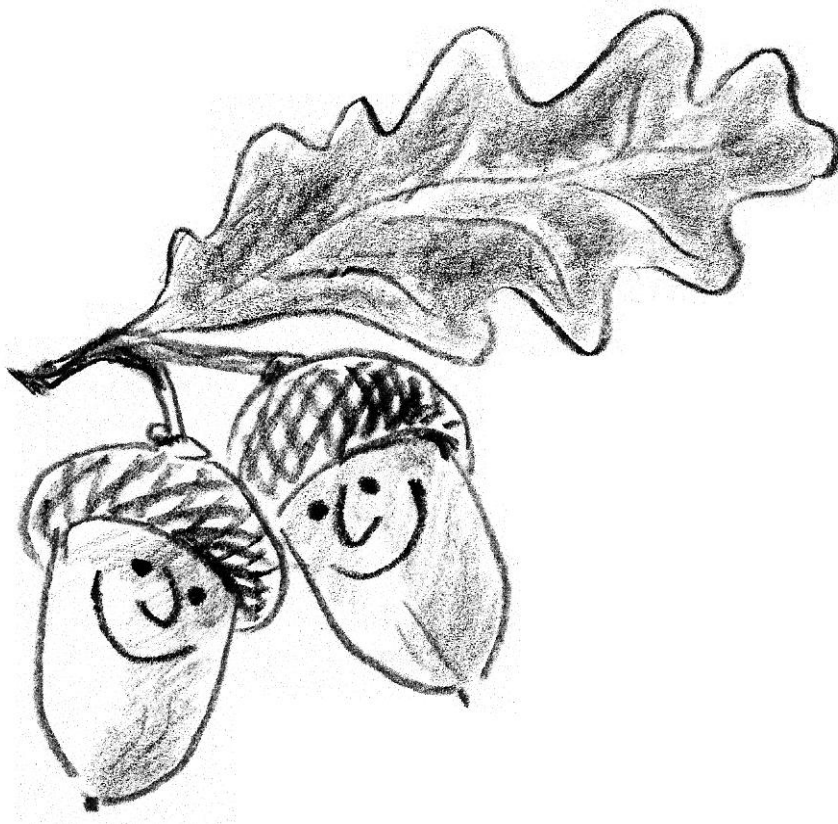


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Community Centre Notes

Routine maintenance work has continued over the last few weeks and will continue. Running repairs are also having to be undertaken following minor accidental damage to window sills. This is usually the result of putting inappropriate things on them. The old style plaster is quite thin and brittle, and it dents and cracks quite easily.

Plans are also being drawn up for our winter season activities. It is hoped that some big improvements can take place within the next few months. These involve the spending of quite large sums, but they will benefit all users. We hope to cause as little disruption as possible, but please bear with us.

The new curtains in the small hall have received much praise, and along with the secondary glazing have made it feel cosier. Well done, Margery Howard and Joan Stutt!

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You may have spotted, in the Winkleigh Fair programme, two opportunities for a tour of the Church. This was the only place it was advertised but both tours attracted a good number of people. It wasn't a tour, like that of a stately home, pointing out the architecture and giving details of previous owners. And the reason was that a Church is a very different sort of building. Churches were built as places of worship and constructed in a way that made worship possible and said something about God, the object of that worship. So although the architecture of Winkleigh Church is very interesting and it is superbly decorated inside it's not just a piece of fine architecture. We are very fortunate to have such an interesting building — even if it does cost us over £4,000 a year just to insure it!

So if you want to find out more about why it is the way it is and how it is used and how the design helps us to worship then just ask. We might include tours of the Church during Winkleigh Fair next year too.

Meanwhile Harvest is almost upon us and we will be having our Harvest Lunch on Sunday 5th October when no doubt we will have superb food on offer as we usually do. Tickets will cost £10 each which is extremely good value and the meal will take place in the Village Hall following the Sung Eucharist at the later time of 11.00 a.m.

At the end of October is Hallowe'en — the eve of All Hallows or All Saints. Nothing to do with witches and pumpkins but the eve of the day when we remember all those saints known and unknown who have passed on the faith to our generation. We shall actually keep the feast on Sunday 2nd November which means that All Souls Day which is normally 2nd November is moved to Monday 3rd All Souls is the day we remember, with a Requiem Eucharist, past members of our family and friends and we name them during the prayers reminding ourselves that they with us are one family under God, still united in his love even though (temporarily) separated by death. If you would like the name of a loved one remembered on that day then please let me know.

