

# DISTINCTLY WINKLEIGH



Working for Winkleigh



Edition 66

Summer 2018

*Cover sponsored by  
Ian Shacklock, MTF Training, Moortown Farm, Winkleigh. 01837 83325*

---

## The Winkleigh Society Quarterly Journal

## Clotworthy House

Let us help you take the stress out of family or friends coming to visit. Clotworthy, a period Georgian house close to the village centre, offers 4\* Gold Award accommodation.

All rooms are large and with good views, and all have en suite facilities with free standing baths or showers.

Give us a ring for availability or send us an e-mail.

## **Clotworthy House Bed & Breakfast**

**Torrington Road, Winkleigh, Devon EX19 8HR**

**Telephone Susan or John Short: 01837 83709**

Email: [enquiries@clotworthyhouse.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@clotworthyhouse.co.uk)

Web: [www.clotworthyhouse.co.uk](http://www.clotworthyhouse.co.uk)



**Winkleigh's Family Run Residential  
Sales & Lettings Agent**

**Pop into our office or call us for a FREE  
no-obligation Valuation of your Property.**

**01837 83393**

**E: [vickie@howesestates.co.uk](mailto:vickie@howesestates.co.uk) :**

**W: [www.howesestates.co.uk](http://www.howesestates.co.uk)**

**The Old Bank Hall, High Street, Winkleigh, EX19 8HX**

## Winkleigh Neighbourhood Watch

In our article last year we advised everybody that due to the reduction in policing our village could be very vulnerable to criminal attention. This seems to have come to fruition recently with 4 vans broken into in one night. These criminals took equipment and work tools belonging to the owners.

We are now receiving monthly Crime Reports from PFCSO Sandra Brown and have seen that Winkleigh, this year so far, has had many reported crimes. Up until the end of April there have been 19 actual crimes ranging from property damage to recently theft and even a rape. There have also been 40 telephone calls where logs have been generated; these have included amongst others violence and burglary.

***Is this a blip or is this going to be an example of the things Winkleigh can look forward to?***

We are going to try to let everyone know what is happening by pinning up copies of the monthly crime reports in the Community Centre. Added to this the Parish Council Clerk is including the report within the minutes of their monthly meetings. So please come to the Community Centre and check out the notice boards or look at the Parish Council notice board in the Square (by the King's Arms).

If you have an email address ask Melanie Bickell to put you onto the parish council's contact list ([winkleighpc1@btconnect.com](mailto:winkleighpc1@btconnect.com)) and keep up to date with what is happening in the village and surrounding area.

**Our advice again is to be vigilant, look after one another and of course take proper precautions to keep you and your property safe.**

**Phone number for Non-Life threatening incidents - dial 101.**

**Phone number for Life threatening incidents - dial 999.**

*Neighbourhood Watch Team*

 **gilbertstephens**

# Local legal & financial advice

Call our Crediton office on:

Legal Services **01363 77 55 66** Financial Services **01363 72 21 11**

Visit **[gilbertstephens.co.uk](http://gilbertstephens.co.uk)** for more info

Gilbert Stephens LLP is authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (no: 536070) and Gilbert Stephens Financial Services Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (no: 579899)

**FREE 20mins  
consultation**

## Winkleigh Society Update

**Future Flagship Event:** JAMES RAVILIOUS ARCHIVE EVENING planned for Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018. This event will be hosted by **Beaford Arts** who are now majoring on curating and promoting the remarkable photographs of James Ravilious.

**Interpretation Board for Winkleigh:** Devon Chief Archaeologist Bill Horner, following up from the talk he gave last year has sent in advice as to what to include:

‘The Winkleigh tithe map (part of) could form the basis of a series of panels, with a stripped back version of the plan being common to all of them and detailed panels, with art work and text, e.g. low birds-eye view of late medieval (or modern) scene, in the style of the Torrington Leper Fields Panels. Emphasis should be on the shape of the place and how it fits together, rather than detail on individual buildings. Key dates and people would be important, particularly for the castles and deer park’.

### Key Locations:

1. Village Square/church precinct.
2. Court Castle and Croft Castle (or 2 copies of a joint castle panel).
3. Strip fields, Shute Lane and lanes south of the village.
4. The Deer Park (Winkleigh Woods).

Anyone out there who could offer skills, know-how, advice, please get in touch.

**Collaboration with Winkleigh Fair:** Art and Photo Display and Children’s Art Competition which we are organising with Winkleigh Fair. (See pages 5,6 & 31)

**Winkleigh Community Plan:** Collin Gibson gave us the background to the extensive work done for this at our last committee meeting. The Winkleigh Society is looking into the idea of storing this invaluable archive in our collection.

**Next Committee Meeting;** will be on Wed June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at The Community Centre. Please come along, we have ideas and projects in the pipeline that need enthusiasts to make them happen.

*Penny Griffiths and Margaret Miller.*

### Local Logs



Dry seasoned hardwood	
All stored under cover & delivered in Chulmleigh & surrounding area.	
Truck Load	£80
Double Load	£160
Trailer Load	£270
Net of Logs	£4
Net of Kindling	£4.50
Martin 07817 464420 parish@btinternet.com www.mpccontracts.co.uk	

# *Childrens Art Competition*



Selected works  
reproduced and  
placed along  
Townsend Hill &  
Torrington Road.  
**MIGHT SLOW  
TRAFFIC DOWN!**

**THEME:**  
**Winkleigh**  
**through MY eyes**



**ALL MEDIUMS CONSIDERED: PAINTING, DRAWING OR MODELS  
ENTRIES TO BE DISPLAYED IN STREET WINDOWS IN THE SQUARE**

**Age Groups: 5-8, 9-11, 12-18 ART PRIZES - 2 PER GROUP**



**ENTRIES: Wednesday, Mini Market Community Centre 9-11am  
or Alan Jacobs, Belle Vue, Park Place.**

**LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY  
WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT WINKLEIGH FAIR ON  
SATURDAY 14th JULY**

**Judges: Winkleigh Society and Winkleigh Fair Committees**

# **WINKLEIGH SOCIETY & WINKLEIGH FAIR ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION & SALE**

**The Community Centre**  
on Friday & Saturday  
Winkleigh Fair week (13th & 14th July)

**2 PIECES PER ARTIST**

**NAME & DETAILS WRITTEN CLEARLY ON THE BACK  
DELIVER TO ALAN JACOBS AT  
BELLE VUE, PARK PLACE**

**Please call 83895 before delivery or  
deliver to:-**

**The Community Centre  
7-9pm on Thursday 12th July.**

**Entry is free with a 10%  
commission from works sold.**

## Daily Mile 'Run for Fun' – multisport fundraising event

Parents of **Winkleigh Primary School** are planning a multisport fundraising event to help the school to raise funds for a new '**Daily Mile Track**' that will be installed around the perimeter of the school playing field.

Elaine Wyllie, former Head of St Ninians Primary School in Scotland and Pride of Britain Award winner, established the Daily Mile Foundation in 2012. This year the Foundation has launched a nation-wide campaign to get every primary school in the UK involved and encourage children to get outside and run for 15 minutes every day.

To find out more about the national campaign visit the Foundation's website at [www.thedailymile.co.uk](http://www.thedailymile.co.uk)

There are so many benefits to children's health and wellbeing including increased concentration and focus, greater awareness of what physical fitness means and making it part of a regular fun routine. Daily activity also helps children to develop healthy strategies for managing stress and anxiety and raises levels of self-esteem.

**Parents are asking for local businesses, organisations and supporters to get behind this initiative too by offering sponsorship and donations to the school.** Cheques can be made payable to '*Winkleigh Primary School*'. Cheques or cash are being collected at the Village Butchers and Post Office, or can be passed on to the school directly.

We'd also welcome contributions to the **Raffle Prize Draw** – Baked Goods, Fresh Hampers, Cider, Wine or Vouchers – anything welcome!

Inspired by the recent Commonwealth Games and to launch this initiative and raise funds for the new running track, **the Daily Mile 'Run for Fun' fundraising event is taking place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please be on the lookout for children asking for individual sponsorship for this event!**

The Fundraising event will involve the whole school forming over 20 teams to take part in an extravaganza of athletic and sports activities on the school field including a 1-mile relay race, hurdles, javelin as well as some limbo'ing and 'wheelbarrow' races too.

**If you'd like to know more, offer your support or help with the event in any way, please get in touch with Head Teacher Mrs Victoria Fenemore at the school or contact parents Tanya (07974995823), Alison (680146) or Katie (83419) directly.**

We appreciate all that our local community does to support the many great fundraising activities that volunteers organize to raise funds for the school throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support.

## Changes at Bissetts Garage

You may have seen some developments and changes to Bissetts Garage down on Exeter Road and after many years of being one of the village garages, it is now home to a local family business: Winkleigh Clothing Co.

Although Winkleigh Clothing Co. has only been running for a few years, Gemma and Daniel, the husband and wife team who run the business, have been in the print and embroidery business for over 7 years, with their independent handmade fashion label, Rocket & Rose which operates from the same workshop.

Winkleigh Clothing Co. has employed a handful of local people with part-time jobs and has supplied printed and embroidered workwear to many local businesses, as well as our lovely Primary School and Foundation Unit. Being based in the village with customer parking outside the shop is a great convenience for those who want to pop in to collect school uniform, discuss workwear requirements, and see samples and garments first hand.

***"Now we are in the village, it's lovely to meet so many people and see so many new faces. Who would have thought there were so many businesses in Winkleigh and the surrounding villages?"***

Winkleigh Clothing Co. offers over 30,000 garments which can be branded with your company name and logo, and also offer an artwork service if you are looking for a logo. Wearing your business details is the best form of advertising and Winkleigh Clothing Co. offers professional, affordable, good quality branded items covering all sectors and working environments - with NO minimum orders. This also includes Scouts & Guides Uniform, Sports Kits & other printable merchandise.

As you may have seen the front of the garage has been converted into a shop front, which was built by local builder Stephen Kimberley. The shop inside is a lovely space fully stocked with Winkleigh Primary School and Foundation Unit uniform as well as a selection of gifts and clothing from Rocket & Rose.

***"New for this year, we are now offering a range of party & gift items for all occasions. From themed birthday party sets to Hen & Stag party clothing as well as unique & personalised gifts for all ages - you never know what might catch your eye for a gift for that special someone."***

Pop in & meet the team at Winkleigh Clothing Co. for more information on uniform or to have a browse round the new shop.

[www.winkleighclothing.co.uk](http://www.winkleighclothing.co.uk)

01837 682827



## **Winkleigh Neighbourhood Plan**

*A roadmap for the future.*

The Winkleigh Neighbourhood Plan is being built on the work already carried out by the Winkleigh Community Plan (2014) and the Village Design Statement, together with the support and advice of local people and Winkleigh Parish Council. We welcome feedback to ensure that the final plan matches what the people of Winkleigh want for their village.

Thank you to all residents and businesses who completed the survey questionnaires.

The full results of these surveys will be published in due course on the Parish Council website [http://www.winkleighpc.org.uk/Winkleigh-PC/neighbourhood\\_plan-17682.aspx](http://www.winkleighpc.org.uk/Winkleigh-PC/neighbourhood_plan-17682.aspx)

Hamilton-Baillie, Traffic consultants, carried out a traffic survey on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to assist the Council and NP group to consider how improvements can be made to meet the growing needs of our Village whilst still maintaining the historic character. The ideas put forward from this survey will be investigated by the Parish Council and NP Group to determine if they are viable for Winkleigh, following which all residents and business will be further consulted on any possible modifications. The follow up traffic report from Hamilton-Baillie will be available on the Parish Council Website or by emailing the clerk [winkleighpc1@btconnect.com](mailto:winkleighpc1@btconnect.com)

A summary of ideas has been put together as part of the next stage of the development towards our Draft Neighbourhood Plan for Winkleigh, which is a work in progress, and more members/volunteers are welcome.

By preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, the parish will have more say in the future and the Plan will be a statutory planning document that sits alongside the Torridge District Council's Local Plan and allows us to put "more flesh on the bones" of the Local Plan's policies.

If you are interested in contributing to or joining our working group please contact:

Adrian Mercer 01847 83841,

Wendy Mondy 01837 680022,

Mel Bickell (Clerk) 01837 89095 [winkleighpc1@btconnect.com](mailto:winkleighpc1@btconnect.com)

## Chulmleigh Tennis Club

Chulmleigh Tennis Club welcomes new players to our 3 newly-painted courts at Chulmleigh Sports Centre EX18 7AA. We hold regular Sunday morning socials from 10 am with a French themed one on 3 June! This is open to non-members too. Come along and join in the fun with a mixed tournament with new partners every match. This format is repeated on 8 June to celebrate Wimbledon.

We host a Junior Tournament with free entry, as part of Chulmleigh Fair on Thursday 26 July. All welcome!

We are an LTA affiliated club with Clubmark status. See our Facebook page for up to date events and North Devon League match results.

*Contact 01769 580819 for more details including coaching.*

**WINKLEIGH**

**07970 963450**

**INSTALLATION &**

**NEW AERIALS & FREESAT**





**AERIALS**

**0800 0930 625**

**MAINTENANCE**

**CARADON HILL  
HUNTSNAP CROSS  
STOCKLAND HILL**

TV'S - BT VISION - HUMAX PVR - SET TOP BOX

**RE-TUNING SERVICE**





**ALL SHINES WINDOW & EXTERIOR CLEANING**

- WINDOWS
- GUTTERS, SOFFITS, FASCIAS
- SOLAR PANELS
- HOUSE WASH (SOFT METHOD)
- CONSERVATORIES
- ROOF DE-MOSS
- PATIOS, BRICK, PAVING, DRIVE-WAY



**Tel: 01805 938502 - Mob: 07711079577**

## Bacon Roll Time Again!



Here I am again writing about the fantastic, supportive and caring people of Winkleigh. Bacon Roll Time happened for the fifteenth time and you again came in great numbers to eat bacon rolls and drink coffee at The Old Smithy. It is so lovely to hear our little cottage buzzing with conversation and seeing all our dear friends and neighbours enjoying themselves. Thank you to friends who

help make this happen and to the local businesses and shops who support us.

