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**PANTO DAME RACING SAT 2ND JULY - STARTS AT 2pm!**

**Band night, last Friday of the month from 9pm**

June - Rage July - Kiss This

# Editorial

For me, 1st June marks the beginning of summer and this summer there will be plenty of village events to look forward to.

First we have the Jubilee weekend with the lighting of a beacon on Thursday - the cricket club will be the ideal spot to watch that from - followed by a celebratory village tea party at the Victory Hall on Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

And soon after it will be Village Week with Village Day on Saturday 9th July. Let's hope this proves to be third time lucky. The last two Village Days had to be cancelled due to the pandemic so this one will be extra special. All we need is fine weather and a good crowd - so come along and enjoy.

On the centre pages you will see we have a packed Village Week to look forward to with a bigger than ever Village Day in the Parish Field. The Village Week Team has been really busy.

Most of the old favourites take their place in Village Week along with some new ones - a comedy club, yoga and Irish dancing just to mention a few. There are also events for the children in the preschool garden and later in the Parish Field - and, of course, there will be ducks.

I am particularly looking forward to welcoming back the pantomime dames. It has been at least five years since we last watched them race. The afternoon will be great fun. Don't forget your entries for the photo competition.

On other central pages there are details of the various events the team has put together including the biggest ever Village Day with the fun run, music, dance and entertainment. So be sure to come to the Parish Field to enjoy food and drink, loads of games, craft displays, stalls and an impressive selection of classic vehicles. There will also be live music. The team has done us proud so don't forget to give them your support by buying raffle tickets, including those that come in this magazine.

Elsewhere in your magazine you will find information on important planning matters. The 'Save the new fountain' group brings us up to date on their discussions with the owner and we have an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. You will also find an article by Rev. Marc explaining how the pandemic has heightened the threat to country churches such as ours.

Understandably, our local doctors have been under great pressure throughout the pandemic and are finding it difficult to keep up with demand for their services. This is an issue they are tackling and you will find an article further back in the magazine describing the measures they are taking to improve things.

Enjoy the summer in our vibrant village and do send us any articles and photos you would like to share. They can be sent by email to me on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) by 10th July please.

**Bob Scanlan**

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# Whimble What's On

## June

- 2nd Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon can be viewed from the Cricket Club at 9.45pm
- 5th Jubilee Tea Party at the Victory Hall 1.30pm – 5.00pm
- 11th Gardening Club trip to Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens
- 13th Voneus Broadband information evening 4.00pm – 8.00pm in the Victory Hall
- 14th WI Meeting – talk on Lady Katherine's wardrobe in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm
- 24th Band night at the Thirsty Farmer – Rage - starts at 9.00pm

## July

- 3rd Tale Valley Concert in St Mary's Church 3.00pm
- 2-10th Village Week See the programme on pages 32 and 33
- 9th Village Day see pages 29 to 35 for full details
- 12th WI meeting - talk on Hong Kong festivals in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm
- 23rd PTA School Fete 11.00am - 2.00pm
- 29th Band night at the Thirsty Farmer - Kiss This – starts at 9.00pm

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In the last Whimple News, we announced that we would be changing the layout of the shop over the Easter weekend and I am pleased to say that this went very well and we have created extra space for customers to move around the shop with ease and not have the issue of the Post Office queue blocking access to the freezers and fridges.

On Easter Sunday, we closed access to the shop while equipment was being moved around and served customers at the door. Thanks to all of the Whimple residents for their patience during the change-over. The photo shows Sabrina and Sharon ready to serve customers at the door while Sabrina's partner James is in the background working out you push fully loaded fridges across the floor. Successfully, thank goodness.



We also installed new shelving which provides a better display of the products we have available and together with the changes to the lighting, brings a fresh, roomy and airy feel to the shop. Since Easter, we have had lots of compliments on the new layout.

The new layout also gives us a dedicated "Coffee Shop" at the front of the Stores overlooking the Square and the Church. We also have a new coffee machine. Do stop by for a coffee, tea or chocolate and cake.

We are listed as a stopping point on one of the Exeter Cycling Club's cycling routes and the photo (with their permission) shows one group that stopped by for a break on the early May holiday.



On a less positive note, the well publicised increases in grain, oil, fuel, import duties and taxation have affected our wholesale providers' costs which are then passed onto us. We have tried to remain competitive with our pricing but obviously cannot beat the major supermarket chains who have better buying power. The cost of living crisis seems to have also affected the amount of customers coming through our doors. As we are a vital community facility that needs to remain in place as long as possible, we would like to encourage Whimple residents to think of the Stores wherever possible for convenience items, fresh bread, veg, bacon, sausages etc, or to stop by for a coffee or cake. We also plan to have only one person serving at both the Post Office and Retail counters for most of the day. If a queue forms, please be patient with the Team member serving and they will deal with the queue as quickly as possible.

