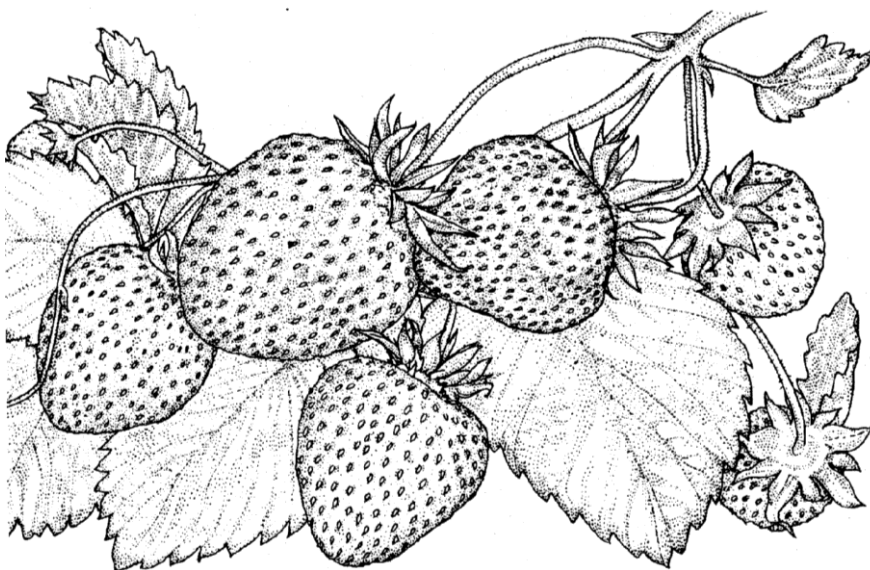


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## Winkleigh Society News

Summer will be an eventful time. This issue of *Distinctly Winkleigh* has early information about the 751<sup>st</sup> Winkleigh Fair, between 14<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July, as well as the Old Technology and Archaeology Festival at Pattiland, also on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and the Dowland Country Fair and Dog Show on 16<sup>th</sup> June. The only problem is, that as I write this, it rather looks as though the Summer has already come, and gone.

When the Winkleigh Society has asked people what we can usefully do, the most common answer is to provide a diary to avoid date clashes between important events. As most people here belong to four or five local organisations, the clashes keep coming. We are very keen to do this, and indeed the previous chairman made a determined start on the Website and in print, but without the dates we can do nothing. Please, if you are a secretary of any local group, email me with dates of important events just as soon as you have them. I shall put them on the website immediately and, once a month, provide a paper copy in the Square.

Which events should you let us know about? Not those which are routine weekly/fortnightly/monthly meetings, attended by existing members. Those events already appear on the existing diary as page 2 — though it would be helpful to be informed of changes. But the special events, the open evenings, the special workshops, all those events where you hope the general public will turn up — those are the ones to let me know at peterjhoward@btinternet.com or 01837-83362.

**Peter Howard, Chair**

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I can hardly believe that I am already writing for the summer edition of the magazine — hopefully this year we will have a summer!

By the time you read this it will be June or very nearly so. The first Sunday in June we keep as the feast of Corpus Christi (literally the ‘Body of Christ’). It’s a feast that actually falls on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday and because all those things are determined by the date of Easter it’s a feast that moves about a bit! The actual date this year is 30th May but we shall, as I said, keep it on Sunday 2 June.

It is a feast in which we give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist (also called the Communion Service, Holy Communion or the Mass). This is the very heart of our worship when we receive the bread and wine which have been consecrated (set apart) in the Eucharist to be the Body and Blood of Christ. Although many theologians in the past have tried to explain what happens, it is one of those mysteries of the faith — something which is beyond the grasp of human imagination and understanding. It is something we accept by faith as part of the teaching of the Church as given to us by Christ and His Apostles. But it is the way through which we come to share intimately in the life of Christ; it is the pinnacle of Christian worship.

Moving on into July the Sunday School children will be having their end-of-term service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, when they will be taking an active part in the Eucharist. They will meet again for the last time before the summer break on 21st July but will return in September. Children are welcome from around the age of four years, so, if you are interested, please get in touch with Helen Norman (01837 83719).

We shall be having our Church Fete at 2.30pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Community Centre with Tea in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available before then for the traditional Duck Draw and other prizes. There will also be a Quiz in the Village Hall in the evening — look out for details and start organising your team!

The next day, Sunday 14th July at 3.00pm, we will be holding the usual Fair Sunday service in Church with ‘eggs and flowers’. What form the Fair takes this year will be a little different but we will still be starting the week with the Fair Sunday service — this year perhaps we ought to say some special prayers for dry (or at least reasonable) weather! As always, there will be special flowers on display in Church for Fair Sunday and on the Tuesday of Fair Week there is a coffee and cake morning being planned for you to enjoy the flowers at your leisure — look out for details.

## Community Centre Restoration Project

Not a great deal of progress to report of late. The Jerryatric Builders have been on other duties. One third is now confined to barracks and very light duties; the second third has had duties overseas, whilst the final third has been away at work at Athelney and Somerton tunnel, trying to keep the trains running safely.

