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Short Story Competition - Results

Results:

Primary group: 1st Soren Moreby, 2nd Lola Fitzsimmons.

Highly commended Ethan Watkins & Emma Woolacott.

Senior group: 1st Abby Williams, 2nd Mary Lucas Ridge.

Highly commended Ciara Blacker & Florence Cutler.



The prize-giving took place at the Saturday market in the Village Hall on 2nd December. The photograph shows the three judges, Mrs Dent (owner of the seal), Mr Mike Johnson (Head - Chulmleigh Academy), Penny Griffiths (competition organiser & Winkleigh Society Chair) together with the talented young prize winners displaying their cash prizes and certificates.

We have a talented bunch of young authors in the area and they deserve all the encouragement we can give.

Winkleigh Church Bells – Ringers Wanted!

Winkleigh Parish Church has 8 lovely bells including a 19 cwt tenor.

We are keen to recruit new ringers and also to attract existing ringers who may have moved to the area, especially someone who can handle the tenor.

Practice nights are Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

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Writing Competition - Primary Winner

'The Cursed Seal'

In a gloomy cemetery, rain pounding the wet ground, two ladies whispered in the moonlight. One of the ladies was pretty, young, and wore a maid's dress; black with bright white detail underneath a heavy overcoat. She had shocking blond hair that waved in the autumn breeze. But the woman she spoke to was even more hideous than the corpses that rotted beneath them. She was old and hunched and had a wart on the end of her chin. She even had a horrifying jagged scar across her eye that looked as though she had stitched it herself.

"Have you got what I asked for?" hissed the horrible hag.

"Yes mother, I've got his seal, I took it while he was sleeping this morning, then I rode as quickly as I could to find you", said the maid. She pulled the seal out of her pocket; it glinted in the moonlight.

"Hahahahahahaha", cackled the witch, "now we can stop him telling everyone about us and our plans by placing the curse!"

"It was a good plan of yours to get me working at Thomas Barret's house", said the maid.

The dirty old hag greedily snatched the seal from her daughter's hand, then she reached down into her pocket and pulled out a dead frog. She also took out a knife. She slit the frog's stomach, and a filthy green liquid oozed out of it and onto the seal. Then she started muttering incantations that made the hair on the back of the maid's neck stand on end.

But no sooner had she started, than she was interrupted by the sound of galloping hoofs behind them. The hag stopped what she was doing and they both nervously turned around to see who was there. There were four men on horseback galloping towards them! They were wearing cloaks that billowed behind them, and they had King James' symbol in gold on their chests. When they got frighteningly close, the wrinkled hunchbacked witch screamed!

"Witch finders! Run!" Both of them started sprinting as fast as their legs would take them. Terrified, the hag quickly flung the seal into the long wet grass. As the horses galloped after them, a clumsy hoof stomped it into the ground with violent force.

And that is how Thomas Barret's seal came to be found in Winkleigh.

Soren Moreby

Winkleigh Neighbourhood Plan - Keeping in touch....

The Neighbourhood Plan team circulated a questionnaire in the autumn, which over 200 of you filled in. Our thanks to those of you who took the time to respond and help us in the work.

The overwhelming concerns raised were development in the village and traffic issues. Fear that village services and facilities were being overwhelmed by recent development and the impact on the character of the village and the environment were common comments. Traffic speeds, congestion and parking in the Square and pedestrian safety are significant worries for many. More information about the results can be found at:

http://www.winkleighpc.org.uk/Winkleigh-PC/neighbourhood_plan-17682.aspx

Overall, the results of the questionnaire did not raise major new issues; most are similar to the concerns raised in the Community Planning process (2014) and when talking to people at village events like the monthly market. However, the Neighbourhood Planning team are concerned about how representative the response was.

We did not hear from some important groups. The questionnaires returned were overwhelmingly from older people. To help plug any gaps in our understanding we are making links with the schools to hear from younger people. We also need to know more about our local economy, how it might change and grow in future.

The feedback from the questionnaire has helped us design the next stage of work on the plan. On February 8th, **Hamilton-Baillie, a rural transport consultancy**, are visiting Winkleigh. They will look at the impact of our traffic issues, and present us with advice on how to deal with them without losing the character of the village. Members of the Neighbourhood Plan team have been conducting appraisals of the main routes in and through the village. You may have seen some of these at the monthly market.

We are also planning a business survey to plug the gaps in our knowledge about the economy. Letters and survey forms will go out soon.

If there is a member of the business community with the time and energy to join the Neighbourhood Planning team, we would love to hear from you.

Adrian Mercer

Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Team

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[Editor's Note: The Traffic Consultancy Meeting has had to be postponed]

Presentation by Devon & Cornwall Police Counter Terrorism Security Adviser

In collaboration with Winkleigh Parish Council, Winkleigh Fair, Winkleigh Society, Winkleigh Village Hall, Distinctly Winkleigh and All Saints Church, I have arranged for the Devon and Cornwall Police Counter Terrorism Security Adviser (CTSA) to visit us in the **Village Hall on Wednesday 21st March at 7 pm.**

CTSAs are serving police officers or police staff who specialise in advising businesses, organisations and the public about the risk and vulnerabilities of being caught up in the results of terrorist activities. We all see and hear the results of such events in the mass media together with the mayhem and carnage that accompany them.

Winkleigh may seem distant from any such activity and the truth of the matter is that the risk of becoming embroiled in a Westminster Bridge or London Bridge type of event here in the village is virtually negligible. However, it is inescapable that terrorist attacks in the UK and abroad are on the increase and that is likely to be the case for the foreseeable future. It is a fact that many of us enjoy travelling, either regularly or periodically, to towns and cities both in the UK and overseas for business or leisure purposes. We therefore visit airports, seaports, theatres, shopping malls and other crowded places.

- ***How many of us would know what to do and how to cope in the event of becoming embroiled in an attack such as we have seen on the TV?***
- ***How many of us are aware of measures that we can each take to minimise the risks of being caught up in such an event in the first place?***
- ***How many of us know how, or to whom, we can report suspicious behavior?***

The Devon and Cornwall Police CTSAs will address these, and other, issues during their presentation as they talk about the important work that they carry out in order to keep the public safe.

This event, which will last for approximately one and a half hours, is free of charge and open to all. Light refreshments will be provided.

This evening is **not to be seen as scaremongering or a knee-jerk reaction**, more that it is a pro-active response from the Police to engage with residents about this issue. Most, if not all, of those caught up in the terrorist activities that we have all seen in the media probably never thought that it would ever happen to them.

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More Winkleigh Treasures

I wrote in last year's spring edition of Distinctly Winkleigh as we'd just moved to the village and were entranced by it. Perhaps a follow up would be of interest?

I have to admit that despite our best intentions, there are still unpacked boxes in the garage but a lot has been achieved in the last year. Hubby now has a bespoke workshop (man cave!) in the garage, courtesy of Open Book, and the garden has been redesigned round the back and side of the house with the help of the most smiling man on the planet, Graham Wonnacott, along with his son Adam, whom we have nicknamed Tiny!

Very soon after moving in I was invited to go to the Wednesday morning mini market at the Community Centre and have been popping in there almost every week since (work permitting). There's always a warm welcome, stalls including Fiona's Farm Fare, Body Shop and Jill who supplies wonderful greeting cards and trinkets, Carol from Broadwoodkelly with books and bric-a-brac, as well as several other stalls. There's a raffle with a beautiful hamper prize each week, raising funds for Devon Air Ambulance, as well as tea and coffee, with proceeds in aid of Cancer Research. It's a good chance to catch up with a variety of Winkleigh people, many of whom have helped with information and suggestions on all sorts of topics. The raffle draw is at 10.30. Outside there is an opportunity to buy fish from James, as his Van is in the car park until 11 am.

I'm impressed with the facilities that Winkleigh village has to offer in terms of venues for events: the Community Centre, the Village Hall and the Sports Centre, it's no wonder that there are so many things going on in the village and a very strong sense of Community, such as I witnessed at the Bacon Butty Morning, Winkleigh Fair, the D-Day Darlings evening, Harvest Lunch, Christmas Fair and Plough Sunday.

There is, however, one item that concerns me - the future of one of the central points in our village, the King's Arms.

Having lived for many years in Ilfracombe, I am only too aware of what happens to landmark buildings if they are left to fall into disrepair. I know of at least four that succumbed to fire and several more that ended up being completely demolished and then 'redeveloped' as modern buildings (very controversially), including the



old Victoria Theatre which then became the modern concrete conical shapes of the Landmark Theatre, nicknamed 'Madonna's Bra', and the old Collingwood Hotel which is now a very modern circular building housing 'Wetherspoons'.

I have also driven through Taddiport and looked at the monstrosity which now lies derelict but used to be the old Dairy Factory and thought how sad for that little town that they have to live with such an eyesore and how much it must impinge on their house prices having a fenced-off, Police Danger No Entry notice, graffiti-covered building with broken windows which looks like a post-apocalyptic film set for Mad Max or The Walking Dead.

What, I ask myself, is the probable likely future for the King's Arms? I understand it is currently owned by Enterprise Inns, who are selling the Freehold and as I write, is now up for Auction. I understand it is a Grade 2 listed building of cob and thatch with 2 ghosts named George and Cecilia. I'm not sure quite how old it is (late 17th Century/early 18th Century with later addition?), or whether it has any major history linked to it. Pub Solutions have been currently contracting managers to keep it open while it is for sale, but during this time Enterprise have not supplied anything at all to re-equip the kitchen or to provide any up-to-date or relevant equipment. Whenever I've mentioned the Kings Arms, most people have told me the same thing, that it used to have a brilliant reputation for good food and was, until a few years ago, a thriving centrepiece of village life and people would come from miles around to eat there, followed by the comment "It's such a shame".

