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## **Winkleigh Society Chair's Report - February 2020**

The Winkleigh Society is delighted to launch the latest **Information Directory**. You will have received it with February's Distinctly Winkleigh, thanks to our faithful 'posties'.

It is Issue No 6. There are lots of changes and additions which have taken considerable detective work to track down and check. And, yes, we know there will be omissions because as soon as you publish, a new kid arrives on the block or another one leaves. If you let us know we will include changes in the online edition.

**Alan Mulcahy has laboured mightily over this, helped by his out-riders Philip Griffiths and Margaret Miller. Thanks also to Alan Jacobs and Stone** for their great photographs that depict the pastoral and celebratory aspects of village life.

**District Councillor Simon Newton secured a grant from Torridge District Council to defray the publishing costs. Thank you very much Simon.**

We hope to be working in tandem with Winkleigh Parish Council towards holding a Business Forum. Again Councillor Newton is keen for this to happen.

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Winkleigh Society AGM: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Community Centre at 7.00 pm.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Emily Wapshott from South West Archaeology.

**\*\* SHOW AND TELL - INTERACTIVE EVENING \*\***

Bring in your dug-up treasures to be dated and identified.

Displays to be set up from 5 pm. onwards.

It will be an interactive evening with wine and cheese.

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** The Winkleigh Society will be at the Saturday Village Hall Market with a display of the Information Directories. Plus: Meet the Editor of Distinctly Winkleigh and the newsletter team.

*Penny Griffiths*

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### **INFORMATION DIRECTORY – Issue 6 - AMENDMENT:**

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## **Bacon Roll Time Again! – For the Seventeenth Time!**

**It is that time again! Bacon Rolls for Cancer Research UK**

**DATE: - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**

**TIME: - 9.30 am - Noon**

**PLACE: The Old Smithy, Exeter Road, Winkleigh.**

**Bacon Rolls, tea, coffee. Raffle. Bring and buy cake stall.**

**Bring your friends and enjoy a morning of good food and good company.**

**SEE YOU ALL THERE.**

After last year's event Dave and I were invited to the **Cancer Research Laboratories** in Bristol where we had a wonderful afternoon seeing how the money Winkleigh raises is being put to use. Every penny is used to further the work of finding cures through better detection and treatment. The exciting news is that it is very close to being 3 out of 4 cancer sufferers surviving for 10 years or more. **So please come on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, have a good morning, and help to ensure this amazing work continues.**

*Jan Ovenden*

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## Winkleigh's Three Remembrance Services – 2019

On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November** the Winkleigh Airfield Memorial Remembrance Service was held at 10.45. Just before it started, the weather looked as if it would be a repeat of last year, so the 50 people present assembled in the adjacent large barn, courtesy of Tristan Johnson. The Service was led by Revd Helen Blaine with the roll-call of the fallen read out by Major Jonathan Juurlink (RCAF), who was accompanied by his wife Yoko, five year old son and two daughters. The wreaths were laid in the barn by Major Juurlink and the Chair of TDC as well as representatives from village organisations. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Carl Woodison, who also accompanied the hymns. Thank you Carl! When the service was over, as the rain had held off and the sun was shining briefly, the wreaths were carried outside to be laid round the memorial.

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, the Village Remembrance Service was held in the Parish Church with Revd Helen Blaine officiating. The congregation assembled at the War Memorial for the wreath-laying ceremony, again by representatives from village organisations. The names of the Fallen were read out by Major F R (Ron) Fletcher and the congregation then processed into the Church for the rest of the service. The Last Post and Reveille were played by Katrina Beer from the back of the Church. Thank you Katrina!



On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** all the children from Winkleigh School with their teachers trooped up to the Church for a short service. Ten of the Year 6 pupils had each traced the lives of some of the WW1 casualties and read out their findings to the rest of the school, as well as relatives and friends. At about 10.50 am, the ten children and the adult congregation processed out to the War Memorial, where the children took their

places for the Service and one of them laid a wreath on behalf of Winkleigh School, before the silence was observed at 11 o'clock. Afterwards all the children and their teachers walked back to the school. The whole school should be congratulated for attending the service and behaving impeccably throughout.

In addition, businesses in the Parish displayed Poppy Appeal collection boxes to receive donations from customers and individual volunteers collected from homes.

**Thanks to the generosity of all in the area, a grand total of £2,131.99, was raised** for the Poppy Appeal to provide assistance to veterans and serving members of the armed forces and their families who are experiencing problems.

*The Winkleigh Society*

## All Saints Church – Flower Ladies Easter Lilies Festival



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

**We invite you to “Buy a Lily” this year in memory of loved ones. The cost is £3.00.** Envelopes for this purpose (with instructions) will be placed in **the church from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**. They will be also available from in the **Post Office**, by kind permission of Tony Bayley the postmaster, & from **Changes**, by

kind permission of Valerie Bissett, or from any of the Flower Ladies.

**The last date for returning envelopes is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.**

We also invite you to come along to come along to All Saints Church during Easter week on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 & 12 noon for Coffee & Cakes** with the flower ladies to view the lilies in the displays.

*If there are any ladies out there that would like to join us – you don't have to live in Winkleigh to be involved - please don't hesitate to contact either Marcia Butt – 01837 83734 or Linda Millership – 01837 680040.*

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- The applicant must be registered as a local government elector for the parish; or
- The applicant should, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of co-option, have occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish; or
- The applicant's principal or only place of work during those twelve months has been in the parish; or
- Have during the whole of twelve months resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it.

**PUBLIC** elections cannot be held until the year 2023 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancies.

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## Okehampton Choral Society

Come and join us for a programme to celebrate **Springtime featuring music by G F Handel**:

- **Organ Concerto, *The Cuckoo and the Nightingale*** (soloist Roger Cleverdon)
- **Pastoral Serenata *Acis & Galatea***, with soloists Anna Dumbiotis (winner of the Plymouth Young Musicians' Platform 2019), William Collins, Jason Bomford and Tony Yates
- **Flute Sonata Opus 1 No. 11** (soloist Ruth Molins)

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Fairplace Methodist Church, Okehampton.**  
**Tickets at the door or from choir members - £10 (students £5.00)**

## Winkleigh Wives Group

In November last year the Wives Group held a very successful Autumn Fair. The total raised was £691.85p. **We were able to make this total up to £700 which enabled us to send £350 to each of our chosen charities, DEVON AIR AMBULANCE & NORTH DEVON HOSPICE.** We thank you all for your support on the day.

In December, we had a Social afternoon where we entertained ourselves with poems and readings. Jean Fletcher read us the version of the Twelve Days of Christmas by John Julius Norwich. Bobbie Farrington organised a quiz for us where all the answers had a connection to Christmas, it made us all use our little grey cells. Another item was prepared by Margaret Miller with many items on a tray and a few minutes to look at them before being removed. We then had to “remember as many as possible” before Margaret called time. After that we were ready for our refreshments.

In January, 30 members and guests were able to enjoy Sunday Lunch at Libbaton Golf Club. By the time you will be reading this report we will have had our February meeting where the Rev. Helen Blaine will have been our speaker.

In March, we see a return visit by John Dike who will be telling us all about the “Battle of Trafalgar.” In April, a change of date to the Third Monday (20<sup>th</sup> April) instead of the 13<sup>th</sup> April as this will be Easter Monday. On this occasion we will have as our speaker Bobbie Farrington, reminiscing about her family history.

Then in May we will have Anita Edgar-Cole who will be talking about her Charity “Child Rescue “ This is a charity based in the Far East, mainly Goa. The main aim is to provide a Childhood for children who have never had one, also to create home, shelters, community centres and schools to transform children’s lives.

In June we will have our Annual General Meeting. All meetings take place on the second Monday of the month in the small rear room of the Village Hall.

We welcome visitors to our meetings. Do come along and join us sometime.

*Janet Magor (sec) 83799*

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## All Saints News

Being the incumbent of an ancient church has many joys and many challenges. It is wonderful to be able to continue to welcome people through our doors, as people have been welcomed for over 700 years.

As I walk through the graveyard and admire the stunning view, I am always comforted by the fact that despite a changing world, political trials and tribulations, All Saints has stood the test of time. As wars have raged, governments come and go and technology moves at a rapid pace, our church stands as a testament to faith of those who have gone before us. A place to bring the concerns of our lives and our world before God, a space to bring before God the events of our lives; births, marriages and deaths. Our church is a holy and peaceful space which speaks of the prayers and worship of the generations before us. You only have to wander around the gravestones to see not just a social history but the story of this village, of lives and faith. This is a wonderful context in which to minister, to play my small part in ensuring that faith and welcome remains alive.