The vestibule by the toilets has been repainted. Well, it has had a first coat applied, with a further coat to be added in due course. Some additional work has been carried out around the windows in the kitchen.

Hopefully, work will restart shortly. The Secondary Glazing in the small hall has drawn much favourable comment

## LUNCH CLUB

The originally named Lunch Club has now been operating very successfully for four years with a remarkable team of volunteers cooking high-quality meals and providing service to our customers. The project was set up on receipt of a grant from the Esmée Fairbairn Trust that allowed us to purchase table linen, crockery and cutlery especially for the occasion.

The aim was to provide an opportunity for local people to enjoy a substantial meal in pleasant, convivial surroundings on a monthly basis throughout the Autumn and Winter months. Although we have some clients who have regularly supported the venture, there are others who only occasionally buy a ticket and all are made to feel most welcome. There was never an intention to make a profit but, in fact, a regular sum of £100+ has been passed to the Treasurer of the Community Centre on each occasion. We sincerely thank all who have supported us.

The Committee has decided that the 'Club' element in the name may suggest to some that this is an exclusive body, and so it will be re-named **COMMUNITY LUNCHESES** for the start of the next season. The Committee also decided to set the dates in advance, and they are to be the **first Tuesday in the months Oct, Nov, Dec 2013; Feb, Mar, Apr 2014**. As usual tickets will be available before each date and will be limited to 24 persons.

**To celebrate the continuing success of the Lunches, the Committee has decided to arrange a Special Lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> July, that is the Tuesday of Fair Week, and we are delighted to announce that the recently formed Bondleigh Barn Band, a local group of enthusiastic amateur musicians will be providing entertainment at the start of the meal. This is likely to take the form of a buffet so that more people can be accommodated, but the standard of cuisine and service will be as high as ever!**

More details will be available on posters in the village and in the Fair Week programme.

## **BACON ROLL TIME IN WINKLEIGH**

What can I say about you people of Winkleigh, you never fail to amaze and humble me.

Ten years ago a dear friend of mine was diagnosed with breast cancer and at the same time I saw a poster for Cancer Research Big Breakfast. My friends said they would help and Bacon Roll Time was launched. We couldn't believe the support we have received over the years.

Here we are now having just completed our 10<sup>th</sup> event, the house was full of people chatting, laughing, eating bacon rolls and drinking coffee.

Bacon rolls were delivered to local businesses who, as always, were very generous. We had a very successful and delicious bring-and-buy cake stall. My willing band of helpers donate all the supplies so what we take on the day is all for Cancer Research. What can I say? This year we raised a fantastic £560 which brings our total over the 10 years to £3850!

Thank you all so much for making this event the success that it is.

Please continue to support us in the future so that we can help to find an answer to the scourge of cancer.

If you have never been, you now know what you are missing. Look out for the posters and we will see you all next year for the 11<sup>th</sup> Bacon Roll Time.

**Jan Ovenden**

## **DOG MESS, AN ON-GOING PROBLEM!**

I wonder how many people walk by litter, dog's poo in bags, hedge cuttings laying on the roadsides in the village just leave it where it sits, thinking 'Oh someone else will clear that up'.

There seems no pride in keeping the village and surrounding areas tidy anymore and it's not all passing traffic.

I consider myself a responsible dog owner and that clearing up other people's dog mess, left in bags which will NOT biodegrade, is disgusting. You know who you are who are doing this!!!!

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Each Questionnaire also has a separate '**Focus on Youth**' insert for younger members of the family.

Please use this opportunity to **tell us your views** on: future housing and industrial/business development, environmental, community and youth issues, services and facilities or anything in Winkleigh of concern or interest to you.

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## Winkleigh Short Mat Bowling Club.

The winter season has come to a close and the Club has finished with a fine array of silverware! In the various leagues and competitions we entered we won five winners trophies and five runners up trophies. Our own Royal British Legion Cup which decides the Club singles champion was won this year by Eddie Ahier. Well done to all the players - a great year !

Short Mat Bowling is not all about competition and matches. We meet socially for a fun roll-up on Monday and Friday afternoons 2.00 – 4.00

Anyone is able to bowl regardless of age or ability so why not come along one day and enjoy the fun. Please give me call 01837 83853

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March saw 21 clubs from all over Devon descend on Winkleigh Sports Centre for Winkleigh Short Mat Bowling Clubs' seventh annual Flue and Chimney Specialists Tournament. Each team played four matches and the winner was to be the team with the most points at the end of the day. The bowling was very exciting with some very close games. Throughout the day the teams enjoyed bacon sandwiches, a meal of steak and kidney pie with veg followed by fresh fruit salad and cream. They were then able to enjoy tea and cakes for the rest of the day. The eventual winners were a team from Woolsery who won all of their games.

The members of Winkleigh worked hard throughout the day and were delighted with the results which raised funds for the Club. We are extremely grateful to Rangemoors and their general manager Andrew Baker for their generous and continued support of this event.

The Sports Centre held an open day in April and we laid one of our mats out for people to try and we were busy for most of the day. It is hoped that we might recruit new members from this venture so if you came why not give bowling another go — it is fun. Thanks to the Sports Centre for setting up this event.