I don't know how long it has been on the market altogether (although I understand the Freehold has only been for sale for the past year) or what current interest there has been. I struggle to imagine what it would be like in a few years' time if nothing changes. Even 'Disco' Don Creber who was born in what used to be the cottage at the far end of the pub is not famous enough (outside of Winkleigh) to have a blue plaque in his honour on the wall!



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I've stood outside the Mad Butchers looking at the pub and imagined it, graffiti-covered, boarded up, fenced round, roof and cob collapsing, with large yellow tape or red notices saying DANGER KEEP OUT. Or eventually just a building site, remaining empty, except for rubble, for years until someone buys the land and puts up something futuristic. Maybe a big square blocky concrete and glass building with 3 layers of parking under it and a rooftop garden?

One thing I do know. It cannot survive on its past glories. Every year that passes will add to the disintegration of the building and its future becoming ever more bleak. I am interested to know how other people in the village feel about it or how strongly they feel and, if so, if anyone has any ideas about how we as a community might be able to influence the outcome? Or as now it is going to Auction is too late?

Let's hope that whoever buys it will want it to be a focal part of our wonderful community and in keeping with the historic charm of the village centre. If so, let us welcome them warmly and give them our support.

Or, maybe in a few years' time there will be a notice on a building near the village pump: "Here once stood the King's Arms.-.Welcome to ???.-.George and Cecilia."

STOP PRESS:

According to the Auctioneer's website, the King's Arms was sold by auction on Thursday 8th February.

From a local source, it is understood that the couple buying it are used to village life and want to keep it as a pub and, as one of them is a chef, they want to do good food. They first viewed the pub last October and again recently.

Rachel Goldsworthy



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Winkleigh Society - AGM

Lured in with promises of mulled Sam's Cider and tasty cheeses, 55 people attended our AGM on a freezing January evening.

We needed the warmed cider as we listened to Soren and Lola's bone-chilling winning stories of the mystery of The Lost Seal. (Soren's story is on page 4.) Well done Soren and Lola for your confident performances.

Dave Watkins, one of the judges, opened the evening by recounting how unexpectedly challenging it was reading and deliberating on 49 stories. His advice to the youngsters? Keep on writing.

All of the stories were on display as were all the past editions of Distinctly Winkleigh dating back to 2001. The patchwork of all the illustrated covers was greatly admired on display. We also asked for feedback for future competitions and feedback on whether we are achieving/working on our aims and objectives.

CHAIR'S REPORT - Events of 2017

1. BRITS, BAILEYS AND BEAUFIGHTERS. Talk by Bill Horner, Devon's chief archaeologist. We are in communication with him about interpretation boards to flag up our unique archaeology. Thanks to ACE Archaeology for their assistance and contribution.
2. HISTORY/MYSTERY WALK. Held during Winkleigh Fair week complete with 18 characters to tell the stories of significant landmarks and features.
3. THANK-YOU TEA for Distinctly Winkleigh 'posties' held at Fiona's Farm Shop.
4. DISTRIBUTION of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires with Distinctly Winkleigh.
5. LAUNCH of story competition for children and presentation of money prizes and certificates to Junior and Senior winners at the December Christmas market. (Full report page 3).

We also invited comments about future signage as featured in the summer edition of DW. What 5 words would best sum up what is distinctive about Winkleigh?

EDITOR'S REPORT: Godfrey Rhodes, editor of Distinctly Winkleigh, thanked Alice Turner for all her work as joint editor until she stood down at the end of 2017. He then outlined various changes of format that have been made acting on the advice of Hedgerow Print to improve resolution and layout.

Producing each edition is a complex process from ideas about articles all the way to dropping the copies through your letter-boxes.

TREASURERS REPORT: Alan Mulcahy reported that the finances are healthy and have been checked and signed off. Distinctly Winkleigh continues to attract local advertisers and is the main source of income.

The committee stood down for the election, which **County Councillor Andrew Saywell** conducted. Nominations were invited from the floor. All committee members were re-elected.

Margaret Miller, Vice-chair, invited us all to raise a glass in memory of **Peter Monkcom and Roy Cooper** without whom The Winkleigh Society and Distinctly Winkleigh would not exist.

After the formal business of the evening the meeting was opened up to contributions from the floor:

Kim Melhuish spoke about Muddy Shoes and walking our way through the routes in The Winkleigh Walks booklet. One new member was recruited.

Alan Jacobs spoke about the Parish Paths Partnership and the need to annually walk these routes with working parties to keep them fit for purpose and to keep the local footpaths officer informed.

Sue Ware spoke about the need for volunteer drivers for patients who need to go further afield than Winkleigh. Pleased to say two people were recruited as a result.

Adrian Mercer, Parish Councillor, flagged up the latest initiative by The Neighbourhood Plan group - a travel and pedestrian survey by Hamilton-Baillie to take place on February 8th. **STOP PRESS:** Postponed due to illness. To be re-arranged.

Kay Aston from Winkleigh Fair Committee made a plea for storage space for their kit as some has been damaged being kept in their current storage facility. Again, thankfully someone from the audience was able to offer a possible solution.

Alan Jacobs then introduced the guest speakers **Vicki & Haydn Samuels**, who spoke eloquently about their Britannia sailing ship restoration project. (Full report p 47).

Thanks to the committee for all their forward planning, shopping and catering that transformed our AGM on a cold winter's night into an enjoyable sociable occasion where we exchanged ideas, learned from each other and can begin to plan for this year's events.

Penny Griffiths and Margaret Miller

Live Music in 'The Music Room'



By the time you read this we will already have had our first evening of live music this year. But don't worry if you missed it - there will be one a month (except for July and August) right through until November.

Whether you like jazz, blues, folk, or something completely different, with two or three different acts each month there's sure to be plenty to entertain you.

Coming up in March we have some excellent jazz with 'Hot Club Du Square', plus the 'Rough Diamonds' sax quartet, and then in April we have folk with Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll, plus Cornish Folk Trio 'Tipple'. Both of these events will be in the function room at the Waie Inn in Zeal Monachorum starting at 7:30 pm. There's a well-stocked bar with a choice of fine wines and real ales, and you can order food to eat while enjoying the music if you wish.

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Each class costs £2.00.

Everyone finds the classes to be welcoming and friendly, giving people space to share their experiences and to develop understanding of themselves and their bodies. Regular attendance is obviously an advantage, but of course not always possible. However you can attend either or both of the Chi Gung sessions.

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- 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 2019 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancies.

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The Sports Centre- Spring 2018

Welcome to 2018 from all at the Sports Centre.

The Sports Centre is very keen to build on the successes of 2017 to have another exciting and worthwhile year. We are particularly pleased with the great efforts made by all the clubs that use the Centre, the newly established night landing site, the fantastic Bonfire Night and many other events. Thank you all for your continued and much needed support.

Please note that the next **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Thursday 12th April at 7pm in the small meeting room of the Sports Centre. All members of the community are welcome including those who have ideas and suggestions about the future direction of this excellent community facility. We are also looking to add to the number of Trustees that oversee all aspects of our work here. If you have any interest in this or if you require any additional information please do not hesitate to **contact Tom on 07811 772730** or the **Sports Centre Facebook page**.

Will all present and future **Aunt Sally players** note that we will restart our next season as soon as the weather allows. This may be some time so please be patient. We hope to set up an additional throw this year and who knows we may be able to persuade a local pub or club to have a match with us. Playing time will still be on Sunday mornings with probably the best bacon rolls in the village to keep us going.

The Saturday Club - Sadly the club has not yet re-opened in 2018 after Tony left following a long period of dedicated hard work. We are looking for a person or persons who would like to run this club on Saturday morning from 10.00 - 12.30. The aim of the club is to enable families to play together in the lovely surroundings of the Centre. The Saturday Club has been a great success over the years and a super asset for the village. If you want to be part of its future please **contact Mike on 01769 520605**.

Update: we hope to start work to improve the outdoor toilet as soon as the weather allows.

In addition the main hall lighting is being upgraded when it is free of bookings for a few days. We hope that this will attract future users as according to Chairman Mike Wilson it will have many advantages not only, for example, for the indoor bowlers but also for discos, dances and bands. We can't wait to dust off our dancing shoes!

Best wishes and please feel free to contact the Sports Centre about any issues, ideas or suggestions.

Tom Radcliffe - Secretary & Trustee

Winkleigh Snooker Club

The snooker club now under new management, recently hosted a Southwest wide snooker competition, namely the BILBY Cup. A local team representing the Okehampton Snooker League, and including some of our members, chose our venue to play their latest 'home match'. Our 'home' team managed a 4 – 1 victory and now progress to the last 16 of this event.

It is hoped that events such as this will enhance our name within the wider snooker fraternity. Moreover, the club has embraced the use of social media in the form of a Facebook page and has reduced the membership fee for this year, to encourage more snooker enthusiasts to join us here.

The latest 'in house' competition was held recently, a Pairs competition with a difference. The rules this time required each member of the pair to take alternate shots. The onus is on the pair to remember who takes what shot and when, because any lapse can mean a foul shot and loss of points. This particular variety is known as 'Scotch Rules' and was probably invented by somebody 'North of the border' who, at the time, had had one too many 'drams'!! Needless to say, those of us who have difficulty remembering anything, were eternally grateful to have partners whose powers of concentration were spot on.

