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## **Winkleigh Parish Council. Public Meeting to consider the future of the Cemetery Bungalow.**

WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2016, 7.30PM WINKLEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Winkleigh Parish Council (WPC), in light of public opinion, have called a public meeting to enable the Community of Winkleigh to comment on the future of their Asset, namely the Cemetery Bungalow, which is owned by the Parish of Winkleigh and currently let to a local family.

As a tax payer and resident of Winkleigh, the future of the Cemetery Bungalow may affect you and the Parish of Winkleigh, either directly or indirectly.

The full business plan including 'possible options' for the Cemetery Bungalow is available to view on the Parish website or a copy can be emailed to you by request to the Parish Clerk.

If you are unable to attend the public meeting, and wish your comments to be known, please put them in writing or email to the Parish Clerk, to include your name and address, no later than 11th October 2016.

WPC will consider all comments and decide on the future of the Cemetery Bungalow at a future Parish Council meeting after the public meeting has been held.

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## Parish Church Notes

‘Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’, so wrote John Keats in his poem ‘Autumn’, the only words I can actually remember of it from all those years ago when we studied his poems for what were then ‘O’ levels, now called GCSEs.

I’m reminded of this ‘mellow fruitfulness’ when I see the Church decorated for Harvest festival which this year will be kept on Sunday October 2nd. All this ‘fruitfulness’ is a result of the hard work of those who produce our food in all sorts of weathers in an unpredictable climate both meteorologically and economically. Harvest gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude towards farmers, growers and producers.

But the Autumn of John Keats is much to do with the natural world and its progress, the producing of a harvest that is not to do with human effort but it seems just happens in the hedgerows, trees and fields. Although he may not have mentioned God in all this, it is we believe God who is behind this progression of the seasons, whose generosity it is gives us the seeds and plants that we need in order to feed ourselves; gives us the knowledge to grow and harvest the food; and the will, should we let him, to share this ‘fruitfulness’ fairly and justly with the rest of the world.

Harvest therefore give us the opportunity to thank God as well as farmers. It’s all too easy to take for granted the food that is put in front of us.

So why not join us in this great act of thanksgiving that we call Harvest Festival? Our service on October 2nd will be at 11.00 a.m. in Church and this will be followed by lunch in the Village Hall (for which you will need a ticket). Winkleigh School will be having their harvest celebration in Church on Friday 30th September at 2.00 p.m. to which all are welcome.

Before all of that our assistant curate, Clive Jobbins, will be ordained priest in South Molton Church on Saturday 24th September at 1.00 p.m. He will celebrate the Eucharist for the first time in Winkleigh on Monday 26th September at 7.30 p.m. to which all are welcome.

**Fr. Peter Norman**

## 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 [winkleighpc1@btconnect.com](mailto:winkleighpc1@btconnect.com).

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 **3 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**

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## Winkleigh Parish Council Grants and Donations Process 2016-17


Winkleigh Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each year to donate to good causes in the parish as either a grant or a donation. The sum allocated by the Parish is part of the annual precept the Parish Council collects from the electorate and is available for distribution from 1 April each year.

The Parish Council is governed by rules set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (section 137) which states the money must be spent on purposes for the direct benefit of the parish and be commensurate with the expenditure incurred, for example, spending a large amount for the benefit of only one or two people is not acceptable.

Grant application packs can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, closing date for all applications is 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

All successful applicants will be notified in November 2016 with payment being made from April 2017.

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## **WINKLEIGH SOCIETY UPDATE.**

Our flag ship event on Saturday 17th September will be our POP-UP-MUSEUM.

This is all about getting back to our original purpose of observing, understanding and promoting local History, architecture, traditions and culture of the village. Starting at 10:30am with the pealing of the Church Bells: it will be a mix of displays and events throughout the day.

Agricultural equipment in the playground, a dairy corner attended by milkmaids,

A Victorian photographer in a recreated classroom ready to stage a school portrait of past and future pupils and guided walks led by Andrew Ware.

Winkleigh Pine is loaning us their STORY-TELLERS CHAIR where locals will be invited to recount their stories.

Displays about: The Airfield, Sam's Cider, Winkleigh Fair, Ace Archaeology, All Saints Church, Winkleigh's emblems, Football Club, Hollocombe, Winkleigh at War, The Wells of Winkleigh. The Building History of Winkleigh

A rolling viewing of the 900+ images of the village in the archive and old documents and artefacts on display.

For Children; A sketching workshop for 7 - 11 year olds, starting with a walk through the village (must be accompanied by an adult) and then back to the Centre to recreate the story of a London evacuee who had the time of his life here 11:00 to 12.30.

LOOKING AT THE VILLAGE THROUGH ART: 2pm to 3:30pm.  
Workshop run by art club.

If you have any items/memorabilia you wish to include in the pop-up, please ring any committee member to book a display table.

You are welcome to bring in items on the day, but please label them and stay with them to exchange your stories.

Present day Winkleigh authors will be selling and signing their books and copies of 'It's Living History, isn't it?' will be on display.

We will draw up a more detailed programme nearer the date; meanwhile look out your Victorian/Georgian clobber and let's enjoy bringing the past to life.

**Penny Griffiths [chair of Winkleigh Society].**

## Open rehearsal with the Winkleigh Singers.

Monday 5th September 2016,

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm with a break for refreshments.

Umberleigh Christian Fellowship Building  
(on A377 opposite The Rising Sun pub)

ALL WELCOME!

This is a free event and will count towards the three week trial period for any attendee who may subsequently wish to join the choir.

We will be looking at new music in preparation for our Christmas Concert, including Gerald Finzi's *In terra pax*.

If you wish to attend, please send an e-mail to [info@winkleighsingers.org.uk](mailto:info@winkleighsingers.org.uk) or phone 01363 83515 or 01363 884446 so that we have an idea of how many chairs to put out!



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## “Cyril’s Field”

While we, a group of residents in the road, accept that the field at Cross Park is in some ways an obvious place for housing development, we feel that what is proposed is far from ideal, with too many house being packed in, and that it would create even more traffic problems in the road. There are enough of these already!