We continue to bowl throughout the summer on Mondays and Fridays and we enter two summer leagues, so good luck Winkleigh Short Mat.

**Jan Ovenden**



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Should you be interested in taking part we were expecting to hold it towards the end of August/beginning of September and would be delighted to hear from anyone in Winkleigh. Please phone me, Wendy, on 01837 680022 and let me know. You can always leave a message with your name and phone no. if I am not able to answer your call at the time.

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- May 21<sup>st</sup> “Grasses” speaker to be confirmed
- June 18<sup>th</sup> “Propagation 2” Neil Lovsey, Picket Nursery
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Winkleigh Open Gardens – a great chance to see member’s gardens and the proceeds will go to South West Children’s Hospice
- As part of the Winkleigh Fair Week we will be hosting a ‘Gardeners Question Time’ on the 16 July at 7:15 which will be free entry and open to all. If you would like the panel to answer a gardening question please e-mail it to me in advance at [cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk). It will be an excellent evening and we would be delighted if you came along.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July visit to Hestercombe Gardens Taunton and a summer social
- August 20<sup>th</sup> Evening visit to Eggesford Gardens – talk on spring bulbs and opportunity to buy
- September 17<sup>th</sup> “Plant hunting in the Himalayas” Barry Phillips
- October 15<sup>th</sup> “Cactus” Ralph Northcott
- November 19<sup>th</sup> AGM
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas event

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

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

For further information contact our Chairman Mr Ed Porter on 01805 – 804838 or

Beverley Cook on e-mail [cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk)

## Jubilee Medallions

Winkleigh Parish Council issued Commemorative Jubilee Medallions to all children under 18 on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and to any child born in 2012. The Parish Council believe that all authorised medallions have now been issued. However, if you are eligible to receive a medallion and have not done so, please can you contact:

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At the end of the process Winkleigh Parish Council anticipate that there will be a small number of commemorative medallions available for sale at the cost of £2.25 each. If you are interested in purchasing a medallion please contact Miss Turner at the above address.

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## WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH

During most of February and March, the congregation at Winkleigh Chapel met in the Community Centre. This was to give our builder space to tackle phase one of the refurbishment of the buildings — the interior of the chapel itself.

The work carried out included the removal of most of the pews, a tremendous amount of preparation and re-plastering, the introduction of numerous electrical sockets around the walls of the chapel, the levelling of the floor, and finally decoration. On the Wednesday during Holy Week the new carpet was laid and the new chairs were delivered on Maundy Thursday morning. A work-party set to on the afternoon of Good Friday to do the final clean and layout of the Chapel, and so the refurbished chapel was ready for a double celebration on Easter Sunday morning - the resurrection of both the Lord Himself, and of the chapel.

Future phases currently planned for the buildings in Winkleigh include roof repairs, and the development of both schoolroom areas.



The refurbishment of the Chapel means that most of our activities can now take place within the building itself, including Messy Church. Following on from the Messy Church Service on 14th May (Birthdays/Pentecost), our next one will be on 9th July (Calming the Storm); plus a proposed Messy Church walk and cream tea (3pm on Sunday 9th June). It is hoped that a Holiday Club will once again be arranged in the village sometime during August.

The Concert arranged by the Methodist Church on the Monday of Fair Week (July 15th) will feature the “Hatherleigh Gospel Choir”.

The Oasis Coffee Shop continues to open on Mondays from 10am–1.30pm serving teas, coffees and lunches. The premises are also the proposed venue for the Memory Café which takes place on the first Tuesday of each month.

**Rev. Graham Warmington**

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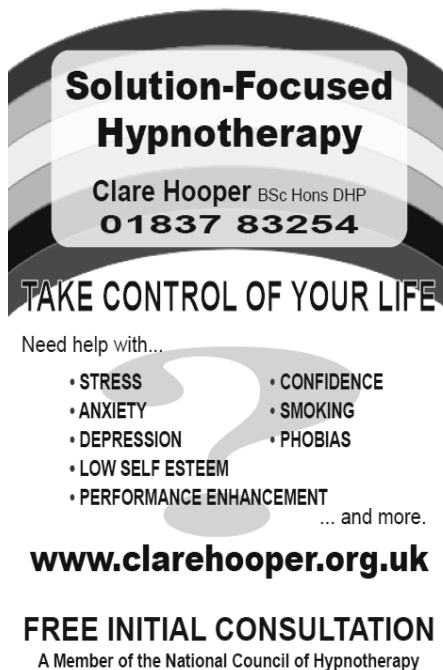
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## Winkleigh Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those who attended our quiz in March, an entertaining evening was had by all and the money raised will help cover much needed repairs.

It was suggested at the sports centre open day that you would like to see more folk music at the Village Hall, with this in mind we are currently looking to put on an evening of folk/country music, so keep your eyes open for posters.

If you have any other ideas of things that you would like to see at the Village hall then please let us know either by calling Alice on 01837 83484, emailing: [winkleighvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:winkleighvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk) or by visiting our facebook page.



