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Winkleigh Society News

For a couple of months, I had thought that I would not be writing this article as Chair of the Winkleigh Society, as it was thought that the Society would be a thing of the past by now. The decision to recommend the winding-up of the Society was made at the Annual General Meeting toward the end of last year. This resulted in the Dissolution Meeting at the beginning of February, which drew together a large number of concerned members who recommended the continuity of the Society (but under a different name and with a slightly different emphasis).

In addition to the four current members, three others (inc. Cllr David Lausen) offered themselves to be part of the Committee, and two others did so following the meeting. *See David's article elsewhere in Distinctly Winkleigh explaining some of the developments that we hope the Society will embrace in the future.*

As to the new name for the Society, if you have any ideas please let me have your suggestions (word of mouth, text, email, etc). It must reflect something of the role that the Society fulfils within the community.

At the AGM, Janet Daynes felt that she had to step down as a member of the Committee because of other commitments. Our thanks to Janet for all she has done for the Society over the years [*n.b. Janet & Gordon are still involved with running House Scouts*].

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At the moment there is snow on Dartmoor and a light covering outside. In the garden snowdrops are in flower but the other flowers which began to think that Spring had arrived are temporarily held back by the cold. Lent, which is the old English word meaning 'Spring' will have arrived by the time you read this, beginning as it does on Ash Wednesday. Throughout Lent we will have a series of Addresses followed by Night Prayer otherwise known as Compline, these will take place in Church at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesdays (29th Feb. 7th, 14th and 28th March). Details can be found in our Parish Bulletin (available from the Church or Post Office).

Mothering Sunday falls during Lent, the fourth Sunday of Lent which this year is 18th March. The Sunday School will be taking part in the Eucharist on that day at 9.30 a.m. when there will be the usual distribution of flowers

As Lent ends we will enter into the last few days before Easter but just before that on Palm Sunday at 9.30 a.m. we will be processing with a donkey (outside if the weather is kind). Maundy Thursday (5th April), at 7.30 p.m. we recall the Last Supper and then Good Friday (6th April) at 10.00 a.m. we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The following day, Holy Saturday (7th April) at 8.30 p.m. we light the Easter fire in a darkened Church and from that is lit the great Easter Candle driving back the darkness as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. All of these events are filled with great drama in order to reflect the mood of the occasion - a stark and bare church on Good Friday which gives way to the glorious splendour of Holy Saturday leading on to Easter Day itself (8th April) when the Eucharist will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. More details will appear nearer the time in the Parish Bulletin but we would like to invite everyone to come and share in these special events.

Looking further ahead - in June there will be national celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. There will be a service in Church on Monday 4th June to mark this event which is planned for 2.30 p.m. As this is open to everyone it is hoped that members of other churches in Winkleigh Parish will take part in the service though as yet the form of service has not been decided

Dog Fouling & The Churchyard.

Most dog owners are responsible and pick up dog mess after their dogs, but some are not. It is this minority that are letting their dogs foul the Churchyard causing problems when the grass is cut and for those visiting family graves. This is a problem that is getting worse.

The local Dog Warden has been informed and we will take action against those who do this. Notices will be put on the Church gates about this and from now on dogs will only be permitted in the Churchyard on a lead and they must remain on the path at all times not on the grass. If the problem persists we will have no choice but to ban dogs from the Churchyard altogether. The Churchyard is not a right of way, please do not abuse it by letting your dog foul within it.

Roger Smith MBE 1939-2011

Roger Smith, who died on 1st December 2011, was a relative newcomer to Winkleigh but a lifelong Devonian. He was born in Plymouth and grew up in South Devon, spending part of his childhood in the hamlet of Clearbrook on Dartmoor. This early experience gave him an abiding love of the Devon countryside particularly its streams and rivers. He tickled his first trout and poached his first salmon as a young boy. Throughout his long career in the army his intention was always to return to Devon which he eventually did in 2002.

As an infantry officer in The King's Own Royal Border Regiment he served in many parts of the world including Southern Cameroons, British Guiana, Malaya, Bahrain, Aden, USA, Germany, Northern Ireland and many parts of the UK - it even included a 2 year tour in Exeter!

Shortly after his arrival in Winkleigh, Roger began to get involved in village life. An offer to help in the long-running campaign to stop the building of a large biomass power station on Winkleigh airfield resulted in his chairmanship of DUST (many of you will remember Devon Under Serious Threat). The successful outcome of that protest gave him great pleasure. In 2004 a questionnaire was distributed to all residents of Winkleigh seeking their opinions and views of the future of the village. Roger was involved in the task of collating and analysing the responses to the 62 question survey and eventually wrote the Parish Plan based on those responses. Its implementation continues to this day.

In 2005 Roger was elected chairman of the Winkleigh Society, in this role he represented Winkleigh in various forums including 'Devon Vital Villages' and the Wallingbrook Health Centre Patient Focus Group, keeping the interests of Winkleigh residents to the fore. The very well received series of autumn lectures which he helped to plan included one from Roger on Migratory Fish! Whenever something needs to be done, it is said that the best person to ask is a busy man. Somehow Roger became involved in the saga of the Community Centre when Devon County Council (claiming ownership of this village asset) appeared to want to sell it for development. There were long and sometimes acrimonious negotiations. Roger kept calm and used his considerable devious talent for outwitting the enemy. Eventually DCC agreed to let Winkleigh have the centre for a negligible payment, however he was not prepared to compromise on what he perceived to be unacceptable conditions imposed by the DCC lawyers and he was happy to then hand over to the new committee to fine tune the agreement.