Our proposal is for something very different, which could be beneficial to the whole village in many ways. We did make an offer (£150,000) to the owner of the field to buy it, but the price that we could afford was not acceptable.

We intended to meet several interests with a very modest development: the main ones were to build a small single-storey building, that would offer probably three apartments, designed to the requirements of less mobile elderly or disabled people whose current homes are becoming less easy. The term "later-life" is often used for such homes, in which people can live comfortably without the need for assistance. We would have looked to provide some parking for residents of Eggesford Road, to ease the traffic problems, and the third main element was to preserve a goodly amount of the field as open space for all the village by turning it into a community orchard.

We feel that this would nicely complement the planned development of houses on the northern edge of the village, which the Parish Council has accepted would fully meet Winkleigh's share of the government's house-building demands set for Torridge. People need homes - yes: but too many homes where there are few opportunities for work is not in the best interests of anyone.

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## Hollocombe Music Club.

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If you've not been to any of our events, visit our website to see and hear what you've missed:

<http://hollocombemusicclub.org.uk>

Coming up this autumn we have:

The Boys from Melbourne Street (September 9th)  
with support from Euan Kay

Mitchell and Vincent (October 14th)  
with support from Chris Jewell

Louise Parker (November 11th)  
with support from Anne Stokes and James Goodwin

These three events will be held in the Community Centre in Castle Street, Winkleigh and start at 7:30pm. There's no bar so bring your own drinks. We ask a donation of at least £6 per head to cover the cost of hiring the artistes and also the venue.

Add yourself to our email list (via the website) to be kept informed of new events or changes to existing ones.

Thanks for listening.

**Trevor Melhuish**  
**Hollocombe Music Club**

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## **A crow called Elma.**

About 8 weeks ago I went downstairs in the morning to take out the rubbish and to my surprise found a back dishevelled crow digging through the rubbish, on closer inspection with her beak wide open I realised she was a baby fledgling, that had crash landed in our yard!

We got to find out that she had initially been brought up by Anna, who works at our friendly local shop, but now had decided to adopt us.

Although big and black with a tendency to try and land on the head or shoulders of unsuspecting passers by, she is a very friendly and affectionate bird that intends no malice, she loves people and only wants to say "hello", so fear not, it's just Elma.

We took her to the vets who gave her a once over and a good bill of health and we took advice from a wild bird expert, who explained that due to her close contact with humans, she had imprinted and considered us her family so much it was impossible to release her back into the wild as she would not be able to fend for herself and would be in danger.

Their life span can be up to 20 years, anybody want shares?

We exercise "fly her" with no harness nor lead every day around Exeter Road in the mornings and late afternoon when there is less people and distractions around. So if you are strolling down Exeter Road or frequent the garage don't be alarmed if our friendly crow comes and says hello. Sometimes she does venture a little further and has a tendency to land on roofs of cars. She is very curious and playful and always comes back of her own free will, knowing where there is a good meal awaiting as a reward.

So now we have a pet crow!

If you do happen to come across her, please, be kind to her. She is definitely not one of Alfred Hitchcocks cast from "The Birds".

If she ever gets lost or is a bother to you, you can always call Barry or Liz on 07518091002. Elma lives at The Elms House on Exeter Road in Winkleigh.

Thank you.

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## Beavers



We are on holiday!! So this item will be short . We have had a good term including a sleepover with the cubs, I think I got an hour of sleep!!!! We held it in the Sports hall because we could have put the tents up outside but of course it rained, surprise, so we slept inside much to the disappointment of the children but trying to dry 12 tents was beyond our capability.

The sad note is that 4 beavers are going up to cubs, all four will be missed but we know that they are ready for more exciting activities.

I was very proud of three beavers who gave up their Sunday afternoon to remember the fallen at the battle of the Somme by laying beautiful flowers on the war graves. Scouting should be part of this village and because we have about 90% of our group living in Winkleigh we are changing our name from "1st Dolton Scout Group" to "1st Dolton and Winkleigh Scout Group". So please support us and here is a old request, surely in a village of our size there must be people who have hobbies and interests that they can share with us. Winkleigh beavers have not got the resources that Bideford/Barnstable beaver groups have, except the people that live in this village, please come forward, either by visiting us or helping us. You can get in touch with me by ringing 01837 83487.

Also in September we will have spaces so if your child would like to join us then please ring the above number.

I will finish by some of the beavers saying why they enjoy beavers.

Fraser says he liked Beavers because it was fun and he did adventure stuff like putting up the tents.

Oscar says I like having fun, enjoying it... I like going on trips, really liked having dinner at the pavilion in Okehampton

Heather says it's always fun, really enjoyed acting and learning about the castle mound, enjoyed the sleepover

Ethan says he enjoys learning new, interesting alternative things about the world.

Now all beaver leaders are having a break but like all good leaders we will be thinking about what the beavers can take part in, that is interesting, exiting but that is not part of the school year. Have a great summer!



**Pat,[Ahmeek] 1st Dolton and Winkleigh beaver leader.**

## **How to find out Grandad's 'Dash'**

We are a friendly family history group. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for a couple of hours in the morning. We are happy to help anyone who comes along to discover their ancestors, and we also talk about relevant histories which interest us.

Do you need some help or would you like to share your knowledge and experience?

A few of the topics covered and discussed recently are

- Getting Started
- Census Returns
- WW1 and Military Matters (Dave told us of his g-grandfather in the marines and his involvement in the Crimea and Baltic campaigns)
- Local History
- Using free resources on-line. (If you do not have a computer, we can help with searching)

What about your life history? Your grandchildren would like to know what you got up to!

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## **Barnstaple man cycling across America for the See Hear Centre.**

Mark Saunders, 54, has arrived in the USA ready to start his challenge, from 24th June, of cycling from Barnstable, Massachusetts (the twin town of Barnstaple, North Devon) on the East Coast to Santa Cruz, California on the West Coast of America. Mark is undertaking this challenge to raise vital funds for the See Hear Centre, Barnstaple – run by disability charity Living Options Devon – which provides a vital equipment and support service for people who have hearing and/or sight loss, enabling them to continue to live independent lives.

