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Smile" Award on page 13***



Winkleigh Society Chair's Report - November 2021



Metal detectors not only uncover Saxon Hoards but are also required to find the flag-pole sockets hidden by grass at the memorial site on Winkleigh Airfield when, once a year, we hoist the flags of the five nations who flew and served from here: **Britain, Canada, USA, Poland and Norway.**

Ron Cottey and Stephen Leahy campaigned long and hard to achieve their dream of getting an official memorial site with an interpretation board to tell the story of RAF Winkleigh in World War 2. With the cooperation and support of Torridge District Council this was achieved in 1995.

Ever since then we have held a religious and civic ceremony on the Saturday in November nearest to Remembrance Day.

Originally organised by The Royal British Legion, but since 2018 The Winkleigh Society helps Ron Fletcher co-ordinate the ceremony, liaising with Rev Helen Blaine. **To add gravitas to the occasion a senior Royal Canadian Air Force officer comes up from RNAS Culdrose and lays a wreath on behalf of the people of Canada.**

Several years ago we planted two Canadian Maples on the site. The wreaths we lay on the airfield and at the church-yard on Sunday are eco-wreaths with wax poppies beautifully crafted by Hazel Towell.

Flagging up our local History is central to what we do in The Winkleigh Society hence we are opening up the archive held in The Community Centre on Saturday 4th December from 9.30 am to noon.

It is not intended to be a full-blown reprise of the Pop- up Museum but a taster table-top session for people to come in, browse the collection and ask and answer questions. Others who hold an archive have also been invited including: Joyce Brock, Steven and Shirley Leahy, Ace Archaeology and Wendy Oxborough with her Hollocombe archive.

The Village Hall is running their Christmas Market at the same time so we thought it would be a good idea to run our two events simultaneously, in the spirit of collaboration.

Penny Griffiths
Chair: The Winkleigh Society

Letter to the Editor
Where are we going? 'Talking the Future' Seminars?
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE



Following the success of a series of lectures a decade ago, I have been asked to consider setting up an opportunity to discuss the future of **Winkleigh and the World** in a series of seminars.

We need people to volunteer to speak for about 15 minutes on a future-orientated topic, followed by discussion. Projection facilities, etc. will be provided.

Dates and venues are to be decided, but we do need volunteer speakers.

Do you have an area of expertise or a bee in the bonnet which others should hear? Ecology, Climate, Economics, Industry, Society, Planning.....but no party political broadcasts please.

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David Graham Woodman (1977 – 2021)



Murphy as he was known by many people, a nickname given to him by his cousins in his early years, was born on 30th March 1977 to Ivor and Susan Woodman of Great Pitford, Hollocombe. At a very early age David was diagnosed with kidney failure; with his mum he made regular visits to Great Ormond Street Hospital for treatment and just

before he was five a kidney became available. At that time he was the youngest recipient in the country.

David was educated at Winkleigh Primary School then Chulmleigh Community College. On leaving school aged 16 he started work at Winkleigh Timber and stayed nearly 18 years. He tried laying concrete with his cousin Mark, but found it wasn't for him. Over the last few years he enjoyed working at Ashley Game Farm.

David passed away on the 17th August 2021 aged 44 from cancer which he had beaten twice before. We would like to thank all who attended the funeral. The sum of £675.00 was donated to Kidney Research in his memory.

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Winkleigh Parish Council News

Winkleigh Neighbourhood Plan: Torridge District Council (TDC) has adopted the Neighbourhood Plan which is now part of the Development Plan for the district. This means that decisions on planning applications and developments in the Parish of Winkleigh will be determined using National, District, and Parish planning policy. Winkleigh should at last be able to have some influence on planning applications in the parish. We hope to be having a meeting soon with TDC to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan is used in the most effective way when we look at planning applications for Winkleigh.

Photo competition: At the July meeting, the Parish Council agreed to replace the photographs on the council website by holding a competition open to all Winkleigh residents under the age of 18. This competition will supply a range of photographs showing all aspects of Winkleigh, its surroundings, buildings, people, and general way of life. The only rule is that the picture has to be related to the parish of Winkleigh and has to be acceptable to publish on the website. All selected photos will be acknowledged with the photographer's name and copyright. We are hoping that we will get enough pictures to have a rolling program of changing photos on the website. Please email your pictures in the best resolution to the Council at winkleighpc1@btconnect.com and we will start selecting some to go on the website in January. We would like to get enough entries to make a gallery of pictures through the different seasons to show people what Winkleigh is really like; there is no deadline, so get snapping!

Housing Development: Over the last few months, a lot of planning activity has been going on to finalise the details on the Townsend Hill development, and this should be starting soon. We hope that the choice of street names will be made at the November Parish Council meeting.

Cemetery: As you probably know, the annual inspection of the cemetery on the 6th September resulted in some 30 headstones being laid down due to them failing the applied health and safety test. This caused considerable anger and distress to the next of kin affected, and many other concerned residents. A number of councillors resigned, and the Council was reduced to the minimum number allowed (4). At the Parish Council meeting of the 22nd September, I was elected to the Chair, with Ian Whitehead as Vice-Chair. There were about 70 members of the public present, and during an extended public session, many people voiced their anger about how the cemetery inspection had been carried out. Some of the questions raised were:

- Why had so many headstones been laid flat without prior notice of an inspection?
- Why were some laid down with the inscriptions underneath?
- Who had the authority to do it?
- Who was going to pay for the reinstatement of the headstones?

The Clerk explained that she had recently been on a training course in memorial inspections, and this was possibly why so many had failed, because in previous years the inspections had been carried out by untrained councillors. She apologised for any distress caused, and said that the execution of the inspection could have been done a lot better. We, the Parish Council, gave the public the assurance that the situation would never happen again, as the Council intended to develop a much more robust testing and communication procedure in the future. The members of the press present gave an accurate reporting of the meeting in several local papers. We resolved to instigate the repairs of the headstones at the expense of the parish council, which has now been estimated at £750.

At the meeting of 22nd September the Council resolved to suspend the Clerk to safeguard her, until an external, independent inquiry has taken place on the cemetery inspection. At the time of writing, this has now been completed, and we are waiting for the report, which will be acted upon and made public.

Most of the headstones have now been re-erected, and to ensure that the cemetery is safe, we have commissioned a National Association of Monumental Masons (NAMM) inspector to undertake an independent safety inspection of the whole graveyard, so hopefully we can learn for the future

Election: The resignation of six councillors has led to an election, and eight candidates have put themselves up for election, which was held on the 11th November; congratulations to the 6 elected. After this election there will be one vacancy on the Council that can be filled by co-option.

Simon Hodgson (chair)

The six elected councillors are:

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Our Devon County Councillor Writes



After a hectic year it is a bit of a shock to find myself suddenly talking about the run up to Christmas, when the summer didn't feel like it was that long ago!

A lot has happened in Winkleigh too since the last edition of *Distinctly Winkleigh* was published. I know that the recent issues with the cemetery and the Parish Council have been very sad and upsetting for a lot of people in the Parish.

But as we move forward, I hope that lessons are learned and that the community is able to come together again.

2021 has been a long and challenging year as we have continued to deal with the pandemic. Moreover, while there is more positive news to report about, this is still going to be a challenging time for our Adult Social Care sector and our Children's Social Care services.

Devon urgently needs around 2,000 more care workers, particularly in domiciliary care and care homes. Proud to Care Devon, led by Devon County Council, is running a recruitment campaign across the county this autumn and winter and the campaign is encouraging those looking for training opportunities to consider if their skills and values are suitable for a career in care.

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Similarly, for our Children, Devon is also looking for more foster carers, particularly for children with more complex needs. More information can again be found online at www.fosteringindevon.org.uk.

However, as we look forward to 2022, there are definite reasons to be positive. At Devon County Council we have also had some good news following the Budget when the Government announced that DCC's bid into the Community Renewal Fund had been successful, with £9.3million being allocated to thirteen innovative six month pilot projects across Devon.

These projects will help upskill and retrain up to 3,500 people in the County. Among the successful projects is the North Devon Biosphere, which has secured £1.3m of this funding for an economic development programme that will harness the coastal and rural environment of Torridge and the North Devon coastline to stimulate jobs and boost social mobility.

Naturally I am keen to see areas like Winkleigh benefit from these projects and have made it clear to Council officials I do not expect to see this money channelled exclusively into the larger towns of Barnstaple and Bideford alone.

On more local matters, having written about the condition of Eggesford Road in many articles, I was delighted to see my persistent lobbying finally paid off when I was able to secure funding from Highways to get the road patched



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through the 'serviceability patching' budget. There is of course more to do, both in the village and the wider Parish, but I will continue to fight hard to get works done here and throughout Torrington Rural.