While these protracted negotiations were going on Roger was asked to be the secretary to the War Memorial Playing Fields Committee. He worked well with John Cowle as chairman and Robin Coombes as treasurer. Between them, with the support of the various committees, they paid off the long-standing debts of the Sports Centre and instituted the opening of the allotments.

In the many tributes paid to Roger after his death, one phrase recurs time after time – *'he was larger than life'*. He had anticipated a longer retirement, he only managed 9 years here but they were happy and productive years and it is certain that he made a lasting contribution to the village he loved.

Winkleigh Chi Gong/Tai Chi Classes

Both classes continue with enthusiasm and newcomers are always welcome. No previous experience is necessary.

Chi Gong is an important part of Chinese Medicine and is growing in popularity in this country as its benefits are being recognised by the medical profession and physiotherapists. It has been developed in China over hundreds of years and can be practiced by just about anyone of any age. It is now being introduced into some hospitals in this country as it is proving a great help to stroke patients.

The afternoon class has moved from Thursday afternoons to Monday 5.00pm – 6.00pm in the small room in the community centre. This class concentrates on loosening muscles and joints and improving posture and balance. The breathing exercises and slow movements reduce tension and stress and can help to lower high blood pressure. The energy flows better through the body which benefits our general health and sense of well-being.

The morning Chi Gong class continues on Thursdays from 10.30am – 11.30am in the village hall.

This class is followed by Tai Chi – 11.30am – 12.30pm

Tai Chi is a soft martial art and this is a beginner's 'Chen Man Ch'ing' style for those who are prepared to learn a sequence of movements called the form. It takes about a year to learn all the movements and the rest of your life polishing it and learning more about it and other forms. It is best to attend the Chi Gong class first.

The cost is £2.00 each class. Wear loose clothes and flat shoes or socks.

If you wish to know more or discuss health issues – ring Sue Williams 01837 83817

All Saints Church, Winkleigh-Flower Ladies.

Each Easter we put lilies in the flower arrangements in the church in memory of loved ones. Their names are entered in the Book of Remembrance that will be on display on the table beside the screen pedestal.

We invite you to “buy a lily” this year in memory of your “loved ones”.

Envelopes for this purpose (with instructions) are placed in the church, and also at CHANGES by kind permission of Valerie Bissett). The closing date for order will be Saturday 24th March 2012.

We also invite you to come to All Saints Church in Winkleigh during Easter week on Tuesday 10th April. At 10.30am for “Coffee and Cakes” with the Flower Ladies and to view the lilies in their displays.

We are always looking for any new arrangers to join us, - should you be interested please contact:

Marcia Butt (01837 83734) or **Linda Millership** (01837 680040).

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OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Notes on the Open Day Mon 16th Jan 2012

1. We attracted 33 visitors, excluding our invited guests, mostly from Winkleigh but also from Wembworthy, Dolton, Hollocombe, and Bideford.
2. We got 3 new volunteers to help with the work.
3. The ideas board came up with the following suggestions:
Collectables market, Craft classes, Bike parking, Space for replacement Library, Table Tennis, Children's clothes recycling/2nd hand uniforms/online shoe swap, Mirrors fitted to walls in small hall for dance/Tai Chi, Computer training, Micro business networking online, Car boot/Table Top sales.
4. Most visitors arrived in the afternoon and evening. This worked very well allowing the morning for 'invited guests', of which two were of particular interest
 - ❖ Nick Welch, Head of School, PETROC school of Architecture, Construction and the Built Environment. They provide training for the building trades as well as Heritage buildings. Possible venue for outreach training for their students, helping to restore the centre. Possible training courses for local residents in the centre about building restoration and DIY. Possible use of the Store room as a classroom. They would like to come back for another visit, being somewhat pressed for time. This could open up new funding sources for us and them. Our Community Project helping to train the next generation of builders. Their training programme reaching out into the community etc.
 - ❖ Mike Wye, of Mike Wye Associates. Provider of training and restoration of heritage properties using traditional methods and materials. He was invited following the involvement of a third person. Mike agreed that we were not ready for his intended use as described by the third party. Mike spent a couple of hours on site, and will be emailing a separate report/notes in due course. He drew particular attention to the heat loss through the windows and suggested a couple of options. He also expressed some ideas as to the porous nature of the stonework. His report is awaited.
5. Both these visits were extremely useful and could lead to a brighter and warmer future.
6. In the afternoon, Jerry Bix of North Devon Plus also dropped in following his visit a few months ago. He made some encouraging noises.
7. The layout of the Hall attracted favourable comment, and lends itself to future meetings.

8. The visitors who came were able to see what has taken place and what we intend to do, some visitors had not been in the premises for some time and had previously been put off by its 'cold and cheerless' atmosphere. It was also appreciated that we were giving away free teas and coffees. It showed that we were 'not after making a quick buck from the locals'.
9. It had been noted that work was also taking place during the day. Well done Ron Fletcher!

10. Overall, a worthwhile exercise, with potential to develop

Our thanks to all who came along, to those who helped to set up the Open Day and to Phil Tarry whose initiative set the wheels in motion.

Food Bank Contributions

Just to remind readers that the Chapel in Castle Street is open on Mondays to receive donations of food for the Food Bank at Okehampton.

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John Flower 01837 682918











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Winkleigh & District Garden Club

We have a great 2012 programme which consists of monthly meetings with a range of speakers and a number of visits.

The club meets in the evening of the third Tuesday of each month in Winkleigh Village Hall and normally start at 7.15pm.