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News from Winkleigh Fair

We are into mid-January and Spring is more than just a forlorn hope. Christmas and New Year seem a distant memory with daffodils and snowdrops beginning to show and the days starting to stretch out a little.

Your committee is working hard to provide an entertaining programme of events for the first half of 2018 leading up to the Winkleigh Fair week. Before I go into detail on the plans that we have for this year I would like to reflect on the last events from last year.

On 18th November we were delighted to welcome former GCHQ agent and Bletchley Park guide Bob Skelt to the Village Hall. Following a showing of the film *"The Imitation Game"* he gave us a wonderful illustrated insight into the lives of people who worked as codebreakers at Bletchley Park during World War 2. A great night was had by all with a family ticket to Bletchley Park being won by Dave and Paula Dean.

The **Christmas Extravaganza** and turning on of the Christmas lights took place in The Square on 9th December. Firstly, a huge "thank you" to the residents and businesses in and around The Square for ensuring that the area was clear of vehicles. The weather was very kind until much later in the evening. A candlelit procession took place between the Primary School and The Square following which we were very fortunate to welcome the Very Rev Graham Smith who honoured us by blessing the tree and switching on the festive lights. We had, and have since had, a large number of positive comments about the Christmas tree. We are very grateful to Darren Read (Reads Roofing) who provided the tree this year. The market down the centre of the The Square proved to be highly popular. Some 200 people came to the evening and enjoyed singing Carols around the tree, live music from the Unity Choir and The Two of Us, hot food and all of the stalls.

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The return of the **D-Day Darlings** on December 15th was welcomed by a very enthusiastic and packed hall. They enthralled and entertained us with their Christmas show leaving us all feeling very festive indeed. As you might already be aware, the DDD's are supported by both the Royal British Legion and Dame Vera Lynn and they have raised many thousands of pounds

for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We therefore decided that we would donate £1 from each ticket sold to that very worthwhile cause.

We were delighted to be able to present a cheque for £125.00 to the girls and Ron Fletcher, the local British Legion representative, during the interval. A truly wonderful evening and more about the girls later.

And so to 2018. We have created a provisional programme for the first half of the year which currently looks like this:

- **Saturday 3rd March – Village Hall – Quiz and Pudding Night.** Postponed from the Christmas period we look forward to welcoming all of you Eggheads/Chase/Mastermind/Pointless addicts for a fun and fact-filled evening. An assortment of puddings will be provided together with a pay bar.
- **Saturday 7th April – Village Hall – Cinema evening.** Details of film to be confirmed.
- **Saturday 26th May – Village Hall – Race Night.** Returning following the success of the evening we held in early 2017.
- **Sunday 10th June – Court Castle – Village Garden Party.** To be confirmed but we are in negotiations with Tilly and John Kimber to hold a garden party in the Castle grounds with food and live music provided.
- **Saturday 7th July – Saturday 14th July – Winkleigh Fair week** – full details to be published in due course. We are, however, hoping to welcome the **D-Day Darlings back on Friday 13th July** with their new “**Great British Seaside**” show featuring the girls, “George Formby” and others who will take you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane when the good old days of summer meant a trip to the British seaside. We will confirm the show as soon as we can.
- We are also hoping to hold a series of **Whist Drive** evenings during the year for which we will once again be engaging the skills of Joyce Brock.

We are keen to work collaboratively with other local organisations to provide the best we can for village residents. During Fair Week last year, we worked closely with Winkleigh Society when it provided the highly educational and popular “Village Walk”. The Society is keen to work with us to provide another collaborative event for the 2018 Fair.

Recently, we were very pleased to be able to assist All Saints Church with its revival of Plough Sunday. We are also currently in discussions with Winkleigh Morris Dancers to see how we might be able to involve them during Fair week.

So, lots to look forward to as we head into Spring and Summer. Please keep an eye on our Noticeboard in South Street for full details of events as and when they are confirmed.

A bit of a plea before I finish. Winkleigh Fair has a significant amount of equipment, some of it quite expensive, which it uses through the year. The storage facility that we currently use is fast becoming unfit for purpose – damp being the main cause but also other contributory problems. We are seeking dry, secure storage, probably around the size of a single garage, within the village. Funding is really limited so we are especially looking for the good-will of someone to provide storage either free of charge or at a nominal rate. If you think you can help then please contact me on 01837 83248 or 07946 490967.

Last but by no means least, our thanks go to all of you, the residents and friends of Winkleigh, who continue to support the events that we provide. We could not do it without you.

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Lives in a Landscape: Birth on the Airfield (Part 2)

The converted horse box was a brilliant place to have a baby. It had a wood burner, a sink and kitchen area, a living area and raised sleeping quarters. It was draped with patterned material and scarves, had a smooth sanded wooden floor and was lovely and homely. The toilet, airfield residents please note, was.....the airfield!

Jane was labouring beautifully and was wonderfully supported by two friends. A bearded chap with dreadlocks, a guitar and an 'unusual' cigarette supply was providing both entertainment and pain relief all round! Jane let me listen to the baby occasionally, we drank strong tea, ate chunky homemade bread and generally had a jolly time - well I did anyway! It is usual to have 2 midwives at a home birth so when I judged it appropriate I called a colleague, who happened to be the Head of Midwifery. She looked at my happy smiling face with deep suspicion when she arrived, sniffing the 'cigarette' smell in the air. I think I was high as a kite!

Baby Leaf (a girl) was born as dawn broke over Winkleigh Airfield on a lovely June morning. She arrived gently and calmly onto a sterile sheet across which, seconds before, a kitten had just wandered. I could think of labour ward sisters who would have had a total hissy fit! After the placenta was delivered (no drugs to help it) Jane declined any further care and an hour or so later, after a celebratory cup of tea (honestly), we left Mum and baby happily feeding surrounded by friends, dogs and the kitten.

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Longer term, Jane and Leaf got on very well and I heard some years later that she had gone on to have several more children. For me it was the start of my own somewhat anarchic community midwife career, walking a tightrope between protocols and women's wishes and learning from the women that they can give birth without quite as much interference as the NHS would like.

For Winkleigh Airfield it seems to me it was a contrast between the peace and joy of new birth and the chaos and horror of the war that caused the airfield to be there in the first place.

Sue Ware

The Underage Soldier

Reuben is kind and brave, he is a farm boy from Devon and is fifteen. He was ploughing the field with his horse, Fillmer. Reuben and Fillmer have a very strong relationship and love each other very much. Just as they had finished ploughing, they heard the rumble of gunshots. Reuben wondered what it was, until he remembered the war. Reuben wanted to join the army, but his mum, Mary, wouldn't let him. His dad had gone to war.

The next morning, Reuben got a letter from the army. He was so happy to get a letter from his dad. Reuben tore it open with excitement pumping through his blood. He started reading. Then his face went as pale as sheep's wool. Anger overcame him, and he ran outside as fast as he could. His mum guessed what had happened.

He sprinted as fast as he could to the town, where you could sign up to the army. Mary ran after him, but he was too fast. Reuben said to the General, "I want to sign up for the army, sir." "Are you eighteen? Because you jolly well don't look it!" bellowed the General. "I can assure you I am, I am just very small for my age", Reuben lied. "Very well, just sign this paper." He was then told to go and get his uniform on. It was very smart, the smartest thing Reuben had ever had the honour to wear. He was very scared and excited at the same time.

After an hour, the boat was ready to leave. It was the biggest he had ever seen. He was thinking about how exciting it was going to be. After a couple of hours, they arrived in France. He thought it was going to be a beautiful sight, but it was muddy and grey.

They started marching through the wet, muddy battlefield. They arrived at a trench. Reuben could hear machine guns firing at their trench. There was mud flying everywhere, it was terrifying. The General shouted at the men to sprint to the next trench. Reuben could hear the screams of injured men. He charged into No-man's-land, where a bullet plunged into his chest.

Mary got a letter the next day. It was from the army.

*by Soren Moreby, age 11
(submitted in November 2017)*

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Family History News

The Winkleigh Family History Group is alive and well and has been attracting more members to its monthly meetings with recent attendances of about a dozen. Meetings are very informal and take place on the third Tuesday of each month for about two hours starting at 10:30 am. Kate de Louvois very kindly hosts the Group at 'Meldons' just off the Square and provides us with light refreshments, with a small donation given to charity.

Each meeting usually includes a main topic presented by one of the members and a lively discussion then ensues! Afterwards, members who have hit a 'brick-wall' in their own research can explain their problems and seek advice from the others. Recent topics have included: feedback from a trip to India to find out more about a military ancestor, growing up in the Newcastle area, life in Merchant Navy and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships in the Second World War, family life in Liverpool and East End of London, and DNA testing as an aid to family history research.

New members are always welcome, or if you cannot come along to meetings but would like any advice on your family history research, please contact:

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All Saints Church – The Flower Ladies “Easter Lilies” 2018

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We invite you to “Buy a Lily” this year in memory of ‘loved ones’. Envelopes for this purpose (with instructions) will be placed **in the church from Sunday 18th February**. They will be also available from “The Post Office” by kind permission of Tony Bayley the Postmaster & from “Changes” by kind permission of Valerie Bissett, from Monday 19th February, and also from any of the flower ladies.

The Closing date for ordering is Sunday 11th March 2018

We also invite you to come along to All Saints Church, Winkleigh during Easter week on Tuesday 3rd April between 10.00 – 12 noon for “Coffee & 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:

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Winkleigh Art Group

The Art Group has been running now for over 4 years, quite surprising as I started it as a ten-week trial. I think everyone enjoys themselves as they keep coming back which is lovely.