Finally, on the Covid front, while this virus has not gone away, nearly 9 out of 10 people in Devon aged 16 and above have been double vaccinated. The rollout of the booster vaccine has also stepped up in Devon, though at the time of writing I have been assured by NHS Officers that plans are being put in place to ensure those who cannot travel to the vaccine centres will be offered their boosters through more local outreach services.

As we approach Christmas, may I wish all *Distinctly Winkleigh* readers a Happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. It is an honour to represent the communities of Winkleigh Parish and Torrington Rural on Devon County Council. I remain hugely grateful to you all for the support you have given me over the years and for the faith you have shown in me when I was re-elected in May. I will continue to do all that I can over 2022 and beyond to repay that faith, and to continue working hard for our area.

As ever, if there are any DCC issues you'd like to contact me about you can contact me on Facebook at [facebook.com/cllrsaywell](https://www.facebook.com/cllrsaywell), ring 07886 446560 or email andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk.



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A Winkleigh Hero's "Making People Smile" Award



Last Christmas things were pretty gloomy. Covid cases were rising, seasonal events were cancelled, the proposed Christmas Holiday was curtailed due to the second wave and the magic of Christmas was greatly diminished for a colossal number of people, especially children. For Paul Baker (affectionately known by most as Billy) and his partner Clare Leahy, this was a tragedy. Billy was determined to

do something to help provide some magic for the children of North Devon by managing to create a Covid-Secure Santa's Grotto in Green Lanes in Barnstaple.

Upon reading that Billy and his business, 'Santa's For Hire UK', had won a nationwide Award, sponsored by Specsavers, for making people in their community Smile, Distinctly Winkleigh's roving reporter interviewed Billy to ask about what he did, how it was run and how things are progressing this year.

DW: How did you manage to create a Covid-Secure Grotto for children to meet Santa?

Billy: The Grotto itself and all the props were made by us, using materials (pallets etc.) mainly donated, to create a studio where family groups (Rule of 6 at the time) could come in one at a time. Many thought that they would just be seeing a ready-made video of Santa at the "North Pole". However, Santa was there, just behind a Perspex screen, and the children's faces lit up as they realised they could talk to and interact with the "Real Father Christmas" over the 'Santa Telecommunications Device' at his home in the North Pole. Their presents were delivered to them in real time through the 'Polar Portal', which was a slide. Santa put the present into the Portal at his end and it came down to the child into a fireplace for them to collect.



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When there was precious little else that families could go to, it was a joy to us to be able to provide an experience of Christmas Magic.

DW: When did you hear about the Specsavers UK Smile Maker Award?

Billy: One of our followers from our Facebook Group, Tim Bain, someone we have never actually met, nominated us for the award. We knew nothing about it until we got a frantic phone call from Tim saying that we were shortlisted and they needed to get into contact with me! We felt very honoured to have been chosen from people all over the country.

DW: It must have taken a lot of work to set up, how long did it run for?

Billy: Yes there were times when we were working very long hours to make everything as good as we could. Sometimes we have been making props until 4 in the morning, catching a bit of sleep, and then setting off to be on site at 7 am. We ran the Grotto in Green Lanes from 25th November to Christmas Eve every day all day, with extra hours to coincide with late night shopping. We were lucky to have had a very dedicated team of Elves and helpers.

DW: Can you tell us a little about the props and presents you make?

Billy: We try as much as possible to use sustainable and recyclable materials for everything. The presents we supply are ecologically friendly, not cheap plastic import toys. They are mainly wooden and cloth materials and we know many parents feel they get their money's worth. The presents are proper keepsakes, in some cases collectables, that the children can treasure.

DW: How and when did you start Santa's For Hire?

Billy: About 6 years ago we were involved in creating events for Winkleigh Fair and people suggested we should do this for a living. I run Santa's For Hire U.K. and Clare runs Marvellous Eventures. The two businesses obviously overlap, so we are interdependent. The very first event was in Winkleigh in 2015 when we built "Whirly-me-gigs Wondrous Wizarding Academy", with donated materials, in the Village Hall

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over the October Half Term for the children, and ran a Ghost Walk Event for the adults. We created events for Chemo Heroes, a charity close to our hearts.

DW: So how have things moved forward since Santa's Grotto last year?

Billy: We have now built up a large team. Five of us are from Winkleigh but we have expanded to include a total of 52 people who are subcontracted to help us with the huge growth of events. The team works as a great big family and we have social events where all get together.

We run our Santa and Elves' school – 'The Great North Pole Gathering', teaching people how to be and act like Santa, how to put the beards on properly, how to be jolly - and we have a lot of fun. People start booking from January for the next Christmas. This means it's a year round business, making props and preparations. Just like the real Santa, we get Christmas Day off and then it all starts again for the next year!

We are so busy now and get so booked up that we not able to reschedule this year to help with the changed dates for events such as Winkleigh Fair. People usually book us up months in advance.

We regularly go to other venues such as Rosemoor. We have had two bookings on the same day: running an event for Heart FM in Launceston and running an Elf Workshop in Tavistock High Street. We've learned our limitations through

experience. Each event takes meticulous planning and a huge team effort.

Earlier this year we were at Elstree Studios in London for recording 'The Voice Kids' for ITV who required a Santa, Mother Christmas and an Elf to be in the virtual audience. It will be aired this Christmas. We've also just come back from a Family Fireworks Event held by the Round Table at Royal Ascot.

DW: So, is all this planning going to culminate in a Grotto this Christmas? Where can people come to see you?

Billy: We will be in Green Lanes, Barnstaple again from 25th November until Christmas Eve, with late night shopping on Thursdays. We will have precautions in place again and be Covid Aware. Building the new Grotto is taking up all our time, it will be different from

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last year - it's a surprise. Check for updates on our Facebook page 'Santa For Hire Devon' for times, and details of other venues. We will also be at Powderham Castle every day and Exmoor Zoo at weekends, as well as at Princesshay Exeter, Milky Way, Clovelly and Paignton Zoo. It's like planning an army. I couldn't do it without Clare's phenomenal organisational skills, and the help we have had from both our mothers. It's stressful, it's been blood, sweat and tears over the last six years but it's lovely to see the rewards.

DW: Of all these experiences, which would you say has been the highlight?

Billy: I would definitely say that for me, the highlight was seeing the look on those children's faces last year, when after almost a year of total uncertainty, when it seemed as if even Christmas was cancelled, they got to meet and talk with Santa and a little magic came back into their lives.

Billy can be contacted at info@santaforhireuk.co.uk

News from Winkleigh Morris

Winkleigh Morris will be dancing as usual at the Duke of York, Iddesleigh, from midday on Sunday 26th December. If you are interested in having a go at Morris dancing it's not too late to come to a practice night at the Community Centre, every Tuesday from 7.30 pm (not 14th or 28th December). No previous experience is necessary - any age, male or female! Just come along and meet us.

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Winkleigh Parish Church News



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As Christmas fast approaches once again many of us will be admiring nativity scenes on Christmas cards or carefully unwrapping our own nativity sets to set up in our homes. Children up and down the land will

hopefully find out who has the coveted role of Mary or who is to be the donkey. Tradition has it that St Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene in 1223 as part of the Christmas Eve service. It is said to have consisted of a manger, an ox and a donkey. It was staged in a cave and the characters were based on those mentioned in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. As you can imagine such re-enactments to celebrate the birth of Jesus became widespread and often became elaborate displays and plays with costumes, scenery and much acting.

Nativity sets soon made it into churches and ultimately people's homes. Some are passed down from generation to generation with huge sentimental value, others show the creative skills of now grown up children. Also the internet plays host to a huge variety of modern interpretations - not all glorious!

The nativity scene however, amidst the twinkle and the sparkle, our Christmas shopping and piles of food, reminds us of the reason for Christmas. Reminds us that the Christ-child was born in humble surroundings with a menagerie for company, to parents in an unfamiliar town. Jesus' first visitors were not great rulers or princes but shepherds, they were the first to hear that a new king had been born. God's own Son, a king for all people, a king for them. May we too be reminded this Christmas, as we gaze on the Christ-child in a crib or watch a nativity play, of the real reason for Christ. The birth of the baby who changed the world and who showed us the extravagance of God's love.

On Saturday 11th December 10 am – 3 pm, All Saints, Winkleigh will be holding a 'Nativity Festival'. We are hoping to display lots of different nativity sets and would be really grateful if anyone has one that they would loan it to us for the day. Please let Sylvia Smith (83132) or Sue Ware (83526) know. If your set has a special memory or story attached to it, then we love to display that information alongside it.