Meetings: **March 20th** 'Alpine Miscellany' John Sanders Alpine Society, **April 17th** 'Gardens of Castle Drogo' John Ripen Head Gardener, Saturday **May 12th** Plant Sale 10:30-12:30, **May 15th** 'The Moth Man' time to be advised, **June 12th** 7pm Visit to Hidden Valley Nursery, **June 19th** 'Propagation of Trees and Shrubs' Neil Lovsey, **July 17th** 'Living in the Box' Tony Wright North Devon School of Country Bee keeping, **August 7th** Visit to Sutton Seeds Torquay time TBC, **September 18th** 'A is for Apple' visit to Winkleigh Orchard Live, **October 16th** 'The Seychelles – the flora and fauna of this tropical paradise' Pam Kemp, **November 20th** AGM, **December 18th** Christmas party and Quiz

In addition to the 'topic' of the meeting, such as a visiting speaker, meetings also include a raffle, tea/coffee and biscuits, giving time for members to socialise, and we encourage members to bring in plants to sell/swap.

New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings and under 16's can join the club without a membership fee. A nominal charge of £1 per meeting is made to visitors which is put towards the cost of the meeting and includes refreshments.

For further information contact our Chairman Mr Ed Porter on 01805 – 804838 or Beverley Cook

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WINKLEIGH WOMENS INSTITUTE

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Eureka! 2 people responded to the challenge in the last issue and came along to join us at the February meeting, and others came as visitors to both the Jan and Feb meetings.

Our next meeting on 7th March is 'Colour, Fashion and Fun', a talk and demonstration by Penny Blower who is an Image Consultant, and who will show how your skin and hair colour can affect the garment colours you choose. Barbara Baxter will be with us on 4th April showing how 'Casualties Union' works in training emergency groups, and later in April there is the County Council Meeting in Torquay at which Chris Beardshaw is the speaker. Also we have started a Craft Group within the Institute to co-ordinate ideas for the items and ideas we have at various stalls.

Have you seen this poster around the village?

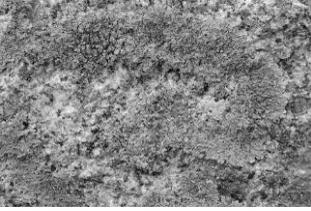
Do you want to learn to knit?then help is at hand!

The Women's Institute is having a free 'learn to knit' session for children (must be accompanied) and adults on Saturday 3rd March in the Village Hall from 3pm – 5pm.

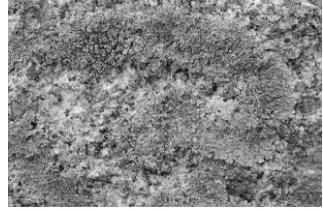
Materials will be available free of charge and refreshments will be served.

Looking forward to seeing you there
- no obligation

This will be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall and we would be very grateful for any spare yarn you might have, and if you would like to help teach the skill of knitting then do come along.



Lichens



*Would you like to explore the wonderful
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Saturday 24th March at 2pm

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All welcome.



CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!

If you are a beginner learning bridge or a player who has forgotten a lot of what they have learnt and want to get back in the game, this could be for you.

I am learning bridge myself and would like to start up a Winkleigh Bridge Society for people who would like to get to grips with or improve their level at the game, and get some weekly practice.

For those bridge players who already feel confident at the game and wish to hone their killer instinct, feel free to get in touch and come along, but this is really aimed at beginners like myself who wish to go at their own pace and get to know the game better. The setup would be informal - this would not be a bridge 'class', but simply an opportunity to practice with people of a similar level.

There are brand new card tables at Winkleigh Community Centre, which may be an ideal venue for local players, so if you feel you have the time to spare and the interest to join in please get in touch.

Esther McKinnel —01837 83892

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WINKLEIGH METHODIST CHURCH

A question that often befuddles people is “What is Church?” – this is because a lot of people think that it is a building, with a Parish Church on that street, a Methodist Church on this street and a Roman Catholic Church a couple of streets away. Actually, the church isn’t a building, but the people who meet in the building to worship God – which means that the building doesn’t have to be a religious building. This is why we call the building in which we meet a ‘Chapel’ to make the clear distinction.



As well as meeting in our homes for Bible Study [alternative Monday evenings at 7.30pm], we meet every Sunday for all-age Christian worship in the Chapel at 11am, except for the first Sunday in the month when we meet at 5.30pm for a Tea Service in the Oasis Room. With regard to the latter, we have tea together and conduct the worship while still sat at the tables. We would be very pleased to see you on any Sunday.

We continue to open the Oasis Coffee Shop every Monday from 10am until 1.30pm, serving morning coffees and teas, as well as mid-day lunches; and once a fortnight, we host the Winkleigh C.A.B. Rural Outreach Clinic at the same time as the Coffee Shop (until 1pm). Please check with us (077597 25227) or consult the chapel website to make sure that it is happening on a particular Monday.

Messy Church continues to meet bi-monthly on the second Tuesday afternoon of the month at 5pm in the Community Centre. Over the next quarter or so, this will be in February [14th: God is Love’] and April [10th: Easter Special]. We also host a Messy Church event during the alternative month, such as our Film Night on March 10th. These events are open to everyone, whether you attend Messy Church or not. All children have to be accompanied by a responsible adult, however.

So sometimes we meet in the chapel building as Church, sometimes in the Oasis Room, sometimes in the Community Centre and sometimes in our homes.

As we are a praying community, if you ever want to chat about anything or would appreciate the opportunity for people to pray for you (all, obviously, in the strictest confidence) then either contact us through the normal means, or call into the Coffee Shop on a Monday morning. We will always make time for you.

Details of other events are to be found on our website: www.winkleighchapel.co.uk

Rev. Graham Warmington
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HOW ABOUT A VILLAGE CHOIR?