Mark, who has recently given up work as a Chartered Certified Accountant in order to undertake this challenge, will be raising awareness of the impact of sensory loss and raising vital funds for the See Hear Centre's support services. The journey will take Mark through the historic eastern states to Niagara falls, around and across the Great Lakes, the flat and expansive lands of North Dakota, over the Rocky Mountains and into Yellowstone National Park and finally down the Pacific Coast.

Mark said: "I have had a serious hearing loss since I was 5 years old due to measles and an important part of this challenge is to raise much needed funds to help the See Hear Centre in Barnstaple - a valuable resource for anyone with hearing or sight loss and one which has supported me for a number of years."

Anne Clayton, See Hear Centre Manager said: "The See Hear Centre relies entirely on donations and grants. Holding an event like this is a fantastic way to raise vital funds to support our work.

"Sight and hearing loss are hidden disabilities and are often ignored or their impact underestimated. They lead to isolation, depression, loss of confidence and self-esteem. Our service aims to counteract the effects of sensory loss and bring people back into contact with others through advice, peer support and specialist equipment training. We provide support to over 1,000 people each year. With no other equivalent service within 50 miles it is vital that we raise money to keep our Centre open.

"We are incredibly grateful to Mark for his support. We are planning to have a map on display at the Centre to keep track of Mark's progress this summer. I hope the event will be a huge success and will encourage others to hold their own events."

You can follow Mark's journey on his blog: <https://wheresmarkblog.wordpress.com>  
If you would like to support Mark you can donate online via: [mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marksaunders](https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/marksaunders)

For information or to find out more about the See Hear Centre services:

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## WINKLEIGH FAIR 2016

Saturday 9th July saw the first event of Winkleigh Fair 2016. The Family Fun Clay Shoot welcomed new faces not only to shooting, but to the village. We saw young and old have a go, some with more success than others!! Mark Bridgman won with a clear round. After packing up, we headed to the Village Hall for the quiz for which we had been completely overwhelmed with people wanting to join in. We had 26 teams which we managed to squeeze in and it created a fantastic atmosphere. It was likened by a couple from Fremington to a community feeling from the 1960s, for which we took as a compliment.

Sunday unfortunately brought the rain for our official Fair Opening. Luckily our new gazebos are very quick and easy to put up! The children made a great job of decorating the well with beautiful flowers and then we had the traditional parade to the church led by the Tarka Pipe Band, followed by the church service. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Battle of the Somme we asked the local Scouting Group to lay flowers on the Commonwealth War Graves on our behalf. We then had the traditional blessing of the well and Jan and Sue kindly opened the fair for us and then crowned our King and Queen, Joseph Whittick and Anna Crome.

Some then enjoyed the cream teas and some headed straight for the Car Treasure Hunt. We had more than 20 cars take part and brave the weather, with John Short and team winning the final prize. Monkokehampton was the half way point and where everyone was to collect the 2nd part of the treasure hunt. Myself and Clare were there to make sure no one had gotten lost and to supply much needed refreshments. The competitiveness made us chuckle and the enthusiasm and perseverance made us proud.

Tuesday saw some of the dogs from the village meet at the Community Centre to compete for some lovely prizes and rosettes. They were all very well behaved, even while the owners were munching on bacon rolls!

The Vintage Vehicle and Classic Car Gathering was again a huge success. Helped by the weather we had over 50 vehicles on display in the square. Since this event was started in 2013 it has gone from strength to strength with so many people turning out and helping to create that lovely community feeling. I am sure it will return year after year.

Thursday was Family Bingo night at the Community Centre which was a very busy night! With meat and fruit hampers alongside chocolates for prizes, we had lots of very happy winners. Again an event for all ages, it was great to see so many families come out and enjoy the evening.

The Whist Drive on the Friday was kindly organised and run by several volunteers which enabled most of us to start moving chairs and loading vans and cars ready for the big day on Saturday.

Fair Saturday brought lots of smiles, fun and laughter. We had Coz the Clown, circus workshops, arts and crafts, bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos, slime making, tug of war, games, acrobats, fire shows, music, great food.... Do I need to



go on?! Due to fundraising throughout the year and sponsorship, we were fortunate to be able to provide most of this free of charge.

The fantastic Stillyano then played out the night, with the committee right at the front shouting and rocking with the best of them. What a night!!

We often get asked how much it costs to put on Fair Week. Sadly due to the ill health of Peter Howard we were without an official treasurer for Fair Week so all figures are approximate. The entertainment for Fair Saturday cost approx. £2000. The rest of the week cost approx. £2200 which included programme printing, insurances, food, drink, prizes etc. We were blown away by the support that we received at all the events so every event made profit and Fair Week itself actually made in the region of £1000!!!

When we took over in October 2013 there was approx. £3000 in the bank account and when we hand it over to the next committee there will be approx. £6000.

As most of you know 2016 was the last fair for the present committee and on behalf of all of us I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for supporting us over the last 3 years. Whether you helped at an event, came to an event, sponsored us, donated a prize etc etc, then THANK YOU.

Seeing all the smiles and laughter of Fair Week is what it's all about.

I am personally very proud of what we have achieved, of the events we have put on, the money raised, the items purchased for future committees to use but most of all, of the community spirit we have helped continue in the village. We have worked hard, but the fun we have had along the way has made it all worthwhile.

I moved to the village 10 years ago and being part of the committee made me really feel part of the community and realize what an amazing place Winkleigh is.

There has been interest from certain people on standing for the committee next year, so we really hope that enough people will stand to make sure that the amazing tradition of Winkleigh Fair will continue.

We hope to see you at the AGM, October 4th 7.30pm at the Community Centre

**Sian Thurlow**

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## Open Studio in Bondleigh.

Established Devon artist, Celia Olsson, will be bringing the high seas to her studio for both Devon Open Studios and North Devon Art Trek between 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September.

