day in Winkleigh. The next one, in April 2024, will be taking place on Exeter quayside, following the ship's relaunch later this year.

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Acorn has had a jam packed couple of weeks, the first ever Careers Fayre was held with local businesses, colleges and the public sector coming from all over Devon to support our pupils with the vast array of career opportunities open to them, allowing them to become immersed in a range of fields, including carpentry, mechanics and veterinary care. Thank you to all those involved.



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Coronation Day Memories - 1953

Tuesday 2nd June 1953 was the day that Queen Elizabeth II was crowned. King George VI had died in his sleep on 6th February 1952, and the country had been in mourning for a year. Over the previous four months the mood changed and towns and villages across the country were making plans for the Coronation.

Our road was no exception. A committee had been set up to organise a party for both children and adults. For months the residents and their friends and relations had been collecting money and food. Although food rationing did not end until 1954, most items were freely available.

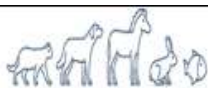


Jessamine Road consisted of twenty-four houses, twelve on each side. At the top was Boston Road and the shops; at the other end was the back entrance to Hanwell Bus Garage. The trolleybuses turned into Jessamine Road where the passengers terminated their journey. The buses then carried on down the road into the garage and back out onto the Uxbridge Road, to begin their voyage all over again.

For the full day of the street party, the committee arranged with the manager of the bus garage to terminate the buses at the Uxbridge Road entrance. This was not as easy as it may sound. Trolleybuses ran on overhead electrical cables and by going in one entrance and out of the other it was a continuous loop. By going in through the “out” entrance the buses had to be turned round on a giant turntable.

A white curtain was painted on the wall of the garage facing up the road, as a backdrop to the wooden stage, which was later erected for the entertainment.

The eagerly awaited day arrived, with as much hustle and bustle as anticipated. The big blue doors were shut and tables and chairs were carried from each house and placed in the road. The women had spent all morning preparing the food.



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The Harris' at number twenty-four rented a television especially for the Coronation and they kindly allowed the children in to watch it. Most of us had never seen a television before other than in Radio Rentals window. Mrs Harris gave us all a dry Weetabix spread with strawberry jam, something that I had never had before or since. It tasted very nice and I can only imagine the mess that we made on the floor. We sat on the floor in silence, listening to every word that Sylvia Peters said as she opened the transmission. We watched in awe as Princess Elizabeth, in her golden coach left Buckingham Palace, and drove with her entourage down the Mall and on to Westminster Abbey to be crowned.

Whilst the children were occupied and the adults were setting up the tables, the inevitable happened: it started to rain. Not heavy, but the organisers didn't want to take the risk. The manager of the bus garage was again consulted and he agreed that the tables could be erected inside the bus garage, so we wouldn't get wet.

As friends and relatives arrived the big blue doors were opened and we all moved into the dry, but not very welcoming garage. While we were eating a photographer came and took our picture.



The rain clouds moved away and after tea we returned to the street where we played games and were entertained by a juggler. Each child was given a coronation mug as

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a reminder of the day. When the children's party was over, we were put to bed and the adults began their celebrations.

We lived two doors away from the bus garage. My bed was next to the window, so it was very noisy. I watched the three-piece band playing on the little stage, and the adults dancing and drinking, until I could no longer keep my eyes open.

Next morning, I awoke to hear a trolleybus moving down the road into the garage. Looking out of the window the road was back to normal, as if nothing had happened. The only tell-tale sign was the white painted curtains on the wall, which although faded, remained there for almost fifty years until the bus garage was finally demolished in the late 1990's.

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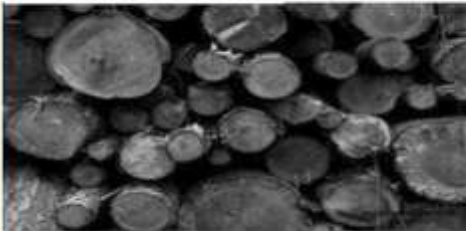
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Blimey, there's a lot of time periods and musical genres to choose from: - Music Hall, Blues and Jazz, Big Bands and on into Rock and Roll. I think that maybe a few genres short of a full list. The period encompasses a long social history covering the evolution of popular entertainment, war-time propaganda songs and the civil rights movement. I have recordings by Josephine Baker and Marlene Dietrich, for example. If you are not familiar with their fascinating lives, you may well want to consult your local library or ask your computing machine to look them up.

How does it work? Well the editor tells me we are short of room in this edition so a more in-depth explanation will have to wait! Suffice to say it's all very ingenious. There's no electricity so it's all mechanical, analogue and acoustic and, although simple, the engineering is exquisite. This is the only sustainable future for recorded music; throw away your electronical musical devices!

How did we get our name Gramophone Rebellion? The following is an excerpt from a flyer we put together a few years ago - when times were different:



“.....providing much needed respite from the misery of Covid 19, since May 2020 we have been rebelliously playing in Belmont Park Exeter, the Cathedral Green and more recently by appointment in Crediton Square. Once in the park a military/police helicopter was hovering menacingly overhead (true!) but we bravely played on.....”