I have been wondering for some time now about trying to bring together those of us who would like to share in building a village community choir in Winkleigh.

On talking to various people it would seem that there are many of us out there who would like to be part of a group; to enjoy the experience of singing for sheer enjoyment, fun and trying something different and all kinds of light music.

To make this a reality we would need a musical director and I have made some enquiries and there are possibilities, at least initially, to have the support of Wren Music, who are investigating this. They would be happy to put on one or two taster sessions. We would not need to audition, probably just as well as our voices get really “rusty” when we do not sing very often, but like all muscles this improves with use!

Please let me know with a quick phone call if you are interested in coming to a taster session, date to be arranged depending on level of interest. Do leave a message if I am not answering and the machine takes the load. I will get back to you and let you know progress.

Looking forward to hearing from lots of you.

Wendy Mondy
0845 458 5466

WINKLEIGH VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE.

We will be holding a Quiz in aid of funds on Saturday 10th March starting at 7.30pm with doors opening a 7pm. Entry is £5 per person (Max of 6 people per team) to include refreshments, there will be a raffle and a bar.

For more information or to book your table please phone 01837 83484 or 01837 83734

Local Artists Seek Studio

Local artists are looking for a studio to work in.

Has anyone a spare workshop or something similar that they would be willing to loan to locals artists. There are a few of us that would like to set up a studio where we could meet and work.

If you are able to help, please contact **Helena** on 0779 100 2075.

750 YEARS OF WINKLEIGH FAIR

WINKLEIGH FAIR WEEK 2012 will have some of the old favourites and some new favourites too! Here is just a taster of what is planned so far.

The opening ceremony will take place on Sunday July 8th in the square with the well dressing, opening ceremony, church service, crowning of the king and queen, balloon release and cream teas followed by rounders on the sports field.

On Monday evening the Methodist Chapel is putting on a concert with Response. It will be an evening of contemporary and gospel music.

Tuesday will see the return of Winkleigh Fair's unique Bingo evening!

On Thursday we are back in the field in our marquee! The Produce and Culture Show will take place there during the day. The early evening will be the time for the Dog Show and later during the evening we will be holding a charity barn dance with half the takings going to Clic Sargent and the other half to fund Winkleigh Fair. A BBQ will be running all evening and Exeter Brewery will be back running the bar! Anderton and Rowlands Fun Fair will also be back and in the field for the rest of the week – bigger and better than before!

On Friday during the day we will have Winkleigh's first ever Book Festival in the marquee. Building on last year's amazing event, the evening will be devoted to Winkleigh's Got Talent! Start working on your act now! Exeter Brewery will be running the bar and there will be fish & chips and Thai Noodles available all evening

The 750th Fair Saturday – July 14th - will start with the Farmers/Craft market in the marquee followed by an afternoon and evening of entertainment. Events will include the Children's Fancy Dress Parade, Hay Bale Tossing Competition, Children's workshops and entertainment, The Sealed Knot re-enactments, Tug-of-War Competition, live music and much more! A variety of refreshments will be available all day. There will be a food tent on the side of the marquee which will have a hog roast, W.I. Cream Teas and more! There will also be people selling Fish & Chips, Baguettes, Thai Noodles, Ice Cream and along with this food, Exeter Brewery will be serving all day!

Keep your diary free from July 8th until July 14th so you can come to all the events and join in the celebrations of 750 years of Winkleigh Fair!

Torrige Community Transport Association

Torrige Community Transport Association (TCTA) endeavours to provide a “transportation safety net for all”, young and old, able bodied and disabled. The association works with all members of the community to address their transport needs aiming to develop community transport services within the area. These vital services will attempt to tackle aspects of social exclusion brought about by transport infrastructure issues, thus promoting equality of opportunity and improving access to social, health, employment, leisure, and education services.

TCTA’s Ring & Ride service is now operating on a weekly basis throughout the area and this is due to a generous funding award from Tesco’s supermarkets. As part of a Section 106 Planning Gain encompassed in the development of their new store at East-the-Water Bideford, Tesco’s donated funds to enable TCTA to purchase a 15-seater Minibus. As an added bonus this funding also enabled the purchase of a smaller 7-seater vehicle with wheelchair accessibility offering safe transport for the user who has to remain in their wheelchair during a journey. The three vehicles now operated by the association enable TCTA to offer supplementary services such as a Passenger Excursion Club and a Community Group Hire service giving registered passengers and groups the ability to utilise the vehicles at weekends and evenings.



TCTA currently operates one of the largest volunteer car schemes in Devon providing transport services not just within its core area of 36 parishes in northern Torrige, but also in the surrounding areas as required, meaning that the populous of approximately 50 parishes receives this particular transport solution.

TCTA has a dedicated band of volunteers who use either their own cars or the association’s vehicles to transport passengers. These volunteers are the lifeblood of the organisation and without them generously giving up their time the services would not exist. TCTA is always ready to welcome new volunteers through its doors and will ensure that suitable training will be offered to those wishing to offer up some of their free time to assist other members of their community by driving for the association.

To volunteer please contact the TCTA telephone: 01237 425522.

To enquire about the services available telephone: 01237 423232

750 YEARS OF WINKLEIGH FAIR BLOOMING WINKLEIGH

It may be cold and wet outside but why not start thinking about summer and planning your garden? We will be holding our Blooming Winkleigh Competition as part of Winkleigh Fair Week again this year and we would love everyone to enter. No matter how big or small your garden is there is a category for you!