This year she will be working on paintings inspired by memories of recent sea journeys – a voyage across the Atlantic last November and more recently a trip around the Baltic as an art instructor aboard the cruise liner mv Marco Polo. On both voyages Celia made sketches of the places visited and has plans to create paintings based on these. In some she will include bits and pieces such as tickets, receipts and tourist information as a collage base. Not all the works will be for framing and hanging on walls, some will be in the form of art books in different sizes and styles.

Celia paints in a loose style mainly using watercolour because of the wonderful choice of vibrant colours, but also likes to experiment with acrylic inks and various texture media. She says watercolour is such an exciting media because you never know how it will turn out.

She also runs watercolour classes locally, and is invited to demonstrate and run workshops for art groups all over the South West. At all these events she likes to encourage people to have a go without fear of failure.



This year she is running some watercolour clinics on the Saturday afternoons of 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm. If you are struggling with watercolour and would like some advice, book a slot and take your problem paintings along.

Celia is studio looking forward to welcoming visitors to her studio in the garden on 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am to 6pm.

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## WINKLEIGH CHURCH WIVES GROUP

The Wives Group ended the years programmes with our annual A.G.M. held in June.

We can say that overall the Group has enjoyed a very varied year of meetings and outings.

Among our speakers during the year we enjoyed a Craft afternoon, with Bobbie Farrington. Frank Letch, the Mayor of Crediton talking about his Charitiy “ Feet First “ Frank was born with a only a stump for his left arm and no right arm, but he soon learned to adapt, using his feet to do the work of his hands and arms.

We have also enjoyed a social afternoon. We have learnt about the history behind our Nursery Rhymes, and the meaning of the various plants and flowers in a posy of flowers. We also enjoy an annual coach outing and a Sunday Lunch at the Libbbaton Golf Club.

We have an interesting year to look forward to, with varied speakers. Our Autumn Fair is on Saturday Nov. 19th 2016. This year we hope to make a donation to Devon Freewheelers, these are the Motorcyclist who delivery Blood to Hospital’s in the Devon area.

We begin our year in Sept. with a short service in church. We then continue back in the village hall, where we will discuss the programme for the coming year, and also make arrangements for our forthcoming Autumn Fair.

We welcome visitors to any of our meetings, which are held on the second Monday of the month at 2.30pm in the Small Rear room of the Village Hall.

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## Lives in a Landscape - Shirley and Stephen Leahy

### TRUE GRIT.

Dragons' Den would have turned down flat Shirley and Stephen Leahy; had they approached them with their business plan in 1981.

No capital, no premises, just Stephen's ambition to run a shop and Shirley's experience of Party Plan. But grit, determination, optimism and local knowledge launched them at the old Sawmills site (now Surf Bay). Alan Harris let them an old shed, rent free for 6 months. It only had three sides so they set about rebuilding it and endured their first freezing winter before they could afford to insulate the roof. In partnership at first with Elaine and Shirley's brother, Derek, (that was the D of the D & S). Shirley and Steven kept up their jobs, Shirley as Winkleigh School's caretaker and Stephen at Vital Dog.

Picking up rusty nails was a perennial chore as was repairing the road. Customers needed encouragement, not punctures.

But their isolated position left them prey to burglaries and ram-raiding. They endured 31 break-ins: the worst in 1989 when they lost £10,000 of stock.

When asked why they didn't throw in the towel Shirley said: "we are pig-headed - it increased our determination".

Cameras, steel roller shutters, sleeping there at night and finally they installed ww11 air raid sirens, "That worked" they laughed, neighbours rang us complaining about the noise and we got there fast. It was a turning point.



In 1994, the new D & S Supplies building was erected on the other side of The Airfield. Shirley's brother and wife decided not to stay with business so Steve and Shirley went it alone.

It was a huge leap of faith as they both still had their day jobs. It was easier when they got planning permission to build a bungalow, (although that's a contradiction in terms) when they moved

out of Southernhay and into their new home which they designed and helped build themselves.

Stephen gave up the day job and, eventually, so did Shirley as the business grew.

Originally 4,000 sq. ft., they doubled its size in 2003, which obviously doubled the workload. Impossible without a great and loyal long-serving staff, they are at pains to stress.

Often their three daughters, Tracy, Kay and Gemma were pressed into service.

Meanwhile Shirley studied for an Open University Degree in psychology (graduating in 2004) and Steven served a stint as Chair of Winkleigh Parish Council and The Winkleigh Book Committee.

A huge part of D & S Supplies popularity is that it is a village hub/chin-wag shop and museum. Testimony to Stephen's regard for his village roots is the extensive archive he has collected about Winkleigh Airfield.

He will have this on display at The Pop-up Museum on September 17th.

Not ones to be idle, now they have leased the business out to locals Paul and Emma Caron; Steve and Shirley, as well as being active grandparents, are naturally ..... looking for the next challenge.

*Interviewed for "lives in a Landscape" August 2016.*



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Dear Uncle Jo,

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From Soren



## SPORTS CENTRE

A Warm Winkleigh Welcome for New Sports Centre Staff.

Two new staff have joined the team to help run our Sports Centre. New Winkleigh resident, Tom Radcliffe has taken on the role of secretary and Roy Bannister, also from the village, has been appointed as treasurer with immediate effect.

Bringing us into the 21st century, broadband is in the process of being installed at the Centre and for the first time, we will offer simple tutorials on how to use the internet to find out useful information and how to set up and use email. Anyone interested in finding out more, call Tom on 07811 772730.

Plans are still in progress to install an all-weather sports area in place of the bowling green. Planning permission has been applied for and meetings have been attended with Torridge District Council to proceed with a grant application.

### Snooker Club

The Club continues to go from strength to strength, new members are always welcome. We have formed a team to go into the Okehampton League. If anyone is interested in joining the team please contact James Anstey on 07415 228543.