Being the current incumbent however brings the challenge of ensuring that this beautiful building is still standing for future generations. It is not a burden I bear alone, and I am grateful for the members of the PCC and also the care, dedication, practical and financial support of many people, both past and present, all of which means All Saints is looking reasonably good for its age. Over Christmas we had a leaking roof and a flooded vestry, sharply reminding us that buildings age and bits fail! These issues have now been resolved but we need to continue to work hard to ensure our church continues to tell the story of this village for future generations and to be able to have a place of prayer and worship.

**Our yearly expenses include the maintenance of graveyard, the day to day repairs and upkeep of the building, insurance and the cost of having a priest. (This is shared out amongst the other churches and subsidised by the Diocese of Exeter). This means that just to keep the church open and ready to have services, to be a place of prayer, of remembrance and celebration, it costs us around £90 a day and that is before any other repairs or bigger maintenance jobs. At the moment this cost is given by the generosity of the regular congregation, donations from services and the occasional bequest. We need the parish as a whole to help keep All Saints as a central part of village life. It is not the church of those who gather there each Sunday but is your church.**

**If you wish to donate, either as a one off or as a regular contribution, please speak to either myself or Collin Gibson, our Treasurer.**

As we approach Lent and Easter there is much going on. **Bishop Jackie Searle, the Bishop of Crediton will be at the Saturday Market on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Our Mothering Sunday service is at 9.30 am on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and is suitable for everyone.**

**We recognise that Mothering Sunday is a difficult time for many. From Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March until Mothering Sunday there will be a memory tree in the Lady Chapel. You are invited to come into church at any time and tie on a ribbon (provided) in memory of a child, parent, relative, or to signify a sorrow or pain. During Holy Week, Easter and up until Pentecost the tree will evolve and be used in different ways as we journey to the cross and beyond. Look out for details of our Holy Week and Easter service and do come and join us.**

*The Revd Helen Blaine*

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## **Edward Funnell - Maker of the All Saints Church Clock**

I am the Diocesan Clock Adviser for the Diocese of Chichester which covers all of Sussex. Most of Edward Funnell's clocks are located in East Sussex, in or near Brighton. The clock at All Saints Winkleigh was made by Edward Funnell of Brighton in 1872. Most of the other clocks Funnell made in Sussex I have seen, but I always wanted to visit Winkleigh to see the most westerly Funnell clock I have heard of. I'm not sure why there is a Funnell clock so far away from Brighton?



At All Saints there is a wooden plaque dated October 1932 which says that the clock was restored and Westminster Chimes added. Were Westminster Chimes added to the existing clock movement? I doubt it as it all looks to be made in 1872, so perhaps a previous striking-only clock movement was taken away and a second-hand clock movement bought that had Westminster Chimes. Someone at All Saints may

remember, or be able to look back in church records. If this is correct it would be interesting to know where the second-hand clock movement came from.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 I visited Winkleigh with Andy Burdon, a friend who is also interested in turret clocks, and we were very pleased to be shown the clock at All Saints by Tim Rhodes the Clock Keeper. We were not disappointed and spent some time examining it and taking many photos.

Edward Funnell was the eldest son of Charles Funnell, a Shoemaker, and Eleanor of 4 Boyce's Street, Brighthelmstone, now known as Brighton. He was baptized on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1822 so he was aged 50 when the All Saints clock was made. He is credited with making the smallest watch in the world at the time, for the 1851 Crystal Palace Great Exposition. It is said that Edward was a man of small stature. I was fortunate to buy what must be the smallest turret clock ever made which is about 12 inches in length;

could Edward have made this small turret clock also to show at the 1851 Exposition? More information about the Funnell family can be found online by searching for "Funnell's Wood" where there are photos of some of his clocks such as the Hannington's and my turret clock, and history of all Funnell's clocks worldwide.

New premises were acquired in Trafalgar Street, Brighton sometime between 1854 and 1856. Edward is said to have ceased business in 1878 and died aged 67 in the last quarter of 1889. Edward would have had men working for him to help make the clocks.

Edward made several clocks for churches in and around Brighton including one made in the same year as Winkleigh in 1872 for St John the Baptist Church in Hove. Other church clocks were made for: Hurstpierpoint, Newick, Chailey, St Mary at Chiddingfold among others. Also a clock for St Denys in Rotherfield in East Sussex. He also made the public clock for Hannington's Department Store in Brighton, now sadly closed, but its clock movement will be on show again in Brighton when is incorporated in a new development.

Apart from public clocks he also made house clocks, of which I have seen several. Edward's shop and workshop were taken over by another man, but one house clock I saw had painted on the dial: H. Kyzer, Late E. Funnell, East Street, Brighton.

Brighton at that time was a railway town with the facilities to make steam locomotives and everything else that is needed by a railway. Edward also designed a "Self-Acting Electro-Magnetic Clock Work Signal for Railway Purposes", with patent No 1767 of 15<sup>th</sup> July 1863.

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wound, the time-keeping part has an automatic winder, the striking and Westminster Quarters trains have had "direct-drive" fitted to the "fly" arbors. *This is not something that is approved of these days but I hope one day the auto-winder and direct-drives can be removed and more sympathetic automatic winding fitted instead. I would freely help with advice, guidance and with grant applications, should such a change be envisaged at some future time.* The clock also has a long wooden rod and cast-iron bob pendulum. Two black-painted convex copper dials with gold-leaf Roman numerals are on the south and west sides of the church tower.

On the wood case which protects the clock movement are the winding instructions painted onto the wood as follows: "First, wind No. 1 immediately after striking for 5 minutes only, then wind Nos. 2 & 3, then, finish winding No. 1 immediately after striking again."

Derek Frampton

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- Lorne Hamilton – Helping with Lights
- Tony Aston – Road Signs
- Debbie Kennard – for her help
- Residents of The Square – for their understanding
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**Please also come along to the events we are planning for 2020.**

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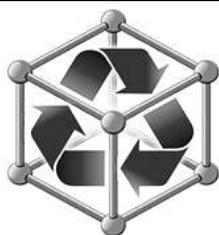
## Running towards remission



When I was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer in 2014, I thought that my life was over. I was consumed with grief, rage, despair and fear. Little did I know that five years later I would be cancer-free and training for the London Marathon.

Don't get me wrong, this journey hasn't been easy; I've had six operations, 40 rounds of radiotherapy, bone-strengthening infusions and six months of chemotherapy.

However, one of the most important things that I've learned is that you don't fight this fight alone. **My mum and dad (Katherine and Philip de Louvois) have rallied support across Winkleigh to raise money for Breast Cancer Now**, who work tirelessly to develop treatments which aim to stop breast cancer in its tracks. I was just 36 when I was diagnosed and it took three months before the doctors took me seriously, nobody should have to deal with that.



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place I was overjoyed to be offered a spot and can't wait for April 26th!

If you would like to follow my treatment journey and marathon ramblings you can visit the blog here: [www.helenblissblog.blogspot.com](http://www.helenblissblog.blogspot.com) and if you fancy donating some cash to motivate some more training miles you can do so here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HelenBliss>

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Julie looks forward to meeting you on board the mobile library soon. You can also follow Devon

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the 'Follow the Star' nativity tractor and trailer parade back in December. It was good to see those of you who came along and joined us at the candle-lit Church afterwards to enjoy some food, drink and carols.

### Charities we support

The Oasis café serves home cooked meals every Wednesday and also delivers meals for those unable to get to the Church. **This community facility is run on a completely voluntary basis with nobody being paid to help or deliver the food.**

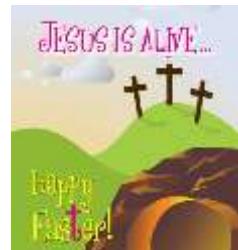
The Oasis team, headed by Fiona Marshall, deserve a huge 'thank you' for this massive weekly commitment. A big 'thank you' also to all the customers who attend and enjoy each other's company as well as the delicious food. After the cost of the food and a small contribution towards utilities has been paid, all profit is then donated to various charities. During the last year this fantastic amount of money has been gifted to:

- Project Gateway (South Africa) £300.00
- Pancreatic Cancer UK £350.00
- Farming Community Network £350.00
- Andy Jerrard (farming support) £500.00

This has meant that, including the donations from Oasis, as a Church we have raised a total of **£859.05 for Pancreatic Cancer UK** and **£479.05 for the Farming Community Network**. This is an amazing amount of money and we are grateful to everyone who has supported and contributed to any of our fundraising events.

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

Our regular activities continue ....

**Sunday worship** begins at 11 am with coffee served from 10.40 am. Sunday School runs at the same time. Every first Sunday in the month we meet at 5.30 pm (café church) or 6.30 pm (Recharge, youth focus) instead of 11 am and enjoy a bring-and-share tea. Please see our notice board for more detail.