Cancer has touched us as a family and also so many of you, but Cancer Research UK is doing a fantastic job and we are seeing really good results. Each year we know of greater successes. You have all helped to bring this about. This year we raised an incredible £1230 and we can't thank you enough for the part you played in helping us to this result.

If you missed this year don't worry it will all happen again next Spring so keep your eyes and ears open for next year's date. We look forward to seeing you all again and thank you so much.

*Jan Ovenden*



**General Building Works**  
**Period & Listed Building Renovations**  
**Maintenance & Repairs**

**For a free, no obligation estimate, please call:**

**01837 83890 • 07541 002017**

**info@obcd.co.uk    www.obcd.co.uk**

## ACE Archaeology Club



**The Ditch, Wooston Castle**



**The Long View**

We are now beginning to get things organised for this year's dig, (30<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July).

Unfortunately, the Council for British Archaeology have had to withdraw funding for the Festival this year and so the Step Back in Time Festival normally held in July at Moistown will not go ahead.

However, we will be having an Open Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please come and have a look at what we have been doing. We intend to have a few things going on, as well as the digging, and hope to confirm these soon, keep an eye on the website for information. We will definitely have tea, coffee and cake!

**For anyone** who wants to read about excavating a Bronze Age round house on Dartmoor, the final report of the Archaeology and Bracken Project, which involved a long term excavation of a roundhouse at Teigncombe near Kes Tor, is now available on our website.

Some of our members have been involved with the Wooston Castle dig with AC Archaeology, The National Trust and the Woodland Trust. A rare chance to be involved with the excavation of an Iron Age hill top enclosure.

For more information on the Wooston Castle dig have a look online at:

<https://finglewoods.org.uk/2018/03/28/unearthing-history-at-wooston-castle/>

For more information on what we are up to do have a look at our Facebook page or our website [www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com](http://www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com)

Or contact us on [surica47@gmail.com](mailto:surica47@gmail.com)

*Erica Williamson (Secretary)*



## Winkleigh Morris - Summer Programme 2018

<b>May</b>			
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Beaford	Globe	8.00 pm
<b>June</b>			
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Belstone*	Tors Hotel	8.00 pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Spreyton	Tom Cobley Tavern	8.00 pm
Fri-Sun 15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Camborne	Carn Brea Morris	Weekend
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Weare Giffard*	Cyder Presse	8.00 pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Petrockstow	Laurels	8.00 pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lynmouth/Lynton	Borderline Morris	Day
<b>July</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roborough	New Inn	8.00 pm
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Winkleigh Fair		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Giles in the Wood	Cranford Inn	8.00 pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Iddesleigh	Duke of York	8.00 pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monkleigh	Grove Inn	8.00 pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Kings Nympton	Grove Inn	8.00 pm
<b>August</b>			
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sidmouth Folk Week	Esplanade	11.00 am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Northlew	Green Dragon	8.00 pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Okehampton	Betty Cottles Inn	8.00 pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Morchard Bishop	London Inn	7.45 pm
<b>September</b>			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hatherleigh	Square/Tally Ho	7.30 pm
<b>October</b>			
Tuesday 2nd	Winkleigh Com.-Ctr.	1st Practice Night	8.00 pm

*\*Indicates joint stand with another side. Dancing is in the open and may be affected by the weather. We reserve the right to cancel or change the time of a performance.*

We welcome new dancers & musicians at any time but particularly at the start of the practice season. We are mixed group. **Contact Angela on 01837 83219, or Colin on 01363 877216, or see our website for details:-[www.winkleighmorris.org.uk](http://www.winkleighmorris.org.uk)**

**WINKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Notice Of Casual Vacancy**

Notice is hereby given that a co-option vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill this 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 2019 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancies.

Melanie Bickell  
Winkleigh Parish Clerk  
01837 89095  
winkleighpc1@btconnect.com  
Lower Itton, Spreyton, EX17 5BB  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2018



**TEN ACRES VINEYARD**

*Wine shop & camping open 1<sup>st</sup> May- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept*

**10am-8pm Closed Wed.**



At weekends, free tastings and wine for sale by the glass.

[www.tenacresvineyardcamping.co.uk](http://www.tenacresvineyardcamping.co.uk) or (01837) 83892

## The Bondleigh Barn Band in concert

The Band is now in its sixth year and has over 40 members who will be giving a local concert for a local cause on **29<sup>th</sup> August** in the **Great Barn at Ashridge Court**. The programme will be the usual mix of music you know, music you may not know and music in which you can expect to join – a widely varied menu to suit the tastes of all age groups and families.

**Admission will be FREE** with a retiring collection to raise money towards the cost of preserving a small window of mediaeval glass in Bondleigh Church, a local aim which we hope will have local support. And where better for the Bondleigh Barn Band to do this than in a local barn?

Please mark the date and time (3 pm) in your diaries and come along ready to relax and enjoy yourselves!

*Richard Edwards*

# Marshalls

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LTD**  
WINKLEIGH & MORETONHAMPSTEAD  
CALL US ON 07970705471 or  Find us on Facebook

**‘Working to keep you connected’**

○ INDUSTRIAL

- New Builds / Extensions / Refurbishments
- Security Lighting / Emergency Lighting
- NICEIC Inspection & Testing
- Full Design Service
- Low Energy LED Lighting
- Freeview TV Aerials

○ COMMERCIAL

- Extra Sockets to Full Re-wires
- Phone and Data
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Electric Heating
- Fire Alarms
- Consumer Unit Upgrades
- Freesat Installation

○ DOMESTIC INSTALLATIONS

- Extra Sockets to Full Re-wires
- Phone and Data
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Electric Heating
- Fire Alarms
- Consumer Unit Upgrades
- Freesat Installation



APPROVED CONTRACTOR



MEMBER



DOMESTIC INSTALLER

[www.marshallselectrical.co.uk](http://www.marshallselectrical.co.uk)

## Talking about Suicide Prevention

Whilst suicide is rare, there are still over 6000 deaths in the UK each year – an average of 16 per day.

The issues facing people considering suicide – stress, depression, financial and relationship worries – are common across society. However, aspects of life in rural areas such as ours can exacerbate these issues. For example, whilst many people treasure the peace and quiet of the countryside, for some, this can turn into solitude, isolation, and loneliness.

Emotional distress is independent of wealth, but the relative poverty of North Devon can make stress less easy to deal with. Friends, family, someone to chat to, are invariably more distant in the countryside and access to others is often not straightforward.

There is no single reason why people take their own life: suicide often results from pressures building up to the point where a person can see no other way of coping with what they are experiencing.

Issues cited by 85% of callers to Samaritans include:

- Recent loss or a relationship break-up
- An actual or unexpected change in their life
- A distressing or disabling physical illness
- Use or dependency on drugs
- An earlier suicide attempt or self-harm
- Depression

Are these issues you recognise?

Are you, or someone you know, vulnerable to these pressures?

Here are some suggestions for sources of support:

**Samaritans** [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) - 116 123 (24 hours)

**Papyrus** (Prevention of young suicide) [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)  
0800 068 41 41 (Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, and 7 pm-10 pm; weekends 2-5 pm)

**CALM** (Campaign against Living Miserably) [www.thecalmzone](http://www.thecalmzone)  
0800 58 58 58 (7 days a week, 5 pm-midnight)

**SANE**: [www.sane.org.uk](http://www.sane.org.uk) :0845 767 8000 (7 days a week, 6-11 pm)

**MIND**: [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) :0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri, 9-6 pm)

*Adrian Mercer*



## Winkleigh Short Mat Bowling Club

By the time you read this we will be bowling in Summer Leagues.

The Club has again had a very successful season and there are several trophies to take to the engravers. Our Tournaments were again well supported by teams from all over the County and beyond. The **Pairs Trophy** was won by a Woolery/Torrington pair who have already said they will be back in September to defend their title. The **Flue and Chimney Specialists Trophy** in March was won by a team from Totnes.

Many thanks to Andrew Baker of Rangemoors for the company's continued sponsorship of this event.

For the rest of the year we play in evening and afternoon leagues so lots of choice for members.

The Club meets on Monday and Friday afternoon for social bowling all year round so if you would like to try this out just come along no experience necessary, no uniform or equipment required, we can supply bowls. All we ask is that you have flat smooth soled footwear, carpet slippers are fine! New members are always welcome.

*Jan Ovenden*



# Winkleigh

CLOTHING CO.

## Print & Embroidery Services

**BUSINESS BRANDED CLOTHING**

**WORK & SAFETY WEAR**

**SPORTS TEAM KIT**

**SCOUTS & GUIDES UNIFORM**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**GIFTS & PARTY ITEMS**

*Professional, affordable, good quality personalised workwear  
with NO minimum order*

**Winkleigh Clothing Co. (Bissetts Garage), Exeter Road, Winkleigh, EX19 8HW**

**01837 682827**

**www.winkleighclothing.co.uk**      **info@winkleighclothing.co.uk**

## Traffic in Villages

Below is a photo from the Traffic in Villages talk by Ben Hamilton Baillie, (Commissioned by Winkleigh Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Group). It was a good turnout, over 70 people attended with young families represented.



Ben had spent the day walking and photographing the village. How to sum up his observations?

He majored on **speed as the key problem** and the design/layout of the roads/highway signage as encouraging, facilitating speed.

The story of the village as an historic communal space is nowhere apparent on the roads that encircle it. **It is easy to miss the village entirely.**

Ben Hamilton-Baillie showed examples of traffic reacting, responding, taking care when in shared space, but spaces need re-designing to signal this, *for example*; Take centre line away/keep the scale down visual narrowing/mark transitions/address the street.

**KEY QUESTION: Is the highway telling the story or the village?**

*Example*; In Winkleigh the road (from Exeter) widens up and traffic speeds past the cemetery and playing fields. It's all about the speed of the road not the importance of the cemetery and the sports centre to the village community. These features appear divorced from the village.

Questions were taken at the end of the presentation and comments handed in.

Pauline Warner (Neighbourhood Plan Group) who chaired the meeting, asked County Councillor Andrew Saywell who attended, if he could explore ways of co-operating with Devon Highways in acting on some of these ideas.

PS: Ben's full report has now been sent to WPC.

*Phil Griffiths*

## The Future looks Good

At the end of May my time is up. I will have completed my year as Interim Priest in Charge (temporary Vicar). I will return to retirement in Ashreigney, though I hope I might be able to help from time to time in Winkleigh.

As I write this, the process that will lead to the appointment of a new Priest in Charge is running its course. We hope and pray that the right person, man or woman, will be found to take up this work, arriving perhaps in early Autumn. It will be an important moment, not only for the church and those who attend services, but for the whole community.

For centuries the Church of England has used the term 'Cure of Souls' to describe the pastoral responsibilities of a priest. It could easily read 'Care of Souls' as it means the task of seeing to the spiritual needs of the people. And that's not confined to the congregations, or those who go to church from time to time. It means every man, woman and child within a district or 'parish' (a term that pre-dates the civil parish). So no matter who you are, what religion you may or may not subscribe to, whether you believe in anything or nothing, the Parish Priest or Vicar is supposed to look after your spiritual health.

And that is why everyone who lives in the parish is entitled to attend the church for services, is able to be baptized (christened) or married or buried. Everyone has a direct route to the Vicar for help and support...free of charge!

You might think that all this has long disappeared in modern times when few people regularly attend church services or think much about religion. I can tell you that in Winkleigh and surrounding villages that is not entirely true. There is still a residual expectation that the Church has a part to play in village life.

The Parish Church represents far more than a lovely old building full of memories. Many believe that it stands for important qualities in all our lives, as a beacon of



**Jacquie Kenny** MAR, MFPR

**Precision Reflexologist, Reiki Practitioner & Animal Healer**

For help with a wide variety of physical maladies  
and stress-related problems please contact me on 01837 851793,  
or visit [www.jkreflexandreiki.co.uk](http://www.jkreflexandreiki.co.uk) for more information.

moral standards, as a reminder of faith in God that has been passed down to us through the generations. The churchyard is testimony to local people down the centuries who have lived and died in the knowledge and love of God, many of them good people whose memory we cherish.

In my year, I have been delighted by the welcome I have received from the people of the village. The overwhelming impression is that 'we want the church to play its part in our community'. In addition to the Sunday services there have been some uplifting moments – the Fair Service, Christmas, Plough Sunday to name a few. We've had the church packed with children and their families for the school's services, not forgetting the more poignant moments of christenings and funerals. A special delight has been our partnership with Winkleigh Methodists, whose friendship and support has been great. Perhaps most important have been the conversations, in homes, in the shops and in the street.

All of this has added up to twelve months of the 'Cure of Souls', and as I thank God for it, so may I thank you, the people of Winkleigh! It bodes well for the new vicar, whoever he or she may be. I'm sure they will receive a great 'Winkleigh Welcome'!

*Graham Smith*  
01769 520824

[gcsmith@uwclub.net](mailto:gcsmith@uwclub.net)



The advertisement for Sam's Cider features a row of six glass bottles of cider in the center. Above them, the 'SAM'S CIDER' logo is displayed with a stylized tree icon and the tagline 'THE PROPER DEVON CIDER'. To the right, a dark ribbon banner with white text reads 'Celebrating 100 years of cider being made on site'. The background is a black and white photograph of a rural landscape with trees and a field. At the bottom, contact information and a visit location are provided.