We will also be holding a nativity set making / decorating competition for children and will be displaying these on the day as well. More details will follow.

A chance for us all to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Blessings, Helen

Revd Helen Blaine

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Every little helps – Winkleigh Environment Group

By the time you read this COP26 in Glasgow will have come and gone. Global decisions will have been made which will affect us all for generations to come. Some UK Government decisions will affect us soon, whether we like it or not – no new sales of petrol or diesel cars and vans (2030) or coal-fired electricity (2024) or gas boilers in new homes (2025). We are all on the path to a different future.

The climate is changing, affecting our lives and the rest of the living creatures on our planet. It sometimes seems quite overwhelming and you may find yourself asking, ***‘What difference does it make what I do?’*** But if everyone in the UK takes one step towards change, then those are 67 million steps, which add up to something big! People in Winkleigh Environment Group wouldn’t want to tell you how to live your life. Every person has differing responsibilities and challenges.

We thought it would be good to tell you a few stories of how we have begun to make changes in our lives. To give you moral support in the steps you are already taking and to encourage you to think about what you could do next.

“We stopped buying supermarket red meat years ago, but have now also cut back on intensively-produced dairy and eggs. We still eat some, just less often, and we try to buy organic or local. You don't need to be vegan to enjoy plant-based meals, and they aren't difficult once you've collected some recipes you like. Even my cakes generally skip the dairy and egg I used to think were so essential.” (*Maggie and Ian*)

“We stopped using our oil-fired boiler many years ago and mostly heat by green-tariff/off-peak electricity and solar panels – topped up by a wood-burning stove. Recently we have focussed on insulating our home. We used to have 1 inch (2.5 cm) of loft insulation and now we have 1 foot (30 cm). Along with double-glazing and additional doors to cut down draughts, we really notice how much cosier the house feels now. Plus our energy bills are very much lower now.” (*Kim and Trevor*)

“We have a hedgehog family, so we have made sure that there’s a gap under the hedge, for them to move through fences from garden to garden. We’ve planted extra bushes to thicken our hedge and we leave them to grow up uncut, so that the birds can feed from the berries. Hedges are Nature’s highways and savage flailing, or cutting, scars the countryside and decimates insect life.” (*Penny and Philip*)

“I bought a small used electric car two years ago, a Renault Zoe. I had a home charging point installed next to my back door. I haven’t worked it out exactly, but it seems to cost about £5 to charge it up. A couple of weeks ago I went to Brighton. I had to charge it once, which I did at a Tesco Extra car park. (Apparently Tesco and Volkswagen have done a deal to install many charging points at some of their stores). It was a free charge, we went into Tesco’s Café and had a leisurely lunch. To be on the safe side, we gave it an hour’s charge. “Upon arriving at Brighton, the Hotel Manager told me that there was a charging point on a lamp-post about 50 yards

down the street. I left it on charge overnight, to find that I had 212 potential miles in the battery! The charge cost £10 (or 4.7p per mile). The return journey wasn't quite so simple, as I was using headlights, which is an added drain on the battery. However we made it back, having stopped for one charge with a few miles left in the battery. In conclusion – driving around locally costs very little – there still aren't enough charging points around to go anywhere without giving it thought beforehand. But apparently the Government is now treating this as a priority.” (Alan)

“I think generally we've always been aware of leaving a light footprint on the planet - living on a boat for ten years and having to fetch and carry your own water, no electricity, no car, etc. However, there is always room for improvement isn't there?

One thing I have done because I have a real thing about plastics, is to fill plastic bottles with all the un-recyclable plastics. My view is even if they cannot be used yet as eco-bricks, they can keep the plastic rubbish contained – at least until the bottles disintegrate, which I'm told takes a long time.

Before Covid, I was taking all the packaging off my shopping and leaving it in the supermarket. (That's when I went to the supermarket – as we try to shop locally). I haven't done it recently because I thought it seemed unfair to the staff, but I might start again soon.” (Vicki and family)

Winkleigh Environment Group has a Facebook Page. You can also contact Alan Jacobs - ajrjacobs@live.co.uk or Vicki Samuels - vickisamuels@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to get involved or find out more.

A banner for Chulmleigh College. The top section features a large image of the college building with the text "CHULMLEIGH COLLEGE" overlaid. Above the text is the college crest, which is a shield divided into four quadrants by a cross, with various symbols including a cross, a book, and a lion. Below the crest is a banner with the motto "Nil Quies Oritur". The middle section is divided into three parts: on the left, a photo of two students in school uniforms looking at a book; in the center, a text box with the heading "Why choose Chulmleigh?" and details about GCSE results, extra-curricular opportunities, and a welcome message; on the right, a photo of students playing a game of tag on a grassy field. The bottom section is a blue bar containing the college's website, phone number, email address, and Facebook handle.

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From Our Torridge District Councillor



Writing on the eve of the Winkleigh Parish Council by-election my hope is that a reasonable number of residents turn out to vote; firstly to make it a worthwhile exercise and secondly to ensure that the elected councillors have a real local mandate to represent their community. Much has been said so let us hope that it now translates into action!

Torridge are grappling with the housing crisis in the area, especially with the lack of genuinely affordable rental stock for low-income families. While Torridge are currently looking at other examples around the country and have engaged a SME consultant to help draw up their plan (that will inevitably focus on the urban areas), I think the rural communities need to be more active in finding their own local solutions. Casting an eye around to see what other villages have been doing is a good starting point – High Bickington and Roborough are two examples where they have created Community Land Trusts to build houses that they now rent out with local occupancy conditions etc. Finding public-spirited and benevolent landowners who are prepared to either gift or sell small plots of land at substantially below the market rate is key to all these successes and I hope the new council will be proactive in opening such dialogue with our landowning families.

I hope both residents and local farmers are enjoying life without the noise and disturbance caused by commercial helicopters transiting over to Eaglescott airfield. At the beginning of September I organised a meeting between the Eaglescott campaign group and our MP – we met in Roborough Village Hall together with our County Councillor and the group briefed Sir Geoffrey Cox who then spoke to North Devon Council, as well as visiting one of the companies operating the helicopters. I hope that this time the issue has finally been stopped – time will tell!

I think we have all realised or learnt that COVID is with us for the long-term and at last the needs of the wider community are being prioritised over those of individuals. Yes, it goes against the type of freedoms and personal liberties that we have become used to however I think it is right that people are now increasingly needing to prove that they have been vaccinated if they want to work in key roles such as Care and the NHS, or if they want to attend mass gatherings at concerts or sporting fixtures, etc. I suspect these requirements will increase further as time progresses.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and as always, feel free to contact me if you think I can help in any way.

Councillor Simon Newton,

Tel: 07943 830220; Email: Councillor.newton@torridge.gov.uk

Gordon Arthur Rogers (10.12.49 – 21.07.21)



Gordon lost his two year battle with cancer on 21st July this year. He was born in Barnstaple and spent his early years in Brandninch. When he was nine years old his family moved to Bransgrove Farm in Wembworthy.

Gordon always had a keen interest in cars. He completed his mechanics apprenticeship at Barnstaple Motor Company and cars became his life from then on.

In 1968 Gordon began racing in autocross and travelled with friends all over the country. In 1973 he progressed to rallycross. By this time he had met Shirley who travelled with him to many events. He excelled in rallycross and in 1977 won the European Championship round at Lydden Hill. He raced all over France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden and Ireland, winning many trophies.

In 1978 he fulfilled another dream when he bought Mid Devon Motor Company. With his phenomenal work ethic and mastery of his trade he built up a hugely successful business.

In 1982 Gordon and Shirley married and had two wonderful children Paul and Sally. While running the garage and having a family he gained his private pilot's licence and took many trips to Europe in his four-seater plane.

In the 41 years that Gordon owned the garage he met scores of people that he helped and many became long-term friends. He also trained several apprentices, some of whom are now mechanics and others remaining in the motor trade.

Gordon was a prominent member of North Devon Motor Club and helped organize autocross events and take part in them. The last event he took part in was on May 21st at Sugworthy Circuit Roborough that the motor club own.

I would like to thank all the people that helped us during his illness; too many to mention by name. I would also like to thank the 400 plus people who came to his funeral demonstrating how much he was respected. He is sadly missed by his family as well as many in the garage trade and all those he inspired in the auto- sport world.

We have raised £2,550 to be divided between Prostate Cancer UK and Force Exeter, which would have made Gordon very proud.