### Junior Snooker

This is still running on Tuesday nights thanks to Tony Tanner. If anyone is interested pop up and see Tony between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

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## **Winkleigh Church Fundraising Group Report**

The Church fete on 9 July was a great success and supported by many folk in the Community. The PCC was delighted with the generosity of local businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the Duck Dinner Draw which led to a complete sell-out of the tickets. Obviously a word of thanks must go to members of the church who so diligently sold the tickets and all those who initiated and manned a stall or provided the scrumptious teas.

Thank you also to everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning to raise funds for the essential replacement of the bell-ropes, and a special thanks to the bell-ringers who gave up their time to give us a 'peal for the appeal' during the event. More coffee mornings have been arranged including one at 10.30am on 25 Nov when funds raised will go to the 'Crisis at Christmas' charity which many people would wish to support. Other dates will be advertised later.

On the 3 Sep starting at 6pm we are holding a **barbecue** near the West Gate of the Church and hope to see some of you there....you will be guided by the aroma!

The following weekend, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September there is an **Art Exhibition** in the Church at which anyone from Winkleigh and surrounding area is invited to exhibit art work, including photography and sculpture as well as painting. Application forms with details of how to submit your work are available from the back of the Church or from the Churchwardens, Sylvia and Margery. Everyone is invited to the opening during the evening of Saturday 10 Sep when there will be refreshments and a catalogue of the exhibits with prices where appropriate. We know there are many talented artists in this area and anticipate a good response, including work by children in the area, so please get your work ready!

### **We value your support**

## **Goodbye Baloo!**

For the past five years, Pat Cunington has turned up every Thursday as assistant leader to help run the 1st Dolton Cub Scouts.

Unfortunately for us, Pat is giving up her role with the cubs. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for all the time she has spent volunteering; not only on a Thursday but at meetings, weekends and special occasions.

She has stood out in all weather, been ankle-deep in mud and targeted by midges, she's laughed at our futile attempts to light a fire, been our first aider and braved 24 cubs scouts in a village hall. Through all this, Pat has kept her tremendous sense of fun, been dependable and joined in all the activities with gusto and humour.

For all this Pat and the many other ways you and Roy have kindly helped the cub scouts, past and present, we are very grateful.

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## **Winkleigh Breast Cancer Now (BCN) Fundraising**

The group is very pleased and impressed with the support received from the people of Winkleigh and beyond with the numerous events organised to date. Already we have raised the amazing sum of **over £6000**. It has been very humbling to hear some of the stories of the lives of so many families who have been affected by Breast Cancer as well as all the other forms of cancer, and it is so gratifying that publicity is being given nationally to the need for fundraising.

As well as the small ongoing events where regular donations or collections are made to BCN, there have been some bigger events that the Winkleigh Group have organised and which were really well supported.

The Garden Teas at Meldons on Fair Saturday was one of these events, and in beautiful surroundings with the distant sounds of fun and enjoyment drifting from the entertainment in the Square we had a great number of people enjoying the peace and tranquillity on offer along with an excellent assortment of wonderful cakes with cream teas...and with good weather as a bonus!

We were also very grateful to Pat Cunningham who opened her home and garden for a Strawberry Cream Tea which was attended by a considerable number of people.

We had permission from BCN to have a collection at the Tesco store in Barnstaple which was very successful, and we will be at large Taw Valley store on 9 Sep. Later there is an opportunity for us to collect at M&S in Exeter.

Locally there are events planned and these will be publicised as the dates approach, but one big ticketed event coming up is the 'Pink Party' on 10 Dec in the Village Hall when there will be a 60's Disco as well as refreshments. Tickets will be on sale from September.

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## Community Centre

A few further additions to the new facilities at the Community Centre have occurred, and have attracted a great deal of good feedback and favourable comment. In fact a team from another project have visited us to see what can be done, and to provide ideas for their building.

Routine maintenance now seems to be the order of the day, with internal and external jobs being tackled; such is the nature of looking after a 150 year old building.

Just a couple of pleas, items for the fridge should only be there for that particular event, not left in there ad infinitum. The fridge will be emptied each week.

Also, if you open the windows, please close them when you leave, several instances have occurred where the internal windows have been closed but the outer ones left open, meaning that when the wind is right, rain water can get into the gap between the two layers of glass!

It has been a busy summer with plenty of usage – long may it continue.

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## **WINKLEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOU!**

Do you feel safe in our village? Are you worried about crime? Policing of our village is now almost non-existent and so it is imperative that we all start to look after each other.

Our PCSO Sandra Brown is now a trained PFCSO (Police Fire Community Support Officer) and not allowed to be more than 5 miles from Gt Torrington fire station. This is only a two year trial so it is not known if this will be permanent. We assume that her replacement PCSO Melissa Baker will be in the community centre on Wednesday mornings, unless any other policing duties crop up for her.

At a recent NHW meeting a police superintendent advised us that police objectives have changed because the types of crime have changed and they do not have enough staff to carry out all policing duties.

Their main aims are now,

- To keep children safe on line
- Cyber crime
- Computer Fraud
- Scammers
- Domestic Violence



When asked about response times to crimes he could not give any definite answer. It would depend where the nearest patrol car is, although if there is a murder or armed robbery they will respond immediately. If we have in the future any prolonged period of crime the Police will re-consider their situation.

In previous weeks we have had two garages broken into. Someone has realised Winkleigh could be a soft target; with this in mind we need more neighbourly people to join the NHW. It does not cost anything all we need you to do is watch and report.

If you are interested please contact the Area Co-Ordinator who is Mr John Bowers on Tel: 01837 83585 who will put you in touch with your local co-ordinator.

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## WINKLEIGH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

As some of you may already know, Winkleigh has got a young farmers club which has been running for over 75 years. It is one of 38 clubs across Devon.

Young Farmers Clubs were set up to help people from the countryside meet up and socialise and although nowadays there are many more clubs and leisure activities, YFC is still hugely popular with young people whether they are from a farming background or not.