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- It is one of those rare years when Winkleigh Fair coincides with the Old Technology & Archaeology Festival, so this year **we are working together to bring you a packed day of entertainment for all the family**. This is a bonus for visitors to either show, as you now get to enjoy both events without having to drive. The bus will run either from the square or from the main road end of the square, look out for the signs on the day. The bus will depart Iddesleigh at approx. 10.30am and arrive/depart Winkleigh for Broadwoodkelly at approximately: 10.55am, 12.00 noon, 1.00pm, 2.30pm, 5.00pm, 10.00pm (then back to Iddesleigh, where the service terminates). The bus will depart Broadwoodkelly approx. 10-15 minutes before the Winkleigh departure times above, starting at approx. 11:45am.
- **Archaeological Excavation taking place during the show**, along with exhibits about Archaeology & what has been happening at Moistown, including drawings of the surveys, which include dowsing and geophysics. A lot has been happening since 2012, so do come and see what we have been up to.
- **Genealogy Special!** ... Find out more about the family history of Moistown and the local area, including its possible Royal connections. Get some FREE pointers on how to start building your own family history, such as where you can find the information. Stuck trying to get a piece of information for your family history? Maybe our Genealogy specialists can help you.
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## WINKLEIGH SUMMER FAIR – July 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

**There will be a pre-Fair Week event on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**A Show Case Concert at the Village Hall organised by Penny Griffiths.**

**On Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Church Fete will take place as usual in the Community Centre, and the quiz in the Village Hall in the evening.**

- Sunday –** Well- Dressing in the Square  
Procession to the Church with the Torrington Silver Band  
Crowning of the King & Queen selected from the Primary School children.  
Refreshments at the Community Centre.  
Dianne Whittaker has then kindly offered to organise a Childrens Treasure Hunt.
- Monday –** Sacred Concert at the Methodist Church
- Tuesday –** **Lunch** at the Community Centre for 40 people, with music by the Bondleigh Barn Band.  
**Evening –** Gardeners Question Time in the Village Hall, organised by the Garden Club.  
Games Night at the Seven Stars — Proceeds to Devon Air Ambulance.
- Wednesday 7-9pm** The Village Square will be filled with Old Tractors Classic Cars & Old Buses. Hot Food will be available.
- Thursday –** Art/Photography exhibition & sale at the Community Centre open to exhibits from all age groups.
- Friday -** Elvis Tribute Show at the Seven Stars. Free Entry
- Saturday -** To be held in the road between the Village Hall & the Community Centre between **10 –4pm**. There will be 15 – 20 stalls selling all sorts - including a German Sausage Stand and a Noodle Bar.  
3m x 12m Assault course for children & children's football game 20ft x 20ft.  
**After 4pm –** Morris Dancing.  
A "Bake Off" at the Seven Stars — Entries between **11-12 O'Clock**  
Categories include:- Best Undecorated Cake, Best Decorated Cake  
Best Childrens Fairy cake U16 years, Best Biscuit.  
Judging Between **12-2pm**. Auction **2pm**.  
**7pm 'til late -** Band "**Melosa**" a good Ska/Reggae group together with blues band "Lucky Ol' Sun" will play at the Village Hall. The German Sausage stand & Noodle Bar will be outside the Hall.  
There will be Wine & Cider for sale in the Hall.

## **WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012---2013**

One of my most treasured memories from last year's events was that amazing Jubilee Party which was held in the Square on 4th June. Afterwards when you looked at the photographs, the whole area was a sea of happy smiling faces, everyone getting together, enjoying themselves and generally contributing to an unforgettable day.

However the ultimate accolade must definitely go to Simon Hodgson, the Jubilee Committee and friends and family who planned this celebration down to the smallest detail and put in an enormous amount of work. The main, unintended, highlights for the children were, of course, the straw bales, and many exhausted mini scarecrows wended their way homewards leaving a moulting trail of hay behind! If you would still like to stock up on Jubilee Medals, there are still a few left, which can be purchased from Alice Turner.

Sadly, all of last year's Fair Committee decided to stand down, probably due to exhaustion, having toiled on many exceptional Fairs for quite a few years. A nucleus of a new committee has started to function, but as some of us are slightly decrepit, the drive and energies are ebbing away! We would love to have many more people volunteering, not necessarily in a major way, but to give a few hours of their time and the input of new ideas.

Congratulations must be given to the outgoing committee for imagination, dedication and sheer hard work, and although this year's festivities may not be on quite the same scale, we hope that with your support we can have another memorable event.

### **PLANNING**

We are now in the process of being consulted on the next Local Plan. The Planning Departments of Torridge District Council and North Devon District Council have partially amalgamated in efforts to cut costs and hopefully, while pooling resources, to select mutual good practice and expertise from each other.

We have responded to and questioned Parts 1 and 2 and are awaiting a response from T.D.C. We have just received Part 3 which is extremely pertinent to our village as it deals with the distribution of housing in rural areas in which we are classed as a Local Centre. A few weeks ago we had as our speaker Ian Rowlands, a T.D.C. Planning Officer, who addressed our queries on Part 3 which looks at Winkleigh as a settlement and as an area for the potential development of 54 new houses.

The Government seems to be dictating to each District how much development there should be within a timeframe of 2011-31 and have given a ballpark figure of 2,200 new rural sites to be found within this time. The principle in our area seems to be that there should be a concentration around large

conurbations such as Barnstaple and Bideford and much less in rural areas. This may mean that, after any available infill is used, we may have to adjust our development boundaries accordingly, bearing in mind that over 80% of our residents in response to our last Local Plan did not want any more large estates but favoured affordable social housing.