We played 20-30 times for free during 2020-21. Very enjoyable it was too. When we rebelliously played on

Cathedral Green without permission, passing clergy did give us an approving nod - and social distancing was adhered to at all times.

Moving on to different times . . . “A sunny day, a garden, a picnic, a gramophone player . . . lovely stuff” Just add some Lindy Hoppers (a type of partner dancing) for some extra joy. I now have a dedicated Lindy Hop play list and am keen to hear from any local Lindy Hop or swing dancers, so do get in touch.



Another interest of mine is the stereoscope. This is a hand-held device that turns two 2D images into 3-dimensional images (wow!) – Effectively the forerunner of today’s 3D films and VR headsets. It was very popular between the 1850s and 1920s and the stereoscopes and images I have are between 100 and 150 years old. It is truly an

amazing and wow experience. Sir Brian May is the president of the Stereoscope society. Yes, *that* Brian May.

If you are interested in hosting a Gramophone or Stereoscope experience, or if you have a machine you would like serviced or repaired please do get in touch. I am a member of the venerable and esteemed City of London Phonograph & Gramophone Society, established 1919.

Gramophone Rebellion will be entertaining at the Winkleigh Airfield Garage Classic Car Show charity event June 10th 12 pm to 4 pm. Come over for a look, a listen, a chat and to pick a record to play.

[Text or email Richard Clarke on 07943 818477 or triumphrusty@icloud.com](mailto:triumphrusty@icloud.com)

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There is an increasing amount of Dog Mess being left on footpaths in the village. If you don't clear it up- somebody else has to do so. In addition, it can be a slip hazard for unwary pedestrians.

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Do you have a Garden?

Let's ask a Hedgehog, what makes it feel welcome. If you have a wall or a fence, they will need a small hole to travel in and out of your Garden

→

Hello—This is what I like:

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Drinking Water

Dog or Cat Food, at dusk

But **NOT** Bread and Milk, it's not my thing

A little house in a quiet place

I do not like to be played with

Those black sacks in the garden are not very nice

I hope you are careful with chemicals! Best you use 'Animal-Friendly'

I like hiding under bonfires, so don't light them until I have moved away.

I like the worms in compost heaps but not the sharp forks that you use

If you try to help us:

We know we have fleas. They only like to be on us and your Dog and Cat..... sprays are not very nice for us.

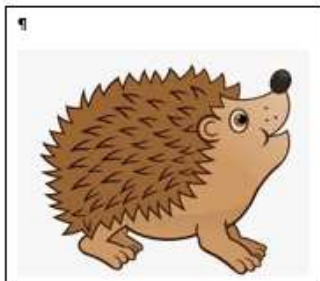
We only come out in the day if we are very hungry and will run away.

If we seem slow or weak, when out in the day-time, then perhaps you can break the rules and pick us up.

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Celebrating the Coronation - Church Flowers

Floral tributes to Mark the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla were on display at a Coffee Morning held in Winkleigh Church on Friday 5th May to celebrate the occasion. Some of the flower arrangements are shown below:





Photos by Greg Goldsworthy & Barry Jenkins

Celebrating the Coronation – Seniors’ Lunch

The Seniors’ Lunch was held in the Village Hall and was funded by Winkleigh Parish Council.

Aly Leah was in charge of the Kitchen and her team of helpers were Mr & Mrs Brewer of Airfield Garage, Kirsty, Tricia, Anna Bridgman, Sarah Goody and Alex & Stef of Western Event Hire.



Donations given by those who attended enabled a £280 cheque to be sent to the North Devon Hospice.

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Celebrating the Coronation – Street Party



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Celebrating the Coronation – Barn Dance



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Celebrating the Coronation – Church Bells



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North Devon Journal: Thursday April 13th: Road Improvement Scheme near Witheridge School on the B3137 is being funded by housing development contributions. **There have been long-running concerns about road safety for children walking to Witheridge Primary School.** The work costing £77,000 includes new bus shelters on either side of the road.

North Devon Journal May 4th: **South West Water Fined £2.1 Million for Pollution/Sewage Offences**

The company admitted 13 charges over 4 years causing pollution in **Devon and Cornwall** killing thousands of fish in the river Creedy. Six charges were for illegal water discharges and seven for contravening environmental permits. This is the largest fines imposed for environmental offences in Devon and Cornwall.

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And Finally

You will probably have read elsewhere in this edition that the Winkleigh Society is looking to recruit a new Editor for Distinctly Winkleigh as the years are catching up on me (too quickly!) and my second retirement is beckoning after eight years.

Please don't hesitate in coming forward if you would like to take up this very interesting role. You will have a lot of support and encouragement along the way.

As well as the recent Coronation celebrations, some of which are recorded in this edition, Winkleigh now has the annual Fair to look forward to in July. All the preparations for it are now in hand, so no doubt a good crowd will come out to take part in the events as always.

In this edition we have re-introduced a picture for both the young and not so young among you to colour in. Please send us your stories about the reputed Winkleigh Dragon and of course any comments about the other content, all of which is submitted by our readers and advertisers. Thank you all very much for your support.

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