Makers of award-winning proper Devon cider

[www.winkleighcider.co.uk](http://www.winkleighcider.co.uk) info@winkleighcider.co.uk follow us on Facebook & Twitter

You can visit us at Winkleigh Cider Company, Western Barn, Hatherleigh Road, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8AP

Onsite gift shop and local produce

## Lives in a Landscape – Joyce Brock

Over the centuries Winkleigh has been home to some fascinating (and some notorious) characters, some listed and written about in its annals of history and others who have lived their lives here, raised families and become part of the wonderful fabric of what makes Winkleigh special. Over tea at Fiona's Farm Shop Café, Penny Griffiths and I, Pixie Maynard, chatted to one of Winkleigh's personalities. As a result, in this issue we take a glimpse at the life of one of our special and much loved residents, who is no stranger to the majority in our village, Joyce Brock. She was born in Combe Martin in 1935, Christened Lucy Joyce, the only girl in a family of 5.

### THIS IS HER STORY

She describes her parents with love, a strict mother and a loving gentle father, to whom she was, as the only girl, 'The darling'. When she was 3, the family moved to Braunton. Her memories of her childhood are happy ones. Obviously with a large family, life was busy for the only girl, helping with the chores; this she did with good grace but perhaps the occasional scowl when her brothers were not so disciplined. Her Father was by trade a Journeyman carpenter-joiner which meant he could be sent anywhere to work at any time so flexibility was the name of the game for the family.

At breakout of WW2 her father was conscripted, not to be sent abroad, but as a driver he helped towards the building of Winkleigh Airfield.

She liked school and was popular; at just 11 years she was a keen lace maker in the Honiton style. Taking a delight in this until, years later, eye problems meant she could no longer pursue her passion for lace making without risking her eyesight further.



She was told that it would be further detrimental if she continued to carry on with it. This was described by Joyce as a very sad day after which in her distress she destroyed her lace maker's cushion and gave her bobbins to The Queen Elizabeth School in Crediton where they are still in use today.

Further home moves for the family found her living in North Tawton at 16; she left school and took a position as a waitress at Burton Hall Hotel in North Tawton. Not a job she sought out for herself; on hearing she had left school, her mother told her in no uncertain terms that she was to start work immediately.

At just seventeen and a half, living close to her in Bondleigh she met and married, Richard Henry Brock on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1952, always known as Henry. By age 21 she had 3 children,



Richard, Caroline and Marilyn. Henry was an agricultural worker so many house moves followed over the years, sometimes only given a very short time to find another job and as tied cottages went with the jobs, for a variety of reasons out of their control, the family were often uprooted. A traumatic and unnerving experience but Joyce was resolute and resilient and met each challenge making a home despite most times no running water and electricity.

Over the years, she always played her part contributing financially for the family, one part-time job she had was cleaning the brasses at Winkleigh Court, alongside two other Winkleigh Characters, sadly no longer with us, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Baker. This she did for 3 to 4 years.

Eventually, fate and forced job changes brought the family to Winkleigh. Money in the family was tight, agricultural workers wages were low, but Joyce was a careful manager. The family were well looked after, food on the table though no school trips could be afforded. Everyone did their bit, throughout the years fun could be had at harvest time, helping in the fields, stacking the sheaves, long tiring days but highly enjoyable.

Living once again in a tied cottage in 1963, fate was to deal them a life changing blow, Joyce's husband Henry was taken ill. In 1965 being eventually diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and being declared unfit to work. This left the family with no work prospects in the future for Henry and therefore no home.

Their move to Winkleigh was thanks to a saviour, Mr Keith Tucker who rented them a cottage at Little Southcott but only for 12 months. Here, she was to know the family was accepted as when she opened the door she saw on the step all the ingredients for a Winkleigh Fair Duck Dinner, to this day she does not know who welcomed them in this way. During this time Henry's condition worsened but as the year was drawing to an end, they were awarded a council house in Southernhay, Winkleigh in 1967, on the condition that no changes were made to the front garden, where Joyce still lives and to this day the front garden remains unchanged, lovingly tended by Joyce.

Over her years in Winkleigh, Joyce has certainly made her mark and has been involved with the Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides. She has been an active member and supporter of The Over-60's Club for 18 years and this year took on the perhaps daunting role of Chair of the Club, among other duties organising and arranging the popular coach trips with visits to places of interest, Christmas Lunch etc. She has also enjoyed being an enthusiastic and ardent organiser of the Winkleigh Fair Fancy Dress Parade.

Henry's illness as we all know is a debilitating one but he too showed his strength of character. After years of hard work he did not want to just sit in a chair. Following a frustrating period of part-time respite work, a 5-day opportunity was to present itself offering more fulfilling occupational therapy work. He was picked up and returned home 5 days a week to work in Crediton at Newcombe's Workshop where he made Hospital theatre gowns, hats and boots. This was productive work which he loved and once again he could feel useful and do worthwhile work despite the limitations of his condition.

Joyce loves being active, she is a regular at the Wednesday Coffee Morning and mini-market in the village in aid of Cancer Research. In fact she is rarely still, filling her days tending her lovely garden and is an accomplished knitter; she has only to hear of a new baby in the lives of friends to get her needles clicking. Jackets, hats, bootees and often a doll are lovingly made to attire the newcomer.

A loyal member of Winkleigh Church Wives for 65 years after being introduced and driven there by Monica Cowle. Son Richard began bell ringing at the age of 11. Joyce is a great fan and supporter of Hatherleigh Band taking great pride in the many awards and recognition they garner and where her Grandson is a band member. Richard is the owner of the very busy Exbourne Garage, a truly family business. She is a very proud Mother and Grandmother.

Her knowledge and record of Winkleigh and its people are very valuable as the village grows and changes. At the Pop-up-Museum she brought along an impressive piece of photo journalism entitled Day in the Life of Winkleigh, the comings and goings of Winkleigh folk on December 6<sup>th</sup> 1996. It shows Henry being collected by the bus at 8.20 am to take him to the Day Centre, then a compilation of photographic glimpses during the day ending with Henry arriving home from The Centre at 5.00 pm. It is a fascinating record which drew lots of interest during the Pop-up-Museum, a precious memory for Joyce which is all her own idea and work.

Summing up: Joyce is a redoubtable village character who contributes and participates hugely to village life. I feel proud to know her and never tire of hearing her reminiscences.

*Pixie Maynard*



Over 25 years Experience!!

**AIRFIELD GARAGE**

We are a small family run garage, we have been established in Winkleigh for 3 years

Carrying out all aspects of servicing, general mechanical work, bodywork repairs, and MOT preparation,

As well as carrying out complete and part restoration work to classic cars, campers and modern vehicles.

*We welcome all enquiries and are happy to quote!*

01837 682678 [www.airfieldgarage.com](http://www.airfieldgarage.com)

## **Winkleigh Parish Council Chair's Annual report 2017 – 2018**

Another year has flown by and it is once again time for me to give my annual report

### **Finance:**

Grant Applications for the 2018/19 financial year were paid in April 2018 as follows:

C.A.B - £250 towards volunteer advisers including training.

O.D.C.T.G - £400 towards continuation of their current services including the Ring and Ride bus service, voluntary car service and wheelchair accessible transport.

### **Other donations & grants during 2017/18 were:**

The Council donated £75 to the Royal British Legion for a wreath to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The Parish Council budgeted to keep the precept the same for 2018/19 as 2017/18 and therefore avoided any increase to residents' Council Tax other than those outside our control. The internal and external audit for 2016/17 were very positive and no issues were raised.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

This year has seen the council move forward with the production of its Neighbourhood Plan. This could not have been achieved without the help of the Neighbourhood Plan group; the hard work and dedication of its members has been of enormous value to the council at a time when some of us are feeling a little out of our depth when it comes to creating a neighbourhood plan. The group will be on hand at the monthly market to answer any questions or take feedback on the work so far, so please do pay them a visit.

If any member of the public would like to know more about joining the group then please contact, Cllr Adrian Mercer, myself, or the Clerk who will be happy to help.

### **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):**

The new data protection regulations which come into force on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May have heralded some changes to the way the Council functions. Along



with several new policies which we hope to be in a position to adopt and ratify at our Annual Parish Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, all Cllrs have been issued with a new email address, and a personal device (tablet) solely for Parish Council duties, this is to ensure that any personal data that we have to handle in the course of our duties on the Parish Council is not compromised and is kept safe and secure.

New contact details for Cllrs will be made available in due course.

I would like to conclude with my personal thanks: to all Cllrs who have served during this past year for giving up their time to help keep the Parish Council functioning, to our Clerk Melanie Bickell for all her hard work behind the scenes, especially setting up 11 new devices to enable Cllrs to become compliant with GDPR.

Thank you to County Cllr Andrew Saywell, for championing the roads around Winkleigh and Hollocombe, amongst other projects.

Finally thank you to District Cllr Betty Boundy for her support and I hope that she is soon on the mend from her recent health issues.

*Cllr Alice Turner (Chair)*



CHULMLEIGH  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Our Pupil Progress is amongst the  
'BEST IN THE SOUTH WEST'

Interested in finding out more?  
*Every day is an Open Day!*

w: [www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](http://www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk) t: 01769 580215  
e: [admin@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk)

follow us on  
twitter

facebook

The advertisement features a collage of images: the school crest, a group of students in school uniforms, and a close-up of students in a music ensemble.

## Winkleigh YFC



The last few months have certainly been different with this years 'spring' weather being somewhat more challenging than usual. Snow and Ice may look pretty but unfortunately there is no such thing as a snow day for farmers and the snow and cold conditions cause hours of extra work for farmers defrosting pipes to get water to their stock. Sheep farmers having to lamb in the cold

and wet have no doubt found this particularly hard as they are not the conditions you want for new born lambs to grow and thrive in. It has also seemed to not stop raining; meaning ground conditions in many places are still wet and lots of animals which would normally be out at grass are still inside. This is turn creating extra work and cost, as straw and feed supplies start to decline and have to be bought in.

As for the young farmers, we've had a busy few months, however some of our events were also affected by the snow.

The first snow storm coincided with the 'South West Area' weekend in Weston Super Mare where young farmers from across the 6 south west counties travel up to meet up, have fun, and if lucky enough to have got through, perform in competitions; this year: panto and jump rope. So unfortunately it was cancelled. However the more dedicated members decided to go up anyway and many others had done the same.

Although none of the competitions took place, a good night was had by all. The next event affected by the snow was our tractor run which was originally organised for the 18<sup>th</sup> March. We rearranged for the 29<sup>th</sup> April and had around 22 tractors go out on the run and all the money raised went in the charity pot.

We held our annual Easter disco which was very successful and really helped us towards our target total for charity.

We also had some Devon YFC county representatives come and do a health and safety talk which was thought provoking for all, with many knowing Devon YFC members who had died in farm related accidents last year and other friends and family members known to us.

**Need Help in the Garden?**

**RHS Qualified, Experienced  
Gardener**

**All Aspects of Garden Maintenance**

**Planting Ideas**

**Year Round Reliable Service**

**Call Maxine on 01837 680039  
or 07815 309023**



We also had a visit to Sampford Courtenay Cider at Solland Farm which was an enjoyable evening.

As well as all this we are in the midst of doing our Devon County Show entries!

### **Events coming up:**

We are holding a **big breakfast** at the end of May at Nethercott House, Iddesleigh.

We are also helping out at Farms for City Children, Nethercott House, for **Open Farm Sunday** on the 10<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30 - 5 pm. This is an event open to all, which will have other representatives from agricultural organisations and is a great opportunity to see what this local charity does to give children from cities an insight in to the countryside and where their food actually comes from.

We have a disco at the end of June (more details on Facebook)

If you're keen to know more, then contact us!

We're a friendly bunch.

See our Facebook page 'winkleigh yfc' or speak to our secretary Pete Folland on 07530 322490.

*Katrina Brook*

## **CoHeat Services**

### **Oil-fired Heating and Cooker Specialists**



**Oil-fired Boiler, Rayburn and Aga Servicing**

**New heating systems fitted**

**All plumbing work undertaken no matter how small**

**Heating systems updated.**

**Complete bathrooms and kitchens including tiling and all associated works carried out. You supply, I fit, or I supply everything and fit as long as you supply coffee . . .**

**For a free quote or just friendly advice call John on  
01837 83080 or 07768 164696**

## **Winkleigh All Saints Church Flower Ladies**



Thank you to everyone who purchased a remembrance lily for our Easter arrangements in church. Another amazing response - the church looked wonderful.

Also, very many thanks to everyone who attended the coffee morning on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. Money raised will go towards our flower fund.

We are planning a special theme for the 'Winkleigh Fair' week this year, it is 'Arts & Crafts of Winkleigh', and we welcome everyone to the coffee morning on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. 2018 at 10.30 am.

The church will also be open during the evening of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, between (6.00 – 8.00 pm) when tea, coffee & biscuits will be offered to the general public visiting to view the floral arrangements.

*Linda Millership*

## **Winkleigh POST OFFICE**

*~ Not just a Post Office! ~*

**Large range of Greetings Cards, Gift wrap & Tags**

**Toys & Stationery**

**Photocopying, Scanning, Laminating & Fax service**

**Laundry & Dry Cleaning**

**Travel Money**

**Car Tax**

**Mobile top-ups & electric key charging**

**Cash Withdrawals at the Counter**

**Open 8.30 am-5.30 pm Mon-Fri**

**9 am-1 pm Sat**

**01837 83427**

**Owner: Tony Bayley**

## Protecting Landscapes

After the Second War a huge effort was made to place large stretches of countryside under protection as National Parks. Since then we have added Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Nature Reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Environmentally Sensitive Areas and half a dozen more. There is no doubt that the National Parks have provided places for all of us to walk in, with Dartmoor and Exmoor close by to us. It has become almost essential to accept that these areas are sacrosanct. No fracking or wind turbines inside the Parks, nor much development.