We meet on a Thursday morning in the Community Centre and enjoy using mixed media on a variety of subjects, from winter watercolour to still life in pastel. It's interesting how everyone has their own artistic flair, this shows in the weeks where we all copy the same picture, and the pictures show the artists unique style.

There are no rules to our art group as we all enjoy experimenting, some more happy with change than others but we have fun and encourage and inspire each other. I always say I provide the space and time with some guidance if needed, and we all work together creating our masterpieces.



We recently had a morning at the Sculpture School just outside Winkleigh, this was very exciting as we were free to sketch and look at the sculptures and resources. One member spent the whole time looking through the interesting books and bringing back ideas and inspiration. Of course the alpacas were lovely to see and I know we will all be painting them soon, using pastel as this is ideal for animals.

If you would like to come along to see what we do you would be very welcome and the kettle is always on.

Helena (01837 83069)



STOP PRESS: Forthcoming Exhibition

The Art Group will be exhibiting from Saturday 12th May for 2 weeks at The Sculpture School, Burnswood Studios, North Tawton, EX20 2AP.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our 2018 exhibition, where we will be providing you with a wide range of art by local talents using mixed media.

Winkleigh Growers at the Sports Centre Allotments.....

.....are looking forward to the new growing season. There is at present a half-plot available for rent, with the possibility of another half becoming available later. A half-plot (approximately 30 feet x 25 feet) costs £30.00 a year (a full plot £60.00). Ring our allotments secretary Pam Berry on 01837 680193 if you might be interested in the pleasure and exercise of growing your own, and would like further details, or if you would be willing to be placed on the waiting list.

John Williams

Watch Your Step Again!

Further good Samaritans are having to go to work in Lower Town and Farmer Frank's Lane picking up dog mess. This route is a well-used pedestrian path for school children and parents toing and froing to school, as well as for other residents walking to the Village Centre. A few residents, living along the route, are concerned that children or grown-ups will step and slip in it. It is a polluting eye-sore and potential health-hazard, if not cleared up promptly.

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Biodiversity Group

A number of volunteers continue to maintain the biodiversity area behind the Sports Centre, where more than 200 hedgerow trees have been planted since 2012.

In April a group of us went to inspect the trees, straighten the tree-guards and pull out some weeds. In May and September, we were grateful to Chris and Gail Flockhart for topping the grass with their tractor to keep the paths open. Maggie Watson and Ian Ripper also gave up their time to strim and scythe around the trees to keep down the grasses.

The trees continue to grow well, some of them are now up to 8 feet high. This area will become a haven for insects, birds and mammals, as well as a pleasant place to walk for local people.

Lots of photos are on the blog: <http://winkleighbiodiversity.blogspot.co.uk/>

Kim J Melhuish (contact via Facebook)

A Big Thank-You

The weekly Coffee Morning in aid of **Cancer Research UK** would like to say a BIG thank you all its supporters for producing a record yearly total of **£2,148** collected. Not only those who enjoy the weekly coffee morning but also the generosity of Mr Red Hanlon of the Bakery Stores who has, in addition to the collection box in the shop, kindly donated **£182** to the charity this year.

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Winkleigh Church Wives Group

The Wives Group held a very successful Autumn Fair last November. We were able to send a donation of £700 to Devon Air Ambulance. We would like to say Thank You to all those who supported us on the day.

We are now looking forward to our meetings for 2018.

March 12th: we look forward to “**Exercise in an Armchair**” just gentle exercise helping to keep us mobile; we welcome any new visitors to our meetings, so if you would like to find out about us do join us on the second Monday of the month in the small rear room of the village hall.

The following month, **April 9th** we have Collin Gibson talking to us about “**Walking the Camino**”

In January. it was our visit to Libbaton Golf Club where we enjoyed our Sunday Lunch, something to look forward to after the Christmas rush. We were able to raise £50 from the raffle, which will be donated to Winkleigh Beavers.

In **August** we will be looking forward to our annual **Coach Outing**.

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The Winkleigh Singers

A slightly chilly hall was overcome by the warmth of the Winkleigh Singers Christmas Concert featuring Britten's Celebration of Carols with the beautiful accompaniment of celebrated harpist Elizabeth-Jane Baldery. Along with choir and audience carols and 2 wonderfully vibrant solo harp pieces the audience soon warmed to the seasonal atmosphere of the evening.

The Winkleigh Singers programme starts 2018 with a jubilant concert on Saturday 21st April at **St Michael's Church in Great Torrington**. Handel's Coronation Anthem was composed for the coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline in 1727 and the final Alleluias coincided exactly with the moment of coronation.

From Mozart is the 4 movement Exsultate Jubilate, and the much loved spine tingling Laudate Dominum from the K339 Vespers. Haydn's Little Organ Mass is for chorus, soprano soloist and a virtuoso organ part.

The concert concludes with the 16 year old Mozart's Regina Coeli, one of his 3 settings of this Marian hymn. This is a work of exuberance, triumph and magnificence! During the evening also be ready for some fine organ music played by David Read on the splendid Father Willis organ.

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The organist at St Michael's Church is **David Read**. His previous posts include organist at Musbury Church in Devon when he was 16, and sub-organist at Sheffield Cathedral. He has spent the rest of his career as Director of Music at various schools and colleges around the country and now in early retirement, he has been able to return to the focus of organ playing. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

This wonderful concert is on **Saturday 21st April at 7.30 pm** and tickets are available through Choir Members, or via the website www.winkleighsingers.org.uk, or on the door if available on the night.



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Winkleigh Carnival - 1961

Now that Carnival season and Christmas is over for another year I have been reminiscing about the time I was Carnival Queen in Winkleigh on November 11th 1961. Back then the custom was to sell raffle tickets to claim to reign over the village carnival, which was the third since the end of the War.



My family and friends rallied around to help me sell 9,620 tickets at 6d to raise £240.10s. We travelled many miles and visited various villages to sell tickets and also went to venues like Exeter Speedway, Exeter Cattle Market and Newton Abbot Races - all good fun.

When the day arrived it was cold and crisp and the crowning took place in the afternoon by Mrs Coad in the village square. My attendants were Dorothy Passmore, Rita Beardon and Margaret Harris with

my little niece Theresa King as crown bearer. I was the proud wearer of a new purple cloak and a lovely white brocade dress and sash.

Well it stayed dry for the evening procession and I kept warm with a hot water bottle on my knees!!!! There were many tableaux and walking fancy dress. Bands from Torrington, Hatherleigh and North Tawton also took part in the procession. The evening concluded with a dance in the Village Hall.

That was a long time ago but happy memories of a great day.

Marcia Butt.



Winkleigh YFC

How time has flown since our last write up! I guess that must mean we've been having a lot of fun!!

November saw us having our new members meeting and we welcomed several new members which was fantastic. Thanks to Andrew Hookway and Jenny Ashton for organising the games. We also enjoyed bacon rolls together afterwards.

Later that month we finished off the carnival season in style with 2 more 1st prizes at Hatherleigh and Holsworthy carnivals and we had new members joining us, having fun on the float.

We organised a cider and pasty quiz in the Sports Centre which was well attended with around 13 teams, where we enjoyed pasties from Chulmleigh Bakery and ciders from Sam's Cider.

In December, we held our 3rd blind drop, starting from Iddesleigh, and had 8 teams including YFC members and some parents/ locals. It was great to see a mix of people and have local support. Later that month we enjoyed the county Christmas Ball in Exeter and our own Christmas meal at The Railway, North Tawton. Unfortunately due to lack of time we didn't take part in the pantomime competition. However, we did go to Bude to watch and support the other clubs.

At the beginning of January, we held our new year's disco to raise money for charity. It was well attended and very successful.

In amongst all this we have been adding in fun activities after / in between our business meetings including going to Air Extreme in Barnstaple, having a go at jump rope, bingo, and chocolate making with a local chocolatier, Nicola Brook. These have provided new skills and entertainment to members. Thanks to all who've helped.



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You may remember me saying last time I wrote that we were hoping to raise £8000 to be divided between 8 charities this year, to celebrate our 80th anniversary. So far from the events we've held, we've raised £3,263.31!

Our 8 chosen charities are:

- RABI (The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution)
- FIG (Families in Grief)
- Parkinson's UK
- Children's Hospice South West
- The Devon Air Ambulance Trust
- FCN (Farm Community Network)
- FFCC (Farms for City Children)
- CLIC Sargeant

I think you'll agree all very worthwhile charities. We've already had representatives from some of them to do talks at meetings and we're hoping they will all be represented at our 80th anniversary ball.

To continue our fundraising for them, we are hoping to hold a big breakfast in the spring. We have a **tractor run planned for the 18th March**, starting from Burrington village hall at 10 am. Come along and see the tractors or join us for the meal: £10 if you bring a tractor, £5 for passengers/spectators. We will also be having our annual Easter disco. Again, all money raised will go in our charity pot!

Please come along and support us or join us if you're interested. We always give a warm welcome to new members.

If you would like to know any more information about any events, or how to join us please contact our secretary Pete Folland on 07530322490 or search for us on Facebook.

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Traditions and Customs come to Life

Plough Sunday on January 14th drew large numbers to the Square, and then into church for the Blessing of the Plough before returning to the Square to see vintage tractors, and enjoy the Morris dancing. The weather, which was perfect, helped a lot! 'Thank you' to all who came along and who helped to make such a happy day.