Hopefully greater thought and effort will be given to local materials and design in the proposed housing and aspiration to a green agenda and general use of renewables. The quota of 54 houses, i.e. 10% of existing households, is not written in tablets of stone but we would need a robust justification for declining this amount of development.

W.P.C. are under a tight deadline to submit our response to T.D.C. by 1st June and feedback from residents would be greatly appreciated bearing in mind that our decisions will inform development in Winkleigh for the next 18 years.

## **HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

Although we have been having an almost continuous dialogue with Andy Boyd - our County Councillor - on the problems with the “rat-run” from Zuki’s past the school over a rather epic period of nine years, other highway problems seem to have superseded these. POTHOLE! I’m sure nobody could have missed the cautionary tales on the local news of the depredations of our recent ghastly weather — costing millions of pounds in repairs. There have been many comments from residents on the state of the High Street and the Square which have been passed on to highways. Please, if you have noticed other necessary road repair areas around the village, let W.P.C. know so that we can present a comprehensive list to D.C.C. You can be sure that we will continue pestering!

## **GRANTS**

Every year we advertise for grant applications in public noticeboards and *Distinctly Winkleigh* between May and July. Application forms can be obtained from W.P.C. and need to be returned by September so that the agreed funding can be included in the P.C.’s precept in November. The following grants were given last year – **2012-2013**

WINKLEIGH FAIR - £300 (£97.01 returned as unspent by the last committee)

PRE-SCHOOL - £100

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OKEHAMPTON RING AND RIDE - £100

### **2013—2014 (so far)**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - £200

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## **FINANCE**

Although we have frozen the Parish Precept at £13,500 for the past two years, due to increasing costs it has to be increased slightly this year to £14,577. This amounts to only £1.50 per household per annum. The accounts of the P.C. can be subject to scrutiny on request once they have been audited and adopted.

## **T.A.P. FUND**

This new fund has been established by T.D.C. and D.C.C. to develop collaborative working between parishes and distributes £1.10 per elector. Catherine Knight has been leading this initiative and we have agreed to join with Ashreigney to purchase a defibrillator and training for volunteers. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this vital role please contact the P.C.

## **COMMUNITY PLAN**

Following a successful parish Open Day last September, the Community-Led Plan Group are updating the 2005 Parish Plan with a 10 year vision for Winkleigh. A draft is envisaged by the end of this year, with the final plan being published around Spring/Summer 2014. As well as gathering feedback from local authorities and groups, a Questionnaire to all households in the parish will be delivered with *Distinctly Winkleigh* in May to help provide this vision. Community views on housing and business development, the environment, community, youth, services and facilities, will help us target action or funding where most needed in future. Please complete and return the Questionnaire when you receive it---your views are important!

### **Wallingbrook Health Group - Patient Participation Group (PPG)**

There have been significant changes within the NHS. and rural healthcare is under increasing pressure. However, Winkleigh PPG. meet with Wallingbrook on a monthly basis to receive updates, to provide patient feedback and lobby for improved services for the community. Despite the inadequate surgery and parking facilities at Winkleigh, transport difficulties, appointment availability and the telephone system, healthcare provision is generally very good. Winkleigh PPG. have also negotiated a Nurse Practitioner session from 8.30-10.30 and a G.P. session from 2.00-6.00 on Wednesday afternoons. We have also installed a Suggestion Box in the waiting room, so please use it! If you would like to join Winkleigh P.P.G. contact **Eve Willis** on **01769 580295**.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Parish Councils are now obliged to adopt a Code of Conduct and we have adopted the particular one recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. At the start of each P.C. meeting we publicly disclose any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interest in any of the following agenda items and sign a register to this effect. This works both ways as a protection for the general public and also as an insurance of the integrity of our councillors.

## THANKS

To all our dedicated and hardworking councillors in their various areas of expertise--

1. Cemetery grounds and bungalow - Cllrs Hodgson, Cooper, Griffiths, Knight and Turner
2. Emergency Plan - Cllrs Cooper and Stutt
3. Asset Maintenance - Cllrs Cooper, Stutt and Gledhill
4. Finance Group - Cllrs Stutt, Gledhill, Watson and Knight
5. Pre-School/School Cllr Knight
6. Working/Tidy Group - Cllr Knight
7. T.A.A.G. - Cllrs Bowers, Flockhart and Watson
8. Community Centre Cllr Stutt
9. Village Hall - Cllr. Turner
10. P.P.G. – Cllrs Flockhart and Sansom
11. Local community Partnership - Cllr Stutt

Special mention must be given to Cllr Flockhart who has taken on the onerous task of pulling together the Community Plan and has been so committed to the research and analysis which goes with this. Also, when venturing into the realms of statistics, did you know that we have in Winkleigh a not-so-retired Canadian statistician, namely Collin Gibson, who has given us professional advice on many issues.

Special thanks to our District Councillor David Lausen who transports and divulges our moans and groans to T.D.C., and great appreciation to our very special clerk, Nicki Bullen, who transforms chaos into order with great panache!