**SPACE Youth Club** runs on the second and fourth Friday of every month: Years 5 & 6 from 7 to 8.15 pm and Year 7 upwards from 8.15 to 10 pm - £1 entry fee and a tuck shop available for anyone wanting to buy a snack.

**Oasis Café Winkleigh Methodist Church – every Wednesday:** Home-cooked two-course lunch served at 12.30 pm (coffee, lighter lunches or cakes also available). All ages welcome – please pop in.



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

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

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



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## Facelift for the Village Hall - 2020

Those of you who have visited the Village Hall recently will know that there are some major facelift works going on. **Phase 1 – new grey and blue paintwork in the main hall - has been completed by the gang of four, Tony Aston, Alan Jacobs, Os Mustafa and Sam Samuels. This was carried out in just one week during January with Ros Jarvis arranging for the provision of a scaffolding tower then Kay Aston and Julie Mustafa carrying out some serious post-decoration cleaning.**



*Alan, Tony and Os*

However, this is but the beginning. New blinds have been ordered for all of the windows and we are in the throes of ordering new curtains for the stage. The stage itself will be painted as part of Phase 2, followed by the entrance lobbies, toilets and hallways in future phases during the coming weeks and months. Improvements have also been made to the plumbing and heating controls.

**We are so pleased to be able to give your Village Hall the fresh look and feel that it has deserved for so long with hall funds only being used for the purchase of materials.**

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*Tony Aston*

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## News from Winkleigh Football Club

As we enter the middle stage of what looks to be a long season due to the wet winter so far, Winkleigh FC will have mixed emotions of how the season has gone thus far, but it's a season that certainly hasn't lacked excitement for players if not for fans.

Winkleigh are still currently in a healthy fourth spot in the league which comes after two defeats on the bounce to dent their title credentials quite significantly. Disappointingly this also comes after a massive win at Halwill who were arguably favourites to win the title. However at the time of writing, Winkleigh still remain in all three cup competitions with the first of three quarter-finals on Saturday away at West Exe in Tiverton as well as a Devon Cup semi-final at stake.

Even with the two recent defeats dampening the mood at the club, Winkleigh still look in great shape on and off the pitch, which is slowly being built by a hard-working committee and a young manager who is passionate in what he does. The season is far from over with lots still to play and is set to be going right to the wire.

Support has been growing significantly this season and we are aiming to get the whole village either enjoying, supporting or helping in any way they would like. We hope to introduce youth teams and a bar for match days, as we want to continue growing the club for everyone in the village to appreciate in the years to come.

*Tom Robinson*



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## Winkleigh Football Club - Fun Day

Winkleigh Football Club is holding a Fun Day again on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be Adult and Youth football matches, as well as a Barbecue, a Bar, Bouncy Castle, a Draw, Nico's Ice Cream and Fun Stalls.

Fun For Everyone. Please do come along.

## Winkleigh Football Club - Helpers Needed

As many people know, we are already running a **youth under 16's team**. We are also hoping to run an **under 8's team** from next season. We have a new pitch for this but **we desperately need more help with the running of the children's football**. If anyone would like their child to be put on the list, or would be able to help with the running of the club/teams please contact me.

*Karen Forrester*  
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## Britannia Sailing Trust – Newsflash!

Despite the wintry weather, our loyal band of volunteers is still meeting to work on our little ship on Tuesdays. Work is now progressing on constructing a steam chest which will be used to steam new planks for a few areas in the hull that have been damaged in the past 20 years. **We are still trying to source some specialist timber for this stage of the rebuild and it would be great if we could find some local, slow grown (north-facing) larch, which would save us a trip to Scotland!**

The following is a Press Release that I will soon be sharing with the mainstream and social media. **We are all delighted that Tracy Edwards has agreed to be our Patron.** We will be meeting her in March to plan how she might help us. We hope that she will be able to visit Britannia in Winkleigh later this year. She is an inspirational woman who would surely motivate young people to follow their dreams!

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 - The Britannia Sailing Trust.**

Britannia Sailing Trust (01837 680036 or 07776 330169)  
hello@britanniasailingtrust.org

### **Tracy Edwards, MBE, becomes patron of The Britannia Sailing Trust.**

**Winkleigh, Devon: Britannia Sailing Trust today announced that Tracy Edwards, MBE, who skippered the first all-female crew in the 1989/90 'Whitbread Round the World Race', has agreed to be their Patron.**

Tracy is without doubt one of the world's greatest sailors, and with her latest project, *themaidefactor.org* - an all-female crew, sailing the world on the original, restored boat, Maiden, are to highlight and create awareness of the 130 million girls worldwide who currently are not afforded an education, and engaging with organisations facilitating that basic human right.

"I have been following the progress of this inspirational and important project to restore Britannia to her former glory and to teach traditional skills for many years. The focus on our oceans and how we interact with them is crucial at this time and the synergy between our traditional craft and skills is essential in this regard. I am so honoured to be invited to be a Patron of the Britannia Sailing Trust and through them be a part of our rich maritime heritage." Says: Tracy Edwards, MBE.

"To have Tracy Edwards on board, is a major move for The Britannia Sailing Trust. Our mission is to restore 'Britannia', teaching the skills and knowledge needed to keep a 105-year-old sailing vessel afloat, as well as working to raise awareness of our fragile oceans, and to highlight the incredible work, carried out by so many people and charities" Says: Thomas Morley, skipper in training and Trustee of The Britannia Sailing Trust.

“It’s so exciting for us to have Tracy Edwards as our Patron. She is a real inspiration for everyone involved with Britannia and her future. We really look forward to working with Tracy and hope that our beautiful old boat can be involved with her future goals too.” Says: Vicki Samuels, Chair of the Britannia Sailing Trust.

To learn more about Britannia, click here: <http://britanniasailingtrust.org/>

**About The Britannia Sailing Trust:** The Britannia Sailing Trust, is a Scottish-registered charity founded in 2014, which is dedicated to advancing Britain’s maritime heritage, raising awareness of the fragility of our oceans and providing experience of traditional sailing and maintenance of a historic, timber built vessel.

### ENDS

If you would like to know more about our efforts to save this unique ship, or can offer some time to help, please get in touch – everyone is welcome – phone Vicki or Sam on 01837 680036, or email [haydnsam27@gmail.com](mailto:haydnsam27@gmail.com).

Our website is [www.britanniasailingtrust.org](http://www.britanniasailingtrust.org), and we have a Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/britanniasailingtrust](http://www.facebook.com/britanniasailingtrust) which will keep you updated.

*Vicki Samuels  
Chair Britannia Sailing Trust*



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Dolton & Winkleigh Beaver Scouts

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that this term the 1<sup>st</sup> Dolton & Winkleigh's Beaver Scouts' leader will be stepping down.

None of the current team of assistant leaders are able to take on the role of leader, and this means that, without a leader, sadly the Beaver Scouts will be forced to close at the end of this term.

The Beavers Scouts desperately need someone to step forward who is able to become the new leader, so if you, or someone you know, is able to fulfil this role please let Carol or me know (on 83949) as a matter of urgency.

We will be holding a meeting in the Back Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 19:30 to decide whether the Beaver Scouts can continue. We would ask that anyone who feels able to take on the leadership role, or help in any way, to attend as, without a new leader, we will have to close as a group, with our last session running on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

*Ashleigh Chambers*

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## Winkleigh Young Farmers Club



Since the last edition, we have held our **Cider & Pasty Quiz**. We had a very good turnout, with about 17 teams attending. The night flowed well with Tim as our quizmaster and some of our other members keeping keen quizzers topped up with food and drinks. This was followed by another fundraising event at the **Christmas Fair**. Members spent their afternoon blowing up over 250

balloons to fill up a tractor cab. All money raised at our fundraising events will be donated to our chosen charities at the end of the year.



Leading on from this, we had an evening to celebrate all the fundraising that we carried out last year. **The club went down to Farms for City Children to present charity cheques to them, Mind UK, and Cancer Research.**

**Each charity was donated £1,000**, and we were able to hear about the work the charities carry out and what the donations will go towards.

December led us to the largest Devon YFC social in the calendar: Winter Ball. After loading up our coach at Winkleigh, we made our way down to Westpoint (after a quick stop off in Crediton Wetherspoon's). Everyone had a great time, dancing the night away to a live band and then a DJ. We always find this is a great way to meet up with old friends who we haven't seen in a while, and to make new ones.