There is literally something for everyone from sporting competitions to public speaking, stock judging to pantomimes and dramas, summer rallies to quiz's, outings and visits to skills for life. It's not just about the discos!! So if you're aged between 16 and 26 and you'd like to find out more then please come along to a meeting. We have a new members meeting in the autumn. Look out for posters nearer the time or go to our Facebook page 'Winkleigh YFC'

We recently donated £520 to Children's Hospice South West. This was money raised at our 1<sup>st</sup> big breakfast earlier in the year. So thank you to all of you who attended. We are hoping to hold another one on the 17<sup>th</sup> September in the community centre. The money raised from this event will be given to Winkleigh Pre-school. Please come along to support a good local cause whilst enjoying a hearty breakfast.

We've also donated £2000 to the Devon YFC new county office building (The Rural Hub). This is an ex public house in Cheriton Bishop, that Devon Federation of YFCs has purchased and is renovating and will be used by members for years to come. It will be bigger, with more parking and office facilities and most importantly owned by YFC, so there will be a permanent base for Devon YFC for the future.

Although summer is a busy time for farmers, we have an upcoming summer group rally at Clawton so members are currently preparing their entries for the day.

We are also holding a live music event to raise funds for Winkleigh Fair on the 30<sup>th</sup> September in Winkleigh Village Hall. 7.30 For 8pm. All over 18's welcome (ID required) and YFC Members 16 and over (Valid membership cards required)

And come autumn we are kept busy preparing our carnival float! Which is always good fun and a great way to meet the members.

So please come along if you're interested. All are welcome. We meet fortnightly in Winkleigh community centre at 8pm.

**Katrina Brook**



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## Autumn Word Search

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## Winkleigh Morris

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Many men and woman – and children – have danced with us over the years, and several of the original members are still dancing. We currently have a membership of around 20 people, but we are always keen to welcome new members , since inevitably personal, health, or employment issues can so easily reduce the viability of any club or society.

We practice every Tuesday from the end of September to the end of April in Winkleigh Community Centre, from 8pm until 10 pm. There is no membership fee – only a contribution of £1 from each person attending, to cover hire of the hall. New members pay nothing for the first two weeks. No previous dance experience is necessary. The first few practices are specifically focussed towards new dancers. We also welcome new musicians - particularly squeezebox, fiddle or whistle players, though other instruments can also work.

When we first started we had a very active children's team. To encourage youngsters to have a go, we will be holding a special taster session on Tuesday 27th September from 7 to 8 pm at the Community Centre. If there is enough support, this could continue on a regular basis – or at some other convenient time.



## Visit by Teachers & Pupils from Amfreville, Normandy.



Guided tour of Ten Acres Vineyard.

A party of teachers and pupils from Amfreville Primary School came to Winkleigh on the 27th April. They spent the day seeing how our children learn, courtesy of Winkleigh Primary School. The day included time in class, outdoors activities (including cricket) and a traditional school dinner – which I am reliably informed went down a treat.

During their time in school the French made friends with local children. The French children (by pre arrangement) went back to their new found friend's homes to meet the family, explore the area and have a meal.

The escorts, were entertained to a cream tea with long standing friends in the village and accepted the kind invitation of Toby & Esther McKinnel to a guided tour of Winkleigh's own vineyard (Ten Acres). I think they were slightly amazed to learn that we grow vines in mid Devon. Following the obligatory sampling and nods of approval it was time to meet their charges and return to Merton where they are "camping indoors" in the luxury of Clinton Hall. The rest of their party spent their day in Dolton and Merton Primary schools.

Primary school children (from Winkleigh, Dolton, Merton & Beaford) have been exchanging with Amfreville for the past twenty five years. We receive Amfreville every two years, we hope that our local children will be able to resume the exchanges that have unfortunately lapsed over the last few years.

*Phil Griffiths.*

## **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 [nandjngale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nandjngale@hotmail.co.uk) 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 our Quiz night thank you to all our members for their support it was a great evening rounded off by Winkleigh winning the trophy – well done team.

20 <sup>th</sup> September	Green Houses – in-house expertise
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Permaculture Jenny Haines
15 <sup>th</sup> November	AGM and Christmas Party
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, [cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cookbeverley@hotmail.co.uk)

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# WINKLEIGH AT WAR



## A story waiting to be told.....

Local resident and historian Tony Aston is writing a book about life in Winkleigh during the second World War. He is looking for memories, stories, photographs, documents and anecdotes, serious and humorous, that will show how villagers coped during and around the years 1939-1945 and helped the war effort.

If you think you might be able to help with his project, or know someone who might, then please call Tony on **01837 83248** or email to **tonyaston1953@gmail.com**

## ALLOTMENTS

### DIG FOR WINKLEIGH:

Adjacent to Winkleigh Woods; looking over the landscape to the farmland beyond the playing fields; the Winkleigh allotments are about so much more than growing fruit and veg.

Old Chapel Gardens was where the original allotments were. When they were built on, over twenty years ago, a long search and campaign to find another suitable plot of land began, especially as more houses were being built, with smaller gardens or no gardens at all.

Seven years after the official opening by then Parish Council chairman John Turner and then District Councillor David Lausen the allotments are now flourishing and fruitful.

Sheds are a major feature, a bore-hole, access for cars, a compost system, deer-proof fence, scarecrows, picnic tables all are testimony to a thriving gardening fraternity in a green haven away from the built environment.

Pam Berry works enthusiastically knitting the team together. Committee meetings, over mugs of tea on the picnic table, have brought about many improvements. Also if anyone's ill or absent they look after their plots until they return. Companionship and camaraderie flourish alongside the cabbages.

"We could buy the produce cheaper in the village shop, but we do it because we love it", says Pam.

## WINKLEIGH CHIGONG & TAI CHI

Weekly classes held:-

Mondays: Chigong 5.00-6.00 p.m. In the back room of the Community Centre.

Thursdays: Chigong 10.30 -11.30 a.m. In the Village Hall .....followed by  
Tai Chi 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Cost: £2.00 each session. Wear loose clothing and flat shoes

Beginners are very welcome. Come and try a session during September for free!