WINKLEIGH FAIR ART EXHIBITION 2014

The 2014 Art Exhibition opened at 7.30pm in the Community Centre with a grand total of over 40 exhibitors offering their art and craftwork for display. I am very grateful to all those people who responded to the request for exhibits, a tremendous response from a very wide age-range (including a grandmother and grand-daughter) that showed the extent of artistic talent we have in our community. Preparing work for show is very time-consuming and can be costly, but I know that the many visitors to the exhibition were very impressed with the variety and the standard of the work.

As well as thanking the exhibitors I wish to thank Helena Lewis, Wendy Oxborough, Alan Jacobs and Susie Garland for all their help and support in putting together the exhibition, and Sylvia Smith who helped with stewarding. Of course I also want to thank all those who came along to view the work, many more than last year, and who gave some very encouraging comments.

Margery Howard

WANTED

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We also swap reading books, assist with work applications, teach Makaton (sign language for toddlers and also adults who have difficulty with speech) and a happy hand craft group, i.e. Knitting, crochet, etc. Come along for a coffee and a chat.

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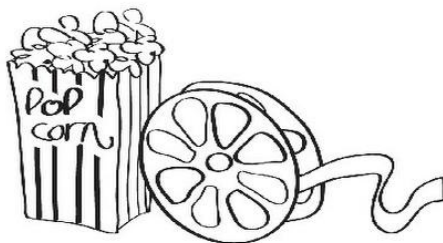
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WINKLEIGH CHURCH WIVES GROUP

The wives group has seen a very successful year. We have been able to see an increase in the number present at our monthly meetings.

We might be small in number but due to our Fund Raising during the year, mainly our Autumn Fair held in Nov. we were able to make donations of £550.50 to two charities.

Over the year we have many varied speakers, ranging from Quicke's Cheese, Devon Dialect, to the work of a Prison Officer.

We look forward to our forthcoming year. Our meetings start on Monday Sept. 8th 2014 at 2.30pm with a service in Church followed by the meeting in the Village Hall, (small rear room). We have a varied programme organised for the coming months. Dartmoor Rescue, See-Hear Demonstration, to the work of a Shepherd and a speaker from RHS Rosemoor. Look out for the posters around the village each month giving details of forthcoming meetings.

At the A.G.M. in June it was proposed that in future we would hold all our meetings at 2.30pm. This was agreed by all those present, so if you were unable to join us in the evening perhaps you might like to join us at one of our afternoon

meetings. We do not have an annual subscription, or a visitor's fee, we only ask for a small amount for a cup of tea & biscuits.

By the time that you are able to read this the Wives Group will once again enjoyed their annual coach outing, which this year will take us to Ottery St. Mary Garden Centre for a lunch stop and then on to Sidmouth for the afternoon. We hope that the summer weather stays with us.

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WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

WPC have had a busy spring and summer, along with all the usual issues and activities, we've been reviewing our working practices, as workloads increase and resources decrease! We have defined outline roles and responsibilities for specific task groups and introduced a 'Plan Review Group' to monitor the now ratified Community Plan; an independent WPC website is also being investigated. WPC have submitted queries on TDC's final Local Plan consultation, regarding access to the proposed new housing site and to clarify criteria for a 5% (as opposed to 10%) housing allocation. Results of the Housing Needs Survey conducted in June are due shortly.

WPC's financial management is also under review, including a policy on budgets and reserves. The annual accounts have been approved and signed-off by the auditors and our annual asset inspection is in progress. Strangely, Winkleigh's litter bins are 'disappearing' - two so far (police have been notified), so alongside the asset review, a litter bin audit is being conducted to assess bin locations/capacity and bin security! Bungalow and cemetery grounds inspections are also due shortly, with bungalow renovations now almost concluded. On highways, WPC continue pressing DCC to install a 30 mph extension at the Elms Meadow junction ... so far with little success.

On a positive note, we have received the cabinet for our defibrillator; work by Western Power for under-grounding cables is due in Nov; Broadband upgrades for Winkleigh are set to start shortly; we are implementing our grit bin programme; a replacement dog-waste bin has been purchased and installed at the pedestrian access to Elms Meadow (which also went missing!?) and one of our Cllrs has joined 'Health Watch'. The parish has received kind donations of an outdoor table for the Ring O' Bells site and a bench has been offered to the village by Winkleigh Methodist Chapel. Thanks to all individuals, community groups and Councillors for their continued work and generous efforts on Winkleigh's behalf.

