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### **Vote of Thanks**

On behalf of all the readers of Distinctly Winkleigh, we would like to propose a Vote of Thanks to Alan Mulcahy for editing and managing the production of each issue of the magazine over the last eight years. Alan will be a very hard act to follow so we are relieved that he has agreed to be on hand to provide us with any advice we may need for the first few issues.

Although he has now moved away from the area, we would also like to thank Peter Monkcom, for his contributions to the Front Page over the past few years. Looking ahead, we would welcome any seasonal drawings from the artists among you for the front page of each issue, as well as articles, reports and adverts, because it is your input which makes the magazine a valuable asset to the local community.

Please send your contributions to <u>articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk</u>, or any adverts to <u>adverts@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk</u>.

Also if you have any views or comments you would like to share with us our Inbox is always open!

Alice Turner & Godfrey Rhodes.

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### **Parish Church Notes**

### Fr. Peter Norman

Easter is early this year (March 27th) though not as early as it could be. This means that we shall have complaints that Easter Monday will not be good for tourism as it's more likely to be wet and cold. However, there's no certainty that a late Bank Holiday Easter Monday will be any different! There have been suggestions that Easter Sunday should become a fixed date and there are arguments for and against this. Even if Easter is fixed no-one will be able to guarantee that the weather will be bright and sunny.

This weekend of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday is often referred to as the 'Easter Weekend although Easter only starts with the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, and that itself is the climax of Holy Week – which begins on Palm Sunday (March 20th).

Easter is at the heart of Christian faith and Easter Sunday is the most important Sunday of the year. But we prepare for this by celebrating, remembering and reflecting on what happened to Jesus during this most important of weeks.

Palm Sunday will see us processing around the village (weather permitting) carrying Palm Crosse as part of our 9.30 a.m. service – recalling the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when palm branches were, in celebration and welcome, thrown on the road in front of him. The next special service will be on Maundy (Holy) Thursday at 7.30 p.m. when we celebrate the Eucharist which he commanded us to do in remembrance of him at what we call the Last Supper. After that Supper Jesus went into the Garden of Gethsemane in order to pray and here he was arrested, tried and sentenced to death the next day. So on that next day, Good Friday we recall his sacrifice in a service that is more sombre, quiet and reflective and which begins at 10.00 a.m. By the time we get to the evening of Holy Saturday the Church has been transformed ready to celebrate Easter beginning with the Vigil that night at 8.30 p.m. Here we begin in darkness, light the big Easter Candle, renew the promises made at our Baptism, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Then on Easter Day another celebration of the Eucharist takes place at 9.30 a.m.

A busy week! But one in which we are drawn into this remarkable story, not as spectators but participants. It is as though we are actually there and in a sense we are so why not come and join us?

A few days before Easter Winkleigh School will be holding their Easter service (2.00 p.m. Wednesday 23rd March) and on the Tuesday of Easter week (29th March, 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon) the Church will be open and serving coffee and cake for you to view the flowers. These flowers will include lilies given in memory of loved ones – if you would like to give a lily, details of this and the coffee morning can be found elsewhere in Distinctly Winkleigh.

### Think You Could Be A Parish Councillor ...?

Do you often wonder why "they" don't tackle the issues you feel need addressing? Well, now "you" have a chance ...

If you have an interest in working for the community, don't mind reading emails, are able to attend monthly Council meetings, participate in one or two working groups and enjoy investigating things like; grants, parish finance, planning or litter bins, then you could make a valuable contribution to our Winkleigh & Hollocombe communities as a Councillor.

For more information on what is involved please contact Mel Borrett, our Parish Clerk on 01837 89095 or email <a href="winkleighpc1@btconnect.com">winkleighpc1@btconnect.com</a>.

You could also look at the Winkleigh Parish Council website at http://winkleighpc.org.uk

Gail Flockhart - Chair, Winkleigh Parish Council

# Winkleigh Parish Council Notice Of Casual Vacancies

Notice is hereby given that **5 co-option vacancies** have occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill a vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing or email. Any person wishing to apply to become a member must meet at least one of the qualifications set out below in order to be eligible for co-option and must not be disqualified under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- •The applicant must be registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- •The applicant should, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
- •The applicant's principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or
- Have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

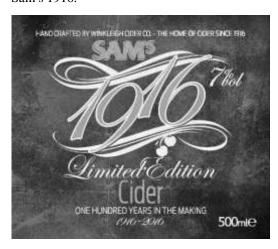
PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2020 but for the interim period the present sitting COUNCILLORS MAY CO-OPT to fill the vacancies.

### **Melanie Borrett**

Winkleigh Parish Clerk, Lower Itton, Spreyton, Devon, EX17 5BB Tel 01837 89095; Email <a href="winkleighpc1@btconnect.com">winkleighpc1@btconnect.com</a>

# Sam's Cider – Our Centenary Year

We, at Sam's Cider (Winkleigh Cider Company) are celebrating our centenary year, including the construction of new buildings and a new bottling line. A limited edition centenary cider has also been released to mark this occasion, Sam's 1916.



Cider has been made on the site since 1916 when Sam Inch started making cider. Sam Inch's reputation as a cider maker grew and the business could have taken off, but aggressive marketing was not Sam Inch's style.

In 1952 Inch's Cider was first sold in bottles and the distinctive image of a tail coated gentleman downing a glass of cider with a barrel in the background became Inch's trademark.

Sam's son Derek later entered into the business and increased the marketing, which in turn increased the sales distributing all over the UK, Europe, United States and the Middle East. Derek continued to build the business and made cider a more up-market drink - and the company became a multi-million pound business.

Bulmer's bought Inch's Cider in 1996 and over the next two years staff numbers dwindled and profits declined. In 1998 Bulmer's announced that it was to close the cider making site and all but four of the 100-year-old oak vats were destroyed. David Bridgman, who was the cider maker for many years decided to take action and in January 1999 the Winkleigh Cider Company was born.

Cider making has gone back to its roots to produce proper ciders and Scrumpies and is now named after its mentor "Sam's Cider." The four remaining 100-year-old oak vats, now take pride of place here at Winkleigh Cider Company, as well as all its history.