Those who study this business of conservation have, however, been getting a little



anxious. The most obvious factor is that despite huge swathes of the country having special protection, the loss of wildlife continues unabated. Despite occasional triumphs such as the reintroduction of kites, ospreys and avocets. Our song birds continue to decline, and so do many animals, and especially the insects so

important as food. When did you last have your windscreen covered in moths at night?

In addition, although the National Parks were intended as national playgrounds, not specially for locals, there was an important element of helping struggling local communities, hill sheep farmers, to maintain our landscape as 'we' would want it. No-one intended that these areas should become some of the wealthiest

### Groundwork



All aspects of digger works from ponds and foundations to large scale landscaping, drainage and sites.

Well established & fully insured with lots of experience in large and small projects.

Martin Parish 07817 464420 or  
[martin@pmfarm.co.uk](mailto:martin@pmfarm.co.uk)

communities in rural England. Lloyds Bank have calculated the premiums paid by those living in the National Parks. Apart from Snowdonia all are substantial, when calculated as premium in house prices over the surrounding county. New Forest 98%, Peak District 94%, Dartmoor 30%. Chagford is no longer a poor struggling community, and the inhabitants have paid good money so that they do not have nasty modern developments. And, of course, they are well educated powerful communities. So no fracking in the National parks can translate as 'no nasty noise near the homes of the wealthy'. That is not quite what we meant when these places were designated.

The problem is made worse because these protected areas provide important jobs for many of those people with qualifications in environmental subjects. We are beginning to get close to the situation where there are the protected areas reserved for the rich and controlled by ecologists, and the outside areas (like Winkleigh) where 'anything goes'. I have some sympathy with the German community on the North Sea who, when threatened with a National Park and World Heritage Site, posted signs everywhere saying 'Ekodiktatoren Nein Danke'.

Is the solution to tear up these designations? No-one is advocating that, as far as I know, but some of us are trying to stop politicians thinking 'we must protect these areas as the jewels even at the cost of ruining everywhere else', and start thinking 'these are the examples of landscape and environmental management which show the way forward for everywhere'.

*Peter Howard - (May 2016)*

## **Andy Barratt**

ACIPHE Reg Plumber no 019139G

**FULL BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS**

**WALK-IN SHOWERS**

**Full Tiling. Plastering and Electrical Incorporated**

**Competitive Rates & Professional Advice.**

**Fully Insured and Guaranteed.**

**Over 30 Years Experience.**

**Call Out Service for all your plumbing problems.**

**Home 01837 83025 Mobile 07850634670**

**Email [andrew.barratt5@btinternet.com](mailto:andrew.barratt5@btinternet.com)**

**Smythen Hill Cottage. Hollocombe.**

## News From Winkleigh Fair – *COULD THIS BE THE LAST FAIR?*

Firstly, a message from the Chair of Winkleigh Fair Committee:

*"I make no apologies for beginning this news report with something of a downbeat flavour. You will know that Winkleigh Fair relies entirely on funds raised from events and sponsorship from you, the residents and businesses in Winkleigh. Although we have had very good support for major events such as the D-Day Darlings at Christmas and the Quiz Night earlier this year, it is somewhat counter-balanced by very low attendances at the recent Cinema evening (23 people) and the Race Night (25 people). The income from these events at best broke even with the outlay meaning that there was little or nothing to put into the coffers for Fair Week in July. This is such a sad thing.*

*Given the time and effort that your Fair Committee expend in arranging and delivering events that we think you would like it is a little soul-destroying when events are poorly attended. We, as a Committee, are happy – and so willing and keen – to keep working towards putting on the best Fair that we can for you and we hope that this year's programme will be, if not quite as full, certainly very attractive and exciting BUT..... looking forwards into 2019 we really need greater support for events that we arrange so that we can make this happen for you. I will be pushing out an email to as many businesses in the village area that I can think of in order to try and secure sponsorship deals for the Fair. I am more than aware that business generally has suffered in recent years from austerity measures and the like, but every little donation will make a real difference. OK, grouching over (but not forgotten!) so let's move on to more positive things.*

*Kay Aston, Chairman*

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June we are holding a **summer Garden Party** for all residents in the magnificent grounds of the **Court Castle** in the village. I am sure that many of you will never have been there so here is your opportunity. It will run from 2 pm to 5 pm and will cost £10.00 per ticket – so what do you get for your money?

*Cream tea*

Scones, cream and jam.

Hot drinks.

*Live music*

**Peter Aston**, folk singer and guitarist from the band "Cottage Industry" and DJ on Forest FM Radio

Winkleigh's own **Ossie Mustafa** – a guitarist who, in the 1960's, played alongside legends such as Fleetwood Mac and Georgie Fame (now, you didn't know *that* did you?)

**Becky Neale** – flautist from Dorset

*Entertainment*

Be astounded by table magician and Entertainer of the Year 2017, **Martin Gardiner**

There will also be a Pay-Bar.

This has all the makings of a great afternoon, and huge thanks go to Tilly and John Kimber who are allowing us to use the grounds for this Fair fund-raising event. You will have seen the posters around the village and online at Winkleigh Online and Winkleigh Fair Facebook page. So, **call me or Kay on 01837 83248** to book your places and in order that we know how many people we will need to cater for. Please bring your own picnic chairs. **We are also seeking some strong volunteers to assist with lifting and shifting equipment up to the Castle on the day before – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June and for breaking down after the event. Don't be shy – give us a call. More people will make the job so much easier.**

So, the Fair week will very soon be upon us again and we have something for everyone. Events start a little earlier than usual on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – but what a start it will be! You will have seen the **D-Day Darlings on ITV's Britain's Got Talent** and, at the time of writing, they have just got through the first round. Fingers crossed! They will be at the Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> to perform their brand-new musical story show "Hooray for Hollywood" for us. A glittering musical story set in the 1920's and 30's featuring the music of classic Hollywood including such iconic songs as Top Hat, Puttin' on the Ritz, Let's Face the Music, Cheek to Cheek, Singin' in the Rain and many more. The show will begin at 7.30 pm but **BOOK EARLY via me and Kay on 01837 83248** as this event will be very popular. The cost will be £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children. **Once again, £1.00 from every ticket will be donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.**

Other events as we go through the week will include:

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Clay Shoot** at the Sports Centre and the **Fair Quiz Night** at the Village Hall.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Formal opening of the Fair with the crowning of the **Fair King and Queen, Ryan Mack and Jasmine Coles**, entertainment from Winkleigh Morris Dancers, parade from The Square to All Saints Church for the Fair Service and all followed by Vintage bus travel to the **Teddy Bears picnic** at the Sports Centre.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Vintage Car evening in The Square and Craft exhibition in All Saints Church.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Children's cinema evening in the Village Hall – details to be announced.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July through Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Children's art competition and adult's art and photography exhibition in the Community Centre. Winkleigh Society are inviting children of the Parish to create works of art – painting, drawing, sculpture – and entries should be Winkleigh-inspired. The Society is also inviting adults to exhibit any work of art or photography at the Community Centre. Full details are given in the Winkleigh Society's article on pages 4 – 6.



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Fair Day** – A whole raft of activities and games will be going on during the day for children of all ages. Full details will be contained in **the programme which will be dropping through letterboxes in early June** but watch out for the alpacas who love to meet children, the doggy/pooch parade (just for fun) and don't miss our evening live music featuring the well-known **Abba tribute band "Take a Chance on Us"**. The stage this year, again provided by Lorne Hamilton, will be situated in The Square itself and the band will perform two sessions between 7 pm and 9 pm. Now this is something that you can dust off your 70's and 80's clothes for!

Congratulations to Summer Jones, 11 years old from Winkleigh Primary School – her picture has been chosen by the Fair Committee to adorn the front cover of this year's programme. Well done to her and thanks to all those who submitted entries.

The usual roads in the Village will be closed, and parking prohibited, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July under the authority of Devon County Council and we thank residents in advance for their understanding and co-operation. Full details will be posted well before then to give people the opportunity of making alternative arrangements if they need to.



*Summer's Winning Entry*

Many exciting and delightful things to look forward to but **if you think that we are not putting on the things that people want to support then tell us** the types of event that you consider might be more popular.

Please support the Fair Committee by coming along and doing your bit to help secure the Fair for the future. Believe me, it makes all the preparation and hard work well worthwhile when we look at a full Village Hall!

Tony Aston, Treasurer  
Tel: 01837 83248 / Mob: 07946 490967  
Email: [tonyaston1953@gmail.com](mailto:tonyaston1953@gmail.com)

## Welcome to Richard Turner & Faye Tompkins: Interview with the New Owners of the King's Arms

**Distinctly Winkleigh (DW):** *Welcome Richard and Faye, we're very pleased that the King's Arms has been bought by someone who wants to keep it as a pub, can you tell us a little about yourselves and how this came about?*

**Richard Turner & Faye Tompkins (RT & FT):** Well, both Faye and I have been involved within the hospitality trade in the South East of England and we were both looking for a change and an opportunity to run a business together. Originally I came from a farming background and I had also previously been working in Leadwork for fifteen years (some examples of the lead sculptures are now available to view in the pub) and Faye has been involved with horses and with the countryside since she was a child. We both wanted somewhere rural with a true sense of community.

We started looking in Shropshire, with an idea of running a pub together, but, as these things sometimes do, we found ourselves looking at other areas, and it was on a visit to another Devon pub that we were made aware of the King's Arms and called in on spec. The Estate Agent came and showed us around and we were immediately taken with the place. When we heard it was going to Auction, we put in a bid, we bid on the telephone (a somewhat scary experience!) never thinking that we would actually get it; so when we heard we had, it was all a bit of a shock!

We then had 20 working days to complete, and Faye has had other commitments which needed to be completed before she could come and join me on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**DW:** *The big question on everyone's lips is: Are you going to supply food?*

**RT & FT:** Yes, food, along with Real Ales, is one of our intentions for the pub, going forward. In the immediate future we want to offer a Bar Menu with simple, good Pub Food, with Healthy Options available. The kitchen needed a complete overhaul and this will take time to complete properly. It's an ongoing process at present along with refurbishing The Lord Kitchener Room and The Ward Room. However, watch this space for the initial Bar Menu followed by a forthcoming Restaurant Menu in the future when things are fully up and running!.

**DW:** *Apart from the Food, is there a service that you feel the King's Arms can provide to the village?*

**RT & FT:** Already the King's Arms is proving to be a place where people arrange to meet, and we would like to extend that. We would like it to be a place where people feel comfortable to pop in and relax, even for a coffee or an afternoon tea, not necessarily alcohol. We will be extending our range of soft drinks as well as offering local Ales in rotation. Real Ales, tasting nights, themed food and drink events are all on our intended agenda. We are also very much a Dog Friendly Pub and aim to provide a welcoming and comfortable space to become a vibrant hub for village life, along with a dog biscuit cupboard - every canine who comes in knows where that is!

**DW:** *What traditional events will you be celebrating in the Kings Arms?*

**RT & FT:** In addition to Public Holidays, we hope to be celebrating seasonal Farming Year events, and landmark dates (certainly next year St George's Day/Shakespeare's birthday) and for Winkleigh Fair this year we are holding a mini Beer Festival.

**DW:** *The Kings Arms needs a lot of work to restore. I'm sure people of the village all wish you well in being able to accomplish this. Would you like to comment?*

**RT & FT:** We knew there would a lot of work before the sale and we are committed to bringing the pub back to its former glory. This has so far been made easier for us than expected and is moving more quickly than expected given the current support that we're receiving from local people. We hope this will continue, because we want to make this a mutual success. We can't thank people enough for their support and help so far, it's been invaluable to us.

**DW:** *Finally, is there anything about Winkleigh that has surprised you since you moved here?*

**RT & FT:** Yes. The sense of community and the warmth of the welcome we have received, the interest that people have taken in what we are doing, the many suggestions and the feeling that while we have only been here a few weeks, people are supporting us and wishing us success. It's a lovely village and it already feels like home. Also, the co-incidences that have come to light, such as people we have met here and the peculiar sense that there is a destiny here.

To those DW readers who have not yet visited us, please do, your interest and support is very welcome.

## Letter to the Editor – Traffic Calming



Dear Editor,

I am writing to you with regard to the recent talk given by Hamilton-Baillie concerning traffic in villages. It was a very informative evening in which a number of intriguing ideas were proposed. The idea of street design to slow traffic as opposed to numerous road signs was discussed.

Last weekend I was in Bedfordshire and drove through Eaton Socon a small town (originally a village) near St Neots. I thought their traffic calming seemed to be very effective including a combination of mini roundabouts and roads made more narrow with visually pleasing planting of shrubs and trees.

I feel that the traffic passing through Winkleigh travels too fast and needs to be slowed down before an accident happens. Lorries including milk tankers and cars often travel in excess of 40 miles per hour on the B3220, the A3124 and also past the village school.

*Jenny Biddlestone*

## Upcycling v Recycling ... What is the Difference


Before we start I would like to say that recycling is essential to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Most of us now take part in the recycling process by separating waste that can be recycled and putting that waste in the various bins for collection by the council on bin day. Many of us will also take larger items to recycling centres located throughout the region. It matters little if we do this because we are forced to or because we understand the need to separate recyclable waste and want to. The important thing is that most of us now do it.

The recycling process requires so much more than separation. When stuff is recycled it goes down the supply chain where it is returned to its raw state before it can be used again. Paper is shredded and turned into pulp, plastic is shredded and melted into pellets, glass is smashed and melted to be recast. It is an expensive, energy rich, process.