For the last couple of months, the club has been busy putting together cheerleading and commercial dance routines. Everyone has put in a lot of time and effort into learning and polishing off two different routines. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we performed both routines at Tarka's 'Drama, Member of the Year and Performing Arts' competition. The club performed amazingly on the night, and we're very pleased to say that we are through to compete at the Devon round on 21<sup>st</sup> February at QE Lower School.



In addition to dancing and cheerleading, one member competed in senior member of the year, and two members competed in junior member of the year. Unfortunately, none of us won, but Ashleigh was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior member competition.



Our committee have starting planning fundraising events for the rest of the year, so I'm now able to share some of our upcoming events:

- Tractor Run on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, starting at Burrington Parish Hall
- Big Breakfast on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, at Nethercott House
- Bingo and Booze, 29<sup>th</sup> May TBC

If you would like to have any more information regarding the Senior or Mini club, please don't hesitate to contact Danielle on 07544 940197. Alternatively, feel free to check either the 'Winkleigh YFC' or 'Winkleigh Mini YFC' Facebook pages.

*Ashleigh Chambers*

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## Our Devon County Councillor Writes ....



As we head into Spring there is a lot to report back on from the County Council in this edition. Since Christmas the main work of the Council has been preparing and setting the new Budget for the forthcoming financial year. At the time of writing the Budget is still subject to approval at Full Council although I am not anticipating any major changes.

Following the General Election the Council's financial settlement from central government was in line with expectations and it will not be a harsh budget. The overall revenue budget will increase from £498 million to £541 million. Of the three principal services, Adult Care and Health sees a £23.7m increase (10%), Children's Services £11.5m (8.5%) and Highways £2.8m (5%) increase. An extra £1 million will also go into the Highways Drainage Budget. There is also positive news for Devon's schools with the next financial year seeing an increase in Schools Funding of £47.7m, with a total gross budget for school funding of £603 million. This funding is explicitly ring-fenced for schools and is managed by them. It does not form part of DCC's overall budget.

With the County Council increasing its budget this will mean that DCC's share of the council tax precept will increase by 3.99%, with 2% allocated specifically for Adult Social Care. I know that council tax increases are not welcomed but with a growing demand on our services and with an ageing population spending on social services is only likely to increase over the next few years rather than decrease. Small and moderate increases in the precept will help to fund these demands on our services.

**I do appreciate though that people can sometimes feel that their council tax increases, but the quality of service does not! What I do say though is that I do fight hard to ensure our part of Devon gets its fair share and I will continue to do so.**

More locally the condition of our highway network in Winkleigh continues to be a favourite subject in my email inbox! I know that there have been some bad potholes on Barnstaple Street and Eggesford Road and that the condition of Coopers Hill is poor, however **please continue to report potholes and other highway defects**. I was disappointed to hear at a recent meeting that people were giving up reporting potholes "because nothing happens". I know it is frustrating when a pothole is not repaired, however if no one reports anything then do not expect *anything* off the main road network to be repaired because minor roads are only inspected by Pothole Inspectors once a year.

You can report potholes and other highways defects by simply typing **devon.cc/report-it** onto your web browser or by phoning **0345 155 1004**. There is also a new feature on the website where once a pothole is inspected, if it is logged

for repair a 'roadworks' sign will appear on the online map with an estimated time of repair.

Example below:



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**Detail:** POTHOLE (Safety)

Secondly, every time a pothole repair or an unblocked drain is logged, the stats all go back to County Hall and form part of the data to carry out future works. So the more potholes are reported the more likely the road will be resurfaced or patched in the future. Ditto for drainage schemes with blocked drain reports.

Finally, as part of the Highways pilot project in Torrington Rural, I know that Coopers Hill and Eggesford Road were highlighted as key priorities for future works in the Parish so I am hopeful some more substantial repairs will take place in the upcoming financial year.

I hope this information is useful and as ever if there is any County Council matter you need any help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Andrew Saywell 07886 446560 - [andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.saywell@devon.gov.uk)*



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## From our Torridge District Councillor



As our latest wet winter drags on I hope you are enjoying the sound waves without the continual mention of Brexit or a General Election – we all deserve a rest after that trauma! Torridge District Council appointed a new leader last autumn, Cllr Ken James (Independent), a farmer representing Milton & Tamarside Ward. Under his guidance the Council is working to develop its next strategic plan covering the next few years. Funding of local authorities continues to be a challenge and we are all focussed on making sure every part of our budget is used to the best possible effect. I sit on both the external and internal Oversight & Scrutiny Committees at TDC where we spend much time examining the output and value of our service suppliers as well as our own officers. All our meetings are open to the public and I encourage people to take an interest!

Just before Christmas I had the pleasure of visiting **Winkleigh Primary School** – a real hive of activity and learning guided by fantastic teachers and support staff. However they have places that need filling and future demographics for the area mean the challenge will increase further so we all need to encourage people living in the parish to use our excellent local school – and minimise their carbon footprint by reducing the distance they drive their children to school each day.

**I am pleased to have been able to secure some grant funding to help with the production of The Winkleigh Society's new Information Directory and also (together with Andrew Saywell) the refurbishment of the Village Hall.**

**For those of you like me who rely on a septic tank rather than mains drainage the regulations changed on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 meaning that you may have to switch to a new system (especially if you live near a watercourse). Don't get caught out – the new regulations can be easily accessed online.**

Lastly, I have taken over as chair of the Torrington Area Advisory Group – a forum where neighbouring parishes can raise issues of common interest as well as receive updates from external organisations such as Devon CC, our Police & Crime Commissioner, etc. We meet 2-3 times a year and two parish councillors from Winkleigh (along with Torrington and every other parish in the area) will be able to vote when there is a need. Again I encourage you to take an interest – either through the Parish Council or come along to a meeting.

As always feel free to get in touch with me directly (see below) – words cost nothing and I will do my best to help!

Cllr Simon Newton

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## Catkin Blooms Flower shop, Castle Street, Winkleigh

Many readers will already have discovered this latest enterprise to grace our Village Centre. Cath Kenny has moved her ever-expanding business from her outdoor Garden Workshop at home (which it has now outgrown!) to what used to be the Fish Shop, just around the corner from the Post Office. This is a wonderful use of the recently redecorated building, which had lain vacant for a few years, bringing new life, vitality and hopefully more shoppers to the centre of the village. From a Community point of view, this has many advantages for increasing quality local shopping and is undoubtedly important these days in terms of supporting the local economy and reducing Carbon Footprint.

This is now Cath's 7<sup>th</sup> Year in this business and with encouragement from her Flower Club members and the fact that her youngest daughter has now started secondary school, Cath feels the time is right to expand into the shop with more space to develop and to run workshops. As I arrived to discuss points for this article one sunny January day, she was just taking delivery of her new Signs from Sarah J. Harvey, beautifully created in the shop's signature colours of grey and gold.

The preview Launch was held for Flower Club Members on 8<sup>th</sup> November, and the shop officially opened doors on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, coinciding with the lead up to Christmas, which was extremely busy!



**The Ethos** behind Catkin Blooms is that of a Green Florist: environmentally friendly with local produce using a researched network of local growers to provide flowers. Cath held up her yellow Rubbish bin to show me, her aim is that her rubbish will end up being just green! As we talked she was taking tulips out of cellophane wrapping, which she was then smoothing out to return to the Tulip

supplier from Cornwall. She has used redwood from Bondleigh to create her counter top on painted pallets, has two recycled Butler sinks in place and a series of upgraded cupboards and shelving using recycled wood from Winkleigh Timber Ltd.

Cath uses seasonal flowers and foliage grown mostly in the Southwest. Sometimes she needs to diversify a little further afield for weddings, but her main ethos is to steer people towards the concept of locally produced, seasonal English Country Garden British flowers, in local venues, each unique, with individual little touches.

*From Catkin Blooms Website: "It's the little things that matter and those little moments you remember, that's what Catkin Blooms is all about..."*



Equally for Funerals, Cath works with W.D. and S.J. Carne, making very personal bespoke arrangements to suit the person/family. She can provide for Green Burials using hazel frames and foam free displays which are therefore fully biodegradable.

Catkin Blooms regularly supplies local businesses, such as the King's Arms (see flowers on the bar and on tables) and local Holiday Cottages have her deliver Welcome Flowers for their guests.

**Flower Club:** Catkin Blooms runs a Flower Club to showcase seasonal blooms. Members pay £10 fortnightly for an 18 cm

vase which is refilled every 2 weeks on a Friday with a beautiful fresh seasonal posy. Subscriptions can be given as a present, Direct Debit or Standing Order is available, and if not needing flowers every 2 weeks, for example away on Holiday, the posy refill can be carried over to the following fortnight. Please pop in and talk to Cath if you wish to know more about the Flower Club.