David's daughter and son in-law (Kylie and Chris Beardon) have now gone into partnership to take the business to the next level. Chris's Great uncle was in fact the founder of Inch's Cider, Sam Inch himself.

Back to today itself, we have an onsite cider shop selling local gifts and crafts, and of course all of Sam's Cider is on offer. Keep up-to-date with offers and information and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Kylie and Chris Beardon - Winkleigh Cider Company Ltd

# All Saints Church – The Flower Ladies "Easter Lilies" 2016

Each Easter we put lilies in the flower arrangements in the church in memory of loved ones.

Their names are entered into the book of 'Remembrance' that will be on display on the table beside the pedestal.

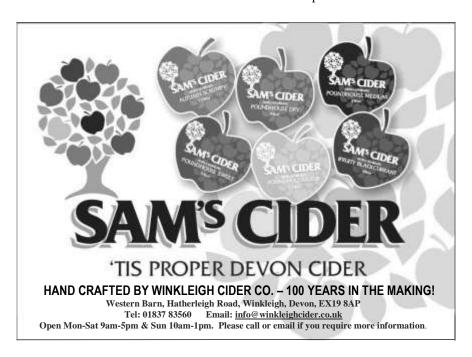
We invite you to "Buy a lily" this year in memory of 'loved ones'. Envelopes for this purpose (with instructions) are placed in the Church, at Changes by kind permission of Valerie Bissett, D & S Supplies by kind permission of Shirley & Steve Leahy, and from any of the ladies. Price of Lilies is £3.00.

The closing date for ordering is Wednesday 9th March.

We also invite you to come along to All Saints Church, Winkleigh during Easter week on **Tuesday 29**<sup>th</sup> **March** @ **10.30am to 12.00pm for "Coffee and Cakes"** with the flower ladies to view the lilies in the displays.

We are always looking for new arrangers to join us – should you be interested please contact

Marcia Butt – 01837 83734 or Linda Millership – 01837 680040



# Winkleigh Society

### Report from the new chair of Winkleigh society

What is it about Winkleigh that sets it apart from other Devon villages?

At our A.G.M. we were entertained by Royston Naylor's [Stone] slide show of;

'Winkleigh through a newcomers eyes'. This evoked stories and anecdotes from the audience that entertained and informed us all. Perhaps this encapsulates what we are all about.

The Winkleigh Society objectives are:

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting Winkleigh.
- To educate the public in the local landscape, history, architecture, traditions and culture of Winkleigh.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Winkleigh.
- To enable Winkleigh people and businesses to benefit from initiatives and activities that can enrich the lives of people in Winkleigh.

Harry Juniper's ceramic plaque at the front of the Village Hall captures key features of Winkleigh:

The Parish Pump. Inch's Cider. Agriculture.
The airfield. The trumpeting angel. Local characters.

The surprising omission here are the two castle mounds. No other village in Devon can boast that. It must have made for turbulent times, during the first English civil war [1139-1154], with one castle declaring for Matilda as Queen and the other for Stephen as King.

We can also boast of inclusion in The Exon Domesday Book; having William the Conqueror create his first hunting Park here [would have caused great hardship for the villagers] and a Fayre since 1262.

Perhaps we should have an emblem/crest/logo to celebrate all this?

Winkleigh Society, at our recent committee meeting voted to host/promote a pop-up museum day in the spring where we display the archive we have and invite people along to bring their photos/memorabilia, stories of past lives, work and farming practises.

We can exchange stories, record conversations, as a spring board for art workshops.

Flagging up Winkleigh's distinctive landscape, industries, historic features and key events could inspire not just a logo but banners or public art. Winkleigh Fair's scarecrow competition cheered us all up. The village is not short of artists, craftsmen [look at The Mad Butcher's thatched roof] or imagination and it might help to reinvigorate our sense of place.

Winkleigh Parish Council voted for The Village Design statement to go forward to Torridge District Council in February. A central plank of that is LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS.

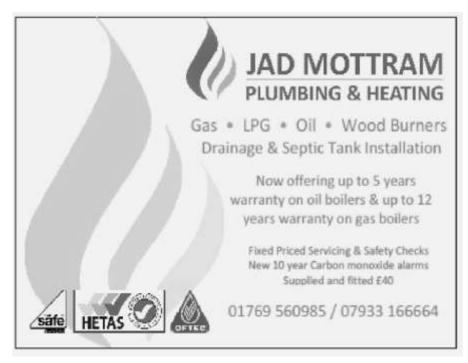
### **Distinctly Winkleigh**

Good luck to Alice and Godfrey in undertaking joint editorship of Distinctly Winkleigh.

Many thanks to Alan Mulcahy for his sterling service in developing and expanding Distinctly Winkleigh, thankfully he is still overseeing the links with our businesses.

Many thanks to them for their invaluable contributions in keeping Winkleigh a thriving, working community.

Penny Griffiths [Chair] & Margaret Miller [Vice-chair].



### 'WINKLEIGH BREAST CANCER NOW' GROUP

Some volunteers in Winkleigh, led by Kate de Louvois, have been registered as a 'Breast Cancer Now' group to officially raise funds in our community.

A programme of events and collections has been devised within the group and also with the generosity of others who have added important ideas and schemes. There will be many opportunities during the year with donations, sponsorship and general involvement in this crucial national awareness-raising initiative.

Early in March, on a date to be finalised, there will be a sponsored 'Breast Cancer Now' Bunting-making event when a group of sewing enthusiasts will be making as many metres of pink bunting as they can in one hour. Refreshments will be served before, during and after the event and we hope many of you will come along to spur us on! All money raised throughout the campaign will go directly to 'Breast Cancer Now', and any donations of pink material, plain or patterned, will be gratefully received. The bunting will then be used to decorate future events.

The group will be further promoting 'Winkleigh Breast Cancer Now' in the Community Centre at the Winkleigh Music Festival planned for 9<sup>th</sup> April when refreshments will be available and questions about the scheme answered. So do

come and join us.