Upcycling, however, is a creative process where waste is looked at as a resource to create something new. Materials and products go up the supply chain in a clever new way, giving them a second life and/or function. Think of a pallet coffee table. Upcycling transforms the pallet into a lovely new piece of furniture. Think of those old glass jars that could be made into bespoke garden lamps. Think of that tired old chair, chest or table - it's amazing how a lick of paint will completely transform it into something new.



Perhaps if we called upcycling NEW-Cycling it would be easier to understand, because that's what upcycling does. It makes the old new again. Upcycling will completely change the appearance or character of the old and undesirable and turn it into something new and fabulous. None of us would consider an item made from

  
**Twixtmoors**  
~upcyclers~  
01837 83148  
www.twixtmoors.com  
The Airfield, Winkleigh

Are you looking to replace your old and worn out furniture?  
Why not consider letting us upcycle it for you before throwing it out

You have nothing to lose ... if you do not like it when done you do not have to have it back  
We will move it on for you

100% recycling materials as being old or second-hand, because it has undergone a process to make it perform equally against those made of virgin materials. Nor should we think of upcycled products in that way. When you buy an upcycled product you should not think you are buying a second-hand item. The upcycled product will perform equally, and sometimes better, against the new or the recycled item.

Use creative thinking when you no longer want an item. Before sending it for recycling consider if it could be transformed into something else. Can you upcycle it, or could someone else do it for you? If it was made new again would you want to keep it?

*Lorie Randall MBA*

**Lorie Randall** is the owner of **Twixtmoors Upcyclers** now based on the Old Winkleigh Airfield where she and her husband Stuart undertake the upcycling of furniture and other household products. With 20 years of experience in Environmental Waste Management, having developed multi-million pound recycling processes for end of life refrigeration and waste electrical and electronic equipment, Stuart and Lorie certainly know their stuff from a global perspective and are now looking to share that knowledge and experience on a local level by developing a network of likeminded people in and around the Winkleigh Area.

If you are interested in making, buying or selling upcycled products please contact Lorie on 01837 83148 or email [info@twixtmoors.com](mailto:info@twixtmoors.com). Alternatively, pop in for a chat. We are in the large grey warehouse with red edges, just before D&S Supplies on the Old Winkleigh Airfield.



### **We don't Just Do Weddings!**

The Ashridge Great Barn offers a large flexible space with inbuilt facilities in stunning surroundings.  
[www.ashridge-court.co.uk](http://www.ashridge-court.co.uk)  
[@ashridgecourtfarm](mailto:@ashridgecourtfarm) 01837 352025



## **DH Garden Services**

Garden Maintenance &  
Tidy Ups  
Mowing, & Strimming  
Hedge Cutting  
Shrub & Tree Pruning  
Lawn Care  
Local Business  
Fully Insured

[www.dhgardenservices.co.uk](http://www.dhgardenservices.co.uk)

Tel: 07481 864686



## News from All Saints Church

By the time this edition of DW is published the new Vicar of Winkleigh will have been appointed and they will probably take up the post in September. We understand there were three applicants for the post which indicates considerable interest in ministering to the needs of a small rural parish.

The Very Reverend Graham Smith, recently retired as the Dean of Norwich Cathedral, has been our interim Vicar for the past year and has done a sterling job here and in the other parishes in the group, namely Ashreigney, Broadwoodkelly and Brushford. He has proved to be a very popular Priest and has worked hard to establish and improve links between the Church and other groups in the village. He has very ably led us through a period of change, introducing congregation-led services, joint services with the Methodists and made a definite splash with the very popular Plough Service in January, for which he was even able to arrange lovely weather! He will still be around as he lives locally, but hopes he can now more or less return to his interrupted retirement. We cannot thank him enough for all he has done for us- but do hope that we will continue to see him around and about Winkleigh!

Please make some time available on **Saturday, 7 July 2018** for the annual **All Saints Church Bazaar and Fete**. As usual, it will be held in the Winkleigh Community Centre starting at 2:00 pm, with a parallel afternoon tea in the Village Hall.

We hope to have all the regular attractions offered in the Community Centre – the ‘white elephant’ stall (collectibles and ‘nick-knacks’ at amazing prices); our tasty ‘cake and bake’ stand (get there early, things sell quickly); book and stationary corner (a great read!); fashion rack (slightly used but always ‘à la mode’); haberdashery (for the sewing set); the larder table (stock up at bargain prices); tools and plants (for the ‘green fingers’ crew), and the ever-popular Tombola stall (where young and old can ‘have a flutter’). Plus a few new additions.

When you’ve finished the browsing and buying, why not pop over to the Village Hall for good conversation with family, friends and neighbours as you enjoy a great afternoon tea, along with cake and sandwiches.

We hope that there is something for everyone. So please come out, rain or shine, and support the work of your local Parish Church. Also, please don’t forget the ‘kick-off’ to the annual Winkleigh Fair begins with the Fair Sunday service at 3:00 pm on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Assemble in the village square. This year, the **Revd Suzanna Metz, Rural Dean for Torrington** will lead the service. Remember, half the service collection goes to the Winkleigh Fair Committee! As usual the Church will be beautifully decorated by our skilled flower ladies for Fair Week and the displays are always well worth seeing. There will be coffee and cakes in the Church on the Tuesday of Fair Week for you to go and enjoy the flowers at any time during the day.

*Collin Gibson, Sue Ware*

## Our Devon County Councillor Writes.....

It is an honour to serve as Winkleigh's Devon County Councillor and it is a real privilege to represent this village at County Hall. It has now been over a year since my election and I would like to thank the people of Winkleigh for their kindness and support during that time. I have striven to do my best for Winkleigh and the 17 other Parishes that I represent as part of the Torrington Rural division.

For those of you who do not know me, I was born and brought up near Shebbear and I previously served as a District Councillor for Shebbear and Langtree on Torridge District Council (n 2007-2011). After five years working away in Brussels and then London, I was elected onto the County Council last year.

Life as a County Councillor has been busy, but so far rewarding. Unsurprisingly the majority of my time is spent dealing with highways related issues and a lot of my work in the Parish has been centred round this.

**Potholes** – and the condition of the roads in general – have been a major issue and I have lobbied hard and extensively to see improvements to our rural roads, particularly around Hollocombe. I was delighted to be able to secure funding for resurfacing works near Tinkers Cross and I have also put forward several sites around Hollocombe for repairs under the 'Pothole Action Fund' (funding that central government gives to local authorities for pothole repairs).

**Parking** I know can also be a contentious issue. Following a request from your Parish Council, I helped secure new double yellow lines on the entrance to Exeter Road opposite the garage to help prevent dangerous parking on the junction.

It is now, however, easier to report Highways problems online and I would urge everybody to use the **DCC 'Report a Problem'** website when logging dangerous potholes or other highway defects.

The website is - <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

Not only is this the quickest way of ensuring problems are logged, I cannot stress enough that this is a numbers game. **The more data received at County Hall** about Winkleigh and Torrington Rural the more likely it is that a road here, for example, will be resurfaced.

I know from talking to residents and attending Parish Council meetings that **housing and future proposed developments** remains a key concern for people in Winkleigh. While DCC does not have responsibility for housing or planning (it is the responsibility of TDC), the County has a role in infrastructure provision.

I was therefore pleased to attend the recent **Traffic Survey Presentation** by Ben Hamilton-Baillie for the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Having an adopted **Neighbourhood Plan** is the best way for communities like Winkleigh to influence

future growth and development so I would urge you to support the work of your **Neighbourhood Plan Group**. For my part I am hoping to facilitate links between the Group and DCC's Highways Department so that both parties can work together as we look to improve highways infrastructure in the Parish.

As you will have seen – Winkleigh has kept me very busy during the last 12 months! I hope, in a future article, to explain the work of DCC in more detail because despite the focus on highways, DCC handles more than potholes and road closures.

That though can be saved for another time. As I said at the start of this article, it is a real privilege to represent Winkleigh and this special part of Devon at County Hall. I have always endeavoured to be as open and accessible to residents as much as possible. If there is any County Council issue that you would like me to help on please do not hesitate to contact me. You can ring me on 07886 446560 or email [andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk).

**DCC Cllr Andrew Saywell**



**Twixtmoors**  
~upcyclers~  
01837 83148  
[www.twixtmoors.com](http://www.twixtmoors.com)  
The Airfield, Winkleigh

Looking for that statement piece of furniture?  
Like the older styles but want something new  
and exciting?

Contact **Lorie** for your new  
County Cottage, Retro, Driftwood,  
Scandinavian, Shabby Chic and Bespoke  
Designer Upcycled Piece of Furniture



**Qixx**  
Winkleigh  
**01837 83229**

## Electrical Contractors

- Rewires, New Builds, Extensions
- Consumer Unit Upgrades
- Showers, Cookers, Heating
- Internal / External Lighting
- Sockets & Telephone points
- CCTV & Networking
- Testing & Inspection (inc PAT Testing)



**ELECSA**  
Approved Contractor  
Part P  
[www.elecsa.co.uk](http://www.elecsa.co.uk)



## News from Winkleigh School - May

After 2 snow days in March, something that has not happened for a few winters, we have now entered the summer term and are looking forward to warmer weather! This is usually found to be the busiest term of the year in school with lots of trips, Years 2 and 6 SATs, the Infant Music festival, sports day and then the end-of-year performances and assemblies.

The **Foundation Unit and Reception** class joined together in March for another exciting visit to Rosemoor, this time participating in the 'down in the woods' workshop. As usual, the quality of the workshop was found to be high and the facilities excellent. The children searched the woodland paths for bear footprints and hidden teddies, they went on a bug hunt and created their own bug out of clay, finding an appropriate habitat for each one. There was time for fun in the 'Brash' and a walk around the beautiful environment. The **Foundation Unit** are organising 'mini-topics' that reflect the children's interests, each lasting 2 weeks during this term, such as 'super-heroes', 'fairies' and 'movement'. After a 'bears' topic in **Reception** last term, the class has moved on to 'growing' with sunflowers and runner bean seeds being sown. The children are undertaking activities around the traditional tale, 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' After looking at the process of metamorphosis in the frog

life cycle last term, the same process in the butterfly life cycle is underway in Reception, with the chrysalis' having just formed.

An exciting trip to Tiverton Castle ended the 'Kings and Queens' topic in **Years 1 & 2** last term. The classrooms were filled with brightly coloured shields and the children performed a Tudor country dance for their parent-sharing assembly in March. 'Growing and Planting' is the new topic in these year groups too and the children are looking forward to their trip to West Town Farm at Ide as part of this. Trays of seeds are to be found in different areas of the classes at the moment, providing different growing conditions and the children will be looking at the effects of these on the seed growth. While the **Year 1** children are working hard towards their Phonics



**JAD MOTTRAM**  
**PLUMBING & HEATING**

Gas • LPG • Oil • Solid Fuel

All Plumbing & Heating Works  
Multi Fuel & Wood Burning Stoves  
Drainage & Septic Tank Installation  
Residential Park Homes  
Static Caravans

[www.plumberinsouthmolton.co.uk](http://www.plumberinsouthmolton.co.uk)  
jadmotttram@hotmail.com

01769 560985 / 07933 166664



skills test, the **Year 2** children are honing their skills for the annual SATs tests in May. France is the source of study in **Year 3** this term with landmarks, food and famous people engaging the class. 'Growth and plants' are also being looked at, showing a progression of skills throughout the first years of the school. **Year 3** children are also very excited about their summer term trip when they will be visiting 'Clip and Climb' in Exeter before returning to Taw Bottom camp site for an overnight camping trip when they will be undertaking lots of Forest school activities.

The country being examined in **Year 4** is Iceland, providing a distinct contrast for the children between that European country's life style and their own. Looking at 'living things and their habitats' resulted in a trip to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth which was much enjoyed.

The children in **Year 5** had an exciting addition to their classroom last term with the arrival of an incubator, helping them to study life cycles and embryo development. Hen and quail chicks were soon hopping around and a steady trail of children from across the school came to visit! Back to the summer term and Norway is the European country being looked at in this class, along with properties of materials. The children are also looking forward to hosting their annual restaurant event, this year taking the form of an afternoon barbeque in collaboration with Tesco.

SATs tests are also occupying the time and thoughts of the **Year 6** children and their teachers during the summer term, before this group move on to the next phase in their education. The topic, 'Tudors' is providing a base for their learning, including in art when the Tudor artist Bosch is being explored through the development of pencil work and tone. There are trips planned and the important culmination of the children's primary education, **the end of year production and leavers' assembly**, are being created.

After these busy weeks, the school will be closed for the summer holidays, before opening up again in early September, when the process of teaching and learning starts again.

*Vicki Fennemore – Head Teacher*



## Tribute to Eric Brian Holland 1940 - 2018

Eric Holland known locally as Brian passed away recently in hospital after a short illness. Brian came to live in Winkleigh in the late 1990s and quickly got involved with the community. Brian was passionate about the environment and volunteered with Sustrans on several projects around the country including the creation and upkeep of the Tarka trail where he worked for several years as a ranger.

Brian's other passion was creating opportunities for the younger generation and he was instrumental in the starting up of the Youth Club at the new Sports Centre where he also saw an opportunity to set up a Saturday Club for children not yet old enough to join the Youth Club. Many of the young people of Winkleigh will have memories of Brian from that time. Latterly, he became a governor at Winkleigh Primary School and supported the Friends of Winkleigh School through various fund-raising activities. Indeed, Brian helped identify grants and raise thousands of pounds for youth and sports activities for the village. Unfortunately, as his health deteriorated he had to give up most of these roles over the last few years.