**Locally made Gifts, Arts and Crafts:** Cath's shop is so much more than just a Florists! Cath displays artworks in her shop and supplies gifts and pottery from local artists, cards, hand-made notebooks, botanical candles, jewellery and has an environmentally-friendly cabinet with tastefully packaged, locally produced items such as beeswax wraps, soaps and shampoo bars, compostable cleaning cloths, bamboo toothbrushes, hemp wipes and make up remover pads, wooden brushes, pot brushes and shopping bags.

She also supplies Easter Spring Flower bulb planters, potted plants and plants which detoxify and oxygenate at night, all of which make superb and unusual gifts. In addition, Cath delivers flowers locally and supplies a variety of bouquet orders for



many occasions. By ordering from a florist direct, rather than through an online company, you get so much more for your money, because you are not having to include the online companies' commission. This keeps the economy local and thus supports the local community.

**Workshops:** Upstairs in the shop is used as a creative space for

arrangements and floral designs, but it will also be used for Workshops. There will be a calendar of events in addition to floristry workshops, Cath has plans for workshop ideas to include Basket Making, Easter Wreaths (many customers were delighted with their Christmas Wreaths and Cath's previously run Christmas Wreath making workshops are renowned) Beeswax Wraps, Soap Making, preparations for Mother's Day and possibly an afternoon tea featuring Edible Flowers! Pre booking in advance for any workshops will be essential as spaces fill up fast.

In later editions of Distinctly Winkleigh we hope to include notice of Catkin Blooms Workshops in the 'What's On' Diary and also [winkleighonline.com](http://winkleighonline.com).

**Cath's Opening Hours are:**  
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**Phone Number:** 07870 166985

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

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

**Cath says:** "Please pop in to see me and talk about any of the above, I will be happy to see you".

*Article & interior photos by Rachel Goldsworthy*

*Front cover photo by Greg Goldsworthy*

## Winkleigh Snooker Club

Based at the Winkleigh Sports Centre

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The Club would like to invite you to have a go, so please do get in contact to arrange for a quiet look around, bit of tuition if you want and a knock around of some balls. Or if you are braver, Tuesday nights are club nights and normally a few members in. Pop along and knock on the little door to the right of the main Winkleigh Sports Centre. Or look out for one of our open invitation events, just like the one below.

### Open Invitation Event. Billiards Nights

March Friday 20 & Tuesday 24 arrive 7.30pm finish 10-11.

Its a FREE, fun, taster evening in preparation for a future competition. Members and non members welcome.

## News from School

After an extremely busy Christmas term, everyone came back into school refreshed and ready to tackle the spring term.

**The Nursery Unit have been engaged in a 'fantasy and legends' theme** where castles have featured prominently. Different parts of a castle have been looked at including the drawbridge, moat, weapons and dungeon and the role-play area is currently being transformed to reflect this. The dragons in many of our fantasy stories link well with Chinese New Year which will be looked at too. Outdoor education is being reintroduced on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, when the children will take part in planned activities outdoors. One of the urgent jobs is to re-vamp and re-naturalise the garden, trying to get rid of as much of the plastic as possible!

**The Owls in reception have a busy term planned too, looking at first and Traditional Tales and then moving on to Mini-beasts and the garden**, just in time for the arrival of spring. Through their topic the children will be looking at building up their vocabulary through listening to the stories told in different ways and also through their own personal experiences. Numbers will be represented in lots of different ways and the children will search for 2D and 3D shapes in the stories and in the environment.



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The role play area will feature prominently this term, where the children will re-create the stories they have heard and use construction materials to build castles and bridges from the stories.

**Castles feature again in the topic being looked at in Year 1 this term** with the children visiting Castle Drogo on a trip in March. The Three Billy Goats Gruff will be used as a basis for the children to learn about writing their own imaginary stories before they move on to enjoy the legend, George and the Dragon. Telling the time is an important skill being looked at in maths, along with more basic necessities such as addition and subtraction, place value, measures and multiplication. An event beyond the children's living memory, linking well with the topic, will be the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and this will be part of the humanities work along with locating and identifying characteristics of the four countries of the British Isles and their capital cities.

**'Where we live' is the topic in the Year 2 class for this term** and the children will be developing a variety of skills through this including compass and map skills while also looking at features of the local environment. This links with the work continuing in the second part of the term, when the children will be undertaking a survey of the local wildlife. Mixed-up fairy tales, poetry and 'The Gruffalo' provide a base for learning in literacy and multiplication, division, money, fractions and shape will be keeping everyone busy in maths. PE in Year 2 will be covering skills in tennis including racket work and later, how to use gym equipment competently and safely.

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**Communication is a very important part of how well we can live our lives and the Year 3 children will be focusing on this in their PHSE (personal, social, and health education) work, learning how to respect each other's opinions.** Linking to this will be work in RE, looking at the religions of Islam and Judaism. Literacy will be using a variety of texts to explore and expand vocabulary, look at complex sentence structures and ways to bring writing to life. The maths curriculum in Year 3 is indeed very busy with multiplication, money, statistics, length, perimeter and fractions on the agenda.

**'Natural resources' cover the learning across the whole spring term in Year 4** with the distribution of energy, food,

minerals and water across the world and the issues of imports and exports being studied. The science topic - electricity, links well with this, as does art, when the children will be developing their knowledge of landscape paintings of the environment and in DT when they will be designing and making their own biscuits. Descriptive writing, planning and writing independently as well as structural and grammatical elements of the story 'Blue John' are part of literacy work this term. Maths includes multiplication and division while decimals are introduced, building on prior work on place value.

**Starring in a wildlife documentary is on the cards for Year 5 children this term!** After looking at the life cycle of birds the children will write and perform their own documentary contrasting and comparing different living things. This is part of the science curriculum which begins in this class with a look at reproduction and life cycles in a variety of different types of animals and plants. Jane Goodall and the now-endangered chimpanzees in Africa will be studied to supplement this. Rivers have proved to be extremely important over time and this aspect will be looked at in geography as well as how rivers change, with the children exploring the life cycle of rivers. During the term the children will go on a residential trip to Skern Lodge, where their PHSE work on 'Going for Goals' may prove valuable!

**The term begins in Year 6 with the topic, 'The Amazing Americas', linking History, Geography, Art and DT.** Through this topic the children will experience being 'president' of a state of America, considering what is happening there and looking at the human and physical geography of their region. A trip in March to the Mayflower Museum, celebrating this year the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage, and to Plymouth Theatre Royal to see a performance of 'Holes' by Louis Sachar has been arranged to complement this topic. The Harry Potter books by JK Rowling will provide the basis for literacy work with the children identifying different forms of flashback and their functions. Knowledge of the different functions of fractions, decimals and percentages and their relationship will be looked at in maths with children converting between them to solve problems in different contexts.

**This term is turning into an exciting time for sport at Winkleigh, with the Daily Mile running track being put to such good use by children and parents.** The goal of running enough miles to reach Tokyo in time for the Olympics is on track, the mileage total currently reaching Poland! There are lots of events, trips and guests being planned to celebrate Sport Relief week in March, all possible through the **PE Premium Funding Grant**.

The new 'for the love of Reading' initiative, when parents and carers are invited into school to share stories and books with the children on Friday mornings from 8.45 am to 9.05 am, is proving very popular and is a lovely way to end each productive and enjoyable week at the school.

*Vicki Fenemore – Head Teacher*

## **Cushion Concert on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30 pm**

**For the third year running, the augmented choir of St. Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay and the Two Rivers Orchestra will join forces to present an evening of music in St. Andrew's church.**

The programme will include Handel's Organ Concerto Opus 4 No. 5 and Symphony No. 3 by William Boyce, as well as music by Bach, Purcell, Haydn, Walford Davies, Edward Bairstow and John Ireland.

**Audience members are invited to bring their own cushions for ease and comfort on the church's wooden chairs** and there will be a glass of wine available during the interval.

**The proceeds from the concert will be given to Force, an Exeter-based cancer charity which has recently opened a branch in Okehampton from which it is able to offer support to those who might otherwise have to travel for it to Exeter**

**Admission (£10 adults, £5 school age children)** is payable on the door or tickets may be obtained in advance from these numbers (all 01837):

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## Winkleigh Parish Council News

**New Member and Vacancies:** The Parish Council welcomes Andy Hipkiss who was co-opted onto the Parish Council in January, bringing the number of Cllrs to 8 with 3 vacancies. Ivan Sanders was co-opted in November 2019 and after attending 1 meeting, resigned in February 2020.

**Budget and Precept 2020-21:** The Council approved the 2020-21 budget of £36,316.00 and set the precept as £28,636.00, equating to an annual Band D household rate of £45.09, which is an increase of £1.24 (2.3%) (10p per month).