Shirley Rogers

Farewell to Wright & Proper

Wright and Proper Coffee Shop will be closing shortly, as Fran and Keith are finally retiring for good this time! The last expected day of service (at time of going to print) is 11th December. A number of items in the shop are already for sale and some are already sold. Customers have said they will be greatly missed, very much so as they have provided a lovely meeting place for members of the community for many years.

Keith and Francis have asked that we pass on their thanks to everyone who has been attending, especially their regulars. They too will miss the friendship, gossip, chat, insults and general camaraderie. The end of an era!

P's & Q's?

Next year **Taw Valley Quilters** your local patchwork and quilting group will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary. After starting initially in the home of one of the members, we now meet once a month on a Saturday at the Community Centre.

All are welcome, including beginners as we are all at different stages, but the most important aspect is enjoying our hobby in a friendly and companionable way.

We have professionals, who visit us usually twice a year, to do workshops, and we also have in-house workshops to vary the programme for the year.

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Michael Bridgeman (16/10/1948 - 08/09/2021)



Michael was a Winkleigh man born and bred and a well-known village champion and personality. Aged sixteen he trained as a carpenter and he worked as a master-carpenter up until his retirement.

For many years he was Chair of Winkleigh Fair and was a natural master of ceremonies, wielding the microphone and keeping up a running commentary on the races, fancy dress parades and fun and games.

A founding member of Winkleigh Morris he carved out his role as The Fool.

A regular performer in three Community Plays and village shows, he excelled at responding to and involving the audience. With Moll and Poll the comedy duo (played by Margaret Hocking and Deanne Whittaker) Michael could match them with their Devonshire dialect and antics; the audience loved it.

A countryman to his fingertips he was a master huntsman of Basset Hounds. A great gardener specialising in dahlias, he won many prizes for them at Wembworthy Show, for which he received a cup dedicated to him.

A regular at The Kings Arms, he organised charity quizzes and auctions with Bob Whittaker and Neville Heard, raising money for Devon Air Ambulance.

Latterly he joined the Aunt Sally team and had great fun going away with them.

Michael was a great husband and father of our four children and a wonderful grandfather to his six grandchildren whom he adored.



With Moll & Poll

Margaret Bridgman

Hollocombe Community Group News

Hollocombe Community Group has grown in numbers over the last 18 months and now has 94 members on its Community Group Facebook site. We continue to provide support for each other, celebrate events together and of course provide delicious produce and homemade goodies for sale and/or charity in our Hut. We will



continue to support our local Food Banks for the foreseeable future with our quarterly charity donations.

We would like to welcome our new residents – Astrid and Don Sigournay and spaniel Pebbles at Smythen Farm, and to Colin and Maria at St Michael and All Angels Church.

Following Bel asking Winkleigh Parish Council about having a defibrillator located in Hollocombe, we are delighted the request was speedily actioned, fully funded by the Council, and has arrived. The defibrillator is located on the outside wall of no 6 Shute Wood. Bel and John kindly offered this location which is easily accessible.

On 24th September Lucas set up a cake stall and mini sale selling his and Maddy's homemade biscuits and cakes, including cheese scones, cup-cakes, chocolate brownies and shortbread and other goodies. It was very successful, with demand so high that a second batch of biscuits had to be made! Lucas raised over £25 for Okehampton Food Bank and has received a well-deserved thank-you letter from them.

Flick, Maddy and Lucas continue to make delicious cookies, tea bread and orange shortbread and cakes. Flick made her amazingly delicious pumpkin cakes, delicious with custard too! Philip made some amazing chutneys and jams and provided sweet corn cobs and strawberry plants. My marmalade also continues to make an appearance every now and again!

Bel, Helena and I organised our annual Halloween window decorating competition and pumpkin carving displays. We decided this year the best display would win a hamper, and donations of goodies for it were made by those taking part. What fun everyone had decorating and enjoying looking at everyone's scary windows and pumpkins. In fact everyone was so generous that the Hollocombe witches were able to fly around on their broomsticks distributing not only the winning hamper but many other goodies to the fabulous window decorators and carved pumpkin designers.

A big thank you to Helena for decorating our Hut and putting up the lovely Halloween posters, and thanks to Bel for her delightful Ghosted goodie bags which she made especially for the children. All the photos by Helena, Bel and Abby.



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June Maureen Harris (1945 – 2021)



Rosina May Penny (June) was born at Pitts Cottage, Coffinswell on 8th June 1945; the seventh child of George Henry and Bessie. It was a period of severe economic depression at the end of the second world war when common traits were financial prudence, determination, resilience, a great work ethic, self-sacrifice and putting the needs of others before their own; all very true of June.

In June's early years the family moved several times for George's work, finally settling in Winkleigh, which was to be her lifelong home and where she attended school until she was 15. By her own admission she was not a studious child but thoroughly enjoyed her schooldays and the solid, long-lasting friendships she made, which stayed true over the years.

On 11th September 1971 June married Oliver David Harris at Winkleigh Parish Church and they lived at 48 Southernhay. On 11th July 1972 their first daughter Suzanne Jane was born, followed on 27th March 1975 by their second daughter Joanne Sarah who completed the family. June was married to Oliver for 11 years until they divorced in May 1982. June then raised Sue and Jo as a single parent.

When asthma affected the family, they moved to a non-centrally heated property, at 18 Southernhay. While the children were growing up June couldn't always give them everything they wanted, but made sure they had everything they needed, even if she often had to go without herself.

June was always family-orientated and, until her health started to deteriorate, walked daily to Sunny View to care for her brothers, following in her mum's footsteps. June's loyalty to all her family never faded and she regularly tended their graves, ensuring they were tidy and marked with bright, vibrant real or artificial flowers. As the girls grew older June started a part-time cleaning job in Winkleigh, where she worked for many years, followed by a number of different local factory jobs until she retired.

After retirement she provided childcare for her two grandchildren on two days a week. As a Nan June never said no. Family meant everything to her and a prouder grandparent and later great-grandparent you would struggle to find. June loved each of them and never missed a birthday, or any opportunity to spoil them.

Mum of two, Nan of eight and Great Nan of eight, her life was devoted to her family all of whom meant the world to her. Her passing leaves a massive unfillable hole.

June's life can be summed up in these words: 'Always so true, unselfish and kind, no one in this world your equal to find, your beautiful life has come to an end, you died as you lived - everyone's friend'.

Jo Arnold

Winkleigh Village Hall

As I write this Kay and I are both recovering, having contracted the Covid-19 virus. However, by the time you read it we should be fighting fit once more.

I am pleased to say that activities in the Hall have continued to flourish, and we are very grateful to all of those who have chosen us for their regular or one-off events. As well as the usual activities, we managed in the last couple of months to have the Village Hall Quiz and Pudding night, the Winkleigh Football Club Quiz Night and the first of the autumn/winter cinema evenings. Both Quiz nights were exceptionally well attended but the numbers attending the cinema evening – “Saving Mr Banks” – were disappointing. We are hoping for greater numbers at forthcoming showings. We know that the acoustics in the hall are far from great at the moment and we are looking to see how this might be improved. In addition, the chairs could be more comfortable, so replacements are on our list of things to do. None of this comes cheaply so your support at our events becomes even more important.

OUR UPDATED PROGRAMME

Our last showing for this year is that wonderful family Christmas movie ELF. This is a matinee showing at **3 pm SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER** – Doors open at 2.30 pm

**Saturday December 11th - 3pm
MATINEE – ELF (2003) PG**

Will Ferrell and Zooey
Deschanel

Fun – and mischief – with Santa
and his elves. A Christmas treat
for the whole family!

**Saturday January 15th at 7 pm
– EMPIRE OF THE SUN (1987)
PG**

Christian Bale, Miranda
Richardson, John Malkovich.
A young English boy struggles
to survive in a Japanese WW2
confinement camp

**Saturday February 12th - 7 pm
BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY’S
(1961) PG**

Audrey Hepburn and George
Peppard

Romantic comedy. A naïve,
eccentric café society girl falls
in love with a struggling writer.

The ‘Moon River’ film!

**Saturday March 11 - 7 pm
SHAPE OF WATER (2017) 15**

Sally Hawkins and Michael
Shannon

Romantic fantasy – winner of 4
Oscars including best picture

Refreshments and pay bar available. Do come along and bring the children.

The Hall committee held its Annual General Meeting in October. Elections took place with the following being re-elected: Chair – Tony Aston; Treasurer – Collin Gibson; Bookings Secretary – Kay Aston; Minutes Secretary – Pat Cunnington. Committee Members – Julie Mustafa, Ros Jarvis, Ian Whitehead.