Cllr Gail Flockhart (Chair), Winkleigh Parish Council

Table Tennis Club at the Sports Centre?

If anyone is interested in joining a Table Tennis Club at the Sports Centre, please contact **Mike Wilson** on 01769 520605"

Winkleigh Snooker Club



On a sunny Sunday in June, 14 local snooker enthusiasts battled for the right to become Winkleigh Snooker Club Knockout Champion 2014.

Rick Johnston, seen here on the right, was the eventual winner, having held off a spirited challenge from Karl Partridge in the final. This is the second year that this particular event has been held and initial feedback suggests that it will not be the last. A pairs competition has been suggested for later this year and whilst the above competitions are 'in house', perhaps an open competition can be arranged to be held during the week of the fair 2015. Watch this space!!

As ever, if anyone is interested to come and play snooker as a leisure activity or something more serious, then please contact me or any of the committee.

Dave Ferguson 01837 83660

Welcoming Visitors and Supporting Businesses

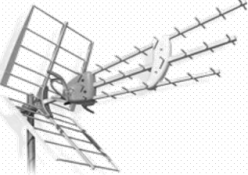

If you are a visitor to Winkleigh, or a tourist, what is there to do? Especially when it is raining? After visiting the church (always open), the pubs and the shops, what next? There are things to do of course, and special local products to buy, but many visitors might fail to find them. So the Winkleigh Society is sponsoring products of the area.

The immediate aim is to produce some literature, (brochure? map? poster?) to advertise local products and at the same time give the visitor some places to visit, and things to buy. We are looking for those enterprises which look to visitors for some of their business. They may be crafts people or producers of food, drink, souvenirs, locally made products. Some may welcome visitors into their premises to engage with the making of the product, others may provide their product to local tradespeople for sale. Winkleigh Cider, Winkleigh Timber, Fiona's Farm Shop, Ten Acres Vineyard, The Mad Butcher, local photographers and artists are all obvious candidates. For the time being we are looking at enterprises based within Winkleigh parish, but would like to hear also from other enterprises nearby.

We have booked the small room at the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th September to discuss the way forward. If you have not been specifically invited, but you think your enterprise meets the criteria and want to be included, this is not malice, merely ignorance, so please let me know on 83362 or peterjhoward27@gmail.com.

Peter Howard

Chair, Winkleigh Society

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New Car service for cancer patients in North Devon

A new door to door trial service has been launched for cancer patients who need to get to North Devon District Hospital (NDDH) for oncology or chemotherapy treatment and who would otherwise struggle to get there.

The service, which is funded by the North Devon Cancer Care Centre Trust and co-ordinated by Go North Devon, will collect patients from the Torridge area on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from the North Devon area on Tuesday and Thursday. The service will run twice daily to NDDH arriving at 09.00am-1.00pm and departing at 1.15pm-5.00pm. The VW Caravelle can carry five passengers on each run and booking is essential.

NDCCCT and Go have worked together for the past 17 years helping North Devon cancer patients who needed to get to Exeter on a daily basis for Radiotherapy. However an NHS funded service is now in place to help patients with these journeys so the NDCCCT Trustees felt the time was right to investigate new ways to help cancer patients in the area.

There is currently no charge for using the new service which is funded by NDCCCT from donations and fundraising. James Bonetta, Chairman of NDCCCT said "Our charity began with the goals of helping cancer patients attend appointments and offering support to the chemotherapy unit at NDDH. With the new unit opening next year this new service will combine those original aims and, we hope, help many people in the future."

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Also a thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have supported us all the way. They have arranged transport to the different venues, helped us with fund raising, attended our ceremonies and have made sure that their children attend our meetings on time. A BIG THANK YOU.

We are already planning for next September's meetings and of course we have our first Sleepover in Broadwoodkelly Village Hall, which will be an exciting time for the Beavers, although the leaders might not think so after a night of no sleep!!!!!! If you want to know more, please ring **Pat** on 01837 83487.

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Obviously there is some overlap with the type of material taken by PWS and our local South Molton Collection. As a community, we can only benefit from the collection of our low-value items, if the company taking this, can also collect some of our higher-value items as well. It is for this reason that PWS welcome our cardboard, textiles and milk bottles.

Please ensure that all plastics are clean and that textiles are still wearable. Please do not leave wrappers/plastic bags, as PWS cannot recycle these.

Any queries to Marie-Claude (mini-market), Philippa Lausen, 01837 83209, Kim Melhuish, kjmweb@ssmail.co.uk or Wendy Mondy 01837 680022

Scrap metal collection

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One such event, at night and close to the centre of Winkleigh, has already been reported to the police, so residents should be aware that their own gardens may not be as safe from larcenous incursions as they thought.