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Events throughout the year will be advertised on local notice boards and printed leaflets, and collection boxes will soon be available at strategic places in the locality. Let us as a community wholeheartedly support this national campaign, working together to ensure that in the future everyone who gets breast cancer will

Kate de Louvois Tel: 01837 83974

live, and your help will get the charity

ever closer to that goal.

Margery Howard Tel: 01837 83362

### Village Hall

AUDIO & VISUAL EQUITPMENT INSTALLATION: You may see work going on in the village hall over the next few weeks, which we hope will not be too disruptive. With a lottery grant GV Multi Media are installing an Audio-Visual capacity which many groups have long wanted. This will include a large automatic drop down screen, with a projector behind on the back wall of the stage, complete with a lectern and amplification equipment. With the Web already installed this will dramatically enhance the hall's suitability for talks, films and musical events.

This is all in addition to our existing facilities which include a stage with curtains and lighting, free Wi-Fi, a sprung dance floor, entertainment and alcohol licences, as well as a kitchen, separate small meeting room and disabled access toilet. We also have a new notice board, kindly donated by Jon and Sue Taylor of Then and Now antiques in Chulmleigh.

### **OUIZ**:

We are holding another of our ever popular quizzes on Saturday March 12th at 7.30pm prompt. Doors open at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 people at £3 per head to include nibbles and lemonade. Hot dogs, wine and cider will be available to purchase separately. To book a team - phone Marcia on 01837 83734 or Alice on 83484.

COMMITTEE: The committee is largely made up of people representing other village organisations. If any group would like to nominate a representative, or any individual would like to join the committee you are very welcome. Come along and help us run this important village asset.

Andrew Ware, Chairman.

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### Winkleigh & District Garden Club

Do you have a garden or an allotment? If so, Winkleigh & District Garden Club have a programme of speakers who will provide answers with respect to many gardening issues and much more. The Club also has a Quiz team who are doing extremely well on the local league. If you would like to join or support the team please contact Jeanne Nightingale <a href="mailto:nandjngale@hotmail.co.uk">nandjngale@hotmail.co.uk</a> or phone 01837-83288

The club meets in the evening of the third Tuesday in the month in Winkleigh Village Hall and normally start at 7.15pm. We have the following meetings: In February we have two talks one on 'Keeping chickens' and the other on 'How to win Gold at Chelsea'

In March it is our Quiz night – please come along and support your local team – thank you

19<sup>th</sup> April Visit to Bow Aquatics – Talk and tea 6pm

17<sup>th</sup> May
Lewis Cottage, Spreyton Ex17 5AA – time to be agreed
21<sup>st</sup> June
High Garden & Nursery, Chiverstone Lane Kenton EX6 6NJ

Chris & Sharon Britton - visit, talk and tea

19<sup>th</sup> July Butterflies & Moths - Jennifer Evans from Butterfly Conservation 20<sup>th</sup> September - Green Houses – in-house expertise

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December – Christmas lunch – date and venue to be agreed

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 £12.00 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.

We hope that we have whetted your appetite and roused your interest in a very active WDGC.

For further information contact our Chairman Mr Ed Porter on 01805 804838 or Beverley Cook, <u>cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk</u>

### **Outdoor Assistant and Gardener**

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# **Local NHS Patient Advice and Complaints Team**

NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS NEW Devon CCG) patient advice and complaints team is a service to provide patients, carers, family members, the public and staff with help, advice and support with concerns or comments relating to NHS services. The team provides free and confidential help to investigate and resolve problems as they happen and aim to do this as quickly as possible. They can also organise in depth investigations of any problems relating to healthcare across a number of different services.

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Or text us at 07789 741099 Or email pals.devon@nhs.net

### THE BIG MUDDY by Pixie Maynard

Last year we saw the introduction of a new walking group in Winkleigh, Muddy Boots, how appropriate that name is. As I write this on 27th January, envying my family who are skiing in the French Alps I look out onto yet another grey day, unseasonably warm and a garden that doesn't know what it is supposed to be doing.

Usually when I "put my garden to bed" in late October before winter sets in, when much has died down making clearing easy, it remains slumbering until the first warm days of the new year herald Spring. Not however this winter, flowers that should long have ceased to bloom sprang into life again, foliage and the grass grew and things that should have snuggled under the ground protected from the frost, pushed up through the sodden earth.

Every living thing be it flora or fauna is confused, walking up to the village early January I saw daffodils in bloom. I saw primroses and violets in flower on the roadside banks, inspecting my shrubs, wisteria, jasmine etc., I see they are sprouting buds.

### NATURAL WINKLEIGH

Winkleigh is a stand-alone village surrounded by agricultural land, mainly pasture but it would once have been a clearing in the woods, Winkleigh Wood is now predominantly fir plantation, a cash crop, however there are still small woodlands and areas of conserved copse that include a range of our native trees providing a habitat for a wide variety of bird and animal life. It is heartening to know that some farmers are planting new woodland, sadly I will not see it to its magnificence, neither perhaps will the farmers who are leaving this legacy but our children and future generations will. Hopefully by then, with the work that is being done on the school curriculum regarding the vital need for forests, which are the lungs and filter system of our evermore polluted planet, they will not do the damage of deforestation that recent generations have. Let us get our youngsters out into the countryside to experience its wonders. As a child, the countryside was my playground, fields of wild flowers, identifying butterflies and moths, at dusk seeing the owls and bats.

Over recent years, many of the barns and old farm buildings have gone or been redeveloped, so we need to encourage farmers to put owl nesting boxes in their new barns. To do this a feasibility study has to be carried out around the proposed area to see if it can sustain a food source, voles, mice, rats etc. Children can help they love to go out with a collecting pot and microscope even to looking at scats (poo), to identify what is possible. The expedition usually starts with a Yuk, Ugh but after a while they are entranced seeking out more and more. Chat with the farmer first though. The Winkleigh Parish Biodiversity Audit of 2009 shows that our area is a rich environment supporting an extensive range of plants and wildlife. It is rewarding and fun to put on those boots and get out into the

countryside. Some farmers offer possibilities to walk their land and the Muddy Boots Walks include some of these areas in their program of walks.