To all the various and many societies and clubs which together make Winkleigh such a special place. And a most appreciative plaudit to Frankie our very efficient street cleaner for making our village such a tidy place.

Also all the unsung heroes who fill up all the flower boxes every season and to all who help keep Winkleigh beautiful.

A reminder that our Parish Council meetings usually take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month. The meetings are advertised in the P.C. noticeboard in the square and the public get two chances to speak during the meeting. We look forward to having your input in your village events

**Marjorie Bowers (Chair, W.P.C.)**



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## WINKLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – Summer 2013

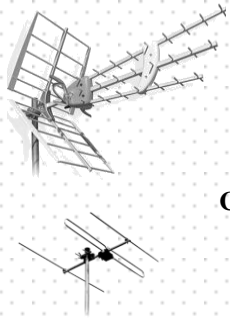
We are now into the swing of the summer term and the children have all come back with plenty of enthusiasm for learning.

After a long wait, Ofsted visited us last term and we were very pleased with the results. It is good that we have now been recognised by them as a 'good school' especially under the new criteria. The school is now concentrating on becoming 'outstanding' and we have many exciting initiatives that we will be working on to ensure we are providing the very best education for all our children.

Although this is the longest term it does tend to go extremely quickly and we have lots going on. Our first event was the M+M theatre company who came in to perform *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* to the children followed by a behind the scenes workshop for Yr 6. This was followed by a visit from a science workshop. This proved to be an exciting opportunity for children to watch some practical science with lots of bangs! Staff have planned some exciting trips for the children and we have many more visitors in over the term. The Life Education bus visited us again this year and over the two days each class had the opportunity to take part in a workshop and learn about leading a healthy lifestyle.


We will also be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school on this site with a street party for the children followed by some fun games. Sports Day is also planned for this term – hopefully this will take place as the last couple of years the weather has been somewhat unreliable. This is always a fun packed day. Yr 5/6 will be finishing off the term with their production.

The school offers a variety of after school clubs, these vary each term and this term we have chess, photography, story, choir, cricket, netball, gym/dance and sewing – so lots to choose from!



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Our focus this term is our grounds; we are working on ways to improve them in order to maximise our outdoor learning opportunities.

**Vicki Fenemore**

## WINKLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Yes! It really is Winkleigh's superb Community Hall!

NO, we didn't tear down the building in Castle Street - we could have got into trouble destroying a listed building!

This modern building is in Winkleigh, Tasmania! And this part of Tasmania is littered with names that will be immediately recognised by Devonians. Names such as Exeter, a village which looks

smaller than our Winkleigh and just a small step from the River Tamar? But further upstream is Launceston — much, much bigger than Exeter and this time close to the correct river!

The photos were taken recently by Jenny Miles, who was in Tasmania visiting her family who are dairy farming there. And Jenny isn't the only Winkleighite to have visited this Antipodean Winkleigh. Angie & Robin Coombes also drove through it some time ago and preserved some of its scenes for posterity, a few of which are included below



Winkleigh's Presbyterian Chapel, built in 1887

And don't you just wish there was a nectarine orchard just up the road in our Winkleigh?



If that isn't enough to make you envious, the down-under Winkleigh has something we're pretty well assured of never having. And that's its very own fire station!

Mind you, they get a few more bush fires down there than we do here in Devon, which doesn't have any recent history of tinder-dry undergrowth ready to burst into flame!



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## District Councillor's Report

### *Ready for Ageing?*

Recently, the House of Lords published a report, *Ready for Ageing?*, which stated that Britain was “woefully underprepared” to cope with the expected rapid increase in the number of older people in the population. For anyone interested in the future of public services and the welfare state – looking forward from the short-term debate about austerity – it is essential reading. It is particularly relevant to Winkleigh as our community has a far higher older people profile than the national average.

The post-war welfare state was constructed with the assumption of full employment followed by a brief retirement. Now we are moving to a society where the population is ageing rapidly and where for an increasing number a third of life will consist of retirement. Key projections about ageing include –

- Over 50% more people aged 65 and over in England in the next twenty years;
- Over double the number of over 85s in the next twenty years; and
- Over 80% more people with dementia.

Yet “no government so far has had a vision and coherent strategy” as services, pensions and social care continue broadly to be moulded by an outdated 1950s model.

The report warns of “a series of miserable crises” if the government doesn’t develop a more holistic approach with co-ordinated action on all fronts – physical, mental, financial and practical. “The current healthcare system is not delivering good enough healthcare for older people and is inefficient.” Britain is obsessed with hospitals, spending billions on expertise and equipment when what is required is much greater effort to keep us out of hospital.

Other points of interest in the report –

- “It does not seem fair to expect today’s younger taxpayers – especially those not born to better-off parents – to pay more for the increased costs of an older society while asset-rich older people (and their children) are protected. For this reason too, an effective equity release market to unlock the housing assets held by older people is important.”;
- “Government, pensions industry and employers must tackle the lack of certainty in defined contribution pensions and address their serious defects to make it clearer what people can expect to get from their pensions as a result of the savings they make.”;
- “Central and local government should work together with the third sector to increase volunteering especially by older people to support older people.”; and
- “The government should set out its analysis of the issues and challenges, and their vision for public services in an ageing society, in a White Paper to be published well before the next general election.”