The budget pays for the overall management costs for the Council, which includes staff, administration, professional fees, IT and Data Protection compliance and full running costs for the Parish Cemetery. The budget also includes grant applications payable in the next financial year totalling £1,245.00. During 2020 the Parish Council are legally required to upgrade their website in accordance with Accessibility Regulations at considerable cost, as well as the Cemetery Bungalow requiring electrical work and contingency accrual towards boiler replacement.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The Winkleigh Parish Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Torridge District Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 for independent examination. This is likely to take until mid-Spring, following which, there may be amendments to the Plan before it is approved and the Parish of Winkleigh will then hold a referendum on the final document.

**Clerk Qualification:** The Parish Clerk, Melanie Bickell, successfully obtained the Certificate in Council Clerk Administration (CiLCA) qualification during 2019, which increases the competency and powers of the parish council when the council meets the requirements of two-thirds members elected.

**VE/VJ Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The Parish Council are seeking your views on whether the Parish should hold their own events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day over the weekend commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May. The council have set aside a budget to mark the occasion but need to know if this is something the parishioners would like to see and what events would you be interested in.

**Climate Emergency:** Winkleigh Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and are actively and financially supporting the newly formed Winkleigh Climate Emergency Group.

**New Gateway Signage:** The Council are liaising with Highways with regards to replacing the current gateway signs into the Parish.

**Winkleigh Airfield Liaison Protocol:** The Parish Council would like to involve businesses based on the Airfield more closely with the Parish and will be writing to

all businesses inviting them to form a liaison group which can be attended by Cllrs and members of the public.

**Parish Council Table at Monthly Market Village Hall:** The council will be jointly hosting a table with the Climate Emergency Group at all monthly markets to give you the opportunity to meet councillors and speak with them if you have any concerns or would like to raise any issues.

If you would like to join the Parish Council news email distribution list, or would like to contact the parish council on any other matter, please email the clerk.

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## Winkleigh Cider Company

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## What's happening in Winkleigh Environment Group?

In the last edition of Distinctly Winkleigh, we introduced the newly-formed Winkleigh Environment Group (WEG), set up in October to try to help us reduce our carbon footprint. This time we are updating you on what the group has been doing since last October. At the last count, our group had doubled since our first meeting, with more than 40 people now on our distribution list. At our recent meeting we had a representative from Wembworthy Village Hall, and a teacher from Winkleigh Primary School join us for the first time.

We intend to publish articles in all future editions of DW to keep people informed and to open up a dialogue for information and advice sharing. We can support your journey to reduce waste and help you save money along the way. If you can think of waste as a resource for creative reuse, it may help to reduce consumption.

In January we showed a film about what can and is being done globally by grass roots communities to change behaviours and reduce consumption. Despite a few technical difficulties, it was very well-received. About 60 people filled the Village Hall on a cold, dark January night, so we were very pleased with the turn-out. At least 20 people have joined WEG since then and asked to be on our email list.

Actions agreed at the last group meeting included the following:

- To post information on <https://winkleighonline.com> as often as possible and work towards having information and advice for all the categories on the Environment Group section.
- To set up our own Facebook page, but in the meantime, share information to the existing Winkleigh Village page.
- To man two tables at the monthly Winkleigh Market, one with the support of the Parish Council, where we will promote a variety of subjects. In February, the first table featured composting and wormeries, manned expertly by James Kendrew, together with some information about Plastic Free Communities. If this proves a popular concept, in time Winkleigh could become a Plastic Free Community. The stall was laden with handmade bird boxes, swift nests,



dormouse and bat boxes, - all made from recycled materials, or offcuts of timber. Some were in flat packs ready to be assembled at home – hopefully simpler than some well-known furniture outlets! James also showed a simply-constructed bee hive. We did very well with sales of the bird boxes, kindly made and



donated to the group by Simon and Sonia Hodgson. These will be for sale all year and Simon can advise where and when to site them.

- On the second stall we had samples of natural cleaning products for sale, plus the raw ingredients, which provide cheap, chemical-free, non-polluting cleaning solutions: all in recycled containers! The products have “recipes” printed on them so you can make them at home. We also had some ideas for

reusing textiles, as throw away clothes / fabric in landfill is a huge problem, leaching chemicals into the soils and water-table.

- Eco Bricks are another wonderful way of locking up harmful plastics that cannot be recycled, such as Clingfilm, clean plastic food wrapping, crisp packets, etc. They can all be packed into empty plastic bottles for reuse in the construction and gardening industry. We are looking for the nearest hub to collect the bottles, but if sufficient bricks can be made, maybe a group in Winkleigh could do this?
- In due course we will list items for recycling that you can bring to the market, for us to collect on your behalf and to send to the nearest reuse centre. This is work in progress while we find the most efficient way of proceeding. One of our members will be at the weekly Wednesday Mini-Market in the Community Centre to advise what can be collected and recycled and collect the items.



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- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, we held an event in the Community Centre to discuss starting up a Repair Café in Winkleigh – see <https://winkleighonline.com> and the summer edition of DW to find out more.
- A Litter Pick is being organised (see noticeboards, etc. for details); if you are interested in regular litter picks, please get in touch. The Bio-diversity group also had about 200 trees for planting in January to March, mostly on land behind the Sports Centre (see article on page 53). In addition 10 bird boxes have been donated and put up in the cemetery grounds.
- We plan to organise workshops and talks about various eco topics, for example, reusing textiles, making cleaning materials, and composting. We are thinking about the feasibility of establishing a site for a community compost scheme for use by people who do not have space to do so. We would appreciate feedback from you on all these topics and any other ideas you may have.

Finally for those concerned about Palm Oil in our food and beauty products, check out the Chester Zoo website ([www.chesterzoo.org/whatyoucando](http://www.chesterzoo.org/whatyoucando)) who have a ‘product shopping list’ of items that contain sustainable palm oil, to save time looking at labels in the supermarket! They make a good argument for using sustainable palm oil instead of boycotting the products containing it altogether.

*Alan Jacobs – 01837 83895 or Vicki Samuels – 01837 680036*

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- 4.00 pm - Auction by local Auctioneer Robert Pyle PLUS

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## DWT Culm Grassland Natural Flood Management

This four year project across Northern Devon is helping us to understand, communicate and increase the flood risk and wildlife benefits that Culm grasslands bring to northern Devon's communities. The Culm Grassland Natural Flood Management Project is led by Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT), supported and funded by the Environment Agency (EA), Devon County Council (DCC) and the European Union through the Interreg 2 Seas Triple C project. Delivery is supported by a partnership of EA, DCC, University of Exeter and Natural England. The project started in October 2016 and runs to December 2020.

**Project Update Winter 2019-2020:** Over the winter staff and volunteers have worked with landowners and commoners across Northern Devon to help manage encroaching scrub on several beautiful Culm grassland sites. Management aims to maintain mosaics of valuable habitats by preventing willow, birch and bramble invading the species-rich grassland. On sites where grazing is not practicable, or where grazing levels are very low, scrub control is a key management technique. The work is carried out during winter months to minimize disturbance to wildlife, especially nesting birds and small mammals.



Alongside the practical works, we have continued to visit landowners in order to advise on management of Culm grassland and other habitats, and to find suitable sites for grassland habitat creation over the summer of 2020.

Anyone visiting a Culm grassland site recently will probably have noticed the large quantities of water being held on the surface.

The surface roughness of these grasslands is one important factor influencing their ability to mitigate flooding. Quite how important is one of the questions that our PhD student, Nicola Ellis, has been trying to answer. In the meantime, these wet areas provide plenty of space for frogs to spawn!

**Looking ahead:** We have three Culm grassland management workshops lined up for the spring and summer, focused on grassland management for pollinators (especially bumblebees), scrub management and what to look for, and using Culm grassland as a green hay source.

We expect to be busy this summer assisting landowners with Countryside Stewardship (CS) applications. The application window has just opened for

agreements commencing January 2021, offering opportunities for landowners to be paid for environmental work. CS agreements will continue to be offered in 2021, 2022, and 2023. After this, the new Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes will replace CS in 2024. Defra have said applying for CS now will put you in the best position to join ELM, as well as securing you a long-term viable income as BPS payments are reduced. If you are successful in your application to ELM, you will be able to end your CS agreement, without penalty, at the end of an agreement year to then start the new ELM scheme.

*Tom Parsons <tparsons@devonwildlifetrust.org*

## LOVE Devon helps brings communities together

It may be cold outside, but there's a warm glow spreading out across the whole of Devon. From coast to countryside, villages and towns to cities, **LOVE Devon** is bringing communities together to support themselves and each other and to celebrate everything that is good and glorious about living and working in this part of the world.

