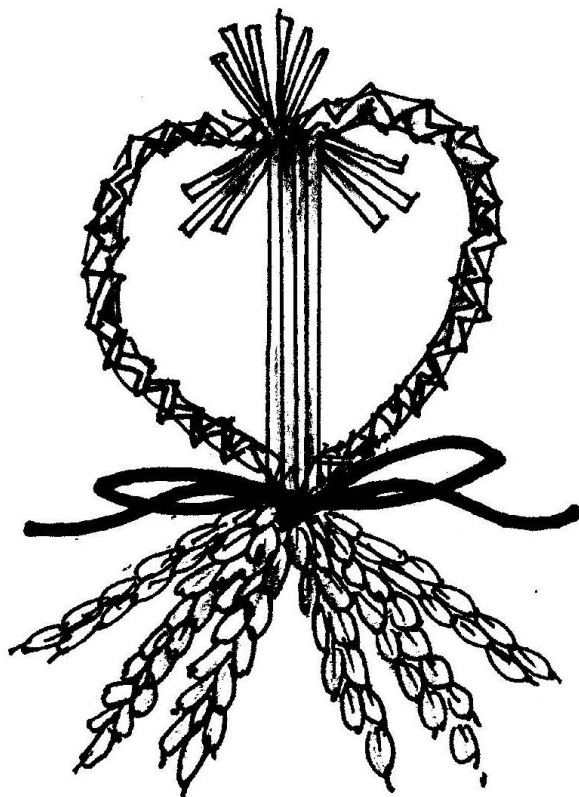


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Winkleigh Society News

The Winkleigh Society is the organisation behind “Distinctly Winkleigh”, the www.winkleighonline.com website (containing our local directory), the “Welcome to Winkleigh” tourist leaflet, House Scouts, etc. , as well as enabling various environmental groups to function. Its principal aim is to enhance village life and environment, and to encourage networking within the village area.

With this in mind, we invited various organisations to a “Winkleigh Together” meeting at the end of June to give space to promote the different aspects of community life. One of the consequences of which, is that we are drawing up for local distribution through the website and key places within the area a Diary for all the local groups and volunteer organisations to add their events. Once up and running, it is hoped that this can be kept up to date by folk sending me details of different events via my email address (below).

We are also hoping to produce another calendar for next year, one that will not be as large as the current one. I have already received a few photographs, but would appreciate a few more. Again, please let me have them electronically, by the end of September at the very latest. Thanks.

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I'm writing this at the end of July on a sunny day — honestly! Well, a bit cloudy at times but it's not actually raining. To finish the work on the Church Tower the materials used required three fine dry days which proved rather difficult to find but that part of the work finally took place in the dry week that July eventually brought. Hopefully by the time you read this the work will be completed, the scaffold removed and the Churchyard fully open. Thank you for your patience during the time that we had to cordon off some of the paths — this was necessary to prevent anything falling on passers-by. All we have to do now is pay for it! To help with this we are having a fundraising concert in September and details are given below but posters will be around later on.

Concert in aid of the Tower. The Winkleigh Singers have kindly agreed to put on a concert to help us raise some money for the Tower repair. It will be on Saturday 22nd September in the Church at 7.30 p.m. Tickets will be £8.00 and refreshments will be available during the interval (extra charge applies). Please come along and help us restore this historic and important building.

Harvest Lunch. Once again Harvest Festival will be celebrated with lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30 p.m. after the service (Sung Eucharist) in Church at the later than normal time of 11.00 a.m. Tickets will be available soon priced at £10 each for a very good value meal.

Thank You to everyone who supported and helped with our Church Fete in any way, those who came on the day, all who ran stalls or provided food for the tea and served it, those who bought Draw tickets and all those businesses and individuals who kindly gave prizes for the Draw. We raised just over £2,000 towards the £500 per week that is needed to keep the Church open (and that's before we start repairing wobbly pinnacles!)

Congratulations to Winkleigh Fair Committee for their tremendous effort in keeping the Fair open despite the horrendous weather. Fortunately the weather held for Fair Sunday and it was good to see so many people in Church to hear the Bishop of Plymouth give his address. Many people have said how much they appreciated his visit and I know that he enjoyed it too. Hopefully next year, when the Churchyard is fully open we can process into Church by the normal route.

The weather has played havoc with the crops this year as I know myself, with many harvests either ruined or depleted. Harvest Festival will be a day of thanksgiving for what we do have and for those who grow what we eat despite the hardships that they face. It's a good reminder that we can still be very dependent on the weather and although most of us will simply have to rely on more bought vegetables than ones we have grown ourselves, we don't face the financial difficulties that farmers and growers face if their crops fail.

Finally, just a reminder that our Parish Bulletin with details of our services, Harvest Festival, Concert and other events can be found each month in the Church and the Post Office — and they're free!

OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Work continues on the updating of the Centre, the biggest change over the last few weeks has been the progress on the toilets. The Ladies was a dark and foreboding place. The two cubicles have been removed and a new suite has been installed making much more room. The opportunity was taken to make it usable for disabled as well as friendlier for people of reduced mobility. A new hot water system will be added in the next couple of weeks.

Work also continues on the exterior of the building, with the cast iron guttering being cleared, wire brushed and repainted. The recent acquisition of a scaffold tower means that easier access is gained to the upper parts of the guttering.

The marvellous Devon weather has had an impact on progress. Normally one can expect plenty of outside work being carried out at this time of year, but these activities have been curtailed somewhat. There is much re-pointing to be carried out, this is being repaired using lime mortar, in keeping with the original character of the place. The gap between the walls and the ground has been addressed to prevent water ingress. Internal repainting continues where practical

Work has to take place on Mondays, which is the only day that the venue is unoccupied until late afternoon. Work normally starts around 0830. More help is required!





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Following recent publicity around the village, volunteers have now formed a **Working Group** to review and update the **2005 Winkleigh Parish Plan**. At this early stage, the Group would like to consult the community asking:

what do you like about the parish?
what don't you like about the parish?
what would you like to see in future?

There are probably lots of **issues that affect you or your family** in some way, so it is **IMPORTANT** you come along and have your say. Your views will help us create a **Parish Questionnaire**.

If you think planning our future is important, **PLEASE COME ALONG - it's your parish and your Parish Plan** - we would love to see you and hear your ideas for making Winkleigh an even better place to live!

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Winkleigh Singers

The Winkleigh Singers have enjoyed a wonderful year so far including an exciting concert at Winkleigh Village Hall in May in aid of The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes, which celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Music was taken from the Coronation and songs composed for Queens Elizabeth I and II, ending with a resounding climax of Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and God Save the Queen.

We also had a well attended concert in June of Pre-Restoration Music at Combe Martin Parish Church in aid of the restoration of the church's rood screen and its 26 remarkable mediæval paintings of Apostles and Saints. Well worth a visit if you are in Combe Martin.

Future Programme of events:

22nd September 2012 - Concert of Early (Pre-Restoration) Music at Winkleigh Church in aid of the tower repair, (please see posters for more details).

13th October 2012 - Workshop with Deborah Miles-Johnson (vocal coach for the BBC Symphony Chorus and London Symphony Chorus and Associate Chorus Master of the Philharmonia Chorus).

Following the highly successful workshop last year after which so many asked for more, The Winkleigh Singers are pleased to announce a day with Deborah Miles-Johnson on Saturday 13th October 2012.

The workshop will be open to all singers, including young people aged 11-18. This is a special opportunity to work with one of this country's most highly regarded voice coaches who will pay particular attention to vocal quality and will work to improve tone, focus and vocal technique. Further information about Deborah Miles-Johnson can be found at <http://www.choralclinic.co.uk>.