Brian's other passions included football (Manchester City) and cricket and he was a long-time member of Lancashire Cricket Club who he used to follow around the country, first by train and latterly by Sky TV. He will, no doubt, be looking down and watching every ball bowled.

Brian will be missed by all those who knew him.

*Friends of Brian Holland*

## Distinctly Winkleigh & GDPR

From 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force, which strengthens the existing obligations on organisations to handle **your** personal data responsibly, as well as your rights about use and retention of that data.

As far as Distinctly Winkleigh is concerned, for the majority of our readers we do **not** hold any personal data at all. The only exceptions are: some of our **regular contributors**, who are sent email reminders of the submission deadlines for each edition, our **advertisers**, who have to be sent invoices for payment, and **our postmen and women**, who receive batches of Distinctly Winkleigh for distribution to residents. For all these individuals the only data stored is name, email address, phone number and postal address. **None** of the personal data we hold is divulged to anyone else without your consent. **Group emails** are also 'blind-copied' to preserve anonymity. We hold the postal addresses of residents in more remote locations and others living outside the parish, who have requested they receive copies to keep in contact.

**Please let us know if you would like to receive, or don't want to receive, emailed submission deadline reminders for each edition, or you have any other concerns or queries about the data we hold.** You can always contact us using the details on the back cover or email us at [articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk)

## Our Hedgerows and Verges

To preserve and maintain our unique Devon hedgerows and verges we need to know what lives in and uses them as homes and refuges.

Any time you spot wildlife, (or signs of it) and wild flowers in locations around the parish, especially around the roads and lanes where they join housing and industrial developments, it would be helpful if you could note it down or take a photo and report it. If you are not 100% sure what it is, go ahead and report it anyway – it is still useful information.

This effort would make such a valuable contribution particularly when any developer or builder applies for planning permission as Torridge District Council has access to the records held by Devon Biodiversity Records Centre. DBRC hold all the reports of sightings that have been received - no matter if they are rare and protected, unusual or what we think of as “common or garden”. This last group could become rare all too quickly, if we do not look after their homes and refuges, otherwise known as 'habitats'! Look at what has happened to our hedgehogs and thrushes.

Below are links which will take you to:

- 1) Webpage to report your sightings. Either you create an account, and it will store your details at <http://dbrcrecordinggateway1.appspot.com/> or Click on the first picture (of a newt) to submit a single record of a sighting.
- 2) If you are keen, you can keep a list of all your sightings and submit them on a form at regular intervals. There is an Excel spreadsheet at <http://www.dbrc.org.uk/tell-us-about-your-sighting/>
- 3) You can install the DBRC Species Recorder app on your android phone.
- 4) Website to identify your geographical location and give you the Ordnance Survey reference needed: <https://gridreferencefinder.com/>

Your help is so much appreciated, not just by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and Winkleigh Parish Council, but by all the animals and plants in our environment – one of the major reasons we choose to live in our parish. I know, it is another plea for help, but this can be fun for all the family!

## Hedge Alert!

Some residents living in Westcots Drive have been distressed by the loss of a hedge during nesting time. When it was constructed, this estate retained ancient hedge banks and hedgerows; an historical reminder of the strip field system to the South of the Village. Hedges are vital for drainage, soaking up pollution and bio-diversity. Despite protests the hedge-flayer appeared unconcerned and unaware that between the beginning of March and the end of August, nesting birds should not be deprived of their habitat.

## **Sports Centre & WWMRF (Winkleigh War Memorial Recreation Field)**

All of us at the Sports Centre and no doubt throughout the village are saddened to hear of the recent death of Brian Holland at the age of 77 years old. Brian has had a long period of illness which began after an accident when he was a very young man. He is survived by his daughter Diane and Granddaughter Ruby who is 6 years old. He moved to Winkleigh about 15 years ago from Reading and quickly became involved in village life. He showed a great interest in helping children, fund-raising and being behind many community based initiatives. He liked the challenge of raising money and appeared to have a skill in meeting this challenge.

Brian contributed to many aspects of the Sports Centre with children's clubs, tree planting and as a club snooker player. He would be delighted to know that his planting of apple trees in the Sports Centre grounds is literally still bearing fruits today. Brian enjoyed his life in Winkleigh after he retired from the National Rivers Authority and he showed a great determination to motivate children and to make them more active and enjoy their precious time as children. Brian will mean different things to different people and he will be remembered by his many kind and thoughtful deeds. Diane was kind enough to share with me the contents of Thank You letters that Brian received. Here was a true adopted Winkleigh Villager that made a difference to the lives that he touched. May he rest in peace.

As any resident of Winkleigh knows already all of our facilities are entirely funded by grants, donations or by the users of the various clubs and societies. This puts a tremendous strain on the day to day running of, for example, the Sports Hall which relies on the good will of voluntary support and the largesse of our paying customers. It is for this reason that we were delighted to secure the finances derived from the tele-mast construction. But it should also be fully understood that much of the work to improve the fabric of buildings is done on a totally voluntary basis. The toilet block refurbishment has in part been undertaken by unpaid committee members, such as Cllr Alan Jacobs. The new hall lights would not now be in place if not for the huge effort of Chairman Mike Wilson who gives his time and professional skills freely when required. Which is in truth very often.

When the Trustees set up The Winkleigh War Memorial Recreation Field in 1948, by buying land known as Great Stick Park, I wonder if they could have even envisaged how their idea would grow to what it is now in 2018, seventy years later.

If any potential users of the Sports Hall would like to see the lights in action please message the Sports Centre on Facebook. We feel that they will be a colourful addition to any party, disco or other event in the Hall.

With this in mind the Youth Club would love to gain the support of local footballers who could spare an hour or two to coach children. If you can help please let us know. (Tom: 07811 772730).

The Sports Centre committee is working hard to improve the grounds operated by WWMRF. The outdoor play area is being refurbished over the next few weeks, we have a contract in place for routine ground maintenance and the "old" bowling green is about to be landscaped to improve its overall appearance. We are always looking for gardening enthusiasts to adopt some of our flower beds which need some serious tender loving care. Can you help? Please let us know if you can.

The allotment users had a bit of a scare when one of the mature trees on the field perimeter recently fell. Thankfully this appears to be an isolated incident as all the remaining trees have been inspected and given the all clear. These magnificent trees do however require some trimming which will soon take place.

Winkleigh Football Club have been using the Sports Centre facilities for some of their recent home matches. Hopefully this will continue for the benefit of all users. In addition the Aunt Sally team has recommenced its activities in, mostly, sunny weather. There is even talk of a game against the "Skittlers" from The Seven Stars, so that really is something to look forward to!

Apologies for those of you waiting to see how our fitness-suite idea is developing. We are still working on this as we are with the Archery. All required equipment for this is in place and we soon let you know what our intentions are.

This glorious Bank holiday weather has put a smile on most people's faces, let's hope that this is the start of a fantastic Winkleigh summer. All of us at the Sports Centre hope so.

*Tom Radcliffe (Secretary & Trustee)*



## The Winkleigh Singers

The rafters rang with the sound of the great Father Willis Organ, the audience and the Winkleigh Singers at the start of their concert at St Michael's Church Great Torrington on 21st April, giving a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday Your Majesty! The royal theme continued with Handel's 'The King Shall Rejoice' one of 4 anthems composed for the coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline in 1727.

Mozart's solo motet Exsultate Jubilate followed, a 4 movement 'concerto' for soprano, sung so beautifully by Donna-Marie Broomfield whose voice from the pulpit transfixed us all. This was followed by 2 great organ pieces to which David Read gave monumental effort! Most people know the Widor Toccato from his 5th Symphony, but how many know he wrote 10 organ symphonies?! The Finale from the 8th symphony was given a great airing and again the rafters rang, the finger and footwork from David leaving us exhausted by the magnitude! Mozart again gave us the most beautiful Vesper Laudate Dominum, the final aria for soprano accompanied by chorus comprises a simple extended soaring melody of supreme beauty.

After the interval, the choir performed Haydn's Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo (Little Organ Mass) written for the Brothers of Mercy, in Eisenstadt. A change of composer followed with Rossini, O Salutaris Hostia, a moving setting being part of the Eucharistic hymn for the feast of Corpus Christie. Mozart's Regina Coeli, written in his mid-teens, rounded off this concert. After great applause, the choir treated the audience to the first of Handel's Coronation anthems, Zadok the Priest.

Praise came from the audience and from the soprano, Donna-Marie who wrote that the choir 'makes a cracking sound!'

### For your diaries

The Winkleigh Singers are giving a concert on **Saturday 23rd June at 7.30 pm at Atherington Parish Church** for their Flower Festival.

**Saturday 13 October is a 'Come and Sing' Brahms's Requiem workshop** (in English) at St Michael's Church. Torrington 2 pm - 7.30 pm. More information nearer the date from our website.

We regret that, due to circumstances out of our control, we have had to postpone our performance of Purcell's King Arthur planned for 9th July to a later date.

### We're recruiting!

The choir has vacancies for tenors and basses to allow them to expand their repertoire beyond the more straightforward SATB. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings in Umlerleigh Christian Fellowship Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm and new singers are always welcome. See our website for details: [www.winkleighsingers.org.uk](http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk)

## What's Going On at Winkleigh Methodist Church?

Food, drink,  
chill time  
and games

Youth  
Worship

# Recharge

6.30 – 8.00  
pm

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
every other  
month

More info:  
01837  
83809

We're excited to have started a new, youth focused, bi-monthly event – **Recharge!** All ages welcome. Please see our Facebook page and notice board for information about the next one.

**Winkleigh Parish Church and Winkleigh Methodist – working together** Our Church was full when both congregations joined together on Palm Sunday. The Very Revd Graham Smith and Bridget Down, one of our worship leaders, led our service which included an infant Christening. We hope to continue working and planning together. Watch this space!

**Winkleigh Fair Concert** with the **Jubilate Choir** from North Devon

**Monday, 9 July - 7.30 pm at the Village Hall**



We would love to see you if you are able to come along and enjoy an informal evening listening to a variety of music, including some show songs.

Cakes, tea and coffee will be served during the evening.



Money raised will be donated to Pancreatic Cancer UK and The Farming Community Network.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Winkleigh Fair week!



**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 run at the same time. The first Sundays of each month alternate between our informal café style bring and share tea service at 5.30 pm and Recharge – our new informal youth worship including food, drink and games which runs from 6.30 – 8.00 pm. Please see our Facebook page or notice board for dates and detail.

**SPACE Youth Club** with 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.

**Oasis** continues to run on Mondays with a home-cooked two-course lunch (£7.50) 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 do our best to help you.

*Alan and Fiona Marshall 01837 83809 / Pam Down 01837 83674*

## **Winkleigh Church Wives Group**

The Church Wives have enjoyed some interesting meetings over the past months.

In March we enjoyed "Keep fit in an armchair" "this was a most enjoyable afternoon with lots of laughter.

In April we welcomed Collin Gibson to our meeting who gave us a most interesting talk about Walking the Camino. He was able to tell us about his journey taken over 20 days averaging 25 -30 km each day in total a journey of almost 400 km.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May we look forward to Adrian & Janet talking to us about their holidays in New Zealand. We welcome any visitors to our meeting.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having the last meeting of the current programme when we begin with a service in church, then meeting back in the village hall for the AGM.

The wives group hope to be going on their annual coach outing in August, hopefully on the 21<sup>st</sup>, destination to be arranged.

Our meetings take place on the second Monday of each month at 2.30 pm in the small room of the village hall.

*Janet Magor*

## **Letter to the Editor: Shirley Cowling – A Friend**

We met a lifetime ago amongst the hills and chatter of the Wembworthy-Winkleigh area. Over the years sharing intermittent friendship and kindnesses. Reading Winnie-The-Pooh in Latin with my young son, swimming in the spa pool together. Sharing art, lifts, lunches and life.

We bumped into each other through such a wide and diverse range of subjects and activities that our lives became tightly mixed over the years.

Always a friend, often a companion. Thank you.

*Susan*

## **Paw Prints Pet Care**

Dog walking, Small pet sitting and Vet visits

Fully insured & D B S Checked

Hatherleigh based but covering Okehampton & surrounding areas.

Email : Pawprintspetcare2016@gmail.com

Facebook : Paw prints pet care

call Kirstie Rockett on 07392072463

## New Era for Hatherleigh Market

The last week of February 2018 saw the final auctions of sheep, cattle, household goods and tools under the over sight of the Vick family. Many in our neighbouring town and area were mourning the loss of the auctions as ownership changed hands at the start of April.



However, as one era ends, another is always dawning and The Ruby Market have taken over the reins and will be organising the pannier market over the coming months. The Ruby Market have successfully organised three big Saturday markets at the Hatherleigh site over the past few years attracting large crowds and many stall holders. With new management at the helm stall holders are expectant about the opportunities that this presents.



The indoor stalls have relocated into the old auction room. The household goods, poultry and small mammals auction have transferred into the old sheep pen area of the auction room. New owners Kingswood Homes have incorporated a new pannier market in the plans and once the old market room is demolished and new market area developed stall holders will move again to their permanent home. It is not known how long this will take as outline planning

permission has now lapsed with no full plans submitted to West Devon council.

In the meantime, I'm sure that the market and stall holders at Hatherleigh would value our support and custom on

**Tuesday mornings** during this transition time. The market has not closed – it is flourishing with freshly baked bread, Dan the Fish Man, Curworthy Cheese, Olives, local fruit and vegetables, rare breed pork sausages, home cooked goods and free





range eggs all available at realistic prices. The old offices are now home to Sharon's café, Tracey the hairdresser, Made-well, and Diana's vintage shops – with more shops in the pipeline.

It is an exciting time as the bedding / plant

sellers return for the new season. The poultry and small mammals auction starts at 10 am followed by the household goods and plant auctions – you can bring entries on the morning if you have any to sell.