Please don't hesitate to report any similar thefts to the police.

Stuart Mitchell

Julie and family would like to thank you all for the cards and messages received following Stuart's death and to all of you who attended his Remembrance Service and gave so generously to the North Devon Hospice. £790.00 was received at the service and, with other donations, the total so far is £1,020.00. Thank you all so much.

Stuart wanted everyone to know what a wonderful place the North Devon Hospice is. He was a person who, during his fight against cancer, hated being in hospital but welcomed going into the Hospice. He was admitted on three occasions and always felt "at home" there. So much so, that on his first stay he told the staff that this was where he wished to spend his last days.

The love, care and compassion shown by all the staff was amazing. Nothing was too much trouble. The menu was better than any 4 star hotel and if he fancied scrambled eggs on toast at 2 o'clock in the morning, it would be cooked for him even though they knew that the chances of him eating it were rare!

The Hospice was also there for me and my family, and that was a great comfort to us all. It is a truly wonderful place and deserves all the help we can give it.

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16 th Sept	"A Tour of Japan and it's Gardens" Jon Webster, Curator of Rosemoor
21 st Oct	Topic to be confirmed Barry Philips
18 th Nov	A.G.M. and cheese and wine
16 th Dec	Christmas Party

Should you be interested in all/any of these subjects, then why not become a member of W&DGC or at least come along as either a member or a visitor on the

third Tuesday in each month and see what we have to offer. 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.

The cost is £10.00 per year (commencing in January) and 20p for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit per meeting. As a visitor you would pay £1.00 per meeting which also includes the cost of a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

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WINKLEIGH SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

As I write this we are coming to the end of the summer season and all the Club teams have done well in the various leagues. There will be more trophies to take to the engravers. Despite the holiday season the regular Monday and Friday roll ups have been well supported and May, June and July saw many players benefitting from coaching sessions by a couple of senior players.

The diary is very full with our fixtures for the main bowling season. The Club is now running 18 teams in five different leagues, giving all players, who want to, ample opportunity to bowl competitively.

The second Winkleigh Pairs Tournament takes place in the middle of September with teams arriving from all over the County for what will be a very good fought series of games.

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I'd been determined to see my Mother on her 60th Birthday, the following day, if my Father's petty cruelties hadn't killed her by now. I'd been out of touch for so long. I'd had no forwarding address when I stormed out of the house and the country, 8 years previously. Somehow I'd never managed to send them one. The scorn that had contributed to the death of my ailing sister had been redirected to me. Yes, Mother had shielded me, often, and to her own hurt, but I always knew it was there. He was the Senior Reader in Greek at University College, London. His scholarship had taken him so far, but he'd never made professor because of his inability to please. At home the venom for the advancement of his hated rival, and his own failure, was spat at us.

My first taxi took me to Broadcasting House. It was Saturday, and I was "In Town Tonight". The paltry fee they gave me was all post-war Britain could afford, but the plug for the film I had just completed would help to fill the cinemas when it was released. We drove past a hoarding with my face on it. "Coming Shortly", I read, in letters 2 feet high. The broadcast was all over in an hour, and I was on the street again. I dined indifferently at a little brasserie just off Oxford Circus, that the programme's producer had directed me to, then took another taxi. Now I must make my way to Chelsea Square, 2 short miles across London, but 8 years back in time. I got the cabby to drop me at the corner of the square.

"Hey, buddy, don't I know you?" He asked me, as I tipped him with one of those flimsy big white notes.

"I don't think so, but thanks for the ride."

I walked down the long side of the square. The iron railings that had surrounded the central garden where I'd played as a boy had all been replaced by ugly chestnut palings.

"Where have the railings gone?" I asked a passerby.

"Cripes. Where've you bin mate? Ain't yer 'eard of the War Effort? All gone ter make planes and bombs ter swipe 'Itler wiv."

"Oh! Of course. I've been away."

"Must've bin on Mars, I reckon." His laughter followed me as we walked away from each other.

Mars, God of War, I thought. That's just where I have not been. What would Father say to my War Effort? There'd be no praise for entertaining the troops, and the wretched civilians in their tatty plush seats, taking them out of their dreary lives for a brief brush with Hollywood Magic.

I stood at the gate with the smog swirling about me. Filthy stuff. I could feel it hitting the back of my throat - the throat that was my meal ticket. I must protect it at all cost. I adjusted my scarf, over my mouth and nose. Los Angeles is famous for smog, but it was never as bad as this.