The workshop will be held at South Molton Community College from 10.00am to 3.30pm with a break for lunch. The music for the day will include Britten's Ceremony of Carols (the SATB version) and well-known choral classics. All music will be available on loan for the day.

Light refreshments are included, but you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

To book for this workshop please complete the form below and send to: Winkleigh Singers Tickets, 4 Pitt Court, Nymet Rowland, Crediton, Devon EX17 6AN with your cheque (payable to The Winkleigh Singers) and a stamped self-addressed envelope OR book on-line at www.winkleighsingers.org.uk Booking closes on Thursday 4th October 2012."

15th December 2012 - Christmas Concert with Music to include Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and First European Performances of carols by Derek Healey.

Further information and ticket booking: Winkleigh Singers Tickets, 4 Pitt Court, Nymet Rowland, Crediton, Devon EX17 6AN (cheques payable to The Winkleigh Singers) and a stamped self-addressed envelope OR book on-line, www.winkleighsingers.org.uk

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Please list any further singers coming with you on a separate sheet (please feel free to photocopy this leaflet), remembering to indicate requirements for music hire	

Ten Acres Vineyard

If you stand at the gate next to the junction of Torrington Road and Barnstaple Street and look north across the valley, you will see a small vineyard on the southern slope of the airfield.

Judging from the name ‘Vine Street’, grape production is no stranger to Winkleigh and with a warmer climate predicted (although as I write during a chilly damp June, this is a moot point!) perhaps it is time to again welcome the fruit that Bacchus brought to earth to help alleviate man’s suffering (or some traditions say the vine comes from Noah’s walking stick!).

The first requirement of starting a vineyard is patience, as there should be no fruit for several years, and then only small crops, gradually increasing to a full crop in about the seventh year. The wine is made here, at the moment only dry white wines, but we hope to produce a rose and a sparkling wine.

The first wine should be available to buy in May 2013, both from the vineyard and elsewhere locally. There will also be a small touring caravan and camping site on the land above the vineyard. We look forward to the day when Sam’s cider and Ten Acres’ wines will make Winkleigh famous for Devon’s top tipples!

But Devon isn’t the Loire valley and so harvests will normally be from mid to late October. If any are brave enough to think grape-picking in Winkleigh sounds fun, then please let Toby or Esther know on (01837) 83892. All ages welcome, especially if it coincides with half-term! The good news is picking should be done in dry weather, doesn’t start until about ten and lunch will be provided. The bad news is we breach the minimum wage law and you only get a couple of bottles of our wine for your help! Cheers!

WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH

May we begin by thanking everyone who came to our “Response in Concert” evening during Winkleigh Fair Week. After paying for the hire of the Hall and for the band to come from the Exeter area, we were able to send a cheque for £100 toward the work of ‘**Action for Children**’ (formerly NCH). Our thanks therefore to everyone who gave generously on the evening.

The second weekend in September marks our **Harvest Celebrations**. This includes a Family Service on the Sunday morning (9th) at 11am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch; a buffet Harvest Supper on the Monday evening (10th) at 7.30pm and a Messy Church Harvest Special for families on the Tuesday (5pm at the Community Centre). We shall also be having a Messy Church Service on Tuesday November 13th and a Special MC Events on Saturdays October 13th and December 8th. Please also note that we shall be providing Pudsey Brunches and Lunches on the “**Children in Need**” day toward the end of November.

We continue to meet on **Sundays**: 5.30pm on the first Sunday of the month for a Tea Service, and 11am for the other Sundays in the month. The **Oasis Coffee Shop** operates every Monday from 10am until 1.30pm, serving morning coffees and teas, as well as mid-day lunches; and once a fortnight, we host the Winkleigh **C.A.B.** Rural Outreach Clinic at the same time as the Coffee Shop (until 1pm). Please check with us (**077597 25227**) to make sure that it is happening on a particular Monday. We also operate as a collecting point for the Okehampton Foodbank.

As we are a praying community, if you ever want to chat about anything or would appreciate the opportunity for people to pray for you (all, obviously, in the strictest confidence) then either contact us through the normal means, or call into the Coffee Shop on a Monday morning. We will always make time for you.

Details of other events are to be found on our website: www.winkleighchapel.co.uk

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Winkleigh Women's Institute

Hello everybody. The Winkleigh WI have had a very busy few months, taking part in the jubilee Celebrations and helping out at the Winkleigh Fair. We had a very interesting talk [with photos], by Pam Kemp, about her experiences through India and then a talk by Annette Dentith on her years as a female Civil Engineer. Her talk was very interesting and we came to realise just what an important job she and her fellow Civil Engineers do.

We took a rest in August but our Lunch club has carried on enjoying the food at The New Inn and Strawberry Fields. Our theatre group is hoping to attend the Chagford Film Festival. Our quiz team took part in a WI quiz held at Bridestowe, they came 4th. Before I wrote this article I asked our members why they belong to this WI and here are a couple of replies. Cathy says "I like the WI because it enables me to meet like-minded people, learn new skills (if I want to) and hear interesting talks on various subjects. Mainly it's the friendships in our own group and further afield that I enjoy."

Beverley says, "Good company, varied activity and generally a very nice bunch of ladies".

So if you would like to see if the WI is for you, do come along to our next meeting, which is on Wednesday the 5th of September, at 7.30pm, in the back room of the Village Hall. Our speaker is Liz Shakespeare who is a local author

Pat Cunningham,
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WINKLEIGH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

As I sit and watch the Olympic Games on TV, I think wouldn't it be great if Short Mat Bowling was an Olympic sport! That is just pie in the sky dreaming. Back down to earth and I can report that the Club is having a very successful summer season and with just a few games left to play it looks as if we will retain the North Devon and North Cornwall League trophy for the third year running.

Another Winkleigh team is also on course for glory in division three. In the Merton Charity summer league one of our teams is also on top with three games to play.

September sees a rest from competitive matches but we have some friendly games arranged and our Monday and Friday afternoon roll ups continue as they do throughout the year with a good number getting together for an enjoyable couple of hours. So whether you fancy a bit of Olympic Spirit or some gentle exercise Winkleigh Short Mat Club is for you, just turn up on one of the afternoons or give me ring you will be very welcome.

In the meantime come on Team GB. **Jan Ovenden** 01837 83853

Okehampton U3A

Okehampton U3A's monthly meeting will be at 2.30 on Thursday 27th September, at the Ockment Centre, North Street, Okehampton, with refreshments and Ralph Jerram, an after-dinner-speaker, on "Making fun of the English Language".

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

Plastics Collection at the Community Centre

Many thanks to everyone who continues to support this venture. PWS are now regularly collecting 16 dumpy bags from us each month. This is certainly helping to reduce the amount that the village is sending to landfill sites.

There are just a few things that everyone could do, to help us a bit more.

- **Please squash plastic bottles as flat as possible and replace the caps loosely.**
- **Please fit as many plastics as possible inside each other, to reduce the volume, so that we can fit more items into a bag.**
- **Please put single wrappers inside larger wrappers to reduce the chance of wrappers blowing away.**

If you have any queries, then please contact Philippa Lausen 01837 83209, Marie-Claude, Wendy Mondy or Maggie Watson.

Volunteer Car Driving - What's in it for me?

What are the benefits of being a volunteer car driver?