We are now at a pivotal moment in the UK. Do we have an informed debate on how we might invest and restructure to build a vibrant society in which the generations are integrated and mutually supportive or will we continue to be obsessed with austerity and cutting departmental budgets, which will ensure that our society will wither on the ageing vine?

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

## ACE Archaeology Club

ACE has been really busy at Moistown over the past few months, we have completed the earthwork survey and held another geophysics session (all before the Bluebells had grown too much!). This time as well as using Earth Resistance, we carried out a Magnetometry survey of the whole site plus a bit of the field to the east, the results of which can be seen at the Old Technology and Archaeology Festival on the 20th July.

Plans are well under way for our excavation at Moistown in September, we will be having an open day, so do come and see what we have found. There will be information about this in the next issue of *Distinctly Winkleigh*.

In June ACE is off to the other side of Dartmoor, for what is probably our last visit to the tin workings at Crownhill Down, where Dr Sandy Gerrard will be treating us to a guided tour of the excavations there. Soon the site will be used for the spoil from a nearby tungsten mine, all of the archaeology there will be lost forever, but at least it has been thoroughly recorded before its destruction.

If you would like to know more about ACE, please do get in touch. Our website can be found at [www.acearch.org.uk](http://www.acearch.org.uk) or contact Janet Daynes at [ace@acearch.org.uk](mailto:ace@acearch.org.uk) or on 01769 520326

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Preparations are well ahead for the annual Dowland Country Fair , every year people from all over the South West join us, last year attracting over 2,000 visitors, which is absolutely incredible as we are only a small show, so to show our appreciation we try to put on the very best schedule of exhibits for all the family.

This year we are extremely honoured to have been selected to hold a qualifier for Buckham Fair (run by Martin Clunes) for the Best Rescue/Rehomed Championships. There are only nine shows awarded these and we are one of just two in Devon to have one. Martin Clunes is sending down a representative plus their own photographer to award their rosettes, 1 - 4 to go forward to Buckham Fair along with a story about their dog

We are pleased to have upgraded The Birds of Prey display this year to one of the best in the country featuring Sampson the magnificent Golden Eagle who has been on *Countryfile*.

New for this year are The Dartmoor Haypole Boys, who will give an interesting and colourful demonstration, with lively commentary, explaining the pre-Victorian idea of how to build a hayrick using only an offset pole and grab plus four men and a horse

As well as The North Devon Gun Dog displays this year we have got Chase the Bunny, a fun arena event for every family's pet dog!! See if your dog has what it takes to catch the Bunny and win a prize.

Our rural crafts have also increased this year and we have greatly improved our entertainment area , including a Teachers Rock Choir, Into the Blue, The Hatherleigh Ukulele Bashers and hopefully one or two Community School choirs

Keep checking our website for more information  
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## Friends of Winkleigh School

The “Friends” committee and supporters efforts on behalf of our School continue at a relentless pace and the various fundraising activities are now taking shape for the remainder of the current School year and beyond.

Some of the events mentioned in the last report have now taken place. The Easter Fair, with the final profit showing as £348.53, what a great day this was with so many of the School pupils showing fantastic imagination in the creation and operation of an incredible range of games and competitions, all making their contribution to the amount raised. The bacon and egg morning took place on 26th. April, with enormous input from those involved with cooking and delivering around the Parish. The profit figure showing at present is £270.

Future event dates which have now been agreed include the Race Night at the Seven Stars on 15th June. If you have not been to one of these before then get the date in your diary for a night of great fun when you can “have a flutter” -knowing the benefit of your losses will be going to such a good cause, you may of course find a winner! The Duck Race is set for 5th July, subject to final agreement on use of the field and of course the weather. Schools out Disco will be on 19th. July, the last Friday of the School year, dancing shoes definitely need to be prepared for that night. Following on the heels of the disco will be the Bake Off on 20th July. The date for Fireworks Night at the Sports Centre, as mentioned in the last report is 1st. November; we are all hoping for a drier night this year but the skies will be well lit up whatever the weather. At the time of writing, a date has yet to be fixed for the Casino Night, this is expected to be September/October and if you did not manage to get to last year’s happening, then this is when Monte Carlo comes to Winkleigh! Another night not to be missed.

The “easyfundraising” website continues to contribute to the cause with the total amount raised so far passing the £350 mark, the last two quarters’ payments will total around £70, this is good steady income so if you are not yet signed up for your on-line shopping please get on board now, it really is so easy and can be used for the benefit of the shopper, with discount vouchers etc., as well as the School -dedicated link [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowinkleigh](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fowinkleigh)

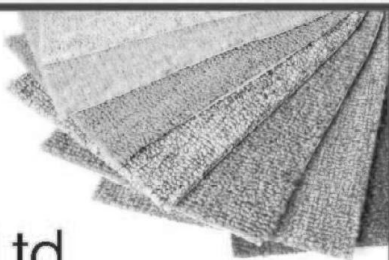
The total funds raised in the current School Year is standing at around £3,000 with more to come from future events as detailed above and we currently have donation or pledges to School activities/equipment for the year at around £4,000. This is the result of many hours of dedicated effort from our volunteers and the fantastic support from our local businesses and the community who give their support—please keep up the good work!