Charlie Taylor-St Ruth stood down from the committee owing to other commitments, but agreed to remain as a helper and as webmaster for the forthcoming new web-site. The committee recorded its thanks to Charlie.

The AGM also gave us the first real opportunity of recognising the many years of hard work that those who stood down from the Committee in 2020 had carried out. Presentations and thanks were given by the Chair to former Chair, Andrew Ware, Bookings Secretary, Marcia Butt, and committee members Lucy Brown and Nigel Nightingale.



Julie Mustafa accepted a gift from the Chair for her husband Os, in recognition of the extensive work he did for the Hall refurbishment.

Now on to Christmas which will, we hope, be a very different and far more festive season than it proved to be last year.

On Saturday 4th December (10 am to 12 md) the **Christmas Market** will be held in the hall with a whole raft of stalls, live seasonal music on stage and refreshments, including mulled wine, mince pies, tea, coffee, and cakes with proceeds this

month going to Village Hall funds.

Between 9.30 am and 11.45 am the same day, **Winkleigh Society** is displaying a taster of its vast archive over the road in the Community Centre - even more reason to come along. We look forward to seeing you. Finally, on behalf of the committee, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, and healthy 2022.

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Snippets from Local Papers

The following medley of news items was prompted by the November Campaign **Journalism Matters** which promotes and celebrates the role of local newspapers in highlighting local issues and a sense of community.

Okehampton Times:

Parish and Town Councils in West Devon are to be encouraged to discuss proposals for installing **vehicle charging points**.

The opening of a **regular railway service, The Dartmoor Line**, from Okehampton to Exeter is celebrated fifty years after it was closed in 1972.

The Greenway Project from Moretonhampstead to Chagford for cyclists and walkers is to be investigated by the transport charity Sustrans. Lots of negotiations will be needed. It is hoped that affected landowners will be supportive.

The Crediton Courier:

Includes a report on Dr Ann Pulsford's talk to the Thorverton History Society on the vital role Dartmoor moss gatherers played in saving lives on the battle fields of WW1. When cotton supplies were disrupted sphagnum moss was used as it absorbed up to 20 times its own volume. The moss was gathered and harvested on Dartmoor with the headquarters at Princetown.

The North Devon Journal:

Peter Christie reports that South West Water paid a special dividend of £3.5 billion to its shareholders even though it is still regularly dumping untreated sewage into our rivers and coastal waters.

Great Torrington Crier:

Tells the story of the Cavaliers' most recent magnificent spectacle: the burning of the full size replica of The Mayflower. They have raised over £80,000 over the years which has been distributed amongst local charities.

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The Idea of Landscape

I have written in DW several times about 'landscape' and then realised that many people thought it was just another term for 'environment'. No, it isn't, so perhaps a few words about the concept of 'landscape' are appropriate. It is one of those words used widely in daily discussion but with quite different meanings, from a garden to a painting to a region.

My first introduction to 'landscape' was as a student, discovering W.G. Hoskins's *The Making of the English Landscape*, where we learned to discover a place's history by looking at the landscape rather than reading texts. Later I was appointed as a geographer at Exeter College of Art, where I discovered that their 'landscape' was a genre of painting, and a scenic view. Then there were ecologists who thought 'landscape' was one level of ecosystem, and horticulturalists who thought it was all about gardening. Gradually a consensus emerged, sponsored by the round table of many different disciplines in the Landscape Research Group, eventually resulting in a European Landscape Convention to which the UK is signatory. (This is from the Council of Europe, including all European countries, not merely from the European Union.) The definition there is 'a geographical area, as perceived by people'.

A landscape is not merely land; my landscape is much bigger than my land. Landscape is not only seen but also heard, touched, smelled and even tasted (Burgundy comes in a bottle). Landscape does not exist without perceivers, so is very different from 'environment'. It may carry clues about its past, but landscape is in the present, and we are busy designing future landscapes; it is not merely about conservation. It is urban as well as rural, and comes in many different scales, from my garden to Dartmoor. The view south from my house towards Dartmoor is a landscape of course, but so is the view north.



This is 'my' landscape



And so is this

As it depends on perceptions, everybody's landscape is different; one place, many views. The painter's favourite place is not the birdwatcher's. Landowners have different perceptions from ramblers. Academic archaeologists have different priorities to ecologists. Children see different landscape opportunities to adults.

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The most interesting research concerns the difference between 'Insiders' and 'Outsiders' and this we can detect very quickly in a village like Winkleigh. For those rooted for generations in a village, the landscape is dominated by a social network of family connections, and sites and activities from long ago. They identify a house with a person, not as an example of a building style, and local places are remembered for things that happened there. Newcomers see it differently, perhaps more romantically, and very slowly they become more 'inside'. However, the insider may not appreciate the unique qualities of their

place (Who knows England, who only England knows?) Trying to balance all these perceptions is tricky, and when planning the future is fraught with dissent. Even planning the family garden may be controversial. Even among visitors there are huge differences between the casual passer-by visiting the pub and the Australian couple whose great-grandparents were married here, more pilgrim than tourist. Of course there are all those who simply see an abandoned airfield and have no idea there is an actual village at all.

My own research concerns the idea that attractiveness in landscape itself changes every generation, but I shall describe those changes in a future piece. Meanwhile keep an eye out for the imminent publication of *The Land Between the Moors* edited by Michael Winter by Beaford Arts, which will attempt to describe our own local landscape.

Peter Howard

From our Archives: How the Winkleigh Society & Distinctly Winkleigh started (with 8 pages)

**As you may have already heard,
The Winkleigh Society has recently been established.
The Society has been formed in collaboration with
The Civic Trust and will soon be affiliated to this organisation.**

**One of the ambitions of the Society is to disseminate local
events and information, as well as offer opportunities for both
members and non-members to have their say in local affairs.**

**A newsletter, potentially published quarterly, is one such
way of realising this ambition and a group has been
formed to begin the process of its development.
This brief first edition outlines the possibilities of such a
newsletter and asks for your opinion.**

Newsletter No.1

February 2002



Winkleigh Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December

5pm - 8pm

**Winkleigh Village
Square**

**5pm Lights Switch On
6pm Santa & His Huskies
7pm Community Rock Choir**

Carols with Hatherleigh Silver Band

**Market Stalls, BBQ, Roast Chestnuts, Soup,
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Hot Chocolate**

Kids Lucky Dip & Activity Stall, Photo Booth

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Events Diary – 2021-22

All dates & details are PROVISIONAL at the time of going to press and depend on any restrictions put in place at short notice.

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

<i>December</i>	
1 st from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe – Community Centre
4 th from 10 am – noon from 09:30 – 11.45	Saturday Market + refreshments, Village Hall and Winkleigh Society Archives Taster, Community Centre
4 th at 5 pm at 6 pm at 7 pm	Winkleigh Christmas Fair - Lights Switch On - Santa & His Huskies - Community Rock Choir
4 th at 8 pm to midnight	Masked Rock Ball, Dolton Village Hall
5 th (<i>see page 50</i>)	‘Santa Run, RHS Rosemoor. Children’s Hospice SW
10 th at 7 pm – ‘til late	Britannia Sailing Trust Christmas Party with AnCor Shanty Singers, Village Hall
11 th - 10 am to 3 pm	Nativity Festival, Winkleigh Parish Church
11 th at 3 pm	Matinee Movie ‘Elf’ – Village Hall
15 th from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe (+ surgery (am)) – Community Centre
19 th at 3 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols, Winkleigh Parish Church
20 th starting at 7 pm	Winkleigh Singers Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols, St Michael’s Church, Great Torrington
24 th starting at 5 pm starting at 11.30 pm	Carols at the Crib, Winkleigh Parish Church Midnight Mass, Winkleigh Parish Church
25 th starting at 9.30 am	Christmas Day Eucharist, Winkleigh Parish Church
26 th starting at noon	Winkleigh Morris dancing at Duke of York, Iddesleigh
<i>January</i>	
5 th from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe – Community Centre
15 th starting at 7 pm	Movie Evening ‘Empire of the Sun’ – Village Hall
19 th from 2 – 4 pm	Memory Cafe (+ surgery (am)) – Community Centre
<i>February</i>	
12 th starting at 7 pm	Movie Evening ‘Breakfast at Tiffany’s’ - Village Hall

Winkleigh YFC – Tractor Run



On Saturday 18th September Winkleigh & Bow YFCs held a tractor run in memory of Matt Vanstone. Matt was a popular young farmer who sadly took his own life last year.

All in all, there were 111 tractors on the run and the event raised £3817.50.