Becoming a volunteer driver is a wonderful thing to do; you help people in need, people who are not able to get to health appointments, to the shops or to leisure activities. You help make their life richer, more varied and healthier. You enable them to no longer feel stuck in their home, often isolated and perhaps lonely.

So is helping others the only reason to volunteer as a driver?

When you talk to volunteer drivers it is important, but rarely the only reason. This means it is perfectly ok to ask "What's in it for me?" before you start.

What some of our drivers have said:

"The mileage expenses help keep my car on the road. I have recently been unemployed, I now have several part time jobs, and need to keep my car but find it difficult to afford all the costs: volunteer driving helps." Kelly (49).

"After my wife died I felt lonely and isolated; volunteering gave me a reason to get out the door" says Bill (71). "I felt useful again and it gave me confidence to go out... Thank you for helping to change my life".

"When I retired I needed an excuse to get out of the house to not do the redecorating" Hubie (70)

"I have had a wonderful working life, well paid, privileged... now I want to put something back. It makes me feel good." Alan (65).

"I worked as a carer and after redundancy needed to keep up my skills and my CV" Brian (45), "The reference I got helped me get another job. Result."

What do you need to be a volunteer driver?

- A current driving licence.
- Your own car, in good condition, fully insured, taxed and with a current MOT.
- A willingness to have criminal records check carried out (CRB).
- Time.
- Remember you do not have to do any journey you do not want to do.
- You can always say no.

What will you get in return?

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So - what is in it for you? It can help you to:

- get out of the house and make new friends
- keep your car on the road
- keep active in your community
- take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills
- get back into paid work
- feel good about what you are doing.

Become a volunteer car driver today!

To find out about your local scheme, or for someone who can speak about car schemes at an event, just ask Jo at North Devon Access to Services Project: 01271 866300, jo@ndvs.org.uk

Jubilee Lost Property & Unclaimed Medals.

Several plates and trays were left in the square after the Diamond Jubilee Tea Party on the 4th June, they are currently being held at Rowans, Kings Farm Lane, Winkleigh so if you think that any of these may be yours please contact Alice on 01837 83484.

Also as part of the Jubilee Celebrations the Parish Council decided to give a commemorative medallion to all children who live in Winkleigh parish and are under 18 (at 4th June) or born before the end of 2012, if you think that your child missed out on claiming a medal please contact Alice on 01837 83484 to check. There are still a few medals available to purchase at cost price of £2.25 so if you're interested contact Alice.

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District Councillor's Report

Winkleigh – the village where the “Big Society” matters

A few weeks ago, I began to think about what I might write for my Distinctly Winkleigh piece. It is tempting to write about the greed of bankers or how ministers and regulators have been seduced and neutered by lobbyists and their own avarice. There are certainly no lack of topics to choose from to see the damage done to the values of fairness, trust and civic responsibility. However, here in Winkleigh we still have belief in fairness, trust and civic responsibility, and we have had some real successes in bringing people together, which have undoubtedly enriched many lives.

At the beginning of June, over 500 people of all ages enjoyed a tea in the square. The event was to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee but it also attracted many “republicans”. It was great to see how many people were enjoying the experience of everyone getting together and catching up with those who they hadn't seen for a long time.

Winkleigh Fair this year experienced every type of weather that a British summer could throw at it. Fairs throughout the country were either cancelled or postponed, but our intrepid organisers carried on valiantly, producing a “Fair in the Field” that was enjoyed by all ages. The Fair committee are a great bunch and will now be handing the baton over to a new team. I am certain that new people will come forward with a wide range of skills, which will ensure that the fair will continue to be enjoyed for a long time to come – and maybe for another 750 years!

In June, we held the first “Winkleigh Together” event. Over 30 voluntary groups discussed how they might be more effective by raising funds, improving publicity and by working together for some events. There were a number of excellent ideas put forward, but one thing everyone agreed was the need to produce a “Winkleigh Diary”, so that everyone in and around Winkleigh can easily find out what is happening.

We are presently evaluating how we can do this most effectively. There are a number of IT software companies who have programmes and we will need to find the best for our purposes, which we can customise to make the Winkleigh diary distinct. Then we will be organising a training session for Winkleigh voluntary groups and businesses to learn how to key-in their information – such as meeting dates and venues, special events, contacts etc. We hope to contact organisations soon and to get things up and running during the autumn.

Winkleigh & District Garden Club

We have a great 2012 programme which consists of monthly meetings with a range of speakers and a number of visits.

The club meets in the evening of the third Tuesday in the month in Winkleigh Village Hall and normally start at 7.15pm.

September 18th 'A is for Apple' visit to Winkleigh Orchard Live, October 16th 'The Seychelles – the flora and fauna of this tropical paradise' Pam Kemp, November 20th AGM, December 18th Christmas party and Quiz

In addition to the 'topic' of the meeting, such as a visiting speaker, meetings also include a raffle, tea/coffee and biscuits, giving time for members to socialise, and we encourage members to bring in plants to sell/swap.

New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings and under 16's can join the club without a membership fee. A nominal charge of £1 per meeting is made to visitors which is put towards the cost of the meeting and includes refreshments.

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LIVIN AN DYIN IN WINKELAY

My goodman, Will Gidley, and me, Ann Goodley, both born in Winkelay. Us be cozens, for our Faythers was brothers. Fayther were a good man. E liketh the name Good instead of Gid. Passon did teach im to read and write, when e were a boy. Fayther did teach me.

Our forebears go back to Conqueror's time. E imself did unt in King's Forest, east of Winkelay. E set up King's Arms, too. Our tavern. That were before that other King, Enry 3 methinks twas, let our village ave our Fair each July, and our market, each week. Will and me, us lives in King's cottage.

Now in the Year of Our Lord 1352, I must set down in record for our children — if there ever be any more — the tale of the bad years some of us ave lived through. At the very beginning of January 1349, when we was snowed een and life ard enuff already the pestilence came to Winkelay. Near alf the folk in the village did die. My goodman never free of taking is cart around the dwellins, ringin is bell and callin "Bring Out your dead." Will be gravedigger, but til March came, with the thaw, graves could not be dug, for the deep frost. In the church bodies lined up down the aisle, waitin for me to sew the shrouds. I did my best. Sewin all the dayslight hours and far into the night by rushlight, makin them, til my fingers did bleed with the work, and us runned out of cloth. Passon Sir Mauger Pilloud said us must bury em all in a pit, and without any winding sheets. When March came Passon told Tom Sanders — always preenin, e was, about is youth and strength — that God ad chosen im to dig the great pit with Will. So they dug the pit, down the lane. Twas just after that Passon imself did die, for e ad been blessin the dyin, and were infected from that. E ad been Vicar to us near on eight year.

It were a ideous death, but very fast. The ugly black bubos swelled up in groins and armpits and then they died. Young and old and those of middle age too. Our own twins was took, and they just one year old. Where did it come from? New Vicar came in June. E was Sir Ralph Treytheke. E did say it comed from God because us was so wicked. Can't see ow those twins of ours be wicked. Dear of em. They calls it the Black Death but tis black for the livin, too. It leaves black in our earts for us know not ow us could be wicked enuff to deserve it.

All the ouses with the plague ad a red cross painted on the door. Twas the last thing Faythers did outside. If plague were in the cot then no one could go out or in. Ole families died. Our cart always full of corses. Twas a miracle Will and I did not die, nor Tom neither. I think us andled the bodies so much it somehow saved us. That Sir Ralph did not stay with us long, for e died at end of August, and Sir Walter Jordan came in September. They was ard put to it to find Vicars. They was dyin so fast. But new one as a lovely voice to speak the Latin. I wish I knew what the words do mean. Sir Walter is our vicar still. I ope e will be many years. Us ave ad no new cases of the disease so far in 1352. Will and Tom ave filled in the grave pit. If it comes back again us'll ave to dig another.