Finally, it goes without saying, that although we stock a comprehensive range of products, if we are not stocking the items that you regularly need, please do let us know.

Many thanks

Rory, Sharon, Sabrina and Team

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## Let's Talk Whimble

Please join us on a Friday morning 10.00am - noon at the Heritage Centre for coffee and a chat.

If you are isolated or alone or interested in socialising, please feel free to pop in.

During May there will be a representative from Devon County Councils Outreach plan and after that we will still be able to work with them to help provide contacts for any problems anyone may be experiencing.

If we have volunteers we can hopefully extend this project to support people and host evening sessions. Evening sessions are more likely to be a guest speaker on topics concerned with mental health. If there are topics you would like advice on please let us know.

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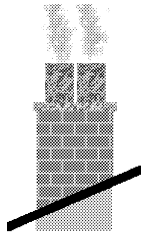
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There has been a lot of recent activity to report.

We have now been advised by the owner of the pub that he has appointed a specialist agent to deal with the sale of The New Fountain and he has also approved a meeting between said agent and some of our group in order to discuss options for a community purchase. This is an encouraging step.

He does want to sell the building as a pub. (A meeting has now been arranged.)

At the time of writing the NF is not listed for sale on the open market, but we are mindful that this could change at any time.

Our priority the internal inspection with the agent at the end of May. This will help us to appraise the approximate cost of repair, refurbishment and preparation the building and it's infrastructure will need to be fully operational once more. These costs will then need to be factored into the overall funding required to acquire and restock the pub. Obviously, viability considerations must be calculated, too, and how best to overcome any issues.

We will then be in a position to decide on the best financing options, involving all sources so far investigated - community share subscription, mortgage, grants etc.

If the community purchase is to be successful the support of the whole village will be crucial. An example of how everyone can get involved and help, is the recent community purchase of the King's Arms in Stockland: <https://scpl.org.uk/>. This pub had also closed, was revived by the community, and is running successfully with a very proactive tenant in charge, but there are many different options available to us.

We would very much welcome any input you may have to help us make the next steps in this process, and onwards, to successfully return the pub to Whimble.

(Also, should anyone reading this be interested in purchasing the pub, or taking a large share, the purchase price given is £350,000.)

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Panto Dame Racing is returning this year by popular demand.

They will be trotting out and cantering about with much merriment and disruption on Saturday 2nd July at the Thirsty Farmer starting at 2.00pm.

Come along and join in the fun, form a syndicate and buy a Dame, (you get a free glass of bubbles and a bottle of fizz if your Dame wins).

Place your 50p bets (you can have more than one bet)

Or just come along and laugh until your sides ache.

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Get your friends and family to sponsor you, or donate to OHS, to mark your endeavours and support the local community: it's a win-win situation!

Please contact the OHS office to get more details and a sponsor form:

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We already know that one OHS volunteer has decided to challenge themselves to walking 30 miles in a day, endeavouring to walk between all the localities supported by OHS. Please look out for a black Labrador and a white-haired walker in your area on Thursday 30th June!

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Another successful couple of months with fascinating speakers in the comforting surroundings of the Hub.

March saw Sarah Thackeray teaching us the benefits of natural cleaning products. It was genuinely interesting and I'm certainly going to give her recipe for a window cleaner a go. Usually when I attack window cleaning it ends up a smeared and dribbly mess, far worse than when I started! I shall employ white vinegar, distilled water and a few drops of an essential oil. It works on mirrors too apparently.

In April, our speaker John Lowe enthralled our members with his wartime tale. He spoke of the four young aircrew who lost their lives when their RAF Hampdon bomber crashed on Dartmoor in 1942. This followed a bombing raid over northern France. After years of research by John and his wife, a new ending to the story emerged and by the end of John's spellbinding tale, there was hardly a dry eye in the house. There is a small memorial on Dartmoor in commemoration.

We hosted the WI and Hospiscare coffee morning on St George's Day. As with all such events there is always the worry that there won't be enough items to sell, people won't come, the weather will be awful and of course the dreaded covid could be an issue. It was all fine. We raised a goodly sum, final figure to be confirmed. We raised nearly £200 on cakes alone. Fabulous!

We would have loved more young families to have been there in support. We had a wonderful selection of toys, games, books and puzzles at giveaway prices, but so few children to delight in them. I do appreciate that families are always busy but, Hospiscare is there for everyone, not just the elderly and it needs our support.

Our next WI meeting was our annual meeting held on 10th May in the Victory Hall, where we selected a new committee and elected Sarah Hogg as our new president. It was a cheese and wine fest and hopefully the members enjoyed the offerings.

Another mention of the village Jubilee event where we hope members will help in some way, or just wish to attend and join in with the fun. 70 years is certainly worth celebrating. I remember the silver jubilee – yes I'm that old! It rained for most of the day but in our little Leicestershire village that certainly did not stop the partying. My family was very young at the time, but I hope they still have happy memories of being part of that splendid occasion.