Photos by Tony Aston

Judging by the many comments, before and after, it's interesting to know how very important traditions and customs are to us all. Who would have thought that an old horse plough, long since superseded by modern farming machinery, could represent so much? Perhaps we under-estimate how ceremonies and rituals and symbols of the past have a place in our fast-moving modern life. We rely on our phones for instant connection with the world. But phones can't connect us with our heritage, nor can they connect us with deep-seated values and beliefs.

Our celebrations on Plough Sunday have set many of us thinking – perhaps we need to do more to maintain and even revive ancient customs and traditions in ways that can involve everyone in our villages regardless of age or background, including those who have no religious belief. Who knows, it could be Rogation (seeking protection of the early crop) or Lammastide (the first yield from the wheat harvest), as well as our well-established Harvest Festival ('all is safely gathered in').

The Christian festival of Good Friday (the day that Jesus died on the cross) closely followed by Easter (when he was raised to resurrection life) is, along with Christmas, the most important festival of the year, and has of course attracted its own traditions around the world. So hot cross buns with the cross clearly marked should be eaten

on Good Friday. In some places, the day is marked by a procession through the streets of a life-sized cross.

On the following Sunday, hard-boiled eggs are often painted as a reminder that the risen Christ emerged from the tomb on Easter morning just as a chick hatches from an egg. Some communities in the north of England have always had egg-rolling races down steep hills on Easter Day.

In Europe, Easter is associated with Spring: the weather is changing, the plants are flowering, the crops and the gardens are growing apace. New life has come to the whole countryside.

I believe that the Church should take a lead in celebrating these events in the annual cycle of the calendar. While some customs are pre-Christian and pagan, nevertheless for centuries the Christian Church has used them to express our dependence upon God for the gifts of creation: the soil and plants, rain and sunshine, the intuition and skill of the human mind.

Behind the outward symbols of tradition – things that make us all smile and enjoy together – lie some of our deepest beliefs. The greatest gift we have is of Christ himself, the Son of God who by embracing our humanity and living in a world where sin and death threatens to overwhelm us, showed us how to live fulfilled lives. All that is required of us is to open our minds and hearts to receive him, and to trust him. A simple and pleasurable reminder of this wonderful truth, such as a fruit-bun with a cross on it, can instantly do more for us than any number of mobile phones.

As Good Friday and Easter approach, why not connect with the past by re-enacting some of these customs for yourself?

- Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (to use up luxury things in the fridge before embarking on the austerity of Lent - what are you going to give up?);
- Hot cross buns on Good Friday;
- Eggs (especially chocolate ones for chocoholics) and Roast Lamb on Easter Day.

Come to church and hear the story, come and offer your deepest thoughts and prayers, come and feel the faith of others around you. We would love to see you as together we follow our instincts and celebrate the rich heritage of our Christian tradition in our villages – something that matters to us and for generations to come.

Graham Smith (01769 520824 - gcsmith@uwclub.net)

STOP PRESS - On Palm Sunday (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey amid crowds waving palm branches), our two Winkleigh church congregations (Winkleigh Parish Church and Winkleigh Methodist Chapel) come together, this time in the Methodist Chapel. The service is at 11am on Sunday 25th March and will include the baptism of little Lacie-Rose Murfitt – now there's another tradition worth celebrating – do come and join us!

Carols in the Barn - 2017

What a wonderful time we had at Carols in the Barn just before Christmas.

Once again the large shed at Beachlea (Hills of Devon) was turned from a very busy and bustling work space into a sparkly, twinkling, cosy stable scene. Lots of hay bales filled the central area for seating, with enough chairs for those wanting more traditional seating.

This year the Christmas Story was told in the style of "We're going on a Bear Hunt" but it was all of us going on "The Greatest Journey". Everybody joined in with actions and the words and the story came to life for us all with the children dressed for the part forming the Nativity. The carols were sung with the fantastic accompaniment of the Methodist Chapel's music group complete with leading singers. The children from the Primary School sung their Christmas song beautifully. The evening rounded off with hot soup, hot chocolate and mince pies.

Thank you to all who came out, on a pretty wet evening, and made this annual event such a success. A **fantastic total of £354 was raised for Prostate Cancer UK**. Carols in the Barn will be back Christmas 2018 so watch out for the posters; we would love to see you all again.

Jan Ovensden



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Muddy Shoes Walking Group

We have had two enjoyable walks in November: from Brushford Church and the other around Higher Hollocombe.



We have a contact list of people who are interested in joining in, and we arrange our walks via email or telephone.

Most of our walks will last a couple of hours, and will involve some mud (all year round!).



As well as enjoying our beautiful countryside, and each other's company, our aim is to explore footpaths in our local area.

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Winkleigh Birds – the Finches

The finches, together with tits and sparrows, are the mainstay of our garden feeders, and not difficult to identify given any reasonable guide. However, it is interesting to try to identify them without recourse to plumage colours or even to song, especially if gathered in a flock eating spilled grain. Here are some notes:



By Lynn Giles

Chaffinch is by far the commonest, with all the success of the generalist. They will eat almost anything so can cope with rapid environmental change. They are difficult to count because, although there may be 20 in a tree, they keep quite well apart from each other. Plumage aberrations, such as white tails, are common, and also many have encrusted lesions on their legs. This does not kill them, but they surely must get slower and less agile.

They may be joined in winter by an occasional Brambling. I have recorded five over four years in my garden, and also sometimes in Winkleigh Wood.

Goldfinch is a success story having increased dramatically over 20 years as they have learnt how to use feeders. Usually in groups of 4+. Very fond of thistles, of nyger seed, but also sunflowers. In a group or 'charm', they are twitterers, and they also have a characteristic bouncy flight, much more than other finches.

The Greenfinch is a bigger bird, again a regular on my feeders. The male in full breeding plumage is quite unmistakable, except perhaps as a small parakeet, but the female's yellow side stripe can easily be misread as a Chaffinch. They are suffering from an infectious disease called trichomonosis, and populations are crashing. You recognise this by a bird being very lazy, just sitting on the feeder but unable to eat. You should empty and disinfect the feeders and water bowls for a few days to stop that line of infection. Judging by my garden the disease seems past its peak, and I recorded Greenfinch every week except in mid-autumn when there was too much food in the hedgerows.

Siskins, the smallest regular finch round here, have been doing very well, spreading from north to south. Very pretty little birds, with males and females very distinct. I recorded it in 15 weeks last year, down on 2016. Its size and shape usually identify it, and it can be quite aggressive on the feeders, pushing off birds twice its size.

Bullfinches seem to be doing rather well (recorded in 20 weeks last year) but you rarely get more than a pair, the female being a duller version of the rather gaudy male, fat bird with indeed a bull head. Well known for stripping blossom in the

Kentish orchards, I trust that they will be satisfied with my crab apple tree and leave the apples alone. The white rump is a really good identifier when you get a pair or family group flitting out of the way of your car on a local lane,

Linnets do not visit my garden, though they are nearby, with a regular flock on the airfield. When you see a group of birds feeding, usually on the ground, but they do not give you time to identify as they flit off in a gang to a nearby fence or wire, they are probably linnets, very nervous, and perhaps that nervousness keeps them in the open fields.

Redpolls may visit feeders in the coldest days of winter, though not last year in my garden. They do not seem to have homes to go to, and one comes across a group completely at random in denser shrub, especially on the flanks of Dartmoor

I have never seen a Hawfinch in this area, though they probably exist deep in the woods. They are regarded as very shy, but in Berlin they are common in the city park, so they are not all shy. This winter there has been a big irruption of hawfinch into England from the continent, but in Devon this has been mainly in the Exe Estuary area (although that may be because there are many more birdwatchers there!). The huge bill is quite unmistakeable, and perhaps old cherry trees might attract them. I keep looking.

If you find yourself wondering about the Twite in the bird book, be careful. They have not been reliably recorded in Devon for many years, but they can be in the hundreds in western Scotland, recognisable by their tiny yellow bills.

Peter Howard

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A Bouquet for Gillian

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She, with Peter Monkcom doing the photography, conducted the interviews in 2003.

The recordings she made are lodged in the Devon County Records Office.



The interviews are a remarkable and detailed record of villagers' lives, work and experiences of change, particularly in agriculture.

This is how Gillian explained her motivation for the task:

"So often now people move away from rural areas where their ancestors have lived for generations. Sadly this means that much local history is lost for ever, local customs, speech patterns and family names disappear into the mists of time. This is our attempt to prevent some of that loss. We hope it will also serve to give newcomers to the area an insight into what life was like here less than a generation ago."

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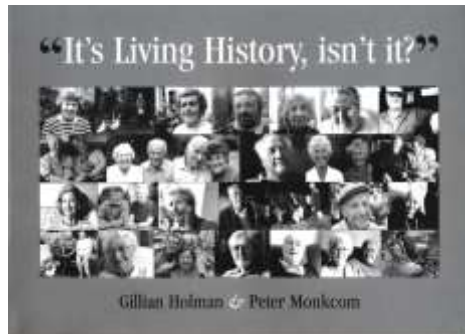


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EXTRACT FROM DEREK MILLER'S INTERVIEW:

"On the Mound, in that double door there was a small hut in there they built and that was a café. Tea rooms they called it, not a café! Well, that was during the war. A lady called Mrs Reynolds. We used to go up there on Sunday afternoons and have a cup of tea. Ride our bikes up there and play cards sometimes. Tea and coffee and buns and everything. I don't think it was there all that long. When the war was over, and got less people, then she packed it in."