In appier times, far into the future, maybe in the Year of Our Lord 2000, or even more, when it be Fair Week, there may be Feasts and Festivals, Singin and Dancin in that big field next the lane, and no one will remember the lane is called Carrion Pit Lane.

Shirley Cowling



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Winkleigh Church Flower Ladies 750th Masterpiece

As part of their Winkleigh Fair 2012 floral arrangements the flower ladies of Winkleigh Church decided to do something special for the Fair's 750th anniversary.

After many hours of planning the numbers 750 were excellently made by Ken Judge, ably assisted by his wife Val and Harry and Ruth Jones.



Much oasis was cut to shape, soaked and covered in cling film and strapped to the numbers (by Harry). Outline foliage was arranged by Ruth, Marcia and Linda in an evening and on the Friday morning before the Fair (July 6th) some of the flower ladies assembled approx. 275 flower heads using yellow and white chrysanthemums and orange carnations. With a green baize background it showed off the flowers at their best.



Winkleigh Fair 750th 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>
Winkleigh Swings <i>Jo Salmon</i>	Community Centre <i>Sara Grimwood</i>	Opening Sunday <i>Catherine Kenny</i>	Winkleigh Allotments <i>Cherry Roadknight</i>	Winkleigh Woods <i>Anna Cutler</i>
Post Office <i>Jan Bissinger</i>	All Saints Parish Church <i>Sara Grimwood</i>	Winkleigh Fair Logo <i>Sara Grimwood</i>	Methodist Chapel <i>Daisy Bray & Alan Marshall</i>	Bissetts Garage <i>Sally Bissett</i>
Durdon Cottage <i>Jenny Welsh</i>	Winkleigh Pre-School <i>Ange Jones</i>	Winkleigh Fair King & Queen <i>Charlotte Wright</i>	WI <i>Margaret Howard Margaret Ferguson Mary Taffs & Sarah Bradley</i>	Dartmoor View <i>Shirley Cowling</i>
Winkleigh Primary School <i>Demelza Rowcliffe</i>	Village Hall <i>Sarah Bradley Design by Margaret Turner</i>	Winkleigh Fair 750th <i>Catherine Kenny</i>	Winkleigh Cider <i>Rozz Algar</i>	Mad Butcher <i>Sarah Bradley</i>
Short Mat Bowls <i>Jan Ovenden</i>	Mobile Library <i>Anna Bridgman</i>	Rangemoors <i>Jenny Welsh</i>	Changes Hairdressers <i>Sally Bissett</i>	Winkleigh by day <i>Suzy Garland</i>

750th WINKLEIGH FAIR

The 750th Winkleigh Fair was not beaten by the weather! The Fair went ahead despite all the rain of the previous week. Only the Dog Show on Thursday evening had to be cancelled and the Barn Dance moved to the Village Hall. But on Friday 13th July events were back in the marquee. This was due to the fantastic efforts of a group of volunteers who turned up to help the Fair Committee to spread bark chippings over the floor of the marquee. That afternoon Year 5 from Winkleigh Primary School put on a performance of **1066 and All That** by Penny Griffiths. This was followed by a talk by the archivist of Powderham Castle, followed by a cream tea. The Talent Show that evening saw over 200 people in the marquee to watch an amazing array of talent. The show was won by Cathie Turner. The trophy and £100 prize money (won last year by her sister Libby), was presented by Andy Clarke of Clarke & Hood Financial Management based in South Molton, who sponsored the event.

The 750th Fair Saturday started with the Farmers Market in the marquee. Over 30 stall holders carried their stock across the muddy field assisted by Nick Turner and his tractor and trailer. A packed day of events followed starting with the Children's Fancy Dress Parade escorted by the Fair Queen **Daisy-May Wright**, Fair King **Darren Crome** and the Sealed Knot who performed later in the afternoon. The Fancy Dress Competition was won by Pippy and Izzy Gale. Jonty Depp kept the children entertained all afternoon with archery and sword fighting lessons. The Obstacle Course, Hay Bale tossing and Tug-of-War competitions were as hotly contested as usual, if a lot muddier! During the afternoon there were performances by Cathy and Libby Turner, the Winkleigh Primary School Choir and Becky Brine.

The 750th Winkleigh Fair was rounded off by the Feel Good Factory who had the marquee dancing until late in the night.

The Winkleigh Fair Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this year's 750th Winkleigh Fair celebrations in the rain and mud, especially the volunteers, our sponsors – Rangemoors and Exeter Brewery, Jamie Stuart, all the local business who supported us, the Fair Queen Daisy-May Wright and Fair King Darren Crome who did a fantastic job. Most of all the Winkleigh Fair Committee would like to thank Nick and Sarah Turner and their family whose unending help and support allowed Winkleigh Fair to go ahead in exceptionally bad conditions. Without them the 750th Winkleigh Fair would not have happened.

A Word of Thanks

Cheers Gordon. Thanks for finding the hole in my alternator belt.

Tracey Saunders.

WINKLEIGH FAIR CUP WINNERS 2012

Produce Show		
Fruit and Vegetables		Sophie Roberts
Flowers		Phillipa Lausen
Children's		Freya Kenny

Winkleigh's Got Talent Winner

Cathie Turner

Children's Fancy Dress	
Best Overall	Pippy and Izzy Gale (as damsels in distress in their castle)
Best Homemade	William and Olivia (as King Arthur, Guinevere and their pony)

Round the Village Adult Race

Robin Knight

Tug of War	
Women's	Feisty Four (again!)
Men's	Team from Hollocombe

Blooming Winkleigh Winners 2012

Best Small Garden	
1st	Vivienne Trusler, The Square
2nd	Brian J Sayers, East Park Close
3rd	Deanne Whitaker, Westcots Drive

Best Large Garden	
1st	Philippa & David Lauson, Torrington Road
2nd	Helen & Stephen Orrell, Queen Street
3rd	Sarah Bradley, Exeter Road

Best Window Box/Hanging Basket	
1st	Brian J. Sayers, East Park Close
2nd	Sue & Jan, Post Office
3rd	Mrs Ann Beer, Lendon Way

Best Street/Cul-de-Sac/Small Area of Houses	
1st	Mrs A. Gibson & Miss S. Towner, Coopers Hill
2nd	Clotworthy Barns

Best Vegetable Plot	
1st	Deanne Whitaker, Westcots Drive
2nd	John Colgrave, Allotments
3rd	Ray Jones, Allotments

Due to the weather the Dog show and all children's races had to be cancelled this year.

Medieval Shield	
Under 5	Hope Baker
7 – 11	Anna Crome

Medieval Sword	
Under 5	Freya Kenny
7 – 11	Peter Turner

Tapestry	
Under 5	Freya Kenny
7 – 11	Poppy Kenny
Adult	Alison Reed

Scrivening	
Under 11 – 75 words	Poppy Kenny
Adult – 750 words	Shirley Cowling

Arts & Crafts	
Ceramic Bowl or Vase	Tinu Watkins
Knitted Child's Garment	Jan Ovenden
Cushion Cover	Christine Skone

WINKLEIGH TENNIS CLUB

Winkleigh Tennis Club is still going and gaining members at a slow but steady rate during the summer. Please come and join us on Saturday 1st September at 10am for a Fun Mixed Doubles Tournament. All you need to do is bring some food and drink to share and £1 entry per person, any friends you have who would like to join you and the will to enjoy the day. Ring **Doe Fitzsimmons** on **01769 520769** or e-mail doe@taichidevon.co.uk for more details."