Our 14th June speaker sounds intriguing. Lady Katherine and a peep inside her wardrobe with Rosemary Griggs. I think we're going back in time for this one.

July will see your WI in support of Village Day. Any offers of help in running the refreshment tent or baking would, as always, be greatly appreciated. Or, please just come along in support for tea and cake on the day.

12th July our speaker for our meeting will be Angela White on her life in Hong Kong, with its customs and festivals.

I think I've rambled on enough and so keep well and enjoy all the activities your village has to offer.

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Across villages in the last decades small family owned shops have closed and pubs have gone out of business, small village schools have shut and clubs and societies dwindled, one by one the things which made a place where people live feel like a community rather than just a dormitory disappear; as it slowly happens folks often remark how sad it seems but so often do not realise how truly bad this is, until it is too late. No vicar wants to be the priest in charge of a parish when it's church shuts, but sadly the decline in attendance and support of many of our rural parish churches, which has been accelerated by COVID, is pushing many to the brink of a crisis. Many of you now know that at Broadclyst, the largest church in our mission community of 10 churches, we will probably have insufficient money to keep going by the end of this year and will have to face closing it, as we write a desperate effort is underway to try and save this amazing church for future generations.

Since I became the rector of the enlarged mission community of eight parishes, I have warned several times that there is a real possibility this is going to happen at some of our churches, I have explained about the shortfall in finances, the scarcity of people willing to help look after the churches, I have tried to dispel the myth that local churches will always be there because some large central church organisation funds them by explaining everything about your local churches is paid for by those who use them and that they also pay into the diocese, large sums, which cover clergy wages, the cost of the maintenance of clergy housing plus the cost of the all the backroom staff who keep the Diocese running and that most of these costs simply cannot be cut any further than they have. Whimple church needs to raise in the region of fifty thousand pounds every year to stay open. Sadly, I feel my warnings have largely fell on deaf ears, folks simply cannot or will not believe a large church, or maybe any parish church could just shut.

It now seems a real possibility that Broadclyst might be the test case of what happens when none of those issues can be resolved, but many other parishes across Devon and elsewhere may well be headed in the same direction.

At Broadclyst the church council has made serious efforts to trim its budget to the bone, including cutting back on routine maintenance and even stopping paying all of its annual fees to the Diocese (which cannot be continued in the longer term as without churches paying these the Diocese cannot continue to employ priests), but it can only cut so much and for the last four years it has effectively been running on its reserves which, as of this year, will be gone; plans are in place for several fundraising events later this year which might help forestall a crisis until next year but

longer term they are simply a sticking plaster.

We are currently taking advice from the Diocese but if the church simply runs out of money it shuts, it will not be able to pay its electricity, gas or annual insurance and therefore closes for routine church services. Longer term we are unsure what this will mean for the future of the building. As you are probably aware some churches, such as the chapel at Westwood, when closed are sold, others are leased out to individuals for other uses. If Broadclyst church closes the Diocese will obviously need decide how to proceed with its future use as it takes over the care of the building.

Now you may be thinking: who cares? And if that is your opinion you are obviously entitled to it, but it will be sad day that when in a few years' time a beautiful old building which was part of the character the village, home to life events for thousands and a quiet place of sanctuary for anyone who needs it, is gone, and will never return; when your loved ones wedding or funeral cannot happen there and when Christmas or Easter services stop and part of the traditional magic of those seasons are missing and the bells stop ringing on a Sunday morning.

Like many you may say: well the Church of England has billions in reserves why don't they help out? Good question, but the Church of England is not like a business with a central administrative body, it is an association of Diocese, each of which is financially independent and within those diocese each parish church is also independent, plus the Church as a whole also has massive financial commitments, it is the second largest provider of education in the country for instance and has its own financial worries at the moment, so as lovely as that idea might be it is not going to happen.

Or, hopefully, you might say: what can I do to help? Well, there is the obvious simple answer for Broadclyst is, we need folks to consider providing financial support, every monthly contribution, no matter how small helps. If 150 people signed up to give just £10 per month each, this beautiful old church could be saved! This is even better if it is given through the parish giving scheme which allows us to claim what is called Gift Aid, effectively claiming the tax back from the government, this boosts every donation by a taxpayer by 25%; but actually, there are many ways to support a parish church from helping lock and unlock so it is available as a quiet space for folks, to helping with fundraising events.

And finally, I am telling you all this not to frighten folks, although for those of us who love their parish church it is an alarming prospect, not to guilt trip people into contributing, but because the parish church is just that: the church which belongs to the parish. Every parish church belongs to the community and their children. Vicars come and go and even the church council are really only stewards of this place, it 'belongs' to everyone. Church councils have traditionally done an amazing job of keeping rural churches going, many have served for years, some for decades, they have faithfully worked countless hours to cherish places they feel have value to their community, without them many churches would have shut years ago, but they can no longer do it on their own. It is time for the parishes to take ownership of their churches or risk losing it forever.