With the support of the Police & Highways, we were able to set off all the tractors in groups of 20. The majority of the proceeds will be going to The Farming Community Network (FCN), which is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and

families within the farming community through difficult times.

Matt has left a huge hole in the community, so his friends and local YF Clubs thought it was important to get together to remember him and to raise awareness of the FCN Charity. We had representatives from the Charity, giving out literature and merchandise and #Chat4Matt stickers, which were made and being sold by a local business, The Tattooed Crafter, with all proceeds going to the charity. There was a DYNO at the finish - courtesy of Tractor Tuning UK, which was very popular and had all of the tractor fans in excitement and he, too, gave all money to the charity.

John Deere tractors were Matt's favourite make - so we made every effort to have as many of them as possible there. A total of 46 John Deere tractors took pride of place leading the 22 mile tractor run, with Matt's family at the front. Other popular makes, together with a good group of classic tractors followed the John Deere procession. We started from Winkleigh Airfield, where Devon Plant Services Ltd had kindly allowed us to use their yard, before driving through Iddesleigh, Hatherleigh Moor, Exbourne and via Matt's family farm on the way back to the finish.

Once back, we all enjoyed a pasty and a talk about 'the importance of mental health and supporting others' from the FCN SW Regional Director, Stephen Dennis, as well as a word from Matt's Father, Alistair. We followed on with a huge raffle – for which all the very generous prizes had been donated by local businesses. There were 38 amazing prizes in total, ranging from a chainsaw to John Deere merchandise and a drill to huge pub vouchers, cakes and a blue point set!

We can't thank the local businesses enough for their generosity in supporting our event. Over £1,500 was raised solely on the raffle!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everybody involved in the organisation of this tractor run: those that joined us on the run, those who cheered us on around the route, donated prizes or turned up on foot in support. Without your support this event couldn't have taken place! A particularly special thank you goes to Matt's family, Jack Luscombe, Henry Greenhalf, Molly Brook & James Pearce for really going above and beyond in organising everything.

(also see more colour photos inside back cover on page 67)

Winkleigh Singers Carol Concert



The Winkleigh Singers

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The well-known Winkleigh Singers are delighted to announce that they will lead a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at St Michael's Church, Great Torrington, on Monday 20th December at 7:00 pm.

This comes after a highly successful free concert, Heavenly Harmony and Earthly Pleasures, which the choir performed on Monday 8th November in The Assembly Halls in South Molton. For more information on all the choir's concerts and details of how to join the choir, can be found on our website:

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News from Winkleigh Primary School



It has been lovely to see all the children back after half term; as always they are ready to learn and have settled back into their routines. Despite the COVID outbreak we had before half term we are now managing to get back to a bit of normality in school. Some of our classes had to have their trips postponed due to COVID, but we still managed a few! We strongly believe that trips and enrichment activities provide diverse experiences for children and really enhance their learning.

Year 2 enjoyed a blustery day at Northern Burrows investigating different habitats. This was the first school trip Year 2 had been on due to lockdowns. They had a lovely day, but were very tired by the time they arrived home.



Year 4 spent the day at the Eden project exploring the different biomes. This extended their learning on rainforests, the children were keen to identify different species that they saw.



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Children from Year 5 and 6 have completed their Bikeability Level 1 and 2 courses this week (11th Nov). It is so important for children to know how to ride safely on their bikes and our children demonstrated that very well. The instructors were impressed with how well the children absorbed all the information and instructions they were given.

M & M Productions brought their version of Snow White to school for our annual pantomime. The children were enthralled to watch the story come to life in such a magical way.

Reception class are going to see Julia Donaldson's Stick Man at the theatre in Barnstaple later in the term. They are very excited at the prospect of travelling on a coach to visit a theatre and seeing such a familiar story come to life.

Our nursery unit is, as always, a buzz of activity. They have celebrated Halloween, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day so far this term. We are so impressed at how independent the children are, especially when coming into nursery in the mornings.

Paint Pots of Crediton will be visiting them later in the term where I am sure some wonderful creations will be made! They also have a Christmas Craft morning planned where I have no doubt some beautiful decorations will be made and treasured for a long time. Our nursery takes children from aged 2 years and we do have some sessions still available for this term and after Christmas. If you would like more information please contact us at admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk and Mrs Roadnight our Early Years Lead will be happy to show you around.

Some of our classes visited the War Memorial in Winkleigh as a mark of respect to those who bravely lost their lives in the Word Wars. As last year all children wore red on Remembrance Day to raise money for our local Royal British Legion. Last year we raised over £280 so we are hoping to exceed that amount this year as it goes to such a great cause.

You will soon see new signage appearing around the school site featuring our brand new logo. We worked with a local branding company to design a new logo for The Woodland Federation and the schools within it. We discussed in detail our priorities as a school and federation, and the new logo was born. We're really pleased with the results. Each branch of the tree represents one of the key concepts in our curriculum. Our curriculum is carefully interwoven and underpinned by seven concepts that children begin to learn from the very start of their time with us in Nursery. They are taught to contextualise the concepts and revisit them throughout



their journey of education—up until the end of their time with us in Year 6. We use these concepts: Legacy, Construction, Environment, Conflict, Evolution, Innovation and Civilisation in all our subjects and our children are very familiar with them already.



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Winkleigh Football Club News

Welcome to another Distinctly Winkleigh round up of everything football as Winkleigh FC finishes its first quarter of the season in positive spirits, even after a very bitter cup exit in our last game.

Winkleigh FC started the season back in August hoping to complete a full season for the first time in 3 years owing to Covid. Under new management, the club started with a clean slate, a fresh direction and a new desire to succeed pushing the club forward. The season started brightly with an unbeaten start in the first three games before a defeat at Chagford in our fourth game of the season. Since that bad day, the club has managed to bounce back strongly, using that result as a stepping stone to keep building stronger performances on the pitch as well as closer team bonds off it.

Two consecutive home wins put Winkleigh comfortably in the top half of the table with one of the wins being a thumping 7-1 win against Chagford in contrast to the earlier defeat against them a few weeks before. Winkleigh was then brought down to earth by a crushing 5-2 defeat at high-flying Teignmouth, with Colin using that result as a platform to build a positive response from everyone. A week later that positive response yielded a brilliant victory at University in a 5-4 win to keep Winkleigh mixing at the top of the table.

Winkleigh is fortunate enough to have a large squad where everyone has been needed at some point, all playing a vital part in the season so far. Training has been used to keep building team morale which has been showing on the pitch. In our last outing Winkleigh was hit with two very late goals to be dumped out of the cup after leading the game 2-1 with only minutes left to play. A very bitter knock to take and with no fixture the following week, Winkleigh will be raring to bounce back this Saturday after stewing on that loss for two weeks now.



It's good reading though as Winkleigh currently sits second in the league and is still in one cup, but with lots of work still to be done and far from the finished product, under Colin this team has lots to look forward to. A run of three big away games is coming up for Winkleigh, which will really define what season the team will have: win all three and it really will be an exciting season going in to the Christmas break.

In other news around the club, huge thanks to everyone who attended the Quiz Night. Much needed funds were raised for the club's future and introducing the youth set-up to the club, the money will go a long way to secure the running and stability for both teams.

The club is in a really good place right now starting from a core of loyal helpers and volunteers who dedicate a lot of their Saturdays helping to run the club on match days, organising events, or just generally working to push the club forward. The senior squad looks great under Colin who is constantly pushing for more from the players. The youth setup is in its very early stages but the numbers are fantastic and the feedback has been great. This is just the start for them and, although it takes time, with more volunteers we will get more age groups going in time. Watch this space.

Football isn't for everyone but football can be so much more than a sport and at Winkleigh there's a perfect example of why that is. The club aims to bring the entire community together, from the youngsters having fun on a Monday night after school, Malcolm cutting the pitch so the lads can have a pitch to be proud of, the lads celebrating a night out together up the pub after a win, supporters enjoying a Saturday afternoon out of the house and more. Always the aim is to keep pushing and building a club for every one of all ages and genders that we can proud of for many years to come.

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WWMRFF - incorporating the Sports Centre

As each week passes life appears to be approaching what we expect, but with a cautious eye on events around the whole country as well as closer to home. There is a good range of activity and events taking place in the Sports Centre at present with other exciting ones planned for the near future. Here is a brief overview:

Winkleigh Biodiversity Group and Winkleigh Growers will be receiving another 100 native trees from the Conservation Volunteers, which will be planted in December when they are still dormant. If you want to join in please get in touch with Kim (kimjmelhuish@gmail.com). The trees will be added to the Biodiversity area (behind the Sports Centre) and the allotment hedge.