A Governor`s Tales

With a new school year approaching it was brought to my attention that the pages of Distinctly Winkleigh were lacking content on our school. This being the Primary School in the best place to bring up children in the country (or World?) it seems that this is something to be addressed. As I am now nearing the end of my first year as a school governor and looking to justify my existence, it seems only right that I should pick this one up.

In the last OFSTED report Winkleigh Community Primary School was described as “improving” and with another inspection on the agenda for the new school year the staff and governors are set on continuing this course with “outstanding” as the objective. At the recent end of year review, test results were showing above national average, so we could be said to be on course. If you want a more detailed account of the school overall then a visit to the new website is recommended. However, one crucial element, as reported by the majority of visitors on first attendance, is that this is a **happy** school and there can be no doubt that the children (**they** are the most important) enjoy being there.

When we begin the new school year we will be congratulating Vicki Fenemore on her appointment as the new head teacher and with a number of changes imminent on the education agenda there will be many new challenges to face. There can be no doubt that this is where the local community can make a big difference. The recent” Winkleigh Together” event demonstrated, amongst other things, how supportive local businesses are of school activities, with the Landlady of the “Seven Stars” and the Post Office management coming to the fore with offers of help, with Londis involved as a collection point for mobile phones, inkjet and laser cartridges under the school recycling scheme operated by the P.T.A.- “Friends of Winkleigh School” (FOWS).

FOWS is a key contributor to school activities, largely by the provision of funds for those extras that are so important in making the school curriculum just that much better. During the last school year a total of £3,242 was donated towards activities which included School trips, replacement of 3 laptops, contribution to swimming costs, purchase of puzzles for the lending library, and a new garden poly tunnel cover. Main Fundraising during the same period came from the fireworks night £350, bacon and egg morning £205, Quiz £87, Xmas draw £206, Easter Fair £202, Bags 2 school £410, School’s Out disco £300 (projected), the “easyfundraising” website £166 and sundry donations giving a projected total in the region of £2,214 . All the activities involved in the operation of these events involve considerable organisation and input from a dedicated group of volunteers, most of whom are parents or teachers and the support of the community in general and in particular our local businesses.

At the time of writing the FOWS committee is in the process of scheduling a series of future events which will include a “Bacon and Egg morning” 21st.

September (this was particularly popular with local businesses last year, involving the delivery of rolls to home or business between 9 and 10 am.). The Duck Race has been re-scheduled for 7Th. September and “Fireworks night” is booked at the Sport Centre for 2nd.November. There is also a series of dates for events which will be hosted by the landlord and landlady of the “**Seven Stars**”, to whom FOWS are extremely grateful. To date these involve a “Casino Night” on 6Th Oct., “Slave Auction” 24Th. Nov., “Spanish Tapas” 5Th. Dec., with a date yet to be set for a race night in the new year. **Watch out for the posters.**

Returning to school issues, Penny Griffiths is reporting in more detail the recent performances by year 5 and year 6, so I will settle for saying they were brilliant!

With regard to the school governor situation I do have to just make room to advertise the vacancy for a new governor from October. If there is anyone out there, ideally with some background in the managerial/finance/business sector and able to show enough interest and commitment to fit this hugely worthwhile role in the community, please step forward. Initial enquiries can be made by phone to Susan Gill, the chair of governors on 01837 810893 or to the **School Administrator** (admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk)

To bring this report to a conclusion and I do hope to make these tales a regular feature, I would like to make an appeal to anyone who might be about to discard items, such as games which have passed their “age of use” within the family, please give that extra thought- “could the school make use of this?”

One final appeal, which does appear regularly in the school newsletter- please, please, please, if you have to bring a child/children to school by car (it is recognised that our country lanes make this necessary for some) remember that school buses have to be able to get to the premises and do not park in the adjacent roads.

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

Youth Club

A warm welcome from Winkleigh Youth Club brings with it some potentially bad news. After the departure of Mike Wilson the founder of Winkleigh Youth Club and the Chair of the club Peter Berry, we are looking for a few new volunteers to help with the everyday running of the youth club to try and keep it afloat or otherwise it will be forced to close. If you are interested in becoming part of the team or just in volunteering please email pete_b_erry@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Bluecoat Children's Centre

Bluecoat Children's Centre currently run a weekly session in Winkleigh Sports Centre, Thursday's 9.30-11.30. These sessions are enjoyable, fun and informative. They are focused on families with children under 5 (in the summer holidays this extends to children under 8) and are all based around the Early Years Foundation Stage.

All sessions are open and free to parent/carers/grandparents and their children. A healthy snack and a drink is provided for the children at each session.

Usually about 10 and 20 families attend, so you are bound to know someone. If this is your first time at the session, we can guarantee you will receive a warm and welcoming reception.

During the summer months we ran a special event, "Mini Olympics" and "Dreaming out Loud". Mini Olympics, as you would expect had all age appropriate sport activities, and Dreaming out Loud was based around creative activities and provided an opportunity for everyone to say what their hopes and dreams were for themselves and their children for the next ten years or so. If you missed this opportunity, please don't worry, because we will be running another "Dream Out Loud" in the coming months. Families certainly seemed to enjoy both of these sessions, and a big thank you to those who took part.

We have made arrangements with the Plough Arts Centre in Torrington to display the children's creations from all our summer outreach specials. This will be a wonderful celebration and congratulations to the children for their contributions.


From September our weekly sessions at the Sports Centre will take a slightly different format. The sessions will be more interactive with parents and between us we will be adding to the "Magic Moment" books that quite a few of you already have. So that's something to look forward to! We can also confirm that on the first Thursday in the month a member of the Health Team will joining us during the session. They will be available for weighing and answering any general child health questions you may have.

And Finally, please don't forget all the exciting sessions we hold at the Children's Centre in Torrington. From singing groups to Stories around the World and various baby groups including baby massage and sensory exploration groups. Please look on our website www.torrington-infants.devon.sch.uk/ or pick up a programme on Thursday.



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TIDY-UP TIME!

I believe that a group of enthusiastic and committed local people could do a lot to keep our parish tidy and well-maintained. It could involve monthly walks around the village with a view to tidying, trimming, cleaning and reporting issues which need serious attention. It should be sociable, fun, interesting and worthwhile. Would you be interested in joining such a group and getting to know and love our environment better?

To start the ball rolling contact Catherine Knight on either 01837 83205 or catherineknight@hotmail.com as soon as you can.



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Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes

Beginners Ballroom and Latin classes have been running in the Community Centre on a Thursday evening from 7.45pm till 9.15pm since October last year.

These are ongoing classes with new dances taught all the time, by professional qualified dance teachers Steve and Karen from "Project Dance" based in Barnstaple.



We are having great fun learning the Tango, Waltz, Rumba, Mambo, Quick Step, Fox Trot, Cha Cha Cha etc....

You do not need any experience we are all beginners and just enjoying ourselves, all ages and abilities are welcome, singles or couples and it only costs £6.50 each, a bargain for the all the expert tuition and fun.

Some comments from the regular dancers...