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More broadly, Bishop Robert recently explained our churches are entering a new phase in their history: Use it or lose it! Well, it is certainly help support it or lose it. No longer can your church, whichever of our parishes you live in, continue to be provided by the efforts of a small group of people, it will take a parish to keep them thriving, please do consider how you might help.

If you wish to have a conversation about how you might be able to help, please email me in the first instance at [rector@eastclustchurches.org](mailto:rector@eastclustchurches.org)

Or ring me 01404 822525.

Rev. Marc

## RACE NIGHT IS BACK IN THE HALL!



Following a very successful evening last year we are pleased to announce that Race Night will be back again this year on Saturday 15th October in the Village Hall. Make sure the date is in your diary. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time but numbers are limited. It's a great night out, why not get a party together, we are able to reserve tables for eight people should you wish, but of course you can on come on your own.

For those of you who have never been to a Race Night, I thought I would just give you a taster for the evening. Last year people were under the impression they had to race, oh no, not with my knees. All you have to do is come and join us on the evening with lots of £1 coins. There will be a programme showing the names of the horses in each race, find the name of the horse you fancy, place your bet, the race will be shown on the screen, cheer on your horse and, if you have backed the right one, collect your winnings.

Tickets will be £5.00 which includes a hot dog. There will of course be a bar.

Race Night is organised by the Village Week Committee to raise funds for Village Day.

It enables us to put on more entertainment during the day.

If you want to know more you can contact me on 01404 758677

**Suzanne Rothwell**

Race Night Coordinator

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# Otter Valley Dementia Awareness Group

## formerly The Dementia Steering Group for Ottery St Mary and surrounding communities

We are pleased to announce our new title based on it being less cumbersome and we hope more inclusive of all the parishes which we reach out to.

Working in conjunction with Ottery Help Scheme all our efforts coincide with developments of this very well recognised and accepted group in our community especially as OHS recognises its 30th Anniversary.

The Otter Valley Dementia Awareness Group now take the lead on the running of the Memory Cafe held at the Cricket Club. This regular event on the calendar brings individuals together in social and mentally stimulating activities to support those with memory related issues. Partners are welcomed, though for some a chance for a bit of time to themselves. Details of the group are available through the OHS office telephone no. 01404 813041.

Our next big event will be on ***Saturday 12th November*** with the theme ***Live Well Age Well*** this will be an informative day at The Institute, with an emphasis on keeping well and active and all the opportunities there are in our community which encourage social, physical and mentally stimulating engagement. Why it is important to keep up regular health checks for men and women, not neglecting failing hearing or changes in vision as well what community voluntary opportunities there are. In all it will be a day of displays and a number of short workshops which will be advertised nearer the time. So put the date in your diary and tell your friends and family in and around OSM of what will be a free interesting pop in event with light refreshments. With this newsletter for details nearer the time. Any queries or suggestions or if you would like to join the Otter Valley Dementia Awareness Group please make contact.

**Jill Dudding** [jilldudding16@hotmail.com](mailto:jilldudding16@hotmail.com). Tel: 07999487537

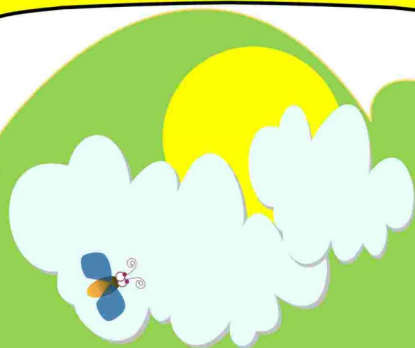


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Voneus is currently building a fibre network in the Whimple areas and is planning on being ready for service in the next couple of months. Our FTTP (fibre to the property) network will give Whimple residents access to speeds of 100mbps (up and down) as a minimum with our maximum offering being up to 900mbps (again up and down) if desired. We are looking to reach as many people as possible to spread the word so we will be in the Village Hall on Monday 13th June 2022 between 4.00pm - 8.00pm if you would like to discuss the fibre build with us, sign up or register your interest.

**Heather Thompson, Community Engagement Team Leader, 07513 136456**

# *Sumerls Icumen In*



*Whimple Church  
Sunday 3 July 3pm*

*Mount Pleasant Farm, Clyst St Lawrence  
(Raising funds for Clyst St Lawrence Church)  
Friday 8 July 7pm*

*Talaton Church Grounds  
Wednesday 20 July 7.30pm*

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**making  
music**

## Adrian Witton

We would like to thank everyone for their support and kind words, also to those who attended Adrian's funeral at the East Devon Crematorium on the 17th March.