If you'd like a stall, then come along before 9 am and speak to Jenny the new Market Manager – find her at the pet food shop. See you there.

## **ACCESS PHYSIOTHERAPY**

**SUSAN BENNETT**

MSC MCSP HCPC REG

**WITH OVER 30 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE OFFERS TREATMENT**

**FOR:**

**ACHES**

**SPRAINS**

**STRAINS,**

**SPORTS INJURIES**

**BACK, NECK AND ALL JOINTS**

**DAYTIME, EVENING AND  
WEEKEND APPOINTMENTS  
AVAILABLE. TELEPHONE FOR  
APPOINTMENT**

**01769 580513**



**THE SHIFTERS**

**Spirebourne Limited**

Liquid Waste Disposal and Drainage Co

### **EMERGENCY CALL OUTS**

Septic Tank/Cess Pool Emptying – Any Size  
Grease Traps  
Drain Blockage Clearance  
Various Commercial Liquid Waste Disposal  
Servicing  
CCTV Drainage Surveys  
Pump Repairs & Renewals  
Installation of Septic Tanks & Sewage  
Treatment Works  
Mantair Units

**FREEPHONE 08000 855 185**

spirebourne@hotmail.co.uk  
www.spirebourne.co.uk

## Crossing the Landscape - Muddy Shoes Walking Group



Mustering on the 6<sup>th</sup> April under The Great Oak Tree at Southernhay, ten walkers and one dog set off down Townsend Hill for the only public footpath that starts in Winkleigh village. David Trenaman met us at the footpath sign on Townsend Hill with his puppy Fred and walked the first section with us.

We crossed diagonally down the field south of the oak tree towards the bridge and the lodges by the lake. It is very muddy here, definitely wellie-wearing terrain. There are channels of water speeding south and standing water pooling by the fence that encircles the lodges. There is a small oak wood on our left as we walked towards the stream, which after weeks of rain is rushing by. The vista ahead is a steep wooded hill stretching beyond the mosaic landscape of rushes and marsh grasses with pools of water and mud that requires someone nearby to haul you out if necessary.



Once at the top of the hill, turning to look at Winkleigh Church Tower, you appreciate that Winkleigh is an historic hill-top village, bounded by Devon Hedges and small woodlands.

Pressing on for Broadwoodkelly, where their local group has arranged to meet up with us, the field leading up to the village, was visually rich, looking out to Dartmoor. We heard a skylark, saw primroses, celandine, Devon violets and daffodils in the banks and hedges. We were advised, by a local we met on the top of the field, to keep on the road because of the standing water in the field we should have crossed. So we stuck to the road; even so the views were rewarding.



We were heading for the church tower of Broadwoodkelly, picked up the footpath trail across the fields full of

spring lambs and wary sheep. A steepish climb led us to the Village Hall and we were

greeted by Dee and a number of her walking group. Dee had generously made cake and provided tea & coffee to welcome us.

We swapped information about our respective walking groups. BWK walk every Friday, starting at 9:30 am at the hall and finishing there an hour or so later for coffee. Newcomers welcome and two of our party are set to join them.

Dee and Robin told us about their two village walk from Broadwoodkelly to Bondleigh planned for 19<sup>th</sup> May, (now changed to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Royal Wedding). This will be Muddy Shoes next expedition, especially as there are refreshments in both venues!

The walk home; we varied the route, risking the section we had been warned about, (it was fine), but avoiding the muddy section by the lake lodges, we turned left and then walked along the Hatherleigh Road. We sat on Malcolm's bench and appreciated his well-tended flowers in the trough, and again, the great view.

We are a friendly, informal group and welcome anyone to join our walks. You may bring your dog.

To join our email list, please contact Penny on 83407 or Kim J Melhuish (via Facebook message).

*PJG/KJM 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

*Jenny Rock*

**Rock Solid Book-keeping Solutions**  
***Creating order from Chaos!***

Collacott Lodge,  
Winkleigh,  
Devon EX19 8LE

Mobile: 07743 683 756  
Email: [jennifer.rock1@tesco.net](mailto:jennifer.rock1@tesco.net)

Book-keeping, Bank reconciliations, Creditor & Debtor Reports.  
VAT Returns, Accounts to Trial Balance, Liaise with Accountants.

Temporary, 'One-Off' and Permanent Contracts undertaken.

Friendly, helpful advice for small businesses.

Accounting experience in:

Farming, Manufacturing, Pub, Convenience Store and Retirement Homes

*CIMA Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting.*

*Association of Accounting Technicians NVQ IV.*

## Join 'us' – but who are we?

I am occasionally asked does the “**Green Group**” still exist in Winkleigh? Well, the answer is 'sort of, yes, and no'. There has never actually been a group with that name, but there has often been gatherings of people keen to protect and enhance our environment.

Some of us ran the plastics recycling, scrap metal skip and village-wide garage sale. Some have planted and nurtured the trees behind the Sports Centre or organised Muddy Shoes walking group. We are sometimes known as the “Biodiversity Group”. Sometimes we meet socially – we call that “Green Drinks”. We meet for an evening drink and a catch-up, encouraging each other in our various activities and sharing information.

Sometimes, we meet outdoors - we have had some great summer evenings at Wheatland Farm, Heckapen, Sleses Cottage - just enjoying the natural world and hearing stories of success and challenges, as we try to preserve our wonderful natural heritage. People come from Winkleigh, Hollocombe and nearby to talk about 'green' things. We are a diverse bunch – we may be interested in footpaths, wildlife, recycling, or alternative energy. We don't score points for how 'green' we are – we are all making an effort to save the planet for future generations. There is no committee, membership or any affiliation to organisations or political parties.

*If you would like to join this network, then send your contact details to:  
Kim J Melhuish (via a Facebook message) or send a text to 07763 072931.*

## Sueno Beauty

**Changes, Exeter Road, Winkleigh. EX19 8HW**

### **Aesthetic, Massage & Holistic Therapies**

- **Swedish Massage**
- **Deep Tissue Massage**
- **Aromatherapy Massage**
- **Bamboo Massage**
- **Hot Stone Massage**
- **Hopi Ear Candles**
- **Reflexology**
- **Micropigmentation**
- **Micro Needling**

**Contact: Gemma Jenkins Tel: 07590233607**

**Email: [suenobeauty@outlook.com](mailto:suenobeauty@outlook.com)**

**Facebook: @Suenobeauty**



## **Farms for City Children to host Romeo and Juliet performed by HandleBards at Nethercott House, Devon**

On **Saturday 23rd June at 6.30 pm**, HandleBards will be performing Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet at Nethercott House. The all-female troupe will be arriving by bicycle with all the set, props and costumes. In usual HandleBard's style, you can expect riotous amounts of energy, a fair old whack of chaos and a great deal of laughter.

Nethercott House grounds will be open from 5 pm so please bring your own picnic, rugs and chairs. There will be a bar serving drinks only. The play starts at 6.30 pm and will last approximately 2 hours with a twenty minute interval.

Tim Rose, Farm School Manager at Nethercott House said: "We are looking forward to hosting HandleBard's first production at Nethercott in the garden in June. Do please bring your own picnic to have in the grounds. We will be providing a bar with drinks to keep you cool on a warm summer's evening."

Early Bird tickets are on sale now and are available for £12 for adults until 23<sup>rd</sup> April and then after that for £15. One free under 16 ticket with every paying adult.

For further information or to Book, either phone 01392 276381 or see the website <http://farmsforcitychildren.org/event/handlebards-romeo-juliet/>

### **Farms for City Children**

Michael Morpurgo and his wife Clare founded the charity Farms for City Children in 1976 at Nethercott Farm, deep in Devon river country, and Michael has called the project his 'greatest story'. They aim to expand the horizons of children from towns and cities all over the country by offering them a week in the countryside living together on one of their farms. Over forty years over 100,000 children have spent a week at one of the three farms. *Farms for City Children is a UK registered charity - [farmsforcitychildren.org](http://farmsforcitychildren.org)*

### **Handlebards**

The HandleBards consist of two troupes (one all-male, one all-female) of cycling actors who carry all the necessary set, props and costume to perform extremely energetic, charmingly chaotic and environmentally sustainable Shakespeare plays across the globe. They are the first and only theatre company to have performed Macbeth in its imagined location, on the top of Dunsinane Hill.

In 2016, their all-female troupe became the first ever all-female theatre troupe to perform in Sudan. Previous international tours have included performances in Zimbabwe, Sudan, Myanmar, Malaysia, Bali, Singapore and India. Follow them on Twitter: @HandleBards / Facebook: HandleBards / Instagram: @HandleBards



## Britannia News

This is just a short update of Britannia Sailing Trust's progress since the last edition of Distinctly Winkleigh. Britannia was launched in Kings Lynn on April 4<sup>th</sup> 1915 and because of her longevity and unique status, being the only large Whelker left from the Lynn fishing fleet, she is a registered National Historic Vessel.

She seems to like her new home behind Airfield Garage in Winkleigh, but has probably been feeling the heat and will be glad to shed her black covers and feel the air around her again! We are delighted to say that we have raised enough money to start building the tent to cover Britannia, giving ample space for storage and working, and with the help and support of two wonderful local volunteers, Sam has now started the interesting construction. The hope is that the framework will be completed in the next few weeks, weather permitting, so by the middle to the end of June we are aiming to cover the new frame with a very large canvas creating a weatherproof working environment that will last for the duration of the restoration. And then we can uncover the boat ready to start working on her.



It is an interesting construction, starting with scaffolding, with plywood walls, wooden roof trusses and a canvas roof. We will need a gang of people to help raise the tarpaulin and secure it over the frame, which is quite tall. We will provide refreshments on the day, so if you think you may be able to help us, please give us a ring, or email us and we can let you know when the event is due to happen.

Contact details are at the end.

Once the tent is complete, we will need to install lights and power into the space, and organise it into a workshop, installing machinery and sourcing timber, among other things. If you have, or know anyone who has, electrical know-how please get in touch as expert help would be much appreciated for this stage of the work.

We are planning a **fun event in the summer** which will celebrate the completion of the workshop. You will be able to see the boat and look around her down below, and I suspect we will have some more refreshments on the go and interesting activities to take part in. We will advertise this locally and on our Facebook page and website, so look out for news.

We are trying to source some local oak crooks and larch, so if anyone is felling decent European larch, we would be very interested. We have been in touch with a sawmill in Cornwall, who tells us that his best supplies of good quality larch come from Devon, so maybe we can go straight to the source!

Once the workshop is complete, traditional shipwrighting skills will be employed and Sam is very happy to teach anyone who is interested in learning whilst assisting us. The Mast, Gaff, Bowsprit and Boom all need repairing, and we are happy to show people how to construct standing rigging out of wire rope. Wooden blocks for carrying the running rigging need repairing and we will also need to buy, or make, new dead-eyes, normally made from very hard wood such as lignum vitae or elm. Again, if anyone knows of a source or supplier locally, please could you contact us.

We have made good progress in the last couple of weeks, but we are still looking for volunteers to help as this project is quite daunting and we cannot do it on our own.

Once Britannia is launched, she will be used as a flagship, sailing the North Devon coast and beyond, to raise awareness about ocean pollution. Since we set up Britannia Sailing Trust in 2014, it has been our aim to do this once Britannia was restored. Thanks to our National Treasure, Sir David Attenborough and the Blue Planet Effect, people are doing their best now to reduce plastic use and putting pressure on supermarkets and manufacturers to do the same. Many coastal communities in the South West are pledging to become plastic free, but it would be great if Winkleigh could be one of the first inland villages to do the same. Please get in touch if you think this is a good idea so we can make it happen. Our aims for Britannia go beyond the plastic pollution, but that is for the future.

Please give us a ring on 01837 682895 or email [vickisamuels@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vickisamuels@yahoo.co.uk), or [haydnsam27@gmail.com](mailto:haydnsam27@gmail.com). Britannia Sailing Trust has a website [www.britanniasailingtrust.org](http://www.britanniasailingtrust.org), or you can find us on Facebook – Britannia sailing trust, or [twitter.com/@britannia1915](https://twitter.com/britannia1915) or even better, just call by the boat – we are there working most days and you will be made welcome!

## Women's Institute (WI)

As most of you know Winkleigh WI was put into suspension for 3 years from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2018 owing to lack of numbers. However, if anyone in the village wants to reopen the Winkleigh WI again, there would be help from the Federation Office and some finance to start you off, which would be repayable at a later date!

The Devon Federation Office details are as follows:

**Post:** The Firs, Honiton Road, Blackhorse EX5 2FT. **Phone:** 01392 225 386

**Email:** [enquiries@devonwi.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@devonwi.org.uk). **Web:** [thewi.org.uk/devon](http://thewi.org.uk/devon), Facebook Devon WIs

**Your nearest WI from Winkleigh is now in Ashreigney**, they meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall at 19.15 pm and they will make you most welcome! **On Saturday 16th June** they are holding **The Weekend Breakfast Special** between 10.00hrs - 12.00hrs. Please come along! Entry is £3.50 or £1.50 for children (under 14). Proceeds towards the Renovation Project for Ashreigney Village Hall and their WI.