"Great Fun" **Margaret and Dave Ferguson.**

"We discovered Project Dance in Umberleigh and are so chuffed they have now come to Winkleigh! Awesome teachers, giving everyone the confidence to dance. We thoroughly recommend it, a lovely group of people and always an entertaining evening!" **Amy Filby and Ollie Price**

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Feel the fear and do it anyway!!" **Liz and Kevin Rafferty**

"Couldn't have ever imagined my doing Latin and Ballroom dancing and I am amazed to find myself so enjoying it" **John Williams.**

"Always learn a lot, laugh a lot and always go home in a much better mood than I arrived!! Good exercise too!" **Sarah Flower.**

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ACE Archaeology Club

Since the last issue of Distinctly Winkleigh most ACE activities have involved some sort of preparation for the Festival of Old Technology and Archaeology that took place in July. Although in June we took some time out to visit Crownhill Down (south west Dartmoor) where one of our members, Dr Sandy Gerrard, is recording the tin workings there. This is part of the archaeological work being carried out for Wolf Minerals who will be mining Tungsten nearby and are using Crownhill Down for a spoil heap and settling ponds. It is a massive and very complicated site, tin has been extracted there probably since the Bronze Age and certainly from the Medieval period right through to the 19th Century. Sandy, who has been working at Crownhill Down for the past year has got to know the site very well indeed and enthusiastically passed on his knowledge to the ACE members visiting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers (ACE and non-ACE members) who helped with the Festival of Old Technology and Archaeology, from putting up the marquees to helping with the parking on the day, without them it just would not have happened. Also the weather was very kind to us, the rain stopped just long enough for it to go ahead, a few cars did get stuck but there was plenty of old technology on hand to pull them out! The day itself was a great success with more people attending than previous years and we have received some very favourable comments from folks.

I did not get to see much of the festival as I was kept very busy at Moistown, we had so many visitors, including a descendant of Roger Moyes, it was great. At Moistown Dr Penny Cunningham was carrying out another Earth resistance survey, we had hoped to resurvey the same area that we covered in April to see if the results would be different, because it would be much drier in July! Unsurprisingly it was wetter there, so we surveyed an area adjacent to, but up-slope of the previous grid.

The results of the dowsing and geophysics are a little inconclusive, certainly there are dowsed walls in areas of high resistance but not many completely matched up. Next year we hope to put in a couple of trenches, to verify our findings.

During the really lovely hot sunny weather in the last week of July, those of us who had not had enough archaeology at the festival, spent five days at Moistown continuing the earthwork survey, we did really well and managed to finish the area where the buildings stood and the lane to the well and pond. There is just a small bit left to do, but that can wait until winter when all the undergrowth has died down.

If you would like to know more about ACE have a look at our website www.acearch.org.uk or contact Janet Daynes at ace@acearch.org.uk or on 01769 520326

Environmental Issues

Behind the Winkleigh Sports Centre and next to the Tennis Courts, there is a mound and a strip of land which could become a beautiful habitat for wildlife and plants. If you would like to join a group of parishioners who are trying to make that happen, please e-mail (catherineknight@hotmail.com) or telephone (01837 83205) to find out how you can become a part of this project. We need your skills, energy, expertise, contacts and enthusiasm! We could all have a really enjoyable time in the process.

Biodiversity Group

Have you noticed how few bees and butterflies there have been this Summer? Why not plant your garden with nectar plants: Buddleia, Sedum, Michaelmas Daisies, most herbs and many old-fashioned single flowers are best. In July, we ran a successful stall at Pattiland Farm selling more than 50 garden plants which were particularly good nectar sources for bees and butterflies.

We now have a new website where you can keep in touch and get involved with our activities, including the wild flower project.

winkleighbiodiversity.blogspot.co.uk

Winkleigh Village Hall

Winkleigh Village Hall will be holding a table top sale and coffee morning from 11am on Saturday 27th October 2012 in aid of Village Hall Funds.

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Winkleigh Sports Centre

Once again, to talk about the weather was an overriding temptation in starting off this report- but Alan says I shouldn't, so there you go. It is fair to say that this has been a quiet period in activities, perhaps we can blame the Olympics, they seem to be getting blamed for most things at the moment.

Hoping for some great news on the netball front I gave Liz Rooke ("Warriors" chieftain) her usual reminder about my needs. The answer was not very helpful in that the weather (sorry Alan) had caused havoc with the fixtures and entry into the summer league (which they were going to win) had not happened. What Liz didn't tell me but I picked up from another source (no hacking involved-honest) was that she had been voted "player of the year" by the league. Congratulations Liz, please don't let your modesty stand in the way next time I need a story! Staying with netball, the last report was just too late to pick up the other group who are now operating on Thursday evenings. This is the "Honeybees", back in action with "fun" being the objective rather than league titles. If you feel this may be your thing then contact Sabrina on 01837 83650. Jo Salmon's Sunday morning keep fit/netball sessions have been going particularly well, with numbers on the increase.

Efforts to resurrect the bowling club are still just about alive but faltering for want of new interest so it is very much the case that the next report may be asking for ideas on what else can be usefully done with a nice area of flat ground. On a more positive front, as this magazine is appearing through your letterboxes, the Tennis Club will be holding their annual tournament, on 1st. September 10.00-16.00hrs. The Snooker Club are now looking forward to a new league season and welcoming an influx of new members, following the start of a drive to spread the message about the attractions of the club. The junior group's Tuesday sessions are going from strength to strength and at the moment are unable to take new members as table capacity and supervision requirements mean that any more than ten becomes impractical.

Many enquiries have been received as to when the play area will get its swings back and it is a simple matter of funding requirements, answers are awaited, at the time of writing, to a number of bids so it is an ongoing "watch this space". Happier news from the group working to develop a wildflower meadow on the mound area behind the bowling green; their appeal for a work party brought a fantastic response and a large number of volunteers have set about initial preparation of the area. This should eventually provide a great community attraction.

To finalise, the Centre committee currently has a vacancy for a vice-chair, anyone interested in joining in to support a vital part of our community, please step forward.

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The Horrible History of Winkleigh

Of all the rites of passage our children go through in their long school lives arguably the most profound is when year 6 children leave their primary school.

For their final performance and farewell to their retiring teacher, Nigel Hakes, Winkleigh Primary year 6 pupils performed 'The Horrible History of Winkleigh' in the village hall.

With the hall festooned as a medieval baronial hall, courtesy of the Fair's exquisite banners, the children took us on a whistle stop tour of Winkleigh's history with the mad professor [Harry Batley] from 'Horrible Histories'.



Hocktide Girls

However Sir Roger de Keynes [Michael Caufield] did not agree with his version of events and the wise woman [Fiona Purdon] disagreed with both of them.

The rest of the class acted out scenes from the Domesday book, Hocktide girls, Crusades, Black Death, smashing up the Catholic church, transportation to Australia segueing into a music hall, men

marching away to war, land girls and all underpinned by the continuity of Winkleigh Fair, culminating in the arrival of the Fair King and Queen.

Always in view of the audience the cast displayed sophisticated & choreographed dramatic skills: chorus, freeze framing, mime, narration, physical theatre: adopting different characters by a change of hat or prop.

The children were superb, confident and whole hearted in their performance working as a team throughout and ably supported by year 5 who opened the performance, armed to the teeth as Saxon and Norman warriors, with a blood curdling song about The Battle of Hastings.

We wish year 6 and their retiring teacher all the best for the future.

Penny Griffiths

[Community Governor – Winkleigh Primary School]

This production was a reprise of the Winkleigh Pageant (1997) but updated by Nigel Hakes and Penny Griffiths into a 'Horrible History'.

WINKLEIGH FAIR AGM

The Winkleigh Fair AGM will be held on 10th September 2012 in the small room of the Community Centre and will start at 8pm.