Put a note in your diary to be sure to visit the new wildlife area of planted small trees by the Woodland Trust behind the Sports Centre. These were given to commemorate the First World War which claimed the life of 27 who served in the armed forces. This haven is designed for reflection and the chance to enjoy in summer a beautiful wildflower meadow which will improve year upon year. For more information on this, Muddy Boots and the Biodiversity Group contact Kim Melhuish on kimweb@ssmail.co.uk

### THE FUTURE

Wildlife aside, let us think further about Winkleigh, what can be done so that we play our part in making our village somewhere the next generation will be proud to call home. The Parish Council have been preparing the future plan for Winkleigh, before you all yawn, I urge you to read it. It is no good complaining after changes are made that you don't like if you have not had your say in Winkleigh's future. I know we bang on about it but we need to conserve. Put your views forward; what you consider is needed, what are your priorities, is enough done for each generation? How can we protect and further Winkleigh 's historical and fascinating heritage?

On that note, Distinctly Winkleigh would also like to hear from you, either submit an article or if you don't consider yourself as a writer, we will be happy to meet with you to hear your story. After all it is *your* Distinctly Winkleigh.



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### WINKLEIGH CHURCH WIVES GROUP.

The past few months has been a very period for the Wives Group.

Our Autumn Fair, held in November was most successful.

After we had "balanced" the books we were able to send £600 to two charities. £300 to North Devon Hospice and £300 to Little Bridge House, the Hospice for younger children. We would like to say a big Thank You to everybody who supported us on the day.

The craft afternoon, with Bobbie Farrington was a fun afternoon, the end result was to be a paper Flower which was then attached to a stick to form the stem, not everyone was successful but we all had a lot of fun trying.

We do not have a meeting in Jan. but instead enjoy fellowship and Lunch at Libbarton Golf Course.

We have some interesting speakers to look forward to. In Feb. we have Barry Beckingham coming along to talk to us about the Ambulance Trains from WW1.

Our speaker for March will be Frank Letch, Mayor of Crediton, who will be talking about the charity "Feet First" Mr Letch is without arms and makes full use of his feet in everyday tasks.

We will also be having a "Bring & Buy at this meeting. We welcome any visitors who wish to join us at this meeting.

April sees us learning about the History behind our Nursery Rhyme's. Which should be a very interesting.

And in May we will be learning all about the "Joy of Flowers" The meaning behind that brunch of flowers.

In History, a posy of flowers had a meaning, Love, Get Well, Friendship and many more.

We finish the year with our A.G.M. in June.

We welcome any visitors to our meetings. We meet on the second Monday of the month, at 2.30pm. in the small rear room of the Village Hall.

Janet Magor (sec) 01837 83799.

# **Okehampton Choral Society**

Okehampton Choral Society will present its Spring Concert on Saturday, 12th March, at Fairplace beginning at 7.30 p.m..

The programme will be of music by Mendelssohn and include the well-known setting of "Hear My Prayer". Soloists for the evening will be Emily Owen (Soprano), Louise Mott (Mezzo-Soprano) John Colpoys Wood (Tenor) and Christine Cleverdon (Piano). Organ accompaniments will be by Roger Cleverdon.

Tickets, price £8, will be available from "Beanfeast" in the Victoria Arcade at Okehampton from Monday, 20th February, and early application is recommended to avoid disappointment.

## **Muddy Shoes Walking Group**



Following on from our enjoyable walks last year, we are planning some more over the coming months, once conditions become a bit drier. We now have a contact list of people who are interested in joining in.

Most of our walks will last a couple of hours, and a lot of them will involve some mud! As well as enjoying our beautiful countryside, and each others' company, our aim is to explore footpaths in our local area. If we find

problems, we aim to report them to the Rights of Way Officer.

For further details please ring Penny Griffiths on 83407 or contact Kim J Melhuish via Facebook.

## Sports Centre - Secretary Wanted.

A secretary is required to assist with the day-to-day running of Winkleigh Sports Centre.

If you are interested and can spare an hour or two per week then please contact the chairman, Mike Wilson, on 01769 520605 for a chat.



## The Oak Tree In Southernhay

Despite Winkleigh being in a rural location, surrounded by the countryside, the fields, hedgerows and trees, there are relatively few large trees located within the village itself. That's partly what makes trees such as the Oak on Southernhay so important. Trees provide many benefits to society, especially in the villages and towns where most of us live.



Let us consider our oak a moment. At around 12 metres high with a tree top diameter of the same it will have somewhere around 100,000 leaves in the summer months. These will convert its base of 113 square metres into some 11,000 square metres of leaf area, which is larger than a football pitch.

On a sunny day this tree could convert about 9 kilograms of carbon dioxide meaning around 18,000 cubic metres of air will have passed through the leaves in the canopy; these leaves will have filtered out bacteria, fungal spores, dust and any other harmful substances that may have been present in the air.

At the same time the tree will have drawn up around 200-400 litres of water through its roots, evaporating this through the leaves, humidifying the air as it does so. Through the process of photosynthesis the tree will also produce around 7kg of oxygen, which equals the need of around 5 people.

If this tree were to be cut down, you would need to plant over 1000 new trees each with a tree top of 1 cubic metre to compensate fully for the loss of this tree. The cost to buy trees of that size, to transport, plant and then maintain them for 3 years would be somewhere in the region of £75,000.

Our oak is probably less than a third of the way through its life, and, as it grows the benefits will only increase (for a similar tree in Torbay for every £1 spent in maintenance the tree returned £4 back in benefits to the community, based on just the air pollution filtration alone).

And we've not really had time to mention that research shows trees also increase property prices, provide habitat (up to around 423 species can be supported by an oak); they store carbon, reduce storm-water runoff, provide an effective windbreak capable of reduce heating costs in the winter,

Trees improve our mental health, well-being and general health too. People really do live longer in neighbourhoods with trees, they have less days off sick, less incidences of asthma and less crime is recorded in leafier communities. And so the list goes on and would probably fill a book, which incidentally, would be made by trees.

Oh and it looks nice too...