*Claire Tricker*

## Word Search

S	S	O	L	F	Y	D	N	A	C	M	P	S
W	I	N	K	L	E	I	G	H	F	A	I	R
A	C	D	J	O	K	N	M	A	A	R	C	E
L	E	B	Z	N	T	U	P	Y	T	I	N	W
L	C	A	Q	G	T	J	L	M	E	G	I	O
O	R	O	S	E	S	W	G	A	F	O	C	L
W	E	U	Y	S	U	U	N	K	Z	L	L	F
S	A	X	V	T	M	T	M	I	C	D	H	N
S	M	S	D	D	M	G	L	N	I	S	G	U
Q	S	I	T	A	E	F	H	G	N	J	K	S
A	N	F	G	Y	R	A	S	T	Y	U	I	N
H	O	U	S	E	M	A	R	T	I	N	S	X
B	U	T	T	E	R	C	U	P	S	P	A	D

WINKLEIGH FAIR

PICNIC

ICE CREAMS

LONGEST DAY

HAY MAKING

MARIGOLDS

ROSES

FATE

SWALLOWS

BUTTERCUPS

CANDYFLOSS

SUMMER

SUNFLOWERS

HOUSE MARTINS

*Solution on page 63*



# WESTCOUNTRY

CLEANING & Supplies

# SERVICES



**Our services include:**

- Carpet & upholstery cleaning, curtain cleaning, slate or stone floor cleaning.**
- Domestic cleaning regular or one off, builders clean, commercial cleaning, end of tenancy cleaning.**

**Email: [info@homeclean-carpets.com](mailto:info@homeclean-carpets.com)**  
**TEL: 01409 254502 or 01271 309079.**

## Number Puzzle

1				5				3
			2				4	
6		9			1	7		
9	4				6		7	
5		6		1		9		8
			3	7				
		5				2	8	
	8						6	4
		2	7	3				

*Solution on page 63*

## Robinson Plant Ltd

[www.robinsonplant.co.uk](http://www.robinsonplant.co.uk)

A family firm with over 30 years experience

All aspects of earthworks, groundworks and hard landscaping  
undertaken including:

Site Excavation and Concreting

Foundations and Driveways

Sewers, Septic Tanks and Treatment Plants

Stone Walling and Paving

Land Drainage and Ponds & Lakes

Riding Arenas and Gallops

Office: 01837 89065      Mobile: 07909 998945

Email: [info@robinsonplant.co.uk](mailto:info@robinsonplant.co.uk)

# Heating, Cooking & Living.

- Stoves • Range Cookers & Cookware • Renewables
- Flues & Chimneys • Spares & Accessories • Logs



We have one of the largest selections of stoves, range cookers, renewables, spares, accessories, flues and chimneys in the UK. Our knowledgeable and experienced staff are just a 'phone call away or why not visit our showroom just outside Winkleigh?

OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY, 9AM - 5PM.

**Telephone 01837 680068**

**[www.rangemoors.co.uk](http://www.rangemoors.co.uk)**



## ‘Everyone has a story inside them’

‘Everyone has a story inside them,’ were words I had heard a thousand times and they became all the more frustrating as each year passed with nothing to show for my efforts beyond a pile of discarded ideas. No story seemed worth telling and I embarked on a teaching career, leaving my dreams of becoming an author on the back burner. ‘If I couldn’t do it myself,’ I thought, ‘at least I can teach others and inspire a passion for literature and the English language in them.’

Typically, it was in the midst of my teaching career when I had no time for anything that the idea for *Carmela* came in to fruition. I wrote small sections in snatched moments and the characters did begin to develop but when I left teaching last July, they really took flight and the story unravelled around them. I published earlier this month and have been fortunate enough to see some success with this.

*Carmela* is a work of fiction based on a true story. The two main characters, Carmela and Angelo were real people – my great-grandparents – who lived in Italy in the late 1800s. Carmela was raised by the monks of Monte Cassino and Angelo, a poor farm boy would risk his life weekly making the journey in to town to learn how to read and write. The story follows them through key years of their lives through love, loss, hope and mystery as the reader learns just how closely entwined their lives really are.

The process of writing *Carmela* really has been an adventure and it has inspired another idea that I am currently researching and developing.

### Did you know...

**Torridge District Council** fund a loan scheme for homeowners, for essential home repairs and improvements?\*

For more information, visit **[www.wrcic.org.uk](http://www.wrcic.org.uk)**, call **01823 461099**, or email **[enquiries@wrcic.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wrcic.org.uk)**

Your local, not for profit lender working in partnership with **Torridge District Council Wessex Resolutions CIC** Heatherton Park Studios, Bradford on Tone, Taunton, TA4 1EU

My love of teaching however, has not been lost and with a degree in English and Creative Writing, four years of teaching experience and a published book, I am now in the position to offer full, half-day and six-week block creative writing courses that can be tailored to any age group and for primary, linked to any given topic.

For more information on my book or the creative writing courses,

please contact Laura at [facenna-goss@outlook.com](mailto:facenna-goss@outlook.com) or on 07880364839

## Solutions

1	2	4	6	5	7	8	9	3
8	5	7	2	9	3	6	4	1
6	3	9	8	4	1	7	2	5
9	4	3	5	8	6	1	7	2
5	7	6	4	1	2	9	3	8
2	1	8	3	7	9	4	5	6
3	9	5	1	6	4	2	8	7
7	8	1	9	2	5	3	6	4
4	6	2	7	3	8	5	1	9

S	S	O	L	F	Y	D	N	A	C	M	P	S
V	N	K	L	E	I	G	H	A	K			
A	C	D	J	O	K	N	M	A	A	R	C	E
L	E	B	Z	N	T	U	P	Y	T	I	N	W
L	C	A	Q	G	T	J	L	M	E	G	I	O
O	R	O	S	E	S	W	G	A	F	O	C	L
V	E	U	Y	S	U	U	N	K	Z	L	L	F
S	A	X	V	T	M	T	M	I	C	D	H	N
S	M	S	D	D	M	G	L	N	I	S	G	U
Q	S	I	T	A	E	F	H	G	N	J	K	S
A	N	F	G	Y	R	A	S	T	Y	U	I	N
H	O	U	S	E	M	A	R	T	I	N	S	X
B	U	T	T	E	R	C	U	P	S	P	A	D

## What's On Diary – 2018

*Please send details of your events to [articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk)*

*Please also note that regularly occurring events are not always listed here*

<b>June</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> June – 7 pm	Winkleigh Society Committee Meeting – Community Centre – p 4
8 <sup>th</sup> June – 7.30 pm	'The Music Room' – Community Centre See <a href="http://www.hollocombemusicclub.org.uk/">www.hollocombemusicclub.org.uk/</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> June – all day	Open Farm Sunday - Join the YFC at Down Farm to learn about vegetable farming. This is a nationwide event! See <a href="http://www.down-farm.com">www.down-farm.com</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 – 5 pm	Winkleigh Fair Summer Garden Party – Court Castle – p 31
10 <sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – 5.00 pm	YFC– Open Farm Sunday, Nethercott House– p 27
13 <sup>th</sup> June – 9.15– 11.15 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery- Community Centre
16 <sup>th</sup> June – 10 – 12 noon	WI Breakfast, Ashreigney Village Hall – p 58
16 <sup>th</sup> June – from 12 noon	Samford Courtenay Grand Fete, Culverhayes - <a href="http://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/node/214">www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/node/214</a>
20 <sup>th</sup> June – from 2- 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre
21 <sup>st</sup> June	'Daily Mile' Run for Fun - Winkleigh School – p7
23 <sup>rd</sup> June – at 6.30 pm	Romeo & Juliet –Nethercott House (Farms for City Children) – p 56
23 <sup>rd</sup> June – 7.30	Winkleigh Singers Concert – Atherington – p 47
<b>July</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> July – from 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> July – 7.30 pm	Winkleigh Fair-D-Day Darlings – Village Hall –p 32
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Winkleigh Fair – Clay Shoot – Sports Centre –p 32
7 <sup>th</sup> July – from 2 pm	Church Bazaar & Fete –Community Centre Afternoon Tea – Village Hall – p 38
7 <sup>th</sup> July – 7 pm	Winkleigh Fair – Quiz Night – Village Hall – p 32



8 <sup>th</sup> July – Afternoon	Winkleigh Fair –Opening & Church Service - p 32
9 <sup>th</sup> July – 7.30 pm	Winkleigh Fair Concert– Methodist Church – p 48
10 <sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am	Flower Ladies Coffee Morning, Church – p 28
11 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.15 – 11.15 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery- Community Centre
11 <sup>th</sup> July from 6 - 8 pm	Flower Viewing & Crafts - All Saints Church – p 28
11 <sup>th</sup> July - evening	WF – Vintage Vehicles – The Square – p 32
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Lapford Revel <i><a href="http://www.facebook.com/NewLapfordRevel">www.facebook.com/NewLapfordRevel</a></i>
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Winkleigh Society & Winkleigh Fair – Childrens’ Art Competition and Art & Photo Exhibition – Community Centre - pp 5 & 6
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Winkleigh Fair Saturday (see programme) – p 33
14 <sup>th</sup> July – 7 pm – 9 pm	ABBA Tribute Band – The Square – p 33
18 <sup>th</sup> July from 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre
21 <sup>st</sup> July	ACE Open Day – p 12
23 <sup>rd</sup> July – 7.30 pm	Winkleigh Singers Concert – Umberleigh VH- p 47
<b>August</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> August from 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre
15 <sup>th</sup> August – 9.15 – 11.15 am	Forget-Me-Not-Friends Advice Surgery- Community Centre
15 <sup>th</sup> August from 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends-Community Centre
29 <sup>th</sup> August – 3 pm	Bondleigh Barn Band – Ashridge Court – p 15
<b>September</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> September - evening	Winkleigh Society – Community Centre – p 4
<b>October</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> October – 2 – 7.30 pm	Winkleigh Singers ‘Come & Sing’ Brahms’s Requiem workshop, Torrington Church – p 47

*All dates & details are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.  
Please look at the Winkleigh Diary on **winkleighonline.com** for further listings.*

## And Finally . . . . .

After much speculation on the future of the Kings' Arms earlier in the year, its new owners have moved in and are working hard to become established. We welcome them to the village and wish them every success in their endeavour.

We also thank them for taking the time to introduce themselves to our readers with the help of Rachel Goldsworthy, who interviewed them. Our cover this time features an old print of the Square taken from the Winkleigh Society Archives.

You will see from their article (page 31) that the Winkleigh Fair Committee has arranged a full programme around the Fair Week this year, as well as organising other fund-raising events throughout the year. All they need now is good weather and a lot of people to come along and support their events.

Thank you once again to all our contributors, with your articles, letters or adverts, as well as encouraging feedback. If you are intending to send in an article, please be aware that it will be published on A5-size pages, in *Calibri* font, so any layouts on A4 pages may have to be tailored to fit and to retain their original appearance.

**Deadlines for contributions to the next edition are Friday 3rd August for advertisements and Friday 10th for articles.**



Amy Pincombe FHP Dip  
Foot Health Practitioner  
Mobile Service  
07712 148038

## Caring for your feet

- Corns
- Callus
- Cracked Heels
- Fungal infections
- Ingrown toe nails
- Manicures & pedicures
- Verrucae

## JOSH NOON TREE SERVICES

**Fully qualified and  
insured tree surgeon.**

**All aspects of tree,  
hedge and fence work.  
Quality firewood and  
woodchip.**

**Friendly,  
reliable  
and tidy**

**☎ 01363 83863  
📠 07792 906258**





*John Short*

Professional Interior & Exterior  
Painting and Decorating

Clotworthy House, Torrington Road,  
Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8HR

Telephone: 01837 83709

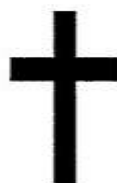
## **W.D & S.J CARNE**



---

*Independent Family Owned  
Funeral Directors*

---



Established over 60 years  
Personal Attention Day and Night

Carney Cottage, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8HX

Email: [wdandsjcarne@gmail.com](mailto:wdandsjcarne@gmail.com)

Tel: 01837 680199/83387

Pre-paid and Bespoke Funeral Plans Available

## DISTINCTLY WINKLEIGH - PUBLICATION INFORMATION

This newsletter is published quarterly by the Winkleigh Society at the end of February, May, August and November and distributed free to households in Winkleigh Parish.

All information is correct at the time of going to press. The views expressed in submitted material are not necessarily those of the newsletter team or the Winkleigh Society.

All our readers are most welcome to send in Articles (or reports, letters, drawings, etc.) which are likely to be of interest to the local community.

Please note that articles may be subject to editing, primarily for space or layout reasons.

**Articles can be emailed to [articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:articles@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk), or sent to the Editor.**

**The deadline for articles is the second Friday of each publication month.**

**Advertisements from businesses in the local area are also welcome.**

**Adverts should be emailed to [adverts@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk](mailto:adverts@distinctlywinkleigh.co.uk), or sent to the Editor.**

**The deadline for advertisements is the first Friday of each publication month.**

### ADVERTISING RATES

	Quarter Page	Half Page	Full Page
1 edition	£12.50	£25.00	£50.00
2 editions	£25.00	£50.00	£100.00
3 editions	£37.50	£75.00	£150.00
4 editions	£50.00	£100.00	£200.00

All contributions to the newsletter can be accepted in printed form, CD, memory stick, or as email attachments in WORD, PDF, PNG or JPEG file formats.

---

### EDITOR

**Godfrey Rhodes**, 32 Westcots Drive, Winkleigh EX19 8JP - Tel: 01837 682982

---

### WINKLEIGH SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<i>Chair</i>	Penny Griffiths	01837 83407
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Margaret Miller	01837 83398
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Alan Mulcahy	01837 680145
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Philip Griffiths	01837 83407
<i>Committee Members:</i>	Alan Jacobs	Barbara Jenkins
	Royston Naylor	Godfrey Rhodes
	Wendy Oxborough	

Winkleigh Society membership is open to all Winkleigh parish residents, who may freely attend and vote at meetings. Further information about the Society and what is going on in Winkleigh can be accessed online at: <http://www.winkleighonline.com>

---

HEDGEROW PRINT, CREDITON, DEVON EX17 1ES: 01363 777595