The wrought iron gate and railings were still there. How had Father wangled that? Every other house on the square had lost its iron, but the L-shaped house on the corner still retained every element of its pre-war dignity. Light streamed from the bedroom window, but it was only 9p.m. was this sign of Mother being an invalid? My head was full of questions, but I could not get my feet to walk those few more steps to the front door. Ivy still trailed from the ornamental vases on the gateposts that I had helped Mother to plant, when we had moved into the new house 10 years ago. The last word in modernity, Chelsea Square had been, when it was built, with its Arts and Crafts style built-in cupboards, up-to-the-minute time-saving kitchens and pretty shutters. Could Mother and Father possibly still be here?

It was the car that decided me. Neither of them could drive. The ultra-modern American car with the Corps Diplomatique plates indicated a new owner for the house I hated so much. I walked back to the King's Rd. to look for a 'Vacancies' sign. Never mind. I had my appointment at Alexandra Palace to look forward to. Entertainment - this was my life. And my public loved me.

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2. Why are 1999 ten pound notes worth more than 1993 ten pound notes?
3. What is so fragile that when you say its name, you break it?
4. What ends in a 'w' but has no end?
5. Cathy has six pairs of black gloves and six pairs of brown gloves in her drawer. In complete darkness, how many gloves must she take from the drawer in order to be sure to get a pair that match? (a left and right glove of the same colour) Think carefully!!
6. The maker doesn't need it, the owner doesn't want it, the user doesn't know he's using it what is it?
7. What is the largest possible number you can write using only 2 numbers - just 2 numbers, no other mathematical symbols?
8. Someone at a party introduces you to your mother's only sister's husband's sister in law. He has no brothers. What do you call this lady?
9. Two planes take off at the same exact moment. They are flying across the Atlantic. One leaves New York and is flying to Paris at 500 miles per hour. The other leaves Paris and is flying to New York at only 450 miles per hour (because of a strong head wind). Which one will be closer to Paris when they meet?
10. What English word can have 4 of its 5 letters removed and still retain its original pronunciation?
11. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
12. A woman goes into a hardware store to buy something for her house. When asked the price, the salesman says, "the price of one £2, the price of forty-four is £2 and the price of one hundred and forty-four is £3".
What does the woman want to buy?

Bowling Green – Sports Centre

The team of volunteers who cut the grass and tried to maintain the area of the old bowling green last season did manage to persuade a few ladies to join in the Sunday “roll up”. As three of these ladies have now joined the Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club we found ourselves short of people to play and therefore we have continued to cut the grass and allowed both the Wednesday and Saturday Youth Groups to use this area; also the Bluecoats. This facility can also be used for any person hiring the Sports Hall for a party etc.

We are now hoping to use this area for other sports and have found somebody who would be able to provide the opportunity of trying archery. If anybody would be interested in this or any other sports that could be played on this are please contact Mike Wilson on 01769 520605.

May I also thank Gordon Rogers for supplying the petrol for the grass cutting machine.

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WINKLEIGH COMMUNITY PLAN - UPDATE

Nearly two years in the preparation, the Winkleigh **Community Plan** is about to be published and distributed. It's a community-led vision of what we want to occur in our parish over the next ten years.

We've listened, reviewed and assessed the views and comments of over 600 residents collected through four Open Day sessions, a parish-wide household questionnaire and numerous 'mini' information sessions. Nearly half the population of the Parish has taken the time to share their thoughts. Thank you to all who participated.

The findings have been organised. Our conclusions and recommendations have been arranged and presented. We've discussed them with residents, Parish Council members, the Community Council of Devon and other interested parties. Now it's time to release the finished plan!

A twelve page **Summary** of the plan will be distributed to all local households with the Autumn edition of *'Distinctly Winkleigh.'* The **Full Plan** will be circulated to key decision makers in local government and industry. Copies will be available on request at the Post Office in Winkleigh, or you can download at: www.winkleighplan.co.uk

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Step Back in Time

The Old Technology & Archaeology Festival at Pattiland Farm has been running for 5 years now. 2014 was an outstanding success, bigger and better than before and 2015 is already shaping up to be even better! With 100% positive feedback, we know the format is one that everyone likes and we hope that, with your support, this event will continue to go from strength to strength.