Kenton Rogers. MICFor., CEnv., MSc For, M.Arbor.A., FRGS

# Winkleigh's First Music Festival Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Winkleigh Fair is branching out in a new direction this year by supporting the first Winkleigh Music Festival on 9<sup>th</sup> April, in both the Castle Street Halls, and in the Square as well as around the village.

Have you ever fancied getting involved in something musical? Well, Saturday 9th April is your chance to get on and do it! Why not attend one of the introductory workshops? It's also a day when local musicians and singers classical, folk and jazz can get together to entertain themselves, each other, and everybody else. Some groups, such as the Winkleigh Singers and Hollocombe Music Club have been going for some years; others such as the Bondleigh Barn Band are much more recent. All performers are giving their time and talent for free to enable you to have a truly musical extravaganza of a day.

So why not come for the day! Food will be provided not only at our regular pubs and cafes but also with a burger barbecue, and cakes / coffee, refreshments etc available at the halls.

### **Afternoon Workshops**

The day will start with our church bells ringing out a peal, before a bell-ringing workshop for those who have always wanted to have a go. During the afternoon there will be a variety of workshops: singing with the Winkleigh Singers, instruments with the Bondleigh Barn Band, Morris dancing a Kids Music and Dance session. Other performers will entertain us in the square.

### Concert or Ceilidh?

The evening divides between concert and ceilidh. The early evening choral concert will be provided by the Winkleigh Singers and Ploughcapella in the Village Hall. Then over the road at the Community Centre will be a series of orchestral groups, including the Bondleigh Barn Band and other groups large and small, ranging from classical to folk to jazz, in an informal café style performance.

Whilst the orchestras strike up in the Community Centre, the Village Hall will be readied for dancing. The Winkeilidh Band, supported by a variety of local folk acts, will do their very best to entertain and keep you on your feet at this traditional ceilidh event.

Tickets are just £5.00 (Children under 5 free) and permit access to all activities on the day, allowing you to move between events and venues as you so wish. Tickets will be available from Winkleigh local business supporters. Look out for posters!

Can we ask people to be careful about parking that day please? With so many performers coming from some distance, and bands marching about, parking is bound to cause a problem.

For further information contact

Peter Howard 83362, <u>peterjhoward27@gmail.com</u> or Paul Cherrett 82980, <u>paul.cherrett@btinternet.com</u>



### Home-made Soup and Sweet Delivery in Winkleigh



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Supporting Rural Independent Living is a new and innovative project, managed by TTVS [the Council for Voluntary Service for the Torridge district] that will help older people living in some of the most rurally isolated areas in Torridge. The project will trial and develop a simple model that recruits and trains local volunteers to provide practical support for older people living in rural areas.

The project has been working in collaboration with

Fiona Marshall, who runs a café and farm shop at Higher Punchardon, Winkleigh, and also supplies the soup. Together we have organised a soup and sweet service to be delivered directly to people's homes. Elsewhere in Torridge, this project is proving to be very successful in alleviating rural isolation, loneliness and depression.



Volunteer drivers have been recruited to deliver the food and volunteers to help produce the food. This service started on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 and also includes a wellbeing check when the food is delivered, especially to those people living in isolated areas. Time of Delivery is noon until 1.00pm and the cost for the meal is £5 per person for the two courses (or £2.50 for one course). Payment is required on delivery. The service operates on the last Tuesday of each month and the next delivery will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

For more details or to make a booking please contact:

Trish on 07811 574765

or Fiona on 01837 83382

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### **Defibrillator**

As most people will know we have a defibrillator by the village notice board outside the Kings Arms. This defibrillator is available for anyone to use and it is not locked, so you just open the cabinet and take it out. It gives you instructions as you go along and it is not possible to shock anyone either by accident or if their condition does not require it.

The ambulance service provides local training each year for anyone to attend, but even if you have not had training, it is still quite straight forwards to use.

If it has been used, please inform Andrew Ware on 01837 83526 and he will arrange for pads etc to be replaced and the machine checked for further use.

# **Bacon Roll Time Again!**

Yes it is that time again when I ask you all to come and have a bacon roll and coffee and a good chat with friends and neighbours.

This will be on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 12.00 at The Old Smithy, Exeter Road.

We will have a bring and buy cake stall but don't worry if you can't bake one just come and buy!



This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> time my fantastic friends have helped me to run this event and each year it has had more relevance to our personal lives. Your support has been amazing and in that time we have raised over £6000 for Cancer Research.

So come along we have a marvellous morning.

Jan Ovenden

## **ACE Archaeology Club**

We had to cancel our December and January ACE Days as they were both walks and the weather was rubbish. We are now hoping for a drier rest of 2016. We have a lot planned so thought we would share a few dates with you. If you are interested in coming along then please let our secretary know. We do charge £5 for ACE days for non- members and if you wanted to dig with us would have to become a member for insurance purposes but as the subscription is only £10 we think it is a bit of a bargain. If you cannot dig then at least put the Open Days into your diary and come and see what we are doing and come along to the Festival and Archaeology and Old Technology in July, Step Back in Time.

<u>Some ACE Days</u> that you might be interested in – booking required.

- March 5<sup>th</sup> Dartmoor Stone Rows walk on Dartmoor looking at some of the stone rows and speculating about their purpose.
- April 2nd Making wicker shields.
- June 4th to be confirmed but might be a day in Cornwall.

### Other dates

- April 30<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Amy Digging at Moistown
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Step Back in Time, a festival of Archaeology, history and old technology at Pattiland Farm near Winkleigh. Come and try digging for your selves or watch others doing it. Lots of other things on as well, check out the website. <a href="http://www.step-back-in-time.co.uk/">http://www.step-back-in-time.co.uk/</a>
- August  $20^{\text{th}} 4^{\text{th}}$  September Our main dig at Moistown.
- August  $27^{\rm th}$  Open Day at Moistown. Anyone welcome and there will be tea and cake. Moistown is the possible site of a mediaeval farm house. The photo shows us at work last year.



For more information on ACE and /or its activities contact:-

ace@acearch.org.uk

Erica Williamson Secretary ACE Archaeology Club

### Ten Acres Vineyard - Toby McKinnel

In some ways, a vineyard in Winkleigh seems as alien as a Polish banana. As an East Devon boy, I know windy wet weather was normally blamed on leaving the gate open at Rackenford, so it seemed it would be a pioneering enterprise. But now the vineyard has been here for eight years, and a lot of you have tasted the results, I can write about the positive side of wine production in Winkleigh.