The categories are: **Best Small Garden**
 Best Large Garden
 Best Window Box or Hanging Basket
 Best Street/Cul-de-sac/Small Area of Houses
 Best Vegetable Plot

You don't need a big area to enter the Best Vegetable Plot category – imaginatively thought out window boxes or planters could win just as easily as the biggest vegetable garden!

If you have never entered before, make this year the year you enter to celebrate 750 years of Winkleigh Fair!

Judging will be done by an independent expert during the week before the opening ceremony which will take place on July 8th. Trophies will be presented to the winners during that afternoon's events.

So dream of long, warm summer days and start planning your entry now!

750 Years of Winkleigh Fair Calling All Past Winkleigh Fair Kings and Queens

As part of the 750th Winkleigh Fair celebrations we would like to get together as many past Winkleigh Fair Kings and Queens as we can for a parade. So whether you have been part of Winkleigh royalty in recent years or 750 years ago, please get in touch and join in!

Please contact Jo Salmon on 01837 682952

The Queens Diamond Jubilee

Sixty years ago a young princess became Queen Elizabeth II due to the sudden death of her father King George VI. She vowed then to serve her country to the best of her ability. 60 years later that promise is still being kept and our country is celebrating the fact that we have a monarch who is committed to carrying out her duties both in this country and around the world with such dedication.

The Parish Council believe that Winkleigh should be part of these celebrations which are culminating during the extended bank holiday weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2012. With this in mind we have set up a small working group of parish councillors and other members of the public. Since last Autumn we have met a few times to discuss the best way of celebrating in a way that can involve as many people of all ages in the parish, and be an event appropriate for the occasion.

We have decided that the main event will be a communal Parish Street party to be held in the square on Monday 4th June. Some of you may be thinking “that isn’t very exciting or imaginative” but we believe that an “old fashioned” traditional day is what is called for. The success of a street party does depend on the co-operation and involvement of everyone concerned.

The sun WILL shine and the square will be closed to traffic for the afternoon and the day will start with a church service at 2pm, followed by the street party at 4 pm. Tables and chairs will be set up and everyone who comes is asked to bring something sweet & something savoury (the amounts to be in proportion to the number of you coming) to share out on the tables for all to enjoy. Tea and soft drinks will be provided, please bring food in disposable containers and everyone joins in with eating the Giant Jubilee Cake. There will be some old traditional entertainments for all ages going on in the square and a little exhibition of how household things have changed since 1952 – have you got any ideas.

A commemorative medal is to be given to all people under the age of 18 who live in the parish and these will be given out during the afternoon. In the evening there will be Dancing through the decades in the Village Hall and we have joined the National Jubilee Beacon event with a beacon to be lit at a time given to us by London on a hill to the South of the village.

In the very unlikely/likely event of it raining, we have booked both the village hall and community centre.

Obviously to make the whole day a success we need YOUR help. Keep a look out for posters nearer the time and our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the small room of the village hall. Please come if you can offer any help with anything from making tea & coffee, setting tables & chairs, running entertainments or making bonfires!!

To help us with knowing how many people to expect and how many children are entitled to the medals could you please fill in the form at the bottom of the page and put it in one of the boxes in the village shop, D&S or post to the address below. All returned slips will be entered into a draw with a prize for the lucky winner. Please return the slips by 1st April to enable us to plan the day – please come and support this Parish event to show our appreciation to our hard working Queen.

Thank you,

The Jubilee Group – contact for more information

Simon Hodgson **01769 520266**
Marjorie Bowers **01837 83585**
John Turner **01837 83484**
Peter Norman **01837 83719**



Name

Address

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Approximate number coming to the street party

Names of children under 18 on 4th June 2012

For jubilee medal

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(next meeting wed 14th March, Village Hall)

Return by 1st April to enter the prize draw.

In the boxes or post to Mr. John Turner

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Dartmoor Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Dartmoor Decorative and Fine Arts Society monthly lectures, which began in February, continue with two more engaging topics.

Both lectures will be held in the **Charter Hall, Okehampton**. Doors open for tea and coffee at 10.00 am. The Lecture starts at 10.30 prompt.

The lecture on **Wednesday March 14th** is by the Fleet Street journalist and Exeter University lecturer Dr Geri Parlby and will be on **The Art of the Da Vinci Code** - a closer look at the artworks that inspired the fertile imagination of Dan Brown.

On **Wednesday April 11th** Mrs Ann Sweeney, who lectures at London and Surrey Universities, will be looking at the art, architecture, commerce and life in **Samuel Pepy's London**.

Everyone is welcome. Tickets are £6, payable at the door. A year's membership of the Society costs £45 (£85 for two) and provides a quarterly Arts Magazine and 9 lectures a year on a diverse range of topics. Your entry fee will be refunded if you join the Society.

If you would like to Join the society you can download an application form from the DDFAS website www.dartmoor-dfas.org.uk or you can contact the Membership Secretary, Alex Crosthwaite Eyre at northlew@hotmail.co.uk

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WINKLEIGH SPORTS CENTRE

The Sports Centre A.G.M. took place on 16th. January and attracted a bigger attendance than has normally been the case, a good sign that the community is looking to be more involved in the growing range of activities. The treasurer's report showed a great improvement in financial affairs with the centre now being clear of the debt which has so much hampered development over the years. It is however clear that complacency cannot be the order of the day. This has been clearly demonstrated by the outdoor bowling club who have announced that they cannot continue, a very sad situation as 2012 would, I believe, have been their 50th year since foundation. In very recent days, however, a glimmer of hope has appeared with a number of volunteers apparently coming forward with plans to maintain the "green" with a view to being able to offer a more casual scene where the community in general can get together and enjoy the game of bowls on a purely "social" basis. I believe that is the idea and I am sure somebody will tell me if I am wrong! Anyway it is very much a case of "watch this space".