The current Fair Committee will be formally resigning at this time. For the Christmas Lights event and Winkleigh Fair Week to continue new committee members are needed. Don't let the 750th Winkleigh Fair be the last one, come along and join the Winkleigh Fair Committee!

Art in the Garden

Established artist, Celia Olsson, is once again inviting visitors to her studio in the garden at Little Linhay, Bondleigh, during the forthcoming county-wide arts event, Devon Open Studios. It is the largest showcase for artists in the county and Celia will be joining hundreds of artists opening their doors for 16 days from 8th –23rd of September.

Celia has been taking part in Open Studio events for a number of years and visitors, both local and from as far afield as London, Cumbria, France, Germany, Russia and Israel have enjoyed the 'wonderful colours and atmosphere' and 'lovely evocative views' of her paintings and her garden.

A mostly self-taught artist, Celia paints in a loose style mainly using watercolour because of the wonderful choice of vibrant colours. She also enjoys creating texture in her work using art media, equipment from the kitchen and found objects. She never throws anything away until she's explored its texture-making potential. Her work is inspired by the local area, as well as by her travels. In fact she is never without her sketchbook, a selection of which will be on show. Getting the feel of a place is important, so meeting people as she sketches, often hearing stories of the place or being guided to other interesting sites and views is for an important part of the creative process. A previous visitor commented that 'the sun shines out of the sketch books'.

During Devon Open Studios Celia will be working on new paintings and visitors will also be able to see a copy of a recently completed commission – 'Sketches of a Devon Country Church', a handmade book of sketches and stories about a local church.

On Saturday afternoons (8th, 15th and 22nd) Celia will be giving demonstrations to show how she creates texture in her paintings. These will start at 2.30pm and booking is recommended as studio space is limited.

Celia's studio will be open from 11am to 6pm every day except Mondays and Tuesdays and will stay open until 8pm on Thursdays 13th and 20th.

For more details please contact Celia – tel: 01837 82 796.

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Upcoming Beaford Arts Events in Winkleigh (promoted by WASPS)

Compagnie Animation - PORTMANTEAU - (childrens theatre)
5pm Wednesday 24th October 2012 – Winkleigh Community Centre.

The following extract is from their promotion material:

“You are invited to a special private showing of a spectacular new film
... unless the projector breaks down!
Can our two ushers play all of the characters?
Can you help us recreate the film of the century?
And – will there be ice cream in the interval?

All these questions and more will be answered in a non-verbal show which celebrates classic cinematic traditions and mixes original film with the unique experience of live theatre.

Be amazed by our pianist's speedy fingers, gasp as our hero disappears into the screen, and laugh with us as moustaches, hats and disguises fly everywhere to tell tell a story of heroes, heroines and baddies.

All told entirely through Compagnie Animation's innovative mix of mime, movement and sign language, making it accessible for everyone.”

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MEDICINE CREEK. - MUSIC.

7:30pm 17th November 2012 – Winkleigh Village Hall.

The following extract taken from Beaford Arts promotion material.

“Medicine Creek are a foot stomping old time string band from Bristol.

The band specialises in rootsy bluegrass and alt-country, reinventing dark tales of murder and mayhem from frontier times with gospel-flavoured harmonies and violin abuse. Audiences are advised to sing loud.

Medicine Creek released their self-titled debut album EP in March 2011. Band members are Nuala Honan, Aaron Catlow and Dorian Sutton (Aaron and Dorian are also members of Sheelanagig.)”

“Beautifully rendered old-time Americana” - *Venue Magazine*.

“Medicine Creek come highly recommended by *Moscow Drug Club*, who toured with Beaford Arts in spring of this year and wowed audiences at three sell-out gigs.”

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Tickets for both events on sale (from September) **during shop hours** from:-
D&S Supplies and Winkleigh Post Office. Or online from Beaford Arts –
www.beaford-arts.org.uk

Look out for posters and flyers in local shops and businesses.

For more information: **Penny Griffiths** (01837) 83407

As a nation we have had a summer to remember. The Diamond Jubilee, The Olympics and possibly the worst weather on record. But in true British spirit we soldiered on and nowhere more so than in Winkleigh. No matter what it threw at us we remained determined. Determined that with 750 years of history and several years of planning the show must go on.

Last year, under some criticism, we moved the fair to the field, back to it's roots if you like, but mainly in order to hold the 750th Winkleigh Fair. The field provided a suitable venue for the number of people we hoped for, in an even bigger marquee. It meant we could invite all sorts of entertainment, hold all sorts of events and the children could enjoy a level of freedom afforded by the field.

In really appalling conditions we managed to create a good environment with tons of bark and an army of volunteers we soaked up the mud to provide a 'dry' marquee. What we experienced was a Talent show where the level of talent was gold medal standard, Live Music, and a fantastic array of stalls at the biggest Farmers market yet. Great food from the hog roast, homemade cakes and delicious salads, were just for starters! From History talks to obstacle courses we celebrated in style. And none of this would have been possible without the generosity of Nick Turner and his family for letting the village use the field to celebrate in. Without his hard work and sense of humour, we might have all given up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present Committee for doing such a fantastic job with the Fair. They are an amazing bunch of people, who have worked incredibly hard, had great fun and some tough times. This year tested us all to the limit, but their spirit and their vision made it what it was, something I personally felt very proud to be a part of.

Finally Thank you's go to so many people who helped in various ways. I just hope I remembered you all:

Rangemoors, Exeter Brewery, Lorne Hamilton, Jamie Stewart, BBD Marquee's, D&S, Andy Clarke, Chris Trenaman, Liz Rafferty, Suzy Garland, Peggy Osman, Penny Griffiths, Willie and Leon, W.I, Jane Wright, Dunns Diary, Philippa Lausen, Alan Jacobs, Marty Aldrich and Ed Jennings. Janet and Gordon, Margaret Miller, Margorie Howard

Winkleigh Primary School and Choir, Winkleigh Pre School, Winkleigh Parish Church and Flower Ladies, Community Centre and Village hall.

The Post Office, Wright and Proper, The Mad Butcher and Fiona's Farm Fayre.

All those who judged the various competitions and those volunteers who gave up their time to stand on the gate or shovel bark. All those willing volunteers who helped us clear up after the event. And all those involved with making the Banner, a lasting memory of the 750th Winkleigh fair.

Finally thank you to those of you who showed up to support and join in, it wouldn't have been the same without you.

I've had a great time on the Committee, I've enjoyed the opportunity immensely and wish the new Committee every success.

Here's to the 751st in 2013,

Allotment Report – Autumn 2012

The disastrously wet summer means that there is little to report at this time. In the late spring and early summer everyone was enthusiastically clearing and planting their individual plots, unfortunately the weather overtook us. In the one week when things improved there was more activity but much has rotted in the ground.

The really hardy vegetables that will survive everything except snow and ice have produced usable stuff but even they are much less fruitful than in previous years.

When we are able to work on site it remains a great asset to be able to use the top gate which saves carrying tools up and down from the sports centre car park and John has issued a reminder that the last to leave the site should ensure that they lock the gate as they leave.

Sadly the site was vandalised again one night and some people lost tools; short of putting CCTV up there it is difficult to prevent such mindless acts. We can only hope that the perpetrators develop consciences which prevent their repeating the performance.

The recipes this time were submitted for the summer edition of Distinctly Winkleigh but here was insufficient space to include them. No new ones this time and I am afraid these will be the last unless people send new ones for publication to: gillyholman@onetel.com

First, apologies for the Beetroot and Raspberry Jelly recipe. I have tried it now and found two problems, the first is that it is too sweet and the second that it doesn't keep well. I suggest making it in small quantities and keeping in the fridge. I would also try reducing the sugar by half and increase the vinegar a little.