CHIGONG is an ancient form of Chinese exercise for both body and mind. We stand or sit in stillness and learn to relax and breathe more deeply. This allows our blood and energy to circulate more freely around our whole body. As we relax our awareness of our bodies improves and we learn to get in touch with the parts of us which have been or are painful or uncomfortable. Gradually we develop more movement by performing the exercises, which are slow and soft so you are always in control. As you improve it becomes more fun

- wider and circular movements as In nature water, wind, snakes, birds, trees so your energy can flow.



Ann says: "I have nerve damage in my legs and feet which causes problems with balance. Regular Chigong exercises have helped considerably with both my posture and balance. They are both calming and very enjoyable. The movements are rhythmic and gentle and cause no strain."

TAI CHI....similar movements (but from a martial tradition) which are easier to do if you have done some Chigong first. Tai Chi is a continuous sequence of movements that have to be learned. It usually takes a year to learn them and the rest of life to get them flowing! So you need dedication.

For further information please contact Sue Williams Tel: 01837 83817

## **The Winkleigh Singers**

The Winkleigh Singers have had a full half of the year so far. We enjoyed the Winkleigh Music Day in April and since then have been preparing for Purcell's 'Fairy Queen', a semi opera loosely arranged around A Midsummer Night's Dream. We were delighted to show our choral presentation with a Drunken Poet, cheeky fairies, haymaking frolics, a narrator to hold it all together, and all to a background of piano and recorders of varying size and pitch. The packed audience on a lovely summers evening at Umberleigh Village Hall delighted us all, players and audience.

We are now looking to the Autumn and our Open Evening on Monday 5th September when we invite anyone who would be interested in joining, the choir to come along. This evening will count towards the three practices we invite you to before you decide if you want to become a member .This is at Umberleigh Christian Fellowship Church on the A377, at 7.30pm til 9.30pm and includes a coffee break to get to know us. We will be preparing for our Christmas concert in Winkleigh Parish Church in December 17th. Tel Roland Smith 01363 884446 for more information or visit our website [www.winkleighsingers.org.uk](http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk)





## Neighbourhood Watch in Winkleigh



Neighbourhood Watch has operated successfully for many years in Winkleigh but is currently at a cross-roads. Our organisation functions because of the goodwill of our local co-ordinators who look after small groups of properties by passing on police messages, crime prevention tips and relaying aspects of concern back to the police. Winkleigh is of course a low crime area, which unfortunately tends to lead people into a state of complacency thinking that crime prevention carries a low priority in their lives.

We are proud that Torridge it is one of the safest places in England and Wales. Our aim is to help the police to keep it as a very low crime area *by increasing the awareness of crime without increasing the fear of crime*. The public plays a vital role in helping the police to reduce crime and Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved. It is a proven fact that neighbourhoods covered by a Watch scheme tend to be less likely to become victims of burglary and other crimes. Watch schemes can vary in size from just two or three residents up to several dozen on an estate or block of flats and the schemes help to foster neighbourliness and community spirit which go towards building better communities.

Our area co-ordinator for Winkleigh is John Bowers and whilst he is doing an excellent job and has his finger 'on the pulse', he can't do it all by himself. We are therefore looking to recruit some new people from over the whole of the Winkleigh area who would be interested in joining us to look after their immediate neighbourhood.

If you have access to the internet you can get more information from our web site at <http://torridgenhw.ourwatch.org.uk> or speak to John who can be contacted on tel: 01837 83585, or our Chairman Tom Carrick on 01237 474031.

## MODERN SYMBOLISM *by C.F.A. Voysey*

SYMBOLISM is the oldest of the arts and must for ever be man's expression of his dependence of man. The printed page has had a long innings and has led some to forget the existence of ideas of things. Our materialistic temper has caused us to count only sensuous qualities of things material, and so we are contented with the pleasure derived from form and colour, light and shade, texture and tone.

The habit of reasoned likes and dislikes is a healthy and stimulating state of intelligence, it is a state in which we are forced to discern the thought and feeling that precedes mechanical action. We are thus led to distinguish between the machine and the human production and to classify the human product according to the evidence of spiritual, intellectual and technical excellence. Mere cleverness will cease to satisfy us when we have learnt these distinctions, and then the symbolism of all times will fascinate us and enrich our lives.

Is it not interesting to question why a triangle suggests emotion and a circle intellect; and what are the fundamental truths behind form which lead to difference? The twofold nature of man, namely, matter and spirit, seems to suggest the right answer to this question.

Material prosperity stimulates our interest in material things, as much as material things lead us to seek prosperity. Sorrow and suffering stimulate our interest in spiritual ideas. The spire, a spearhead and lightening are all associated with ideas of conflict and movement—the very opposite of smoothness, roundness and repose. A luxurious, self-indulgent age seeks to avoid conflict and finds, its language in the round arch. Whereas the struggling and aspiring age expresses itself by means of the pointed arch and spire.



*Diameter 11.4cm*

I do not wish the reader to be concerned with the question as to the authorship of the designs here shown or to question their artistic merits or demerits, but rather do I invite him to concentrate his attentions on the common property of us all.

**Fig 1**—The Civic Survey of Greater London for its badge has two good spirits—one casting light and the other recording. That is to say, the collecting of facts and making of diagrammatic records of the same the ribbon being left for insertion of the date when the diagram was made to which the badge is attached.



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Size 10.3 x 8cm



Size 19.1 x 12.7cm



Size 13.3 x 8.3cm

**Fig 2** Size 10.3 x 8cm ---The inscription, together with the conventional forms, were all selected by the owner and speaks for themselves.

**Fig 3** Size 19.1 x 12.7cm---We have the oak of sturdy growth and the heart signifying the emotions and the affections. The crown or band which is usually placed round the head is the original symbol of the self-control, indicating the fact that the mind (that is, the reason) must control the emotions.

Hence its position in this design round the heart, the crown itself is composed of fleur-de-lis, which stands for purity. The flame signifies the soul; flame, being one of the most in-defined forms in the worth of matter, seems on that account be a suitable symbol, and it is also a warming and a purifying medium. It is placed at the centre of growth and at the base of it, as, literally, at the heart and core of all things. The proportional compasses symbolises logic; given a dimension at one end, the equivalent naturally and logically follows at the other. The lantern or light that is caged in and confined by the material body denotes psychology, namely, the light that gives understanding.