A club going through changing times of perhaps a better nature is the snooker club where, following their A.G.M., there have been a number of committee changes and the fresh minds now have ambitious plans for the future. At a basic level the meter time has been extended so that players are getting better value for their money, in addition plans are well advanced to invest in major improvements to tables with recovering and cushion replacement. This will be supplemented by new sets of balls and other equipment together with the building of a new cupboard for storage. Members should note that the improvements will mean tables being unavailable for two or three days whilst work is carried out and notice of precise dates will be exhibited on club notice boards as soon as possible. On the Okehampton league scene, after a testing time playing at the higher level, the team is having a resurgence having won five of the last seven matches placing them in fifth position and more to come. There are now plans to set up a club website to further spread news of activities and encourage new membership from the local community.

The snooker club is now also set to benefit at junior level from developments in "Saturday club" activities which have seen Trevor Woodison join up to supervise snooker and pool with a view to guiding youngsters to a level where they can join the Tuesday night group which has been so successful over the years. At the time of writing two new applications are being passed on with one more set to follow next week. Trevor is of course well known in the community being a teacher at the Primary School.

Netball activities have also been flourishing during the new season with the "Warriors" team now being in the top table of the Crediton league, which has meant them having to up their game to deal with the higher standard. They sadly

have to report that Jenny has left them but are also welcoming in a new member whose name has not yet got to me!

Short mat bowling is now in the busy part of the season and the tennis club has been keeping up with winter action and the youth coaching going really well on Saturday mornings.

Now we are all looking forward to longer days and raised temperatures so as usual I will finish with an invite for any enquiries regarding centre activities or ideas to work on.

Brian Holland 01837 83521 (briwyc@hotmail.co.uk)

Winkleigh Youth Club

Another year has passed by. We are now in full swing of 2012. We will shortly be taking ownership of a 16ft trampoline which should provide a reasonable amount of fun for the youngsters while we wait for the spring when we can then start our outdoor activities again with the weather and the lighter evenings on our side.

The older kids have been busy the last couple of months with designing and building their new bike jumps at the top of the football field. They will be pleased when the spring and the drier weather harden the ground for their bikes. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Nick Turner for the usage and help of his digger; it has saved us a lot of time and hassle. We would also like to thank Winkleigh Parish Council for allowing us to recycle the old bus shelter for spectators to come and watch the bikers.

Due to the bad weather over the last few months and then the lack of light outside we have been making good use of the indoor activities, including the snooker room where Mike lives for our two-hour sessions on a Wednesday evening. We have recently started mini snooker and pool competitions for the sessions. It's not just use of the snooker room that we supply in the winter; we have also recently started cooking hot food such as pasta bakes, hot dogs, burgers, also baking cookies and cakes.

Come along and give it a go!

Amy North

Help

Does anybody have any gym equipment or exercise equipment which has been sitting in their loft or garage unused and which could be donated to the Youth Club? We are trying to build up a collection of equipment to enable us to have a little keep-fit area at the centre. We can collect. Should you have anything, please ring me on 01769 520605.

Mike Wilson



NEW YEAR WINNINGS FOR A LOCAL COUPLE

The New Year has started very well for one lucky couple from Winkleigh as they became winners of the Grand New Year Draw for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust Lottery.

The couple, who have asked to remain anonymous, were delighted to receive a telephone call from Tracy Owen, Lottery Team Leader, particularly when they were told that the prize money had been increased from the regular £1,350 to £1,500 just for one week only! They joined the lottery through one of DAAT’s door to door canvassers, and said, “This lottery win couldn’t have come at a better time, we will be celebrating a big birthday this year and it will enable us to really celebrate in style. We have always thought that the Air Ambulance is essential in rural areas such as we have here in Devon and we see it quite regularly. Many lives are being saved due to the quick actions of the helicopter crews. We do urge people to take part in the DAAT lottery, not only do you have a chance to win a prize but more importantly, you will be supporting a worthwhile cause”.

So, go on, have a flutter...and rest assured your £1 a week entry is truly making a difference in helping to keep this essential lifesaving service flying! Join locally at Winkleigh Post Office or by phoning the Team on 01392 469886.

If you would also like to learn more about the work the Devon Air Ambulance Trust does why not visit their website at www.daat.org .



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Winkleigh Singers

There will be an Open Rehearsal on Monday 19th March at The Community Centre. 7.30-9.00pm. Free entry.

Anyone who's interested in what we do will be welcome and there will be the opportunity to join in with learning some music which will be just as new to the choir as it is to the guests (to keep a level playing field) along with some well known classics.

Refreshments will be provided and there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the expenses of the evening.

Concert to Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Winkleigh Village Hall Saturday 26th May 2012

The programme will be connected with Royalty, some serious, some not so serious, and including some music from the 1953 Coronation. We will end in true party fashion with Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, and Jerusalem
Bring your flags to wave!

This will be in aid of The Royal British Legion.

Saturday 30th June 2012

Concert of Early (Pre-Restoration) Music at Combe Martin Parish Church.

In aid of the restoration of the church's rood screen and its 26 remarkable mediæval paintings of Apostles and Saints.

Advance Notice: following the tremendous success of our workshop last year, we have booked Deborah Miles-Johnson again for Saturday 13th October. If you enjoy singing, this is an event not to be missed. Put it in your diary now!

Events and details can be found on our website

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PWS will continue to collect from us on a fortnightly basis and have reminded us about what they can and cannot take.

YES PLEASE

Food containers e.g. margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, meat trays, plastic fruit punnets.