We are grateful to everyone at Whimble Cricket Club who helped with the Wake and to Marc and Donna from the Thirsty Farmer for doing a great hog roast.

Over £5000 has been raised in Adrian's memory which has been donated to Hospiscare locally who along with the district nurses did a wonderful job caring for him.

With all our thanks,

**Camilla, Fern, Luke and family**



## Exciting Photo Competition!

Exciting News! Calling all budding photographers, young and old. The Friends of the Whimble Victory Hall are launching a Photographic Competition with the topic - **'Anything from Whimble Parish'**

Remember that the Parish is a huge and diverse area, it's not just the village!

Entries are welcome from all ages, children and adults. EVERY entry will be displayed at The Victory Hall during Village Week 2nd - 10th July. Afterwards judging will take place and the best photographs will be included in a special 2023 Whimble Calendar, to go on sale towards the end of the year. All proceeds will go towards the Victory Hall.

Other prizes will be up for grabs too, with more details to follow.

**ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM WHIMBLE STORES.**

**£5 cash per entry.**

So, grab your phones and cameras. Sort through your photographs from lockdown. Get out into the parish and start snapping. - flora & fauna, activities, the weather, local interests, sports, people, your garden, creatures ..... whatever you think gives a glimpse of Whimble



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**WHEN? VILLAGE WEEK - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 4-6pm**

**WHERE? The Parish Field**

**WHO? KS2 pupils in Whimble (Max number 20)**

**WHAT? A Variety of Athletic Activities.** You will take part in individual and team athletic events – running, throwing, jumping, relays etc. You will receive a certificate for attending.

**STAFF? Sessions will be led by Sarah Thackeray an experienced Physical Education Teacher.**

**HOW? BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** To book a place please contact Sarah - [sarahthackeray9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahthackeray9@gmail.com) for a letter and booking form. Whimble School Students may book through the school.





# VILLAGE DAY FUN RUN INFO 2022

## ON YOUR MARKS! ..... SET! ..... GO!

### IT'S VILLAGE DAY FUN RUN



- Just to remind you all that The Whimple Day Fun Run is taking place as usual this year.
  - The race is 1.25miles long, starting and finishing on the Parish Field.
  - It is suitable for ALL
  - Registration will be from 9.30am and the fun begins with a Warm-Up at 11.30am
  - PRIZES/MEDALS will be awarded for different categories and all runners get a certificate
  - **NEW THIS YEAR** – OPTIONAL FANCY DRESS (With Prizes)
  - Further details to follow in the next Whimple News
- So, dust off your trainers and join in the fun**

- **DATE:** SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY
- **TIME:** 11.30am Warm Up
- **REGISTRATION** - 9.30am onwards on the Parish Field. CASH OR CONTACTLESS available. You will be given a number. Please supply your own safety pins if possible.
- **ENTRY FEE** – ALL ADULTS (13yrs+): £3.50                      Under 12yrs: £2
- **AGE GROUPS** – ADULTS, YOUTH (13-17yrs), UNDER 12s\*, OVER 50s
- **UNDER 12s** – Should run with a youth or adult or parents should sign to allow them to run by themselves.
- **COVID SAFETY** - Please use common sense and follow usual guidelines
- **REFRESHMENTS** - Please bring your own water bottle
- **MARSHALS** – There will be several marshals along the 1.25mile route, for your safety and to direct you along the course.
- **PRIZES** – There is a cup for the fastest runner (any age) and medals for the winner of each age group. This year there will be extra prizes for BEST FANCY DRESSED COMPETITORS. Certificates will be awarded to ALL runners.
- **FIRST AID** - There will be a qualified First Aider at the start/finish line
- **NB. ALL RUNNERS DO TAKE PART AT THEIR OWN RISK.**
- **CONTACT:** Sarah with any questions                      sarahthackeray9@gmail.com



## Village Week : 2nd July - 9th July

I almost hesitate to say this given the impact of the last two years - but I'm beginning to feel pretty confident that Village Week 2022 is actually going to happen. Hooray!

Needless to say, it was tough starting up yet again last year but the Committee are made of hardy stuff and we think we have shaped Village Week 2022 into something pretty impressive. We now look forward to seeing the whole Village community celebrate together.

From Saturday 2nd July and throughout the week there's a wide selection of great events suitable for the whole family. Soup and Sarnie is back, as well as those extraordinary Pantomime Dames. For those of you so inclined there will be a chance to try out various activities such as yoga and table tennis at the hall. There'll be Sports for the kids, pub games and during the evenings various village groups will be organising the treasure hunt, bingo, a quiz, comedy night and a musical evening with Jim Causley. Admit it - you're feeling spoilt! Oh - and there will be ducks! ☺

But that's not all. Village Day itself will be on the Parish Field on Saturday 9th July. We kick off with the Fun Run at 11.30 - open to all ages and fancy dress is an option. Punch and Judy will be there for the young at heart and for those with more energy, we have a demonstration by Dance Dynamix. In the afternoon Matt Pang, comedian and circus skills performer, will present his show followed by a workshop for those who'd like to have a go. Throughout the day there'll be all the refreshments, stalls, country crafts, fete games etc that you could hope for. There'll also be an impressive collection of **classic cars** and tractors.