A BIG Thank you to everybody who supported the festival, either by attending as a visitor, or by being part of the show itself. If you didn't get to this year's festival, you really missed a good one. This event has become a proper family festival, with a really fantastic atmosphere. It was marvellous to see children arrive dressed in their mediaeval gear, ready to take on the might of the Iron-Age, Viking and Mediaeval re-enactors. What a fun way to learn about significant periods in history. The re-enactments arranged for family participation helped to use up some of that endless energy that children seem to have, while at the same time having a lot of fun.

Exhibits included: ACE Archaeology Club, who were giving “have a go” demonstrations of surveying equipment, as well as a display of the current dig being undertaken at Moistown, a mediaeval monument, which is part of the show site at Pattiland Farm. Free Guided Tours were given by Janet Daynes, chairman of the ACE Archaeology Club. We received lots of excellent feedback from the tours and will continue to offer them at the 2015 event – it's much easier to understand the site when you have an expert on hand to tell you about what you are looking at. There will be a public open day, where you can see the actual dig in progress, on September 6th, open from 10am to 4pm.

Kernow Levy were joined by Viking and local Okehampton based Dumnonika (Iron Age) re-enactment groups, which really worked very well. The festival is developing into a “through the ages” type event, which is fascinating and entertaining. The number of re-enactment groups will likely double next year, bringing many new living history exhibits and arena shows to the festival. Thank you so much to Chloe & Spyder, who organised the re-enactment section of the show, and to the re-enactors who all worked very hard on both show days, and in some cases for several months leading up to the event.

As well as historic re-enactment shows, the arena plays host to vehicle displays, which this year included a 100 year old James motor cycle, which for some, was the star of the show. Many vintage and classic vehicle exhibitors took part in the Arena shows, enabling spectators to find out a lot more about the Cars, Tractors, Land-Rovers, Motorcycles and Commercial vehicles that lined up in the area before them. It is interesting to see these vehicles running, driving under their own power, hear the sounds they make and smell the mechanical aromas of the past – so much more than you will get from seeing them on TV!

Our Arena this year was compered by Diana Tigwell, who is famous amongst Land Rover enthusiasts, for doing the major Land Rover shows, including

Billing. Diana was joined by the BBC's Kirk England, both of whom did an excellent job of entertaining the arena spectators with their extensive knowledge of the many and varied exhibits that came into the arena. One of Diana's favourite arena shows is "The Land Rover Story", which, using the exhibits brought to the show, related a brief and highly abridged history of this significant heritage vehicle. From Series Ones to the relatively modern Defender, with interesting specials such as the 101 Forward Control included for completeness, the enthusiasm which people hold for these vehicles really comes across. Include the historic story of the development of this vehicle and even the least petrol headed amongst the audience could find interest in the display.

Most of the show was centred around the arena, with exhibits of Old Technology, including vintage televisions (showing vintage TV programmes), Vintage Wireless, Old Computers, Record Players, Tape Recorders, Gramophones, sewing machines, vintage household appliances, books and more.

A skittles competition was taking place, in the end of the Real Ale Bar, run once again by the Duke of York from Iddesleigh. Thanks to John and his staff for providing us with an essential fixture of any event like this one, with excellent real-ales on tap. Continuing around, through to the Living History area, we find ladies and gentlemen dressed in period costume (circa 1300 in this instance) going about their daily lives, preparing and cooking food and talking to interested spectators about what they were doing. Magnificent mediaeval tents, some of which were open for you to see the furnishings inside, created a view of the past which generated a lot of interest.

As you continued further around the arena, you were gracefully carried from the Mediaeval to the Iron Age, with Dumnonika's fascinating living history encampment. Dumnonika were pleased to interact with visitors and provided things of interest for children, while going about their daily lives, Iron-Age style. Further down, we come to the Vikings, who once again were providing a living history re-enactment display. Behind the Viking encampment, you could not miss the flying arrows of the Archery exhibit. We understand that this group will be at the 2015 event offering "Have a Go Archery" - so if you fancy your hand with a bow and arrow, you can try it here!

It's interesting to see which exhibits capture the hearts of the visitors to our show each year, and this year both the children and adults were drawn to the miniature steam engine, which was in steam, chugging around a railway, built around a Land Rover. I think exhibits like this are marvellous fun for all of us, and we hope Patrick will come back next year and delight his audience once again.

We hope to see you all again next year – which will be bigger and better! Please book in on the website to reserve the best exhibit and trade spots for 2015.