Trays from boxes of chocolates and biscuits.

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Chulmleigh Floral Art Club

At the January meeting held on Wednesday 18th January at the Pavilions, Chulmleigh, one of our members, Juliet Rumble, gave a very interesting and informative demonstration and talk on the Japanese Ikebana style of flower arranging. She highlighted the many differences between the Eastern and Western styles of flower arranging and how the Eastern style is very minimalist compared to Western. She also told us of some of the history behind the development of Ikebana, especially how in Japan the man of the house is responsible for the arrangements unlike Western which is mainly done by women. She did five arrangements showing different ways of placing the 3 main pieces to represent Heaven, Earth and Man together with some flowers. The Members then enjoyed a beautiful New Year buffet and the evening ended with a raffle of the arrangements and a chance to buy from the extensive Sales Table. The next meeting will be on 15th Feb at 7.30 in the Pavilion, when members will take part in a 'Flower shop and Swop'. A very sociable evening to try and make an arrangement from items brought in by another member. Forthcoming events include:

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17th April North Devon Clubs Annual Lunch at The Barnstaple Hotel with Area Demonstrator Carol Vincent entitled 'A Night at the Movies'. This is always a very enjoyable and relaxing event.

18th April 'Amaryllis' with Clare Ward from Morchard Bishop

For further information on any of these events, please ring Mary Pitts on 01769 580880

Celebrating Winkleigh's Myriad of Organisations

In and around Winkleigh there are a vast number of clubs and societies that enrich people's lives. If a snap-shot were taken at any one time, we would find that while some were emerging and flourishing, others were struggling due to loss of key members, lack of funds or difficulties in marketing "what the group is about" etc.

Over the past couple of months, several of us have looked at various possibilities, which would give a boost, not only to our clubs and societies but also to our three community buildings and other places where people meet, particularly our pubs! So far, we think that setting up a yearly "Winkleigh Together" event could be the best route forward. The event would –

- Bring all the organisations together to share ambitions, plans and problems;
- Act as a focal point for potential volunteers to find out what is happening, what action might be most appropriate, and where their talents might be most appreciated; and
- Help to identify sources of funding that might encourage new activities and attract more members.

I would like to hear your ideas, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope to give details of the "Winkleigh Together" format ASAP and to hold the event in the early summer.

David Lausen 01837 83209 dlausen@toucansurf.com
www.davidlausen.org.uk

750 YEARS OF WINKLEIGH FAIR

AUCTION OF PROMISES FUNDRAISER

As everyone will hopefully know by now, this year is the 750th year of Winkleigh Fair. The Fair Committee want to put on the best possible Fair for the village this year to celebrate this anniversary in July. This means we need to raise a lot of money to pay for it all!

One of the events the Committee is organising is an Auction of Promises. The auction will take place in the **Kings Arms on Saturday 7th April** and will start at 4pm. We would be really grateful for donations of services and products that we can auction off. You can also support your village fair by coming along and bidding enthusiastically!

If you would like to support the Fair by offering your services or products for auction, please contact Ian MacDonald at ianmacutio@hotmail.com.

All donations gratefully received!

Thomas Dunhill (1877-1946): Piano Music from the 1930s

An unusual concert takes place at Winkleigh Village Hall on Saturday 17th March at 7pm. The event is presented by Paul Vincent, grandson of composer Thomas Dunhill, with Trevor Woodison, well-known local music teacher and composer. The choice of piano music from the 1930s is designed to resonate with the hall itself, completed in 1935.

The programme is divided into two parts, the first being performed by younger players - for whom Dunhill wrote many attractive pieces, including piano duets. After the interval, works include piano arrangements of works for ballet and light opera.

In 1893, aged just 16, Dunhill went to the Royal College of Music to study Composition. He had already spent his early teenage years in London writing small operettas in the manner of Gilbert & Sullivan.

He remained in the education world all his life, balancing his composing career with teaching (he was a professor at the RCM, and also taught at Eton College), examining for the Associated Board, and adjudicating at music festivals. Some of his pieces for children are still set for piano and singing exams by the ABRSM.

When society changed after World War I, Dunhill shifted his interest away from chamber music and orchestral pieces towards musical theatre. His light opera, *Tantivy Towers*, staged at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith in 1931 was a substantial success.

As well as 101 listed works, including chamber music, song-settings, a symphony, and scores for ballet and light opera, he wrote many piano suites intended for students and players of moderate ability to enjoy at home.

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For more information, please contact Penny Griffiths (01837 83407) or Paul Vincent (01363 775048)

The Thomas Dunhill Connection, in association with WASPS / Winkleigh Music Nights

ACE Archaeology Club

ACE enjoyed a refreshing Exmoor walk in early January, visiting a deserted medieval village near Bratton Fleming in the morning and the Roman Fortlet at Martinhoe in the afternoon. It was a lovely sunny day, only clouding over to drizzle when we were on our way back to the car park from the fortlet.

The weather has been less kind for our other ACE days, several attempts to continue our work at Moistown have been stymied by ice and rain. I really hope things will improve for the Dowsing survey day on the 3rd of March. We intend to extend the area that we dowsed during the festival last year between the remaining earthworks to see if we can find where the buildings once stood.

ACE carried out a building survey of Winkleigh Airfield and its associated sites in 1999/2000, this has since been updated and is now available in PDF format on our web site.