Towards the end of the afternoon, following Whimble's very own peculiar sport - Egg Catching, we have something new this year - **Music on the Field** until 7.00pm with the bar and refreshments still available.

We will have card readers but it would be wise to bring cash.

You can find more information about Village Week events in the centre pages of this Whimble News. Look out for more detail on availability of tickets and timings of Village Day events being advertised closer to the time on posters around the village and on Whimble What's On.


Don't forget to buy the Raffle tickets in this copy of Whimble News. Great cash prizes to be won and the money is used to support Village groups and next year's Village Day.

All we need to do now is pray for good weather.

And remember - we do this for you - so please do your bit and come along to support the village.

**Louise Walmsley**





**WHIMPLE VILLAGE WEEK WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR  
SUPPORT VILLAGE WEEK BY COMING ALONG**

- SATURDAY 2nd** **COFFEE and CAKE** at the church 10.15 - noon  
**SOUP'n'SARNIE** at the Victory Hall noon - 1.30pm - a firm favourite.  
**Whimpletons PANTOMIME DAME RACING** at the Thirsty Farmer from 10.30am  
**FITZ OF GIGGLES** with the **COMEDY CLUB** in the village hall. Doors open at 7.00pm
- SUNDAY 3rd** **FREE 1hour YOGA TASTING SESSIONS** in the hall garden on Sunday  
**'Morning Stretch'** with Angela Trevallion at 10.30am and **'Yang to Ying Yoga'** with Angela at 11.30am  
Both followed by refreshments. Come and enjoy the summer air – mats provided.  
**IRISH DANCING**. FREE demonstration and 'have a go' session in the main hall at 10.30am
- MONDAY 4th** **FAMILY FUN** evening with the Beaver Scouts at the Victory Hall 6.30 - 8.00pm  
**DARTS COMPETITION** 7.00pm at the Thirsty Farmer – all welcome.
- TUESDAY 5th** **TREASURE HUNT** at the Heritage Centre. Entry between 5.30 and 6.30pm  
**GARDEN GAMES** with the preschool in the hall garden. 4.30pm onwards, BB  
**SKITTLES** at the Thirsty Farmer 6.00pm – just turn up and give it a go.
- WEDN'DAY 6th** **WHIMPLTONS QUIZ NIGHT** at the hall. Doors open 7.00pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm  
**SKITTLES** at the Thirsty Farmer 6.00pm
- THURSDAY 7th** **YOUNG FARMERS BINGO** at the village hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Eye for eye  
**SOCIAL EVENING and BBQ** at the Tennis Club. 6.00 – 9.00pm. Meet the  
**Children's Sports Activity 'HAVE A GO' run, jump and throw** 4.00 – 6.00pm  
**SKITTLES** at the Thirsty Farmer 6.00pm
- FRIDAY 8th** An evening with **JIM CAUSLEY and support group** at the village hall. Doors open at 7.00pm  
**SKITTLES** at the Thirsty Farmer 6.00pm
- SATURDAY 9th** **COFFEE and CAKE** at the church 10.15 - noon  
**(VILLAGE DAY)** **SKITTLES FINAL** at the Thirsty Farmer 6.00pm
- SUNDAY 10th** **Charity CRICKET TOURNAMENT** at the Cricket Club – from 10.30am, doors open at 10.00am  
**SONGS OF PRAISE** at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm

**TOP SHOT PHOTO COMPETITION ENTRIES**  
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BBQ.

starts at 7.30. Teams no greater than 6. BYO. Tickets from the village shop.

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on the Parish Field. Games, relays, races. Book by email [sarahthackeray9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahthackeray9@gmail.com).

open 7.00pm. Bar. Tickets £10 from the village shop and Eventbrite.

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**ES can be seen at the hall during the week.**

**Y 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am – 6pm THE FUN RUN, EGG CATCHING**

es, food, drink, music and much more.



To further enhance your safety, bio-security and well-being on Village Day we have invested in a number of contactless payment devices. You will be able to buy your drinks from the Bar, refreshments from the Tea Tent and snacks from the BBQ without having to hand over cash or receive change. Just bring your debit card with you and pay contactless!!

You will also be able to buy vouchers for the various children's activities and enter the Fun Run without having to hand over cash.

Cash can still be used but we hope you will use contactless as much as possible

**David Myers**



## Village Week Raffle

**Prizes of £150, £100 and £50 to be won!**

In order to raise the funds needed to put on these events we are again running a Village Week Draw with a total of £300 in cash prizes.