Perhaps one aspect is that Winkleigh has form. After all Vine Street isn't new build and has all the necessary characteristics – a nice south-facing slope on well-drained soil. If that produced grapes in some long-gone era, then more recently many of you will remember wine from Saul's farm. So it turned out my 'pioneering' road was reasonably well-travelled.

I might even argue that Winkleigh weather has some advantages. For example, there is a bug called phylloxera that destroyed continental wine production in the nineteenth century. If a modern continental vine grower wishes to stop this threat, he must plant vines grafted onto American rootstocks. These have a lifespan of less than half of ungrafted vines and are said to produce an inferior wine. Luckily, because this bug spends its winter underground, it normally drowns in Winkleigh – even in the best-drained soil!

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Also on the positive side of local weather, a grape ripening here can't hurry! In hotter climes, particularly in the New World, a grape tested in the morning can be overripe for a good wine by the evening. There is a desperate panic to pick grapes before the acidity levels drop too low, and the wine loses its crispness. In Australia, this leads to picking all night long. Here at Ten Acres, we can take it easy. Our wines will always have a natural crispness, and this especially suits the production of a good sparkling wine.

This gives me the opportunity to thank those who have helped out with picking our harvests here. We couldn't do it without your help. Over 80% of continental grapes are now machinepicked (and more in the New World). This is a sure way to lose quality. Whilst the human eye and tongue can

distinguish the sour unripe bunches from the good ones, no machine has yet been developed to do this.

On the negative side of Winkleigh is the slug! In no grapevine textbook are they ever mentioned, but as we know, they are not an endangered species here, and the horticulturalist's greatest enemy!

So, will the day ever come when Winkleigh inhabitants will turn their noses up at Australian reds and French champagne? No, there is no need for that! After all, there is no way we could ever produce the quantity required! But it is nice to have an occasional taste of our native wine and even more fun to see the look of surprise on the faces of visitors to the village, when a bottle of Chateau Winkleigh is open for tasting!

## Winkleigh Fair Needs Your Help!

Winkleigh Fair need Volunteers to help organise their fund-raising events such as the Bingo Evening shown on page 30, as well as the Fair itself.

If you are prepared to help in any way, please contact:

Sian on 01837 682820, Deanne on 01837 83431 or Clare on 01837 83299.

### **Singing Sunbeams**

Singing Sunbeams continues to have great fun in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30. It is a delight to see the youngest members of our Community developing and enjoying the instruments and singing. Many have come as new-borns and are now sitting and banging the drums or marching around with The Grand Old Duke of York!

In December we had a party at Stable Green Chapel with lots of singing, games and of course party food.

Singing Sunbeams is for all 0 to 3 year olds just come along on the second Wednesday there is no charge and we are very grateful to Stable Green Chapel who fund this venture for us.

If you need any more info just call Liz 01837 83916 or Jan 01837 83853

## The Winkleigh Singers

It was good to see so many local people supporting our Christmas Concert back in December and to hear them joining in lustily with the carols. In the "Christmas" movements from *Messiah* we were able to enjoy superb solo singing from Winkleigh Singers members Tina Gladwin and John Smith with our resident accompanist Tom Bayliss. Plans are well underway for the 2016 concert on Saturday 17th December that will, as always, include a good selection of traditional carols for the audience to join in.

Looking forward, it's not too late to book tickets for our complete performance of *Messiah* on 12th March starting at 7.00pm. Joining us will be four superb soloists and the region's finest period instrument orchestra, Devon Baroque.

Reviews for our last performance with the same orchestra included "...it was an exceptional pleasure to hear a complete Messiah given by a first rate professional orchestra, a fine team of young soloists and a gifted amateur chamber choir" (Seen and Heard International).

Tickets (£10.00/£12.50/£15.00 with accompanied under 16s at £2.00) are available from choir members, by post from Winkleigh Singers Tickets, 4 Pitt Court, Nymet Rowland, Crediton EX17 6AN, or on line at <a href="http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk/pages/concerts.html#Tickets">http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk/pages/concerts.html#Tickets</a> ...or you could take a risk and buy tickets on the door.

In April, we'll be taking part in the Winkleigh Music Festival. Join us for a singing workshop in the Community Centre at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 9th. You don't need to be an experienced singer, just enjoy using your voice. Our members will support you in all that we do in the afternoon. We'll be looking at some choruses from *Messiah* and, it being the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, there'll be some time spent on Purcell's *Fairy Queen* which was composed for performance alongside *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Later on at 7.00pm we'll be presenting a short programme in the Village Hall.



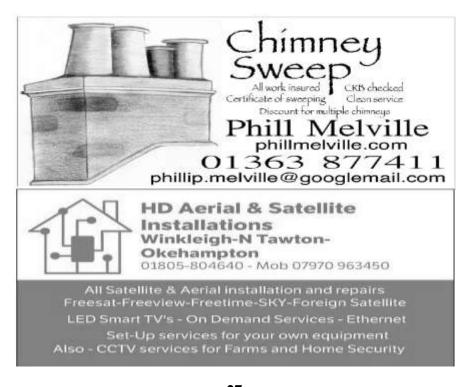
### **Community Centre notes**

For those who have used the Community Centre over the last few weeks, you may have noticed the increasing amount of white filler covering the walls in the Main Hall. This is because, each time we go in, there is more and more minor damage being caused to the sills and walls. Whilst these may be accidental, it causes extra work for the two people who try to keep the place in a reasonable state of repair. In addition one of the ovens has to be replaced. The weather has also found a few new places to try to get in. Every week we find leftover foodstuffs, unwashed cups, wine stains etc. Please be thoughtful and fully tidy up after your usage.

On a positive note, during the recent cold snap, the temperature has been no lower than 12 degrees, last winter it was much colder inside. This is due to the new secondary double glazing, which appears to be very effective.

When the monthly lunches finish, it is planned to make a start on refurbishing the kitchen. This is a major task and will include new units, cookers, flooring etc.