At the time of writing, plans are well advanced for **Bonfire Night (12/11/21)** with everything crossed for dry weather, unlike the last bonfire night which was still a great success despite the appalling wet weather. Another date for your diary is **Friday 17 December when once more the excellent North Devon Hog Roast will be providing a Christmas menu of absolutely brilliant food**. Keep an eye out for more details.

The drive to raise funds to both refurbish and enhance the Tennis Club facilities is really going from strength to strength. Joyce Maddocks is a very enthusiastic advocate in this area and the Tennis Club is very fortunate to have her help.

The Trustees were also pleased to see that the outdoor children's play area had a positive annual inspection report. A generally unseen team of willing volunteers works all year round to ensure that these facilities meet the required standards. Mike Wilson and Colin Brown, as always, dedicate so much of their time to this and other ongoing projects. The much maligned outdoor toilet-block has once more been refurbished and we hope it will now remain safe from random acts of pointless vandalism. Once more this facility is maintained entirely by volunteers and funded solely from money raised by the Sports Centre and Trustees.

The Trustees were also delighted to see that the Youth Club has restarted. Huge thanks to Rose Anstey who has an unswerving dedication to this activity. A small group of volunteers helps Rose most weeks, but she could always do with more help from anyone who has an hour or two to spare. Children numbers are quite low, but Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm at the Sports Hall is still the place to be. (Children aged 10-16 years). There is a focus at this time of working with the children to help them understand the importance of good behaviour and consideration for others.

The youth section of Winkleigh Football Club is another flourishing activity and the Trustees are very happy to make additional space available for them.

Please contact winkleighsportscentre10@gmail.com if you require any information regarding WWMRFF or the Sports Centre.

As we approach the season of goodwill and the end of a challenging year it may be time to reflect on the positive things we have in our lives rather than just taking them for granted. 'White Christmas', a fabulous Christmas film adored by many, tells us what to do in Irving Berlin's "Count your blessings". (Hope this reference is not too obscure - just Google it). "You can't stop the future. You can't rewind the past. The only way to learn the secret is ... to press play". (Jay Asher).

The Trustees of Winkleigh War Memorial Recreational Field Fund

Our **Tuesday Evening Craft Club** has also been going strong for the last few months. Around 12 people from across our community have been busy sharing their skills, with pottery, sewing, candle-making, knitting, diamond art and tatting all available for those who want to have a go. Places are limited but if you'd like to join us please contact Vicky Radcliffe on 07940 429526.

Winkleigh Senior Citizens Club

Come join the over 60's, but young at heart, at Winkleigh's Senior Citizens Club. Our club brings friendly, like-minded people together every other Thursday for board games, craft, whist and more, as well as providing an opportunity for a catch-up and natter over biscuits, tea and coffee (50p charge for biscuits and beverages).

From April to December you can also join a variety of monthly coach excursions which are open to you and everybody of all ages, so we enjoy the fun together.

Welcome in 2022 and kick-start your new year with the first club get-together meeting on 13th January from 2.30-4.30 pm in the small back room of the Village Hall and then every other Thursday. It's a fantastic opportunity to get out, get involved and make new friends. Membership is only £8 for the year.

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Britannia Sailing Trust Update

By the time you read this, the COP26 Conference in Glasgow will be over and **hopefully** actions will follow all the pledges. Climate change is on all our lips and it is timely to update Winkleigh about our project and why we are doing it. Britannia is a wonderful example of sustainable maritime transport – powered by the wind, and built of timber which is regenerative. Our goal, when she is launched and sailing again has always been to encourage people to find ways of making small changes in their lifestyles which will contribute to slowing down rising sea temperatures, and ocean contamination.



In tandem with the continuing restoration of Britannia, we are talking with local landowners and the National Trust to discuss the planting of a 'boat-builder's woodland' near Winkleigh, where Britannia has been ashore for the last three years. This mixed woodland, consisting of native trees traditionally used in the construction of wooden boats, will be our enduring 'thank you' to everyone who has helped us and a gift to future generations of boat-builders, long after Britannia has been returned to the waves. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this, or you know of some land that is just asking to be planted with trees, please get in touch!

With Autumn upon us, most trees are showing signs of dormancy, but Britannia's timbers are springing into new life. A great transformation has taken place in the 'magic' tent since you last heard from us. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team, Britannia is starting to look something like her old self again. With the onset of Covid, it seemed as if we had some problems on our hands. Our reliance on the efforts of mainly elderly volunteers in a confined space meant that for us, as for many millions across the world, 'business as usual' seemed to be off the cards.

Thankfully a successful application to the government's Culture Recovery fund gave us a lifeline which not only allowed us to continue our work, but gave us the leg up we needed to get on with the next stage - planking! We hired three professional boat-builders and two trainees to continue working on the ship, while our elderly volunteers were keeping themselves out of harm's way.

In total around 45% of the hull has been re-planked with locally-sourced Devon larch. We also took the opportunity to double up many of the old oak frames. Some of these frames are well over 400 years old, if we factor in the age of the Sandringham oaks from whence the oak crooks came. After planking, the new wood was faired, ensuring a smooth surface. It has now been painted and Britannia's hull is almost looking like new.

At the moment we are working to involve local young people looking to gain employability skills. We are also seeking to connect with schools, youth organisations and other charities in order to inspire people with the magic and potential of traditional sailing vessels. We are keen to use Britannia as a backdrop for educational and social initiatives. Last month the ship hosted a captivating story-telling session with the Plough Story-telling Circle, and we are holding another Folk evening with a salty flavour in Winkleigh Village Hall on Friday December 10, with AnCor, the group who sang for us before. Everyone who came last time had a good night, and this one promises to be even better!

We have launched a sponsorship scheme, which allows local businesses to partner up with Britannia in exchange for a hefty promotional package, including flags flown from the ship, customised banners displayed at the launch and more. If you or someone you know might be interested in this, send us a message at ***britannia1915@gmail.com*** and we'll be happy to tell you all about it!



We have one more piece of good news to share – and we are certainly guilty of saving the best ‘til last here. A successful application to the Heritage Lottery has secured us a significant sum of money, ensuring that we are indeed on track to relaunch Britannia in the spring of next year. We are very grateful to National Lottery Players and the Heritage Lottery

Scheme for making our mission possible. This has been a breakthrough for us and has given us the final push that was needed to achieve lift-off. The project is gaining momentum and, all in all, it has been a very exciting (though at times nerve-wracking) year and half. Please get in touch if you want to be involved and help Britannia float again!

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During & after refurbishment

I had so much help from friends and family setting up the shop especially from my lovely hubby Chris Kenny as well as Andrew Hawkey from Devon Sheds & Garden Rooms. They built wooden shelves and cupboards and plumbed in salvaged Belfast Sinks for the big flower buckets. We had a fabulous first Christmas and held Wreath-Making Workshops in the small room upstairs. Customers created their own wreaths huddled around a big table supping Toasty Tipple from Sam's Cider whilst munching on homemade mince pies from Margaret Bridgman (the best in town!). We managed to deliver all of our Mother's Day orders before closing the shop doors in March 2020 for Lockdown 1. Very soon though we were delivering Flower Club posies to customers' doorsteps all around the local area until we were able to reopen the shop in July. Despite the lack of weddings, we were still busy for flowers and our expanding range of gifts and plants until Lockdown 2 came in the November. We were allowed to reopen for Christmas trading in December and Winkleigh's Christmas Fayre in 2020.

The New Year saw us stay closed for Lockdown 3 until we were allowed to reopen in April and to meet the flurry of postponed events and rescheduled weddings.

COP 26 highlights the urgency of how we all need to do things differently, think about the impact of our consumer choices and opt to choose more environmentally



sensitive products and goods. In the Flower Shop we supplement our own cut flowers with other locally grown seasonal flowers which have a smaller carbon footprint than imported flowers. We now have over 60 members of our Friday Flower Club who support the sourcing and variability of British grown flowers by collecting fresh flower posies from us every Friday in reused glass vases. Like the milk sold at the Mad Butchers - customers bring back the previous empty vase and swap it for a clean one full of blooms - hence removing the need for single-use packaging; please contact us if you fancy joining Flower Club, we now have monthly, fortnightly and weekly members!

We are also now preparing for our third Christmas in the shop, organising wreath-making workshops and deliveries of locally grown Christmas Trees and filling upstairs with lots of Eco Christmas gift ideas! We have big plans to extend what we offer in the New Year so please watch this space.