You will have received a book of draw tickets with this edition of Whimple News. Your generosity is vital to the success of the day so please buy some tickets and return the completed stubs and money to:

**David Myers , 1 Henry Lewis Close, by the end of June.**

(Henry Lewis Close is just beyond the end of The Square. Just follow the stream, Henry Lewis Close is on the left).

All proceeds will go to support Village Week and any profits go to the village organisations who work together to make the week a success.

**Bob Scanlan**





## Music for Village Week.

**Friday 8th July** - Whimble Victory Hall - from 7.00pm

An evening of music featuring **Jim Causley**  
plus support from Strandline



**Jim Causley** is an English folk singer, songwriter, and musician from Devon who specialises in the traditional songs and music of the West Country. Journalist Colin Irwin has called him "the finest singer of his generation".

**Strandline** are a local folk based Trio who play a mixture of original and traditional songs. They are fronted by the wonderful voice of Kat Blockley.



**Saturday 9th July** - Village Field

We will be joined by the **Wareham Whalers** who will perform during the afternoon and again early evening.

The Wareham Whalers have been rocking the boat with their powerful shanties since 2014. They aim to capture the strength of this music and ensure there's never a dull moment when the Whalers are about.



6.00 -7.00pm - **Byzantium Lane**

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# A Window on Whimble's Weather – March/April 2022

Welcome to the next summary tracking the ups and downs of Whimble's wonderful weather!

Data is aggregated from Slewtown Crescent and Cobden Lane, and live streamed onto the internet:

Slewtown Crescent Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/35qwR9K>  
Cobden Lane Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/3bt3FTf>

Historical data sets are also available through the same links.

**March** – After an exceptionally windy February, March turned out wet, with more rain than January and February put together, but it was also about 30% sunnier than average. The first half of the month was changeable with near average temperatures and rain at times, while fine weather arrived from the 17th. The wettest period was between 11th and 13th March as two active cold fronts crossed the country from the southwest. There was over 18mm on the 11th alone while strongest winds were the following day. Pressure then grew strongly over the next week as an anticyclone developed over the UK, with almost unbroken sunshine between the 17th and 27th. There were 10 days with no rain at all, and springtime temperatures climbed to 19.9°C by the 26th. 3 dull and wet days followed by a cold day to end the month at only 8.6°C as a cold north-easterly developed.

**April** – After 3 frosty nights at the start of the month, temperatures slowly and erratically climbed to reach a high point of 19.6°C on the 21st. Meanwhile there was a brief unsettled spell between the 6th and 8th, with some brisk westerly winds and heavy rain in the early hours of the 7th, but then the weather improved in time for the Easter weekend a week later. Saturday was the best day reaching 18.4°C in sunny skies. Then apart from a little rain on the 19th and 24th, the rest of the month was dry – resulting in a month with unusually low rainfall, around only 22mm. With a predominance of high pressure especially in the final week, sunshine was well above average for the month.

2022	March	Date	April	Date
<b>Warmest Day</b>	19.9 °C	26/03/2022	19.6 °C	21/04/2022
<b>Coolest Night</b>	-1.5 °C	05/03/2022	-3.4 °C	03/04/2022
<b>Windiest 24hrs</b>	45.4 km/h	12/03/2022	36.4 km/h	07/04/2022
<b>Wettest 24hrs</b>	18.3 mm	11/03/2022	7.1 mm	07/04/2022
<b>Av. Maximum</b>	13.2 °C	N/A	15.2 °C	N/A
<b>Av. Minimum</b>	3.3 °C	N/A	3.9 °C	N/A
<b>Total Rain</b>	90.2 mm	N/A	21.9 mm	N/A
<b>Total Sunshine</b>	111.0 kWh/kW	131.5% of Av.	125.9 kWh/kW	121.7% of Av.

Note: Wind data is from Cobden Lane, while other data is from Slewtown Crescent. Phil Dominy and David Brewer. Please send any comments/questions to [dominypr@hotmail.com](mailto:dominypr@hotmail.com)



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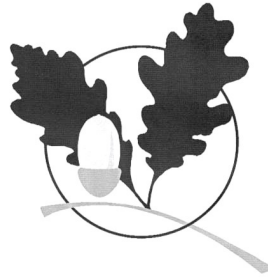
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## Local By-election

Many citizens in East Devon will be interested in the by-election in our neighbouring constituency on the 23rd June. It does give an opportunity to express their opinions on the current state of the economy and political integrity of the Government.

## Ukraine

It is understood that four families in our village have offered to take families from Ukraine. The war is morphing into a long conflict of barbarous intensity by order of Vladimir Putin, plus there is evidence of war crimes against the people of Ukraine.

A small touch of joy was Ukraine winning the European Song Contest, which clearly illustrated the culture and artistry of this sovereign state. GB did well in coming second – a historic and enjoyable achievement. Keep the Yellow and Blue alive in Whimble to show our continued solidarity.