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*To book your appointment call Rachel on 01837 682942
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What's Going On at Winkleigh Methodist Church?

Carols in the Barn, the Oasis Christmas lunch, decorated tractor and carols around the village, the Crib Service and the Christmas morning service were some of the Christmas events which kept us busy and gave us all an opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus. A big 'thank you' to everyone who came out to see the decorated tractor, those of you who joined us to sing and walk around the village and to everyone who gave generously to the **Devon Air Ambulance collection**. We are delighted to have raised **£227.73**. Thank you also to everyone at Carols in the Barn who gave so generously towards **Prostate Cancer UK** – an amazing total of **£354.00** was raised.

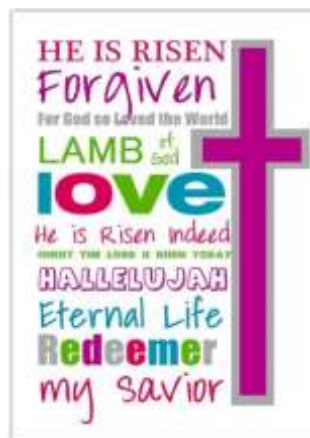
Winkleigh Parish Church and Winkleigh Methodist – working together

Members of the Parish Church and Winkleigh Methodist took part in the Parish Church Crib service – it was good to join together as a large congregation on Christmas Eve. Everyone enjoyed the children singing a carol they had learned at Winkleigh School. We were also pleased to join with the Parish Church for the Plough Service celebrations both in the Church and in the square. **Our next joint venture will be on Palm Sunday, 25 March**, when members of the Parish Church will be joining our 11 am service which will be led by The Very Revd Graham Smith (including an infant Christening).



Easter Sunday (1st April)

We shall be having an Easter morning breakfast between 9 – 10.45 am, prior to our morning service at 11 am, which will be led by Rev Steve Martin. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion.



Easter Holiday Club

4 April 2018

for primary school
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Facebook page for more
information

Food Bank: Just a reminder that donations for the food bank based at Okehampton can be dropped into the Methodist Church (open for Sunday services as listed below and also open on Mondays for Oasis from 11 am – 2 pm).

Our regular activities continue:

Sunday worship begins at 11 am with coffee served from 10.40 am. Sunday School and SOW for teenagers runs at the same time. Every first Sunday in the month we meet at 5.30 pm instead of 11 am and have an informal time of worship and enjoy a bring-and-share tea together. We are planning to hold a Sunday evening youth event every other first Sunday in the month, beginning in May – more detail to follow!

SPACE Youth Club (about forty attending) runs on the second and fourth Friday of every month: Years 5 & 6 from 7 to 8.15 pm and Year 7 upwards from 8.15 to 10 pm - £1 entry fee and a tuck shop available for anyone wanting to buy a snack. There are a couple of special events being organised for March and May – keep checking our Facebook page for information!

Oasis continues to run on Mondays with a home-cooked two-course lunch (£7) being served at 12.30 pm (coffee, lighter lunches or cakes also available). All ages welcome – please pop in! Proceeds are used to support the charity Project Gateway and to fund trips for regular customers.

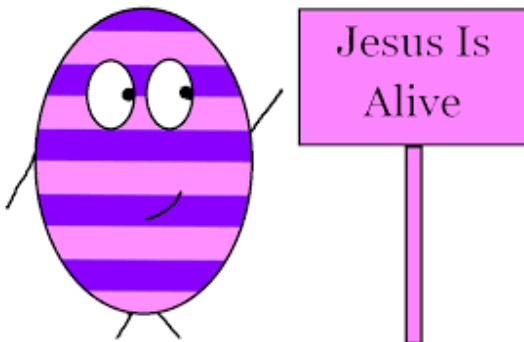
House Group is usually held once a month – varying times and in various homes. An informal time of fellowship, discussion, learning, sharing and prayer.

A prayer meeting is normally held once a month at varying venues. As mentioned below, please contact us with any prayer requests.

All worship times and preachers are on our notice board outside of the chapel along with any other special events. If you are on Facebook, you will be able to keep up to date with what's happening at **WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHAPEL** or **SPACE for Youth Club information**.

For more detail about church life or prayer requests please contact any of the people below, or any other church member, and we will be do our best to help you.

Alan and Fiona Marshall 01837 83809 / Pam Down 01837 83674



Historic Vessel Takes First Voyage Overland in 102 years!

The adventurous life of historic boat *Britannia* – which has been under cover in Gweek, Cornwall since 2013 – continued at the beginning of December 2017 when she was craned onto a low loader and transported to Winkleigh! More than likely the furthest she has ever been away from the sea in her lifetime! Her restoration will be continued 500 feet above sea level, 20 miles from the sea, with the bulk of the work carried out by my husband, Haydn (Sam) Samuels, a 74 year old boat-builder.

It is an ambitious plan, but Sam feels that the only way to ensure that our beautiful historic vessel is restored to her former glory, is for him to do the bulk of the work himself voluntarily. Because our home is now near Winkleigh, Sam and I decided that *Britannia* would have to be closer to us to make the task a bit easier! The restoration is vital, not only for *Britannia's* sake, but for her future working role, which is to sail as a flagship run by the **Britannia Sailing Trust**, campaigning to raise awareness about the dreadful pollution of our oceans caused by human behaviour, poisoning the waters and destroying plants and sea creatures as well.

Here is the brief story of *Britannia* and our involvement with her over the years.



Vicki Samuels' Collection

The Class 1 Smack *Britannia* was built in 1915 by the Norfolk brothers, well-known and respected King's Lynn-based boat-builders and was the last boat of her type to be built. She was built with oak from the Sandringham Estate, since the Norfolk

brothers were boat-builders to the Royal Family and were therefore allowed to source their wood there.

She was named *Britannia* because her owner – Alfred Rake (brother-in-law to Walter Norfolk) – had crewed on the King's *Britannia*, one of the famous J-class racing yachts, and the fishermen that did so were given prize money and the privilege of naming their fishing boats after the famous yachts they had crewed. She cost £290 in 1915 exclusive of sails and rigging!

Britannia had an adventurous life, working as a fishing boat, encountering a friendly German U-boat in World War I, rescuing the crew of a Russian ship in distress in 1917 and getting caught in ice in the River Ouse in 1918.

After a long career as a Whelker, we bought her in 1973 and Sam brought her back from near oblivion to be a happy family home for about 12 years, sailing mostly around the south and west coast of England, and then, in 1986 when we finally moved ashore on the Isle of Skye, she provided us with a living - a skippered charter vessel, sailing with passengers for over 10 years around the beautiful west coast of Scotland. We took 6 passengers for cruises of between 6 and 12 days. People loved the idea of learning to sail a vintage craft, enjoying the awesome scenery and abundant wildlife.

We sold her reluctantly in 1996, and said goodbye to our beautiful boat at the Festival of the Sea in Bristol, watching from Clifton Suspension Bridge when she sailed away under someone else's stewardship. And for 18 years we went our separate ways.



Vicki Samuels' Collection

However, fate decreed that in 2013 our son, Gareth, who was living in Cornwall, found *Britannia* in very poor condition in Brixham Harbour, and after some months of deliberation (and much soul-searching) we decided that we owed her another life, and could not turn our back on her, knowing that there was a strong possibility that she may sink at her mooring. So we bought her again! For 23 years *Britannia* had played a significant part in our family's lives and she will always be in our hearts. But she is much more than that. She is a truly historic vessel and part of British maritime heritage. We want to ensure that she is restored and preserved so that many more people and generations to come can enjoy sailing her and learning more about our maritime culture, traditional skills and social history.

We set up the **Britannia Sailing Trust**, and registered it as a charity, and then donated *Britannia* to the charity, whose responsibility it now is to restore her back to a seaworthy condition, and up to commercial use standards. The charity – supported by a group of keen sailors, historians and craftsmen – is now embarking on a fundraising challenge to raise **£150,000** in the next three years to restore and maintain *Britannia* so that she can sail at sea once more, providing education and training opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in sailing, as well as traditional boatbuilding skills. But her most important role will be to sail around ports and harbours in the West Country, raising awareness of the fragility of the seas.



Photo by Alan Jacobs

As Sam says, *"I am the person who knows Britannia best and despite my age, I can rebuild her again, having done it once before, but most importantly, I need to do this for the sake of our grandchildren, who will have to live in a world very different from the one we know, because of the carelessness of my generation."*

Britannia's new home is at Seckington Cross, just behind Zukis Cafe and Airfield Garage. The first priority is to build a shed over her that will double as a workshop and we will need to raise about **£5,000** to complete that important stage. Following that, work can commence and we estimate that it will take about 3 years. We are very keen to include the whole community in this project and have a few fundraising ideas. We will also have some work-parties planned during the year and hope to work with schools and colleges, providing work-placements and fun activities, appropriate to age.

On **Saturday 3rd February** we held an event at Zukis Cafe, to celebrate Britannia's arrival in Winkleigh. There was information about her history, a display of woodworking tools and navigation instruments as well as many photographs and articles about her long life. A local group of Sea Shanty Singers, based at South Zeal, came to sing for us to help us to raise funds. They are called Mariner's Away, and I just learned that they called themselves this because of an old footpath called the Mariner's Way, which was used by seafarers of old looking for work between North and South Devon. The path joins Bideford and Dartmouth, and South Zeal was about mid-way. But, really interestingly, Winkleigh is also on the route! Which gives us a bit of a connection with the sea, albeit tenuous!