**LOVE Devon** was established by Devon Communities Together which is approaching its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. The independent charity was set up with the intention of helping communities to help themselves, and **LOVE Devon** was established as a way of raising awareness and raising much-needed funds to support the charity.

The charity's key objectives are more important than ever – to ensure Devon's communities are given the support they need to address the issues that affect them; to help them become more resourceful and resilient and to build places that are healthier, more vibrant and inclusive with improved well-being.

**LOVE Devon** is unashamedly proud of its people and places and there's a whole raft of enterprises. Projects include the Village Halls Service which keeps the buildings at the heart of any community beating and the Big Energy Saving Network which tackles the issue of fuel poverty that is worse in rural areas where there is limited access to the mains gas network.

There are important challenges facing everyone in Devon including affordable housing, entrepreneurship, rural isolation and loneliness, the environment and sustainability. However, for every challenge, **LOVE Devon** has a creative way of approaching it.

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## Rumours (& Thanks)

No not the Fleetwood Mac Album released forty years ago, but the rumours which went round the village before Christmas saying that I was collecting sleeping bags for rough sleepers in Bristol. I wasn't. I was actually making Christmas Cakes for them and the elderly; for the Salvation Army to distribute at the various parties and gatherings they had in Bristol. My son is a volunteer.

Many thanks to those who made Christmas Cakes; they were gratefully received. I would also like to thank those people who responded to the false rumour that I was collecting sleeping bags and kindly donated some to me. Including two people who donated brand new ones! I have no idea who these generous and wonderful people are. Thank you so much, cakes and sleeping bags were gratefully received by the Salvation Army in Bristol before Christmas. I hope that the generosity of strangers helped the ease the suffering of rough sleepers. Thank you.

*Angela Findlay*

## WI news from Ashreigney & North Tawton

**Ashreigney WI** meet on the First Tuesday of the month at 7.15 pm in Ashreigney Village Hall. At the moment there is no information of their program but visitors and future possible members are very welcome.

**North Tawton WI** meet on the First Wednesday of the month at the Rugby Club at 1.45 pm. Their programme includes:

**4th March:** "Wedlock" dramatic and novel solutions to marriage performed by Sun Jester

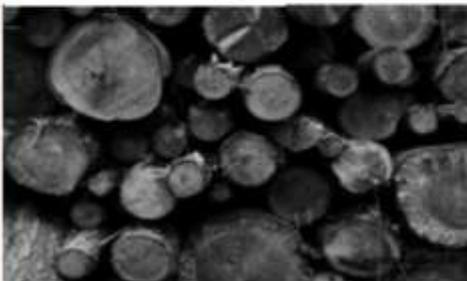
**1st April:** Ann Widdecombe - Politician and TV Personality.

Visitors and possible new members are very welcome.

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*Claire Tricker - [claire@herne.org.uk](mailto:claire@herne.org.uk)*

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## The Winkleigh Singers

The choir enjoyed the preparation for the Christmas season, giving their annual Christmas Concert in Winkleigh Parish Church in December. Thanks to the Kings Arms who put on a lovely buffet for them in between rehearsal and concert.

Their Open Evening in January saw a few new singers and they always welcome anyone wanting to come along to a rehearsal. Look at the web site for details: [www.winkleighsingers.org.uk](http://www.winkleighsingers.org.uk).

The Spring Concert this year will feature music by French Composers: Jean Langlais -*Messe Solonelle*, Gabriel Faure's much loved *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*. They are delighted and honoured to welcome as their organist Peter King, who will also play organ solos. Peter is organist Emeritus of Bath Abbey, having served as Director of Music for 30 years and now holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Music. His recent performances include concerts all over Europe including Cologne, Alkmaar, Hamburg, Dresden and St Thomas' 5th Avenue, New York and closer to home in St Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Cathedral.

To be able to welcome him to play for the concert in Torrington will be a wonderful experience for choir and audience. **The date for your diary is Saturday 25th April at St Michael and All Angels Church, Great Torrington at 7.30 pm.** See the Winkleigh Singers web site for details of tickets etc.



*The Winkleigh Singers*  
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**Their summer concert is on Monday July 13th at 8 pm in UMBERLEIGH VILLAGE HALL** and will be a fun performance of 'Summer Sunday' and 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo', 2 cantatas with music by Joseph Horowitz and they trust you will also put this in your diary for a summer evening's delight!



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## Peggy Osman RIP (13/08/1940 – 03/02/2020)



Peggy was a well-known and respected member of the Winkleigh community for over 40 years. She also lived in The Falkland Islands and Nigeria.

Peggy taught at Winkleigh Primary School from 1973. Three generations of children knew her firm but loving way to instil knowledge and a sense of purpose in their young lives. Peggy could turn her hand to most things: she learned to drive coaches, passing the PSV test. She also ran her own business 'Peggy Makes' a creative dress

making and soft furnishings venture.

She was a key figure in village social events: a founder member of WASPS (drama group), Peggy acted as well as producing numerous productions. During Winkleigh Fair, Peggy and youth groups 'dressed' the well in the Square with flowers. She was also very keen to ensure that the flower troughs at the village gateways were painted each season.

She was renowned for her campaigning, standing firm to oppose proposed projects namely: gas bottling plant, biomass power plant and wind turbines. She also championed pensioner rights. Peggy was at the forefront of recycling in the village, she was a member of a small band of enthusiastic volunteers sorting out recyclable items brought to the Community Centre. Peggy was forthright with her views and often represented those who were less confident to speak out for themselves.

Most notably she will be remembered by her family, her daughter, grandchildren and friends, as a dignified, passionate, well-travelled, intelligent woman with a love of people, gardening and the environment.

*Joanne Heaven (Peggy's daughter)*

## North Devon Biosphere – Pledge for Nature

It's time to act! Pledge for Nature is a new campaign, which launched at the end of January 2020, with the aim of supporting and encouraging communities in North Devon to help nature flourish again.

Actions might include creating flower and insect-rich habitats, planting new woodlands, and improving our spaces for wildlife. Getting involved with the campaign is a great way to get practical tips on what you can do and to find out about many local projects and initiatives you can get involved with.

Pledge for Nature is being coordinated by the North Devon Biosphere, a cross sector partnership that is working to protect North Devon's unique natural environment. It is supported by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, Devon County Council and a successful Crowd funder. **Pledgers are invited to sign up to take action at [biosphere.org.uk/pledge-for-nature](https://biosphere.org.uk/pledge-for-nature).**

## Tree-planting at Winkleigh Biodiversity Area

This winter we have had two afternoons so far in December and January where volunteers have planted 130 more native trees in the Spiral Hedgerow at the Memorial Playing Fields.



This time the Biodiversity Group was joined by children, teenagers and adults, some from the newly-formed Environment Group, as well as in direct response to the Winkleigh! Facebook Page. We had 13-15 people, which meant the trees were planted quickly and easily. The trees were donated by local people and by The Conservation Volunteers (funded by OVO Energy). We

have planted oak, hazel, hawthorn, willow and dogwood.

A further 100 trees are arriving in early March, so if you wish to join us to plant them, look out for information on Winkleigh Environment Group Facebook Page.

For photos and further updates: <https://winkleighbiodiversity.blogspot.com/2020/>

*Kim J Melhuish – Winkleigh Biodiversity Group*



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It is now 30 years since Sylvia Duffy, landlady of the former Winkleigh Hotel, took the initiative to bring Morris dancing to Winkleigh by arranging evening classes in their upstairs function room. Over the years, and through two changes of costume, Winkleigh Morris are still going strong. Sadly, we no longer have any members who actually live in the village, though we have recent interest from the School and from the Beavers.

**As part of our anniversary celebrations we are producing a limited edition souvenir pack of standard playing cards with photographs of Winkleigh Morris dancing at our favourite pubs in the area. The Kings Arms and The Seven Stars are of course featured.** The cards will be available in the Spring at £5 a pack from these pubs as well as from Winkleigh Morris members. If you would like to order packs in advance please telephone Colin on 01363 877216 or Angela on 01837 83219.

New members are always welcome. We meet every Tuesday from 8 pm at the Community Centre until the end of April. If you would prefer just to come and watch, our summer programme will be available on our website [www.winkleighmorris.org.uk](http://www.winkleighmorris.org.uk) before Easter.



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## Flogas Supply Interruption – An Apology

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, residents of the Westcots Estate awoke to cold houses as the bulk tank supplying their gas was more or less empty. The supplier, Flogas, was deluged with phone calls and immediately dispatched a tanker to replenish the tank, as well as a technician to check that the supply was restored to the gas appliances in each property, where someone was in.