## Cranbrook Development Plan

In early May, East Devon District Council (EDDC) announced funding of up to £5.5million ‘for the acquisition’ of town centre land in Cranbrook, as well as approving three planning applications for a supermarket, high street shops with apartments above, a town square and a children’s day nursery.

In theory, work on the supermarket and nursery is due to be completed by summer 2023, followed ‘soon after’ by the high street shops, apartments and town square. However, the vague term ‘soon after’ could be much later, as the superstore will take up most of the retailing activities in the Town Centre. It is certainly not the best example of Town Centre Planning and it has taken over 10 years to get this far.

The latest information available on the Cranbrook Master Plan, as per EDDC Website is that the Plan is still in the examination process and that the Inspectors report is expected in the summer. Any recommendations made by the Inspector may include modifications to the Plan, if such a request is made by the Council.

## Whimble – Planning Application for Solar Farm

An application has been submitted (validated on the 9th May 2022), for Land east of Rutton Farm, Rull Lane, Whimble EX5 2NX. The proposal is for the Construction and operation of a ground mounted solar farm, with permission being required for 40 years, comprising solar arrays, equipment housing, sub-station, fencing, ancillary equipment, landscaping and associated development. POW+R Group is likely to oppose this is an inappropriate use of good quality agricultural land (subject to our June meeting). However, in the right location we would support this type of renewable energy. There are also questions regarding the fitness of the potential ownership of the electrical generating Solar Farm. What is needed is an evaluation by the East Devon District to determine suitable sites that don't eradicate good productive agricultural land in the preparation of the latest 'LOCAL PLAN'. N.B. Planning Application Ref: 22/0783/MFUL

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council and POW+R Group would like to publically thank all the villagers who submitted their feedback on the neighbourhood plan; via hard copies and on-line. The latest total is 140 and 43 respectively— which is a great response.

The next phase is now complete, which is the mailing to Whimble businesses, national and regional organisations, local groups and our neighbouring parishes, plus Government bodies. There will be two collection boxes, one at the Thirsty Farmer and the other at the Whimble Stores for late responses and in respect of the local businesses and social / sporting groups, in this phase.

The NP Team has started to collate, analyse and evaluate the information, to ensure it reflects the general views of the village and participants' comments, as well as integrating with the policies of the National Planning Framework and the District's local strategy. We are on track for the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan by the autumn this year. Please feel free to add any additional ideas and thoughts that you may have. It's your plan and our village's future.

If you want to be part of the process to 'Protect our Whimble and Rockbeare' we'd love to hear from you! The Neighbourhood Plan will be achieved by: Ambition, determination, cooperation **and you**.

We wish all villagers well, good health, contentment a "Bonnes Vacances" and let's get moving with the '**We love Whimble**' NP show on the road.

**Alan Lascelles** - Press and Publicity May 23rd 2022

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At the time of writing, we have had some on-field success. The 1st XI made a winning start to the season in the first two games, while other teams at all levels have chalked up a mixture of wins and narrow defeats.

We are looking for more adult league cricketers, older juniors (Under 14 - Under 16 level), and scorers and umpires. If you are interested in playing some cricket or getting involved with the club (or know someone that might be) please do get in touch. Whimble is a fantastic ground to play at and our teams are friendly, sociable, and supportive to new members.

Our food and bar takings are a really important part of our income. The club and bar are open on Fridays from 6.00pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 2.00pm when cricket is being played. There is always food available, either from the BBQ or pasties and sausage rolls from the bar. Please do come up to watch our teams playing and enjoy the facilities we have. Finally, we do still have player and other sponsorship opportunities, starting from just £50.

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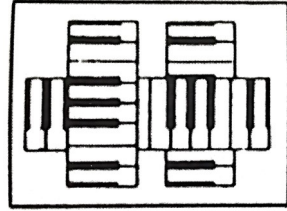
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# Devon countryside campaigners lambast Government's new energy strategy

The Devon branch of the countryside charity (Devon CPRE) has criticised the Government's new energy strategy, saying Boris Johnson's emphasis on 'renewables' will not deliver an affordable, clean and secure supply of electricity as people are being led to believe.

Instead, Devon CPRE believes enhanced carbon capture from regenerative agriculture, the only proven method for carbon capture and storage, is a critical factor in the equation and the charity is disappointed that it's not been mentioned in the strategy unveiled yesterday. Experts estimate this could sequester our excess carbon emissions within 15-20 years.

The charity's energy spokesman, Dr Phillip Bratby says: "Producing food and capturing carbon is what Devon's farmland can do and should be doing to help meet our carbon targets – not slowly degrading under hundreds of decaying wind turbines and hundreds of thousands of toxic solar panels, not to mention the huge explosive batteries they need to be even remotely effective."

The Government claims its energy plans will reduce electricity bills, make the UK more self-