Giles Warham <http://www.old-tech-festival.co.uk>

District Councillor's Report

In June, Devon County Council (DCC) announced that it was going to cut its social care spending by over £10 million, closing 20 care homes and 17 day care centres. More than 750 jobs will be lost and 260 residents will be moved into private care homes over the next 18 months. DCC claims that it pays private care homes up to £426 a week for a care bed, while its own homes cost on average £903 per week. The announcement followed 'consultation' with various organisations and individuals that began in January.

On the surface it might seem that in this 'age of austerity' DCC took the only action possible, and that once again the private sector will save the tax payer money. However, I am not so sure that this is true. At the end of January I attended a 'consultation event' in Ivybridge organised by DCC. Here we were presented with six case studies of DCC care homes. In each case the numbers of residents showed a steady decline, so that the homes were running well below capacity, and every home had a large backlog of essential repairs and maintenance requirements to remain 'fit for purpose'. On the face of the evidence produced, virtually everyone concluded that each of the six homes should be closed and the sites should, if appropriate, be sold off with a wish that the sites should be redeveloped preferably for affordable housing for the elderly.

After attending the Ivybridge event, I – like many others – did a little research. We found that many of the care homes had struggled in the past few years because DCC had not been referring elderly people to their care homes, but instead had already been referring people to private care homes even when they were well away from the person's family and friends. In March, we invited DCC officers and cabinet members to a joint North Devon and Torridge district council's Overview and Scrutiny Meeting at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple. The meeting was packed out with representatives from a number of organisations and a number of carers. DCC decided neither to attend nor to answer any of our questions.

It is now 30 years since wide-scale privatisations began. We were promised a shareholding democracy, more competition, falling costs and better services. However a generation on, from rail to energy, water to public services, the reality is private monopolies, subsidies, under investment and exorbitant prices. Workforces have seen their pay and conditions cut, and consumers and politicians are bamboozled by 'commercial confidentiality' and PR lobbying. No amount of disastrous failures or fraud, it would appear, debars such companies as G4S, Atos, Serco and A4E, from getting lucrative new contracts.

The sell-off of British Rail has been extremely expensive for the taxpayer. Not only have prices for people using rail to get to work, risen substantially above inflation, but today subsidies are nearly three times in real terms, more, than under British Rail.

Not only have electricity prices risen well above inflation since privatisation, but we are still in danger of the lights going out. The electricity companies (most of which are foreign owned) have under invested and demanded vast subsidies for any investment at all in renewables. Here in northern Devon we have seen our landscape

changed by the erection of wind turbines and solar parks. All of these have received vast subsidies from the taxpayer. It wouldn't have been too bad if the wind turbines or solar parks had been well sited. For the past three years I have been a member of Torridge Plans Committee. Where wind turbines and solar parks have been well sited and the landowner has genuinely consulted with communities I have nearly always voted for approval. However, the majority have, in my opinion, been in the wrong place and planned without any consideration for neighbours or communities. Many will also remember the scheme for a vast experimental energy-from-waste proposal on Winkleigh Airfield – WINBEG – that was promoted a decade ago. The government offered three 'businessmen' (Peninsula Power) £11.5 million of DTI money plus substantial funding from the South West RDA if the proposal got planning permission. Thankfully, a considerable number of people from neighbouring communities (and beyond, including abroad) came forward to contribute a considerable amount of time (and sometimes money) to fighting this scheme and the proposal was eventually thrown out.

The water privatisation is also a scandal. Since privatisation virtually all the companies have been bought out by foreign owners. UK water companies are highly profitable and once again, since privatisation, prices have risen well above inflation. The foreign owners, though, have laden their UK subsidiaries with vast amounts of inter-company debt and the interest paid are very close to trading profits, so that little or no corporation tax is paid. It is also infuriating to find out (as I am on Plans Committee) that developers often have to make a contribution to the water companies – instead of for affordable housing – for investment in water and sewerage infrastructure. You cannot make it up!

However, while the governing class in Britain is still keen on promoting privatisations, the tide is turning in other parts of Europe, the United States and Latin America. Many cities have taken water back into social ownership. In Germany, over 100 energy concessions have been returned to public ownership since the 2007/08 crisis. Over the past few years, I believe that more and more people in this country do not trust the privateers and hopefully this message will get through to central government and force a rethink?

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P.S – Winkleigh Fair

I would like to add my congratulations to all the organisations and individuals that contributed to various events, which once again made Winkleigh Fair such a success. In particular, many thanks and appreciation must go to the Fair Committee ably led by Alan Jacobs. It is great that the Fair Committee endeavours to put on events for the whole community.