I would like to suggest that a project for keen historians in the village, or the local schoolchildren, or both, would be to research the Mariner's Way, and find out exactly where it went and when it was used. Perhaps sections could be opened up again and used as a route for walkers or cyclists?

For more details about the history of Britannia, the restoration project and how to get involved or donate please visit:

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Culm Grassland Restoration Volunteer Group

Devon Wildlife Trust has recently started a new volunteer group, helping to restore threatened Culm grassland sites in the Taw and Torridge catchments in North Devon.

Culm grassland, the species-rich wet fen, mire and grassland habitats found on the Culm measures, is part of what makes North Devon so special. At its best, this UK priority habitat displays a wonderful array of wildflowers. On warm summer days the air hums with the sound of a thousand pollinators busy at work. Hawking dragonflies snatch butterflies from the air and devour them on the wing, before themselves falling prey to hobbies and wagtails. Wet flushes provide food and homes for grass snakes and frogs. Tussocks of purple moor-grass, stands of rushes and dense hedges abound with voles and mice, making Culm grassland a favourite hunting place for barn owls.



Marsh Fritillary

our physical and mental health. We are incredibly lucky in Devon to have such a wealth of beautiful natural resources on our doorsteps. And recent research has shown that Culm grassland may have significant flood management value, as the grassland acts like a sponge, retaining water and releasing it slowly after heavy rainfall events. The water released is effectively filtered, decreasing the levels of

The importance of our Culm grassland is even greater than its value for wildlife. Part of the 'wildness' of North Devon, enduringly appealing to locals and visitors alike, is due to these special places. This is perhaps most noticeable at this time of year, when purple moor-grass dies back to leave pale swathes of apparently lifeless grassland across the landscape. Much has been made recently of the impact that time spent outdoors enjoying nature can have on pollutants and sediments reaching our watercourses and reservoirs.



Orchids on Ash Moor

As recently as the 1950s Culm grassland covered 40,000 ha. of the South West. Due to the intensification of agriculture (including drainage) only 10% of these grasslands survive. Much of the remaining Culm is under threat, both from continued intensification and from encroaching scrub which is shading out



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a first stage in getting grassland back into positive management. Work parties run once a month, though specific dates vary. The next work party will take place on the 7th of March, near Higher Clovelly.

For more details please contact Tom Parsons at DWT's Cookworthy office (tparsons@devonwildlifetrust.org or telephone 01409 221823).

The project is led by Devon Wildlife Trust, supported and funded by the Environment Agency (EA), Devon County Council (DCC) and the European Union through Interreg 2 Seas. Delivery is supported by a partnership of EA, DCC, University of Exeter and Natural England. Devon Wildlife Trust is the lead partner and responsible organisation for delivery of the project and its outputs. The main project will run for four years from October 2016 to September 2020.

E-mail: contactus@devonwildlifetrust.org Web site: www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Perseverance Pays Off

I always thought there was something magical and mysterious about the old playgroup building adjacent to our Community Centre.

Not only did it start being demolished (after the planning consent had expired) and without due consideration of the hazardous materials contained within, but also, whilst checking out the latest plans against the original, eagle-eyed Alan Mulcahy spotted that the boundary had ‘mysteriously’ encroached further into the old playground.

After many 'phone calls and emails later and a conversation with County Councillor Andrew Saywell, Devon County Council have written to Alan confirming that the developers have been instructed to amend their layout plans to what was originally sold to them by DCC.

The Parish Council and many residents have contacted Torridge District Council regarding the manner that the contractors have behaved regarding the old playschool development.

Just my opinion; I consider the developer has treated our community, the planning authority and DCC with contempt.

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News from Winkleigh School

After a very busy Autumn term including Christmas plays, concerts and the carol service, children returned to school on Thursday 4th January.

The youngest children in the school spent a little time in the new spring term re-acquainting themselves with how the daily routines work and class expectations. The **Foundation** children in pre-school quickly began a mini-topic on bears generated by the children's interests in this area.

In **Reception**, the children resumed their daily phonics sessions, and a short time spent on the 'Aliens Love Underpants' series of stories stimulated their writing after the Aliens stole their underpants designs from the class washing line!

Both classes will be coming together towards the end of the half term to celebrate Chinese New Year with a look at what happens to a child in China during this time and a comparison with our major annual celebration, Christmas. The half term will end in a Chinese New Year parent/carer workshop when families will be invited to the Foundation pod to taste Chinese food, learn Chinese writing, listen to our Chinese New Year song and take part in some Chinese craft-making. The 'Bears' theme will continue after half term with a trip to Rosemoor to take part in the 'who's down in the woods today?' workshop and ending with a teddy bears picnic just before the Easter break.

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In **Year 1** the children have been looking at Kenya, the class having temporarily hosted a child from that part of the world, who has since returned. This has provided a focus for literacy, looking at Kenyan Folk stories and also for artwork.

Year 2 have spent this part of the term looking at space and the exploits of astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake, the solar system and learning a solar system rap! The classes will join together again after half-term for a look at castles, culminating in a trip to Tiverton Castle and Tiverton museum.

Natural and man-made landmarks in the UK are being looked at in **Year 3**, who will then move on to the Stone-age period incorporating an exciting trip to Kent's Cavern. 'The Paper Bag Prince' has been dissected in literacy and later on in the term the children will be describing a journey down the river, using the text called 'The River' as stimulus.

The distribution of human resources is occupying the children in **Year 4** along with 'sound' in science. Two science days, when scientists come into school to work with the children, are planned for later in the term. In literacy the focus has been around 'The Snow Dragon', moving on to 'The Manchester Ridgeback', using these texts to meet the curriculum objectives.

Moving on from last term's 'Mountain' topic, **Year 5** are looking at 'Rivers' along with the 'Indus Valley' civilisation. Living things and habitats are also being studied and embryo development will be ably illustrated when the class host an incubator and some fertilized eggs, hoping to see some baby chicks at the end of the incubation period.

World War 2 is the topic for the **oldest children** in the school. The school is very grateful that a grandparent from the class will be coming into school with family artefacts and stories to make this come alive for the children. Felicity Harper from Powderham Castle also came into class to talk about the topic, bringing with her Lord Devon's helmet complete with gunshot hole, which the children found very exciting, along with other World War 2 artefacts. The class will move on to the Tudors for the summer term.

The **Breakfast Club** continues to support families in the community with extra childcare hours, as does the Foundation pod which is catering for the very youngest children. The club opens at 8 am and hosts lots of games and equipment to keep the children busy until school opens at 8.50 am.

Vicki Fenemore - Head Teacher

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The Winkleigh man who had two 'lives'.

John Coles, of Washfield, near Tiverton in Devon was born in 1833. His father was a prominent agriculturist, his mother, Harriet Tidboald, came of an old Devonian family from Anstey Barton. In 1850, aged 16 years, he went to London as a clerk at the Medical, Clerical & General Life Assurance Co, at a salary of £40 annually. John Cole's mother was first cousin to George Henry Pinckard who was, at this time, Chairman of the Company.



John Coles J.P. in his seventies.

George Henry Pinckard [1805-1892] from Winkleigh, being the man who paid for the restoration of All Saints Church in 1873.

John Coles worked hard to become [1853-56] an Actuary then a Fellow in 1864, having joined as a member of the London Stock Exchange in 1863. He was elected at the age of 33yrs to become a Director of the Medical & Clerical in 1871. Before that, in 1863, he'd married Amelia Lemitte from Twickenham in Middlesex. She was the daughter of Jane Pinckard of Winkleigh, sister of George Henry Pinckard.

The Coles's family produce a steady procession of five sons & four daughters. They were Frederick Pinckard [b.1864] John Howell [b.1867]; Herbert Edwin [b.1869]; George Henry [b.1871] and Edgar Lemitte [b.1883], also Caroline Mary [b.1892]; Emily Amelia [b.1873]; Agnes Lemitte [b.1875]; and Ethel Sophia [b.1879].



*George Henry
(Coles) Pinckard 1912.*

John Coles provided funds for many improvements in Tiverton, including a Peoples Park [1887]; a Technical Science & Art School; Town Library and Infirmary with modern laundry and new nurses block [Coles Institute]. He became Governor of Blundells School, adding a Science Laboratory. In 1904 he presented the Temple Memorial Portrait, to commemorate the school's greatest pupil, Bishop Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury. In the same year he was made Freeman of the Borough of Tiverton, only the third person to be given this honour. Later he was unsuccessful as prospective Liberal candidate for Tiverton [1884] and St. Albans, Herts. [1885]

His generosity included his birthplace of Washfield where he made large donations to St. Mary's Church for the restoration of the tower [1874] and new bells.

He was a friend of Cecil Rhodes; Director of the Hudson Bay Co, and the Canadian Pacific Railway. When World War I commenced in 1914 he was one of the financiers consulted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on measures to safeguard the interests of the country during the war.

George Henry Coles was the fourth son of John Coles, born in 1871, he was the grand nephew of George Henry Pinckard. In 1872 he became the godson to George Henry Pinckard who died in 1892 and the bulk of his fortune was left to George Henry Coles by Royal License. Which meant he had to agree to change his name to George Henry Pinckard. Apart from all the financial gains from the will, it included several properties and a large estate in Chiddingfold, Surrey called Combe Court.