As one of the Flogas customer representatives on the estate, I had a telephone meeting with their Consumer Sales and Distribution Managers on the Monday. **They apologised profusely for the supply interruption which they are treating very seriously. Everyone affected should now have received a letter of apology.**

As stated in the letter, they explained to me they were changing the way the telemetry data from the 12 individual tanks that constitute the bulk tank is used to indicate when a gas delivery is needed; thus reducing the risk of future interruptions.

**If you have any problems, such as loss of supply, individual gas deliveries, billing, or any other matter that you cannot get resolved by the normal channels of contact with Flogas, please let us know. Also do check your gas bills to make sure you are being charged the correct rates of 38.5p per litre and 13.7p per day standing charge, fixed until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

### King's Meadow

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## Rainfall for 2019 from Horry Mill

Month	Rainfall (mm)
January	75.8
February	59.4
March	123.0
April	45.7
May	42.7
June	89.9
July	45.1
August	78.0
September	150.1
October	153.9
November	152.8
December	162.0

Horry Mill in Hollocombe is an official rainfall recording station for the Environment Agency and the table summarises the rainfall for 2019. The Environment Agency is always looking for volunteers to record rainfall. It is quite a commitment, as they require readings to be taken every day at a set time. They provide the gauge and select the precise location, which is quite important. Currently the data is written onto special cards which are supplied each year and posted to their location in Exeter, although there are plans to move to an online system in the future to reduce costs.

Although we do not keep official records of temperature, we live in a frost pocket and on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 we recorded minus 9 degrees, and on the 21st minus 6 degrees, a bit chilly!

*Sonia Hodgson*

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## What do Archaeology clubs do in the winter?

Well, some dig of course, and ACE has done that in the past but to be honest digging mud in sideways hail palls after a while. We tried walks of archaeological interest but kept having to cancel them due to the weather. Therefore, this year we decided to stay indoors and get on with identifying and cataloguing finds.

We started digging at Moistown near Winkleigh in 2013 and since then we have amassed over 3000 finds, mostly pottery but some metal finds, environmental finds, bones, shells and the like but also plastic and other modern materials. When each find is excavated its co-ordinates are recorded and it is given a finds number, and these are recorded on the plastic bag that we keep the find in. Once we start the post excavation work the find number is written on the find, where possible. Difficult when it is a bit of baler twine and that is why we keep the finds together with the plastic bags they are in, at all times.

All the information also goes onto a spreadsheet; some of this is done on site. In the winter session we fill in the rest of the spreadsheet. Each find is identified, weighed, measured and dated and all this data is entered on the spreadsheet. We have been learning as we go along, especially in terms of the pottery, of which we have the biggest number of finds. Eventually, when we have managed to raise some funds, we will have an expert to look at the more interesting pieces but, in the meantime, we are learning to separate the industrial pottery from the medieval and so on. We



have our own in-house expert on bones looking at the environmental finds. We have a few bones but there is no need to get too excited as they are animal bones.

*The photo on the left shows two finds bags with possibly medieval pottery, all duly numbered.*

The oldest piece of pottery we have found so far, has been identified as Saxo-Norman, so around 1066.

We seem to have quite a bit of medieval pottery. Industrial pottery is plentiful and to some, not very interesting. Think of the blue and white ware that you dig up in your gardens, but in some cases, we intend to put pieces together and rebuild the original plate or cup or.....chamber pot!!



If you don't think excavation work is for you, perhaps doing this sort of post-excavation work might interest you? If so, do get in touch.

Erica Williamson

[www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com](http://www.acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com)  
[suerica47@gmail.com](mailto:suerica47@gmail.com) or our Facebook page.



## A New Face in Winkleigh



A new face has appeared on the Hatherleigh  
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You can clearly see his nose and eyes  
His face is a lovely hue  
He looks very happy with a hint of a smile  
And he's very easy to view!

I know not why he's been left there  
But to me he is such a joy  
I say "Hello" each time I pass  
And I've called him "Bertie Boy"

If you're driving along Hatherleigh Road  
Or just simply walking by  
Do look for him and say "Hello"  
And look him straight in the eye!!

He's lovely – thank you to whoever carved him out  
and please don't cut him down !

*PS: Easier to see when going from Winkleigh-Monkokehampton*

*Jennie GILL*

## Art Sale

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*Changes will be notified via the online diary at [www.winkleighonline.com](http://www.winkleighonline.com).*

<b>March</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	“Buy a Lily” Envelopes available in Post Office & All Saints Church.
4 <sup>th</sup> at 1.45 pm	North Tawton WI Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm	World Day of Prayer – All Saints Church
6 <sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm	Winkleigh Society AGM - Community Centre
7 <sup>th</sup> from 10.00 to midday	Saturday Market in the Village Hall - table for The Winkleigh Society
10 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30	Beaver Scouts ‘Way Ahead’ meeting – Village Hall (Back Room)
14 <sup>th</sup> from 3 pm	Open Rehearsal with Bondleigh Barn Band, Chulmleigh Pavilion, EX18 7JW – Open Rehearsal & at 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea + 6 – 7 pm Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> from 7.30 pm	Snooker Club – Open Invitation Billiards Night – Sports Centre
22 <sup>nd</sup> at 9.30 am	Mothering Sunday service at All Saints Church
23 <sup>rd</sup>	“Buy a Lily” – Last Day to return envelopes
24 <sup>th</sup> from 7.30 pm	Snooker Club – Open Invitation Billiards Night – Sports Centre
27 <sup>th</sup> from 7.30 pm	Friends of Winkleigh School - Dinner & Dance in the Village Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> from 9.30 – 11.30	Big Breakfast at The Lymington Arms, Wembworthy. Proceeds to North Devon Hospice
<b>April</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> from 1-45 pm	North Tawton WI Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> from 9.30 – 12.00	Bacon Rolls at the Old Smithy (Cancer Research)
4 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm	Okehampton Choral Society Springtime Concert at Fairplace Methodist Church, Okehampton
7 <sup>th</sup> at 7 pm	Compline in Holy Week at All Saints Church

9 <sup>th</sup> at 7 pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist – All Saints Church
10 <sup>th</sup> at 10 am	Liturgy of Good Friday - All Saints Church
11 <sup>th</sup> at 8 pm	Easter Vigil - All Saints Church
12 <sup>th</sup> at 9.30 am	Easter Day Eucharist - All Saints Church
14 <sup>th</sup> from 10.00 - 12.00	Coffee & Cakes morning in All Saints Church with the Flower Ladies, for viewing the Lilies.
15 <sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm	Forget-Me-Not-Friends - Community Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> from 7.00 pm	Murder & Mystery Evening at the Village Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm	Winkleigh Singers Spring Concert at St Michael and All Angels Church, Great Torrington
26 <sup>th</sup> meet at 10:30 am	YFC Tractor Run from Burrington Village Hall
<b>May</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 pm	Charity Concert by Choir & Two Rivers Orchestra - St Andrew's Church, Sampford Courtenay
8 <sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm	Ration Style Supper & Variety Show - VE Day 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sampford Courtenay
9 <sup>th</sup> at 9.00 am	YFC Big Breakfast at Nethercott House
9 <sup>th</sup> from 10.30 am	VE Day 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sampford Courtenay
10 <sup>th</sup> from 1 pm	VE Day 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sampford Courtenay
29 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00 for 7:30 pm	YFC 'Bingo and Booze'
30 <sup>th</sup> from 10 am	Winkleigh Football Club Fun Day - Sports Centre
<b>June</b>	
<b>July</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> at 8 pm	Winkleigh Singers Summer Concert – Umberleigh Village Hall
<b>August</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until late	Sam's Cider Summer Festival, Cider Barn EX19 8AP

## And Finally . . . . .

As this edition of Distinctly Winkleigh goes to print, we are having another turbulent and wet weekend, so here's hoping things improve as the year continues.

This time our front covers has a photo by Greg Goldsworthy to complement an article from Rachel Goldsworthy after her visit to the newly-open Catkin Blooms shop in Castle Street. Rachel is planning to visit other Winkleigh businesses and write about them in future editions of DW.

This edition also features a number of different environmental articles ranging from the Winkleigh Environment Group and tree-planting initiatives to Culm Grass Flood Management, as well as rainfall data from Horry Mill. If anyone else records local weather statistics, please let us know, so we could include them in future editions.

You may not be aware that we send out deadline reminder emails for each edition of DW to a number of our regular contributors. If you would like to be added to the list please let us know. Also if you do receive these reminders but no longer want to do so please let us know.

**The deadline for contributions to the next edition of Distinctly Winkleigh is  
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