Friends of Winkleigh School

Well, School's out for another academic year, but fundraising efforts continue for the "Friends" group and supporters. The final week of the School year contained some of the activities that are planned for well in advance and looked forward to by the children, staff, parents/guardians and grandparents. So the group cannot pass up on these events to find fundraising opportunities. School sports day was well-attended and a well-supported draw raised £85. The day itself was great entertainment and made just that much better by the best weather a sports day has seen for some years. This was followed, on the last Friday of the term by the event that is always awaited with great anticipation - the "School's Out Disco"! The weather made a significant contribution to this spectacular event as well, with a warm sunny evening meaning that it all happened outside on the playground. Tim, the group chair, provided and ran the disco which had a bubble machine that caused much amusement for all as bubbles were chased around the area amongst the fine dancing displays that were being exhibited. The success of this event was shown in a profit of £230.

Unfortunately the "Summer Spectacular" event planned for 14th June, which was advertised in the last report, had to be cancelled for technical reasons. Recent efforts have been channelled into organising a "Race Night" which will be hosted by the "Stars" and at the time of writing efforts are still being made to finalise the date for this event, originally planned to be in August. The fact that it is peak holiday time has meant difficulties in volunteer supply to run the night and it may well be carried forward to next year. The next meeting date is also on hold for the same reason.

The last report mentioned that the "easyfundraising" website was nearing the £500 mark. Well that sum has now been passed and funds continue to trickle in, as those in the community who have registered do their on-line shopping. With new parents appearing in the next School year I do hope that those reading this will do their bit for funding efforts by joining in with this simple but valuable initiative. The link can be found on the School website and it is well worth exploring, with offers that can benefit the user as well as adding to the School funds.

Along with concluding this report with the usual thank you to all those who continue to support the group's efforts I am adding a quick mention, from the Chair of governors, that the governing body currently has vacancies for two parent governors. If there are any existing or new parents reading this report who may like to volunteer for what is a very valuable and rewarding position, please come forward.

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

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SINGING SUNBEAMS

Singing Sunbeams will resume on Wednesday 10th September 10.30 in the small room of the Village Hall after the summer break.

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Letter to the Editor

I hope I can take the advantage of your pages to express the thanks of the Winkleigh Fair Committee to all the many sponsors and donors who made Winkleigh Fair 2014 possible, and I have received several compliments that suggest we didn't too badly. There are far too many supporters to mention by name, from companies and individuals writing out handsome cheques to individuals putting money in the collecting boxes. Our thanks to you all; without this support it would be impossible to put on so many events for free, including the Saturday events in the Square.

Please be assured that all the money collected goes towards entertainments for the people of Winkleigh. This year we ended the week with enough in the kitty to run next year's fair and to put something towards other expenses, with the Christmas lights high on the agenda.

With this in mind we hope to see you at the Produce and Dog Show and at one of the film events over the colder months.

Personally, I must add my personal thanks to all the rest of the committee, all of whom contributed much time and effort, some beyond all reason, to make the 2014 event a success. They are Deanne Whittaker, Clare Leahy, Suzy Garland, David Bates, Ian Rule, Kirsty Miller, Sian Thurlow, Peter Howard and that incomparable compère Paul Baker.

Yours sincerely

Alan Jacobs, Chair of the Winkleigh Fair Committee



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1. Choose a guard and ask him: "If I asked the other guard which door leads to freedom, which door would he indicate?" Whichever door the guard points to, take the other door.
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3. Silence
4. A rainbow
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6. A coffin
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8. Mum!
9. They will both be the same distance from Paris when they meet!!
10. Queue
11. Johnny
12. House numbers

And finally

At last - a Summer that lived up to its name! For a change, Winkleigh Fair did not take place under a deluge of rain, but it has certainly come in for a deluge of praise. Our thanks to all who organized and those who helped make this year's Fair a success.

The Old Technology & Archaeology Festival at Pattiland Farm was also well attended, with some of the exhibits (distressingly) within the memory of some of us older visitors! For the younger visitors there were lots of things to do and enjoy.

I certainly enjoyed the music of Chloe Clifford and her Harpies of Havoc!

It has been a bumper year for fruit and veg and the allotment folk have been bringing back much more than they did last year.

We've also noticed it's been a bumper year for growing wind turbines! Let's hope this particular crop doesn't get over-popular next year.

Please note that November 16th is the closing date for articles and/or adverts for the Winter Issue of Distinctly Winkleigh – but you don't have to wait until the last moment! We are quite prepared for whatever you want to send us and whenever it arrives.

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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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