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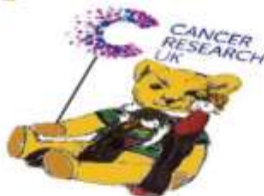
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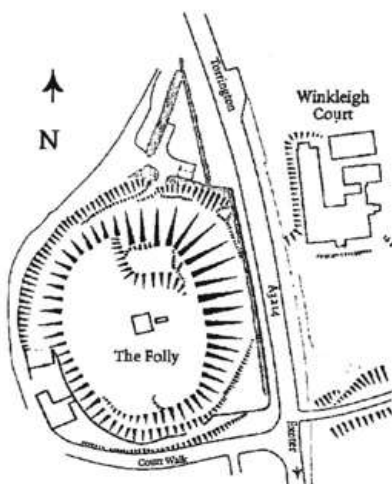
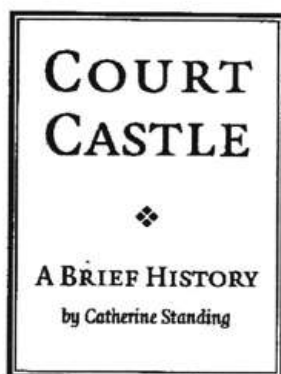
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Court Castle is now scheduled as an Ancient Monument of National Importance (No. 187, Devon) under the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act 1979. This means that it is under the protection of the government, the Secretary of State for Culture and English Heritage and any proposed work or digging has to have the permission of these authorities to be legal. The scheduled area contains the castle mound and its structure (known as the banqueting hall or the folly) and also the land underneath and around Winkleigh Court (over the road from the castle). The castle was contained within the Winkleigh Court grounds until the Second World War when they were separated by the construction of the A3214, allowing airfield transport to bypass the centre of Winkleigh. A detailed survey of the castle mound and structure was undertaken by the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England (RCHME) in 1993. This gives exact measurements and detailed descriptions of the site as well as some historical background to the development of Winkleigh as a local centre and includes work carried out so far and outlines of possible future plans.

Editor's note: Catherine Standing was a founder member of the Winkleigh Society

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*Crime and Punishment in 1615 is taken from:
Painting Pictures with People- The Community Pageant performed in 1997*

DKA Pest Control – Dave Archer has retired

If you haven't already heard via the village grapevine, I have finally hung up my mole traps and rat-bag. Although many parishioners have used my services over the years, you may not know my story.

I started in pest control in 1978 and it has been my lifetime career. I was so fortunate to have found this career, or perhaps it found me, after I started working my terrier on local farms controlling rats and thought it may be a great job – well it certainly was. You see, pest control is not only rat catching – although to most people that's just what it is. It is so diverse; let me explain further. Rodent control is only a very small facet of the work: other areas include mole trapping, fox control, and rabbit and squirrel control on farms. Local businesses of all types and descriptions use pest controllers on a maintenance basis to ensure their premises are kept pest free, and householders that are loathe to tackle a wasp nest or need a pest controller to investigate the strange noise in the attic in the night need the service of a professional and fast!

Yes of course the industry like any other has now changed beyond recognition from when I started over forty years ago, but people will perhaps now more than ever need the advice and assistance of a qualified pest controller, especially as the practice of large amounts of poison being sold to non-professionals has now ended.

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So what of me now? Well it is time to enjoy the fruits of the past, and to spend more time with my wife Lesley and continue with my artwork and music.

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We did dig this year! Although with temperatures now heading down towards the minus mark, our two weeks in the sun seems like a long time ago. Despite being a smaller than usual group we managed to get a surprising amount done. The director was pleased, and that isn't easy!! Nor did we lose any days to the rain. The Health and Safety person did have to exert her authority on one occasion because it was so hot. We had to call a water and shade break on the last day when we were trying to get everything put away and covered up. Packing up is hard to do. Tents need taking down and the trench needs to be covered to discourage weeds and try to prevent

damage from deer and other animals over the winter.

Now we have finds to sort and all the drawings and photos to sort and the director must write the Interim Report.

We had fewer finds than usual this year but did find interesting walls.

That is an interesting wall, you will have to take my word for it. It has a lot of plaster facing it and it is good to find that it is still in place.



We also had a mystery object, which was removed with a lot of soil around it to keep it from breaking up. Later excavation of the soil and metal suggests some sort of mudguard or similar, perhaps from an old tractor. Other digs get chariot burials, we get old tractors!

We also managed an AGM at the beginning of November. Last year we didn't even try but this year a few of us met in person, socially distanced, and we zoomed the meeting to others. It went very well. We now have a new Secretary which is great as the last one had done the job for 15 years and needed time to research pottery instead. We planned our work for the year and set dig dates.

All this information will be on our website as soon as we can get it there. As an example, we have the Dartmoor National Park archaeologist Andy Crabb as our Archaeology Adviser now, and we hope to



be doing some interesting work on Dartmoor under his guidance, as well as working with other groups on the moor. We are excited with this new direction for the Club. If you are interested in joining us, check out our website below for contact details.

Erica Williamson

ACE Archaeology Club

Publicity and social media editor

<https://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com/>

ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

Winkleigh Growers are a friendly group of allotment holders and we currently have a plot and a half-plot available for anyone who wants to grow fruit and veg and who can commit to keeping a tidy and well-cultivated plot. Plot sizes are 18 metres x 6 metres (whole) and 9 metres x 6 metres (half) and cost £60 and £30 per year.

We have water on site as well as communal wheelbarrows, twice-yearly deliveries of well-rotted manure and a developing composting system.

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Winkleigh Snooker Club



It's that time of year when we think of hobbies, so what better time to try emulating the likes of Steve Davis or Ronnie O'Sullivan. The committee, however, is still conscious of the need to stay safe in these trying times. However, having successfully

got through thus far with the measures we put in place, we now feel maybe we can relax a little and re-open the club to try to get back to something like normality. During 'lockdown' we have revamped the club, adding toilet and tea-making facilities, whilst improving our 'green' credentials by insulating the roof space.

As in the past, use of the club will be open to members via payment of a subscription, nominally £20 per annum. This has been discounted until the end of this year when it will be reviewed. New members are always welcome and for those who want somewhere to practise or improve their game, the club facilities are available on a daily basis with a nominal charge for the lights covering the two snooker tables. If there is sufficient demand, we will actively look at entering team(s) into local snooker leagues and competitions.

More Club details can be found on our Facebook Page at Winkleigh Snooker Club, or by contacting: Nathan Smith (07909 538212), Mike Wilson (01769 520605), or Dave Ferguson (01837 83660)

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Cyril Cole Wildflower Meadow Competition



We would like to invite you to take part in the inaugural Cyril Cole Wildflower Meadow competition in 2022. Cyril lived near Rose Ash, about 15 miles from Winkleigh. Not very local, but close enough that he would have worked with some landowners in the Winkleigh area, either in a water-divining capacity or in meadow restoration works.

Cyril worked tirelessly to create and maintain the wildflower meadows on his land, and he supported many others to do the same on theirs. He was a source of wisdom and inspiration and when he passed away we lost a great advocate for wildlife in North Devon. As a mark of remembrance and to continue Cyril's great work we would like to invite people in Northern Devon to create or improve a

wildflower meadow and enter it into this competition next year.

The competition will have three categories:

1. Garden meadow – anyone with a garden can put over a part of it to wild flowers (Gardens can be up to 1 acre in size, no minimum area limit)
2. Community group meadow – we invite community groups and schools who have a community space to create their own meadows (no minimum area limit).
3. Landowner's meadow – this category is open to people who have more land (over one acre) and are able to put aside more space for wildflowers.

To take part simply create or improve your meadow this year and then send us a short description of your work (150 words) and three photos. We will then shortlist the entries and may ask to visit some of the best meadows before choosing the winner! The judging will be carried out by a small panel of local wildlife enthusiasts who knew Cyril and worked with him on meadow creation projects.

When we have chosen a winner, we'd love to share photos and information about their meadows in local magazines and online so we can inspire others. We're also planning to have a prize-giving day to celebrate all things wildflower!

The prize will be £100 for the winner of each category. The overall winner will receive a small trophy which will be engraved and passed on to future winners.

Please submit your application to: meadowcompetition@gmail.com. **The deadline for entries is 15th July 2022.** We look forward to receiving your entries. Good luck!

Tom Parsons

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You may know that Alan and Marie-Claude Mulcahy have moved to Cornwall. Alan has now almost severed all his ties with Distinctly Winkleigh, having joined the editorial team in Summer 2007. Thank you both for your support in so many ways.

It is encouraging to see that a lot of seasonal events are being planned for this year, so here's hoping that all our Christmas and New Year celebrations will take place!

The deadline for contributions to the spring edition will be NOON on Thursday 10th February 2022 with planned publication / delivery at the end of February.

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