The repair team meet on Monday mornings around 0930 and would welcome any help!



### **News from School**

After the busy Autumn term, ending with Christmas plays and concerts, the Spring term continues in school with each class working hard on their stimulating topics. Learning in the Foundation Unit has been based around Chinese New Year, with children looking at how this is celebrated in China. The role play area became a Chinese café with a decorated New Year tree and children made lucky money envelopes, tasted Chinese food and fruit and learned a New Year song. Pancake Day was also a popular celebration. After half-term the children will be looking at Space.

Circus skills have been a focus in Years 1 and 2 culminating in an exciting Circus Skills day when the children practised their juggling, plate spinning and dancing with acrobatic ribbons. The children displayed their skills in a whole school and parent assembly which was very well received. Next term the classes will be undertaking a 'Springwatch', with lots of growing activities and they will be visiting The Butterfly and Otter Park.

Year 3 children have been studying the Romans and are looking forward to welcoming a Roman visitor who will be helping them to dress up and stage a mock battle! Next term the residential trip to Rock and Rapids is creating excitement with the children having opportunities to participate in low and high rope and climbing activities.

The exciting topic of the Romans has also been studied in Year 4 and is continuing until Easter. Children have been undertaking persuasive writing and looking at various forms of poetry.

Year 5 have been looking at Space which has included some data handling in Maths. After half-term children in Year 5 will begin to look at World War 2.

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Learning in Year 6 during the first half of the Spring term has centred around World War 2, particularly looking at the Blitz and America's involvement in the War. Stories from other cultures have been studied in Literacy with orders of operations and co-ordinates being a focus in Maths. An 'aspirational' visit Plymouth University when the children had to solve a mystery involving a jewel heist was very successful.

The Friends of Winkleigh School have been continuing with the project of paving over the central pond area in order to make it a usable teaching and learning space. Many people contributed to the 'slabathon', sponsoring a paving slab for £5 each and the area has now been cleared, the pond has been filled in and half the paving stones have been laid. The Friends are awaiting some better weather to finish the job and the children and staff are looking forward to using the space soon.

There is an opportunity for a member of the local community to become involved in the smooth running of the school with a governor vacancy. The school are looking for someone with business skills and more information can be gained by contacting the school.



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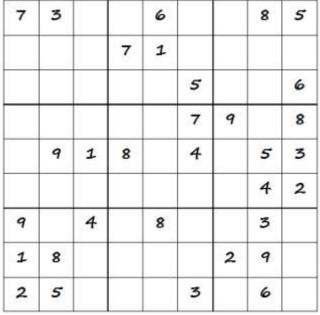
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### **Number Puzzle**



Solution on Page 40

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## Lives in a Landscape - Lisa & Jason

A young married couple in the mid 1990's when there had been no new houses built for years. Several of their contemporaries had gone to Dolton or Bow and Winkleigh was haemorrhaging its young couples. All that was available was far too expensive; old properties in the conservation core needing so much renovation. Lisa recalls they were very excited when construction began at King's Meadow as what they wanted was modern housing. They went to Swan Hill show home only to be informed of their policy not to sell to first-time buyers. With a preponderance of detached and 3 to 4 bedroom houses and bungalows and a head office in the south-east, Swan Hill was targeting another clientele entirely.



Westcot's developed by Millwood from Newton Abbot, however, offered a £1,000 discount to local buyers. The houses were cheaper; a variety of 2 and 3 bedrooms with smaller gardens and off-road, not garage parking. They subsequently bought their home on this Southern site. The house, though, was too small and they had an extension built, by Lisa's Dad. "Of our own doing, I know", says Lisa, but then the garden was even smaller and their neighbours nearer.

Advantages? The two children used the playground there and there were lots of children to play with. However the steepness of the site meant that they used the car a lot to get to the village and Lisa said she was scared of letting her girls cross Exeter Road. Now, after 12 years at the Southern site, they moved to King's Meadow, and are very happy there.

Why? "We walk more", explains Lisa, "I let the girls have more freedom, as we are close to the core of the village". The girls chip in that there are less cars on the estate and that people drive slower here. There are more old people here but they are friendly and appreciate seeing children out playing. It is no longer [a joke amongst locals] 'a highway to heaven.' Lisa is still nervous about her children crossing the main road to the playing fields. The girls suggest that a zebra crossing would be great there and a way for them to walk/cycle through to the main road when the next field is developed.

Lisa and Jason, though clearly preferring their new home, do concede that the dominance of red brick is not in keeping with local design and that Westcott's is better in this respect of predominately light colours and provision of public space. Lisa, born and bred in the village is very happy to have secured an ideal home close to the centre of the village where the family take an active part. The view from their back garden of a steep valley, mature trees and plants lifts the spirits and they paid extra for it. "It connects us to the landscape", says, Lisa.

LISA & JASON - Residents in King's Meadow Estate (Interviewed for Village Design Statement by Penny Griffiths)

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## Winkleigh's Village Design Statement...



Are you interested in what new housing in Winkleigh will look like? How new housing might impact on Winkleigh's character or distinctive qualities? How open or green spaces and play areas are built into new developments? Or, are you thinking of updating your own property or embarking on a new build in the village? Then you will be interested to know the

final draft of Winkleigh's Village Design Statement (VDS) was agreed by the Parish Council when it met on 4th February.



What makes Winkleigh special and distinctive? The Village Design Statement attempts to answer this question. It tries to capture and describe how Winkleigh's built environment has changed over time, so we can learn from the past to inform the future. This

learning process has been summarized in 23 key Design Principles that the community and the Parish Council would like to see used to help shape new development. There is also a checklist for the householder contemplating small changes and extensions, to help assess the impact alterations may have, especially if it is a listed or historic home.

A 'bird's eye' view of the village has been painted in water colours, illustrating the village and ideas in the VDS, bringing our history to life.

Now we have a final draft of the VDS, it is up to the community to use it. The Parish Council have it as a resource to help them respond to planning applications and it is hoped land owners will ensure prospective developers are aware of it, helping Winkleigh get the best design possible, early in the planning process.