Chestnut Soup

2 ¼ lbs peeled chestnuts, 2 or 3 rashers streaky bacon, 2 shallots, rough chopped, (chopped leek makes a good alternative) 3 sticks of celery, chopped small, garlic to taste, about 12 ozs chestnut mushrooms, approx. 3 pints of vegetable stock or a mixture of white wine and water, salt and pepper to taste.

Fry the bacon gently but do not allow to crisp, add the shallots, celery and garlic, when translucent add the chestnuts and allow to sweat for a few minutes. Add the stock, bring to the boil, turn down and simmer for at least ½ hour. While this is

cooking clean and chop the mushrooms finely, then fry gently, add to the soup when done and blend the whole. Garnish with a generous sprinkle of fresh parsley and serve.

Potato cakes (Sweet)

½ lb cooked and mashed potatoes, pinch of salt, 2ozs sugar, 2ozs candied peel, 1 oz warmed butter, 1 large egg.

Add the sugar, salt, candied peel and butter to the potato, beat the egg yolk and stir in, whip the egg white and fold in, pour the mixture into a greased sandwich tin and bake in a moderate oven until lightly browned. Sprinkle with sugar and serve hot.

Potato cakes (Savoury)

1lb potatoes, cooked well and mashed, 1 tablespoon of plain flour, salt, 1 medium egg, beaten, 2ozs grated cheddar or other fairly strong cheese.

Mix all the ingredients and add a little milk if too dry. Flour yours hands and take approx. one tablespoon size handful of the mixture, form into a round cake approx. 1" deep, roll in seasoned flour. Repeat until mixture is all used, then fry gently in good olive oil, or butter if you feel really wicked. Lovely on their own or served with something simple like bangers or bacon and egg.

Anchovy and Potato pie.

1 lb potatoes, cooked and sliced thickly, two tins of anchovy fillets, 1 large cup of fresh brown breadcrumbs, approx. 3 tablespoons of tomato puree, olive oil or softened butter.

Grease an ovenproof dish and sprinkle some of the crumbs over the base, cover with layer of sliced potatoes, lay slivers of anchovy on top of potatoes and smear tomato puree on top, dot with butter or drizzle with olive oil. Repeat until ingredients are used finishing with crumbs, dot with butter and bake in moderate oven for about ½ hour.

Belgian Asparagus

4 medium size cucumbers or 6 large ones, 1 egg, 1 small pot natural yogurt, handful of fresh dill or fennel.

Peel and slice the cucumber thickly, poach gently, making sure that slices stay intact. Beat the egg yolk into the yogurt, warm but do not boil. Pat the cucumber dry and lay in dish, season gently, spread the yogurt mix over the cucumber and sprinkle with dill or fennel. Serve as a side dish or as a light supper with brown bread and butter.

Spinach baked Croquettes

3 cups of cooked spinach well drained and patted dry on kitchen paper. 1 cup of cooked rice, 2 beaten eggs, 3 tablespoons of grated cheddar cheese, seasoned flour and a little melted butter.

Mix spinach with cooked rice, beaten egg and cheese, if dry add a little melted butter, season to taste. Form into flat cake shapes, roll in the flour and sauté gently turning once. Lovely served as a vegetable with meat or fish but also good alone as a vegetarian meal with salad or other vegetables.

Onion Marmalade

6 small or 3 large onions, peeled and sliced finely; (weight about 14 ozs when sliced) 3 large cloves of garlic, peeled and chopped; approx. 1" long piece of root ginger, peeled and chopped; 2 tbsps dark brown sugar; juice of half a lemon; 1 ½ tbsp. of balsamic vinegar; half a glass of red wine and a mean half cup of water; salt and pepper to taste.

Put onions, garlic and ginger in heavy based saucepan with a spoonful of water, cover and sweat over a low heat stirring frequently until soft. If needed add more water slowly to prevent sticking. When onions have softened thoroughly add balsamic, sugar, wine, seasoning and lemon juice, keeping the lid on the saucepan, continue to cook over a very low heat, stirring frequently until the whole mixture thickens and browns. Spoon into a sterile jar and cool. Keep in fridge once opened.

This recipe is very good but only makes about 1 lb of marmalade. I shall try making some using conventional marmalade methods over the next few months and will report back.

Traditional Properties... Modern Standards

How can old properties reach modern energy efficiency standards without spoiling their beauty and character? That's the question my mother and father asked me 15 years ago about their 17thC Farmhouse in Hartland. It was the beginning of a story that eventually lead to me starting an insulation company.

I did an energy audit of their house, and found that most heat is lost through lofts, windows and draughts. Over the next five years we installed loft insulation, draught proofing and various secondary glazing designs. Comfort levels were completely transformed. Not only did my mother and father stop using room heaters – they even run their storage heaters at much lower levels.

News got out, and others asked me for the same solutions. I was then dividing my time between restoration work and designing and building a zero-emission yacht. When I sailed it around Britain, Torridge MP Geoffrey Cox gave me a send-off speech. After the trip he invited me to do an internship in parliament. To my surprise, MPs were talking about how we were going to insulate Britain's old housing stock (over 12 million homes). I realised my experience put me in a good position to help. So I started CosyHome Company, specialising in insulation solutions for properties over 100 years old.

How is it done? Well, a typical home loses 10% of heat through the loft, 20% through the glazing and 30% through draughts. So topping up loft insulation to 300mm, fitting draught seals to doors and windows and adding secondary glazing can reduce heat loss by a third.

But some people find traditional aluminium-framed secondary glazing too noticeable. I had evolved a system using plexiglass and magnetic strips that is reversible, invisible from outside, and unnoticable from inside, which makes it approved for listed buildings. At CosyHome, we developed a way to integrate

this into sash windows so that you can open them normally. We worked out how to fit our “CosyGlazing” to every kind of traditional window. We then supplied an energy savings prediction with every quote, enabling our customers to make an informed decision, based on payback times. It was gratifying to find that our package usually pays for itself in five years – equivalent to getting 20% interest!

Are there any problems? When fitting loft insulation it is important to ensure that pipes are lagged properly because less heat is escaping from the rooms below so the loft gets colder. Draughts are necessary to ventilate old properties, so after draught proofing owners need to be proactive in opening windows in nice weather. Secondary glazing usually reduces condensation. But if the putty is deteriorated and the windows leak, moisture gets trapped between the glazing and condensation occurs. So it is important to keep windows well maintained.

English Heritage recommend secondary over double-glazing because it preserves the old windows. According to them: Old glass has better light colour transmission. Old timber is so much better in quality that it will often outlast new! And secondary glazing is much better for sound proofing.

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And finally

Finally, Summer happened! It was worth the wait, though its duration is, as usual, highly uncertain.

Winkleigh's 750th Fair went well – despite the meteorological interruptions – and we wish the new Fair Committee well in preparing for the 751st Fair. Simulated sledge-dog racing and igloo building?? (Would we need planning permission??)

The New Parish Plan Group has made a good start on an exercise that could last 2 years, but will give Winkleigh's residents the chance of deciding how they wish the village to develop into an even nicer place to live.

I repeat the call made in the previous issue for anyone who thinks they can bring something new to the look and feel of Distinctly Winkleigh, or to generally help in its production, to contact a member of the team whose phone numbers are on the back page of this magazine.

Mark in your diaries, to ensure that your articles/adverts appear in the Winter Issue they should reach us before Monday, 12th November!

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

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