The egg is the symbol of 'form' being the universal beginning of all animal life. The scales stand for law and justice. The spade is the symbol of economics; it is the instrument by which material is made to fructify. The white

heart stands for ethic, or virtue, ethical thought depending more on feeling than reason. The human hand grasping the old familiar sign of the Divine denotes religion; the essence of religion being the conscious relation of the creature to its Creator. The eagle which is the highest flyer and the furthest seer, stands for aspiration and revelation, the Heavenly quest, which, in other words, is true philosophy and constitutes the chief interest of the owner of the book plate.

**Fig 4** Size 13.3 x 8.3cm--- This bookplate was designed for a lady who was fond of reading, mountain scenery and travel; which latter the ship denotes. The forest in the middle distance and the wild beasts of the night are meant to indicate the kind of literature most favoured by the owner.

*Cont. overleaf.*



*Size 13.3 x 7.9cm*

**Fig 5** *Size 13.3 x 7.9cm---* The angels bearing the heart of sympathy rise from the very ancient conventional symbol of cloud. From the heart grows the fruitful vine entwining signs of shields denoting proportion, music, science, sculpture and painting.

*All images courtesy of RIBA Collections Published in "The Builder" April 5, 1929 (page 634)*

**Charles Francis Annesley Voysey**, architect and designer of the Arts and Crafts movement. From the very beginning of his career (1857-1941) established an unshakeable doctrine that informed his work in every medium.

Whether in the houses he designed or the furniture, wallpaper and textiles, bookplates and badges, tiles, metal work, wood and stone, his work possesses a consistent simplicity and harmony.

Voysey's designs are a testament to his talent and importance as one of the leading architects and designers of his generation.

In 1932 Voysey wrote a manuscript entitled 'Symbolism in Design' which is illustrated with many of his bookplates and badges. This is now in the archives of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) in London. Bookplates and badges, outside of Voysey's normal practice as an architect, did, in fact, provide an ideal format for Voysey to exploit the language of symbolic motifs that he had developed. Some of these are published in a book (2011) by Karen Livingstone called 'CFA Voysey, the bookplates and badges of'. Obtainable from Postscript Books, [www.psbooks.co.uk](http://www.psbooks.co.uk) or 01626 897100. Beautifully produced with coloured plates at a reasonable price.

Sadly the only Voysey building in Devon is at Beaworthy (Halwill Junction). The Winsford Trust, which is looking after the old Cottage Hospital designed by Voysey in 1899. It can be viewed on Thursdays from 2pm. Appointment with Raymond Ward 01409 221470.

*Article submitted by John Flower.*

Winkleigh! Granted a Charter from the King in 1262 to hold three fairs a year and cattle markets. A thriving and busy trade route, not a forgotten backwater, but populous and varied.



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## Winkleigh's Plaque

If you stand outside the Village Hall and look to the right of the front doors you will see a plaque...



Why the surrounding pictures?...

The pump that stands in the square has five names carved on it, these were the men whose endeavours brought about the much needed Great Reform Bill, and the people of Winkleigh felt moved to commemorate them on their village pump which was erected in 1832.

Winkleigh is set on high, comparatively flat ground, which is why the now disused airfield was site there during the war.

Around there are still some of the attractive beech tree avenues. To the east is Court Castle mound and to the west, Croft Castle mound. These mounds are unusual in their close proximity to one another and are evidence of the power of the local lords.



## What's On Diary: September - December 2016

We have tried to include most of the events mentioned in this issue. Regular monthly events have not been included. If you would like us to include other events in future editions please send details to [articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk).

<i>3<sup>rd</sup> September 6pm</i>	<i>Barbecue by the West Gate to the Church – pg 24</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm-9.30pm</i>	<i>Open Rehearsal with Winkleigh Singers at Umberleigh Christian Fellowship Building – pg 8</i>
<i>9<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm</i>	<i>Hollocombe Music Group. The Boys from Melbourne Street with support from Euan Kay. Community Centre – Pg 10</i>
<i>10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Art Exhibition at the Church – pg 24</i>
<i>16<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>WPC Grants deadline – pg 6</i>
<i>17<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am</i>	<i>Winkleigh Society Pop-Up Museum Community Centre – pg 30</i>
<i>27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – 8pm</i>	<i>Morris Dancing. Children's taster session Community Centre – pg 35</i>
<i>30<sup>th</sup> September 2pm</i>	<i>School Harvest Celebration at Church – pg 4</i>
<i>30<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 for 8pm</i>	<i>Young Farmers Club. Live Music Village Hall – pg 32</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> October 11am</i>	<i>Harvest Festival Service at Church followed by the harvest lunch (tickets required) – pg 4</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm</i>	<i>Fair Committee A.G.M – pg 17 Community Centre</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm</i>	<i>Public meeting to consider the future of the Cemetery Bungalow Community Centre – pg 3</i>
<i>14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm</i>	<i>Hollocombe Music Group. Mitchell and Vincent with support from Chris Jewell Community Centre – pg 10</i>
<i>11<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm</i>	<i>Hollocombe Music Group. Louise Parker with support from Anne Stokes and James Goodwin Community Centre – pg 10</i>
<i>25<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am</i>	<i>Coffee Morning at the Church – pg 24</i>

*Please note that dates and details are correct at time of going to press.*

## And finally . . . . .

Well with two editions under our belt we seem to be settling in to a routine, which 'touch wood' is working...

The front cover again features another drawing submitted by Lynn Giles. Thanks once again Lynn! And thanks also to all our many contributors, we couldn't do it without you!

We have included a "What's On Diary" giving details of events in and around Winkleigh between September and end of November in this edition. Please let us know if you think it is useful or not. If you have an event you would like to include in future editions, just give us the basic information and we will try to include it.

If you have any suggestions of how we can expand or improve Distinctly Winkleigh then please do let us know via [articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk).

The deadlines for the Winter Edition is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** for **articles** and **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** for **advertisements**.

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