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## BRAIN EXERCISE

1. Three people check into a hotel. They pay £30 to the manager and go to their room. The manager suddenly remembers that the room rate is £25 and gives £5 to the bellboy to return to the people. On the way to the room the bellboy reasons that £5 would be difficult to share among three people so he pockets £2 and gives £1 to each person. Now each person paid £10 and got back £1. So they paid £9 each, totalling £27. The bellboy has £2, totalling £29. Where is the missing £1?
2. Half of zero is still zero. What other number can be halved to make zero?
3. A ship is docked in the harbour. Over the side hangs a rope ladder with rungs a foot apart. The tide rises at a rate of 9 inches per hour. At the end of six hours, how much of the rope ladder will still remain above water, assuming that 9 feet were above the water when the tide began to rise?

ANSWERS AND SUDOKU SOLUTION ON PAGE 37

## The Winkleigh Singers

We would like to invite you to join us for our concert at **Torrington Parish Church on 18th May celebrating the centenary of Benjamin Britten's birth.** We will be joined by Gareth Brynmor John, winner of the 2013 Royal Academy of Music Patrons Award, who will be making his Wigmore Hall début this Thursday before travelling to Devon to take part in the Great Britten! concert, along with three of his colleagues from the Royal Academy of Music. Exeter-based Andrew Daldorph will be at the mighty Willis organ.

Saturday 18th May 2013, Great Britten! Torrington Parish Church

Details can be found on our website or by telephone on 01363 884446. Tickets are available on-line at [www.winkleighsingers.org.uk](http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk) (follow the "concerts" link) or by post from Winkleigh Singers Tickets, 4 Pitt Court, Nymet Rowland, Crediton, Devon EX17 6AN (please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope).

If you would be interested in joining the Winkleigh Singers please come along on a Monday evening at Umberleigh Christian Fellowship Hall, The Bridge, Umberleigh, EX37 9AR, sing with us for a 3 week trial and see how you get on. We are a very friendly group and would make you most welcome!



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## AMATEUR MUSICIANS WANTED - UPDATE

Opportunity knocks! Why not come along and see us/join in at our lunchtime workshop: July 16th Winkleigh Village Hall....?

Shortly before Christmas, in an earlier version of this fine periodical, maybe you recall my rambling request for 'for-fun' musicians? Our intent being to swell the ranks and diversity of Bondleigh's stumbling players and bring an element of order where chaos has reigned freely for many a year.

Well, I'm pleased to announce that we've made an encouraging start - though we still require further musicians to step forward.

It was a dark and stormy night, in late January 2013, when our very first get-together took place. A nervous gathering of around a dozen of us (I never could count), coming together at a secret coffee and grog barn-shop location to begin our rocky, bluegrass, folky, orchestral (whatever) journey to musical nirvana. Thankfully we have secured Richard, as our musical director, to aid us on our line of travel. Therefore, whilst tears formed in his eyes (maybe the ropes were too tight?), the challenge of herding us (musical) cats, the 'Bondleigh Barn Band' is now firmly underway.

Anyway, here I am again, calling for more like-minded musical souls to take up this chance of an enriched (there are sometimes biscuits) lifetime experience. So please don't hold back, whatever your competence level (beginner to expert), musical style preference, or whether you read music or play by ear — just come along and give us a try. We currently meet on a fortnightly basis, but this may change as we get closer to the Albert Hall concert. (Note: This article does not contain nuts but the odd bit of artistic licence may have crept in).

So, if you'd like to get involved, please contact either:

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Paul: [Paul.cherrett@btinternet.com](mailto:Paul.cherrett@btinternet.com) Tel: 01837 82980

We're looking to increase instrumental coverage and add to our existing list of keyboard, violin, guitar, banjo, cello, base, flute, ukulele and harp players.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

1. We have to be careful what we are adding together.  
Originally, they paid £30, they each received back £1, they now have only paid £27. Of this £27, £25 went to the manager for the room and £2 went to the bellboy.
2. Eight. When written as a digit, 8, the top half is 0, and the bottom half is also 0.
3. Still 9 feet because the ladder will rise with the ship!

## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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## And finally . . . . .

As you will have already read, things are really hotting up for Winkleigh's 751<sup>st</sup> Summer Fair. It will not be quite like the last few Fairs because it's a new team doing the organising. We hope the weather will be hotting up for it as well but, whatever the heavens send us, it will doubtlessly be a most enjoyable week.

Similarly, you might have noticed an impassioned plea for a little more consideration from dog-owners to keep the streets of Winkleigh clear of this unsightly nuisance. Few amongst our readers will disagree with this, I'm sure.

But, more importantly, if there is anything which deserves to be similarly highlighted, why not let us know and we will make your concerns public.

This issue will be accompanied by a Community Plan Questionnaire. It's important that everyone has the chance to make known their views on what should be done to improve life in Winkleigh, both now and in the future. Don't pass up this opportunity.

For those wishing to put an article or advert into the Autumn Issue, please note that these should reach us BEFORE the cut off date – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

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