The VDS will be made available on the Winkleigh Community Plan web site, but in the meantime if you would like to read a copy please contact Pauline Warner Pauline.warner@aol.com

# **Community Plan – Taking Action**



The Winkleigh Plan Action Group (CPAG) is a small group of local volunteers focused on identifying and implementing actions recommended in the Action Plan section of the **Community Plan**. A summary of the plan was distributed to all local households in the autumn of 2014. You can view and comment on the full plan at our website:

www.winkleighplan.co.uk.

The Action Group meets on a regular basis to discuss local priorities and initiatives. Our current focus is threefold: i) the development and implementation of a Village Design Statement (VDS) with principles to guide future development within the settlement boundary; ii) improvements to traffic flow and parking within the village, and iii) investigating and promoting recycling and environmental initiatives

We provide frequent updates to Parish Council, and to the general community through *Distinctly Winkleigh*. On the previous page you'll find an article outlining the current state of the VDS. This important document was reviewed and accepted 'in principle' by Parish Council on February 4, 2016. We now await feedback from Torridge District Council.

Keep up-to-date with current developments, not only with the community plan but many other local events and activities, by following our **Facebook**© page at www.facebook.com/WinkleighParishPlan. Better still, become involved! Complete the 'Comments' form on our website or contact Collin Gibson 01837-680172.



# WINKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL



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## Winkleigh Beavers Scouts.

Beavers are going strong and we were so lucky that in September we gained two new leaders. Vanessa and Louise are a real asset and have brought so much to the group. We have 21 beavers and now have 4 adult leaders and a young scout leader, so that makes us very lucky as leaders are like gold dust.

Since September we have accomplished so much and have had lots of fun. We started with a Vegetable Olympics evening out on the football field and other topics we have enjoyed were the country code, Diwali, arm pit fudge, zoo archaeology, Burns night [both meat and vegetarian haggis were eaten!] and many more topics. We were so lucky to have been visited by the mobile planetarium and with the beavers taking part in a "space night" they gained their space badge.

Winter means most of the time is spent in the hall and we had hoped to have gone out on our night walk around Winkleigh Woods but of course the weather meant we had to cancel both outings!! Hurry on spring.

Part of being in the scouting movement is to realise how other people especially children do enjoy our life style with this in mind all of our beavers brought in pencils, colouring books etc and we made up two parcels and sent them off to Thailand were my daughter is running a charity that helps children to be able to take part in craft activities.

There are at least 12 refugee camps on the Thai and Burma [Myanmar] borders. Many are stateless and live in very poor conditions and with 600 children to educate; it is an uphill struggle.

We wanted the beavers to see where their charity goes, so we took pictures before the parcels went and my daughter took pictures when they arrived and pictures of the children using the beaver's gifts and we had photos (shown on the next page) of them saying thank you.

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One of our beavers said "Everybody should have the chance to be creative" I need to say no more.

I would like to thank all the people who work behind the scenes especially our executive committee and our fund raising committee without them we would not be able to run. Also I would like to thank all the speakers who come and share their interests with us and all the organisations that give us grants and help us raise money. It is our community which we "scouters" are very grateful to. THANK YOU.

If you would like your child to join us or have any questions then ring Pat on 01837 83487.

### STABLE GREEN METHODIST CHAPEL

Christmas may seem a distant memory to us all but at Stable Green we would like to thank you for your support of Carols in the Barn. A super evening enjoyed by all lots of singing, lots of eating, lots of children and families having fun. The Nativity story told to all just what Christmas is all about. Thank you for your generosity as over £420 was collected for Children's Hospice South West.

We will be pleased to welcome the Salvation Army group "Response" to the Chapel on Friday 22nd April at 7.30 followed by a supper. All donations on the evening for Chapel funds. All are welcome.

We meet at 5.00 each Sunday for family worship would be lovely to see you.

# **Spring Word Search**

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The solution can be found on page 40.



### **Lives In A Landscape – Shirley Cowling**

Shirley Cowling has written and illustrated a children's book entitled: "GROWING UP IN DANGER". Shirley's illustrated tale for 4-7 year olds tells the story of Harriet Hare whose life's work is keeping her baby leverets alive. "Life is DANGEROUS. Fox wants to eat my babies".

Running Herdwick, a dairy farm near Winkleigh with her husband Derrick for many years, Shirley is steeped in country lore and her love of Devon's landscape. A writer for many years and a frequent contributor to "Distinctly Winkleigh"



this is Shirley's first foray into illustration. Encouraged by her art teacher at Petroc, Shirley developed her work in story-book form. Her initial inspiration came from a photograph of a young hare, taken by her granddaughter Katie on the farm. Published by Lazarus Press, Shirley had her book launch at The Lymington Arms in October where it sold well. It has also been sold at the Wednesday market. It retails at £7.99.

"Pride comes before a fall" says Shirley, ruefully; because shortly after the launch

she fell and broke her hip. Convalescing at home and impatient to get back to college, Shirley is very grateful to her family and village friends who have rallied around bringing provisions and providing lifts to important social gatherings e.g. The Parish Lunch. Meanwhile Shirley draws and paints at home and has relaunched her long-established writing group.

Penny Griffiths

### **Solutions**

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### And finally . . . . .

Well we did it! Our first Edition of Distinctly Winkleigh has now hit the streets and has, we hope, maintained the standard set by Alan Mulcahy.

As you can see our front cover is adorned by a March Hare, as is only fitting for the Spring edition, kindly submitted by Lynn Giles. Many thanks Lynn!

Now that Christmas and New Year celebrations are but distant memories we can look forward to spring and with a bit of luck less rain and more sunshine. Our gardens have certainly been confused with early flowering of spring flowers.

The deadline the next edition is **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** but please feel free to send in your articles earlier – it does help with planning article placement!

We are hoping to include a "What's On diary" for events in and around Winkleigh in future editions, so if you have anything you would like to include but don't want to submit an article then please give us the basic information (What, Where, When & a contact number for anyone wanted more details) and we will try to include it in the diary.

Please note that the Summer Edition will not be delivered until the end of May/early June so please take this into consideration when submitting articles or events.

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