ROYAL LICENSE

A surname may also be altered or changed [other than by Deed Poll] by Royal License. Arms granted to one family can only be transferred to another person not in legitimate male line of descent from the original grantee by means of a Royal License, followed by a exemplification of the arms. A Royal License is usually granted; on the advice of the Secretary of State for Justice; where the petitioner is required by a clause in a will to assume the name and the arms of the testator, in order to inherit a legacy, but voluntary applications are also entertained.

A petition for such a Royal License is drafted by an officer of arms for signature by the petitioner. It is then submitted on his or her behalf by the officer of arms to the Ministry of Justice, who forward it to Buckingham, Palace. A resulting Royal Licence and any subsequent exemplification of arms must be recorded in the official registers of the College of Arms to be valid.

So George Henry Coles became George Henry Pinckard. A very rich young man still only 23 years old. He graduated from Cambridge University and then in 1895 was called to the bar. Travelled to South Africa in 1897 with his brother Herbert Edwin then to New York in 1900.

In the year 1906 he began an affair with a married woman, whose husband was a good friend of George Henry, the lady was Ruby Adelaide Hardcastle [born 1873]. George Henry was cited in a divorce petition 1908, but it was withdrawn when George Henry agreed to show good faith with a large financial settlement on Ruby Adelaide. After the divorce in 1908 they were able to marry in 1909, and proceeded to make Combe Court their main home. 1911 their first daughter was born, Coral Angela. They were staying at Hanover Square, London. The 1911 census had George Henry as a Landed Proprietor.



Ruby Adelaide 1916.

In 1911 George Henry donated 450 acres, including stables, at Combe Court, to the War Office for training horses for the Remount Corps. Which was to send scores of animals to France after 1914 for use in the Great War. In 1914 the couple made a trip to Egypt before returning to their Mayfair home so their second child, Cherry, could be born safely.

Sadly in 1919 John Coles, father of George Henry, died. He left his gold watch and chain to George. The bulk of his fortune [£400,000] was shared amongst the rest of his family.

After the war Ruby Adelaide enjoyed the social life and they made several trips to Paris and the USA. Ruby allowed the social set to believe that she was an American socialite doing the rounds. They completed a motoring tour of Germany ending in Carlsberg in 1934.

During 1932 Coral married at Combe Court and her father gave her the house as a wedding present! Where they lived until a new home was built, for her husband in Scotland. They had a daughter in 1939.

1936 saw George and Ruby travelling to New York with daughter Cherry to make arrangements for her marriage to an American. She divorced in 1938 and then married again to an American Army Officer in 1941 at Beverley Hills.

George Henry and Ruby Adelaide took out naturalization papers for American Citizenship in 1945. In 1950 George Henry [Coles] Pinckard died in San Diego leaving in England £13,519. 1960 Ruby Adelaide passed away in San Diego leaving in England £31,345.

So the passing of George Henry, with no male heir, came the end of the Winkleigh Pinckard line. Here endeth the second 'life'.

Submitted by John Flower with acknowledgements for their assistance; Malcolm Easton, Margaret Ferguson and Godfrey Rhodes.



George Henry (Coles) Pinckard with daughters, Coral (r) and Cherry (l). Combe Court 1930

Word Search

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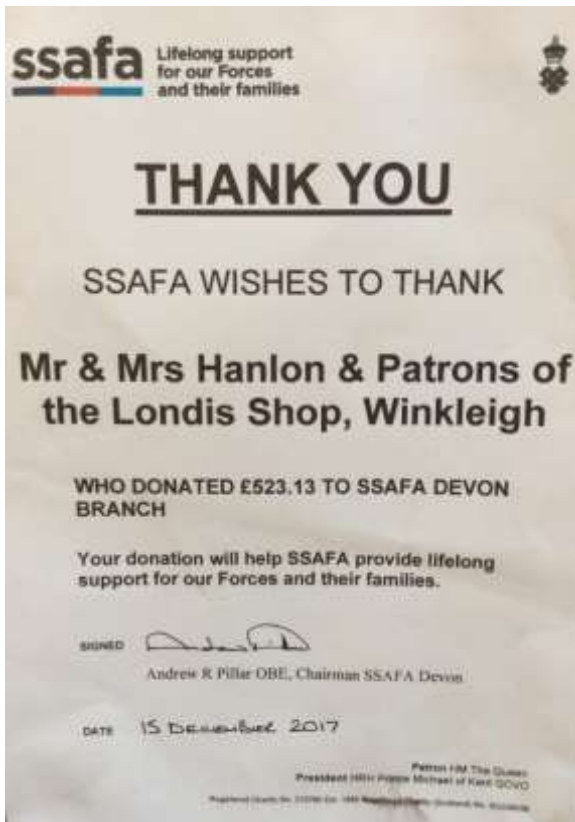
Recognition of Charity Fundraising

My name is Christopher Bell and I live near Wembworthy. My wife and I tend do most of our shopping in Winkleigh and are very much aware of how well blessed we are in regard to shopping facilities.

I work as a Case Worker for **SSAFA** (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Family Association). The charity has been in existence for some 130 years and offers help to any service personnel, either serving or retired, and dependants. As a charity we depend, to a large degree, on donations, legacies etc.

Three years ago I asked Red and Lyn Hanlon of the Bakery Stores, Winkleigh if I could leave a collection box in the store. They, very kindly, agreed and I have been retrieving the collection box on a regular basis ever since.

The amount of money raised by the Hanlons, and the good people of the Winkleigh area, has been significant. In the last 12 months the sum of **£523** was raised.



In recognition of this marvellous achievement the SSAFA Chairman for Devon, Brigadier Andrew Pillar wrote to Red and Lin thanking them for their support. He also sent a Certificate which is on display in the shop window.

Red and Lyn are also supporters of **Devon Air Ambulance, Cancer Research and Winkleigh Fair**. On behalf of all who benefit from their help and generosity I extend sincere thanks.

If you would like to offer help or know of anyone who might benefit from a contact with SSAFA please visit www.ssafa.org.uk.

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What's On Diary – 2018

Please send details of your events to articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk

Please also note that regularly occurring events are not usually listed here

March	
3 rd March – (see posters)	Winkleigh Fair Quiz & Pudding Night- Village Hall – p 19
7 th March – (Via email)	DWT – NIA Work Party, near Higher Clovelly – p 51
7 th March – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends- Community Centre – p 55
9 th March – 7.30 pm	'The Music Room', Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum – p 13
11 th March	Closing Date for "Buy a Lily" ordering – p 25
12 th March - pm	Church Wives Meeting – Village Hall – p 29
14 th March – 9.30-11 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery- Community Centre – p 55
18 th March – 10 am	YFC Tractor Run – Burrington Village Hall – p 34
21 st March – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends- Community Centre – p 55
21 st March at 7 pm	Counter-Terrorism Talk – Village Hall – p 6
25 th March 11 am	Palm Sunday Joint Service – Methodist Chapel – p 37 & p 45
April	
1 st April – 9 – 10.45 am	Easter Morning Breakfast, Methodist Chapel – p 45
3 rd April – 10 am - noon	Flower Ladies "Coffee & Cakes" – Church – p 25
4 th April –	Easter Holiday Club – See Methodist Chapel Facebook page for details – p 45
4 th April – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends- Community Centre – p 55
7 th April – (see posters)	Winkleigh Fair Cinema Evening – Village Hall –p 19
9 th April - pm	Church Wives Meeting – Village Hall – p 29
11th April – 9.30 -11 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery- Community Centre – p 55

12 th April – 7 pm	Sports Centre AGM – Sports Centre – p 16
13 th April – 9.30 - 12	Bacon Rolls – The Old Smithy, Exeter Road -p 35
13 th April – 7.30 pm	‘The Music Room’, Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum – p 13
18 th April – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends- Community Centre – p 55
21 st April – 7.30 pm	Winkleigh Singers Concert, St Michael’s Church, Great Torrington – p 31
May	
2 nd May – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends- Community Centre – p 55
9 th May – 9.30-11 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery-Community Centre – p 55
11 th May – 7.30 pm	‘The Music Room’, Sports Centre – p 13
16 th May – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre – p 55
26 th May – (see poster)	Winkleigh Fair – Race Night – Village Hall – p 19
June	
6 th June – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre – p 55
8 th June – 7.30 pm	‘The Music Room’ Venue To Be Confirmed – p 13
10 th June – all day	Open Farm Sunday - Join us at Down Farm to learn about vegetable farming. This is a nationwide event! See www.down-farm.com
10 th June – (see poster)	To Be Confirmed – Winkleigh Fair Village Garden Party – Court Castle – p 19
13 th June – 9.30 – 11 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery-Community Centre – p 55
20 th June - 9.30 – 11 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre – p 55
July	
7 th – 14 th July	Winkleigh Fair Week – p 19
13 th July	Winkleigh Fair – D-Day Darlings – Village Hall – p 19

All dates & details are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

And Finally

After a wet and cloudy winter, we look forward to a brighter spring and summer.

In this edition you will have seen that the Winkleigh Fair committee has hit the ground running with a number of events organised leading up to Fair week.

The year for Distinctly Winkleigh has also got off to a good start with a bumper and varied crop of articles, as well as new advertisers, in addition to our 'regulars', so thank you to all our contributors once again. Please keep up the good work!

Once again the front cover has reprised another of Peter Monkcom's drawings: this time from the Spring 2009 edition in recognition of his contributions to Distinctly Winkleigh over the years. Look out for more of Peter's covers in future editions.

Don't forget that you are welcome to send in details of events to go in the What's On Diary, without having to write an article as well! Just tell us "what, when and where" and send them to the usual email address, as shown on the back cover.

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