Plans for the fourth Festival of Archaeology and Old Technology at Pattiland Farm are well under way, there will be a lot more details in the next issue of DW, but don't forget to put the 21st July in your diary. Giles Warham the organiser of the event is your man if you want to exhibit or know more about the festival, please get in touch with him at giles@pattilandfarm.com

If you would like to know more about ACE have a look at our website www.acearch.org.uk or contact **Janet Daynes** at ace@acearch.org.uk or on 01769 520326

House Scouts

All of us involved in the project are relieved to hear that the Winkleigh Society is to continue. Not many people realise that House Scouts including the archive is a Winkleigh Society project, so its demise could have made things rather difficult.

Recently some new volunteers have stepped forward and have offered to help out, which is great news and we are looking into re-vamping our rather out of date database too. We hope to be able to access the archive on line so volunteers will be able to download information from home rather than try to do it all just one morning a month in the Mini Market.

You can view the digital and physical archive on the first Wednesday every month at the Mini Market between 9.00 and 10.30 am.

Winkleigh censuses can be found at; www.acearch.org.uk

Winkleigh Heroes website; www.winkleighheroes.co.uk

If you have anything for the archive or would like to help out with the House Scouts project, please do get in touch with **Janet Daynes** on; 01769 520326 or ace@acearch.org.uk



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2	Cabbage- any variety	1
3	Carrots- any variety	5
4	Courgettes- any variety	3
5	Cucumber- any variety	1
6	Lettuce- any variety	1
7	Onions- any variety	5
8	Pea Pods- any variety	5
9	Potatoes- any variety	5
10	Radishes- any variety	5
11	Tomatoes- any variety	5
12	Vegetable Box- 3 varieties	5
13	Longest cucumber	1
14	Longest bean	1
15	Heaviest potato	1
16	Fattest carrot	1
17	Funniest shaped vegetable	1

Class	Produce- Fruit	Number in entry
18	Gooseberries- any variety	5
19	Raspberries- any variety	5
20	Rhubarb- any variety	3
21	Strawberries- any variety	5
22	Fruit Box- 3 varieties	7

Class	Plants & Flowers	Number in entry
23	Geranium in a pot	1
24	Roses	3
25	A single bloom	1
26	Sweet peas	7
27	A floral bouquet	various
28	A posy of herbs	various

Class	Homemade Preserves	Number in entry
29	Jar of Chutney - Fruit	1
30	Jar of Chutney - Vegetable	1
31	Jar of soft fruit Jam	1
32	Jar of Marmalade	1
33	Jar of Honey	1

Class	Homemade Baking	Number in entry
34	Fruit Scones- any recipe	3
35	8" Chocolate Cake- any recipe	1
36	Homemade Meat Pasty	1
37	Homemade Vegetarian Pasty	1
38	Homemade Houmous	1
39	Homemade loaf of Bread	1
40	Homemade Quiche	1

Special Class

41	Homemade Devon Cream Tea
To include cream with Homemade Scones and Homemade Jam (extra points will be awarded for presentation).	

Class	Homemade Drinks	Number in entry
42	Homemade Cider- any variety	1
43	Homemade Wine- any variety	1
44	Homemade Apple Juice - any variety	1

Class	Homemade Crafts	Number in Entry
45	Ceramic bowl or vase	1
46	Knitted Child's garment	1
47	Cushion Cover	1
48	Wood carving	1

Child section—50p per entry

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Class	Homemade Crafts	Number in Entry
49	Pressed flower bookmark	1
50	Fabric animal	1
51	Miniature Garden (up to A4 size)	1
52	Handmade storybook	1
53	Decorated egg	1
54	Photograph or picture of your pet	1
55	Decorated hat	1

Cancer Research Coffee Mornings

For many years, a weekly Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK has been held on Wednesdays in the Community Centre.

In the past 12 months a total of £1,400 has been raised by the Coffee Mornings and the Collection Box in the Londis store. Many thanks to all who have contributed – you can be sure that this will help a very worthwhile charity to actively seek ways to combat or control this dreadful disease.

Pat Mincher

Jack and the GM Beanstalk

Winkleigh Young Farmers pantomime - "Jack and the GM Beanstalk" will take place on Saturday 25th February in Winkleigh Village Hall, doors open at 6.30. Tickets £5 adults, £2 children and under 5's go free. These are available from the Bakery stores and D and S supplies.

Winkleigh Fair 750th Commemorative Banner

A big thank you to all of you who have returned your 'square' to me as we are now starting to put the commemorative banner together. The standard has been fantastic and thank you so much for the time you have all taken to produce your individual pieces.

Anyone who is still producing their 'square' can they please start getting them back to me so we can make sure they are all included and we know how many we have. Ideally as soon as possible either drop them to me at Park House or contact **Cath Kenny** 680011 catherinekenny32@yahoo.co.uk and I will arrange to collect them.

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And finally

A very full magazine this time!

What with the coming celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Winkleigh Fair's 750th Anniversary, it looks as if the village will be a very busy place in 2012.

We hope that the weather will be kind to both events, so they can be enjoyed to the full by everyone.

Other events will be taking place around Winkleigh this summer and readers are encouraged to visit them. One doesn't have to drive to Exeter or Barnstaple to find interesting things to see and do! Watch out for the Festival of Archaeology and Old Technology at Patiland Farn, Broadwoodkelly, which will take place on 21st July. Lots of things to interest children from 8 to 80!

A particularly sad departure was that of Roger Smith in December. During his 9 years here in Winkleigh Roger did much to help and protect the village from unwelcome development. He will be sorely missed and we send our deep condolences to Sylvia.

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The Society now has over 100 members. Membership costs £4 per person . This entitles you to vote at the Society meetings . If you would like more details, please contact Alan Mulcahy, our Membership Secretary, on 01837 680145.

Further information about the Society and what is going on in Winkleigh can be accessed online at: <http://www.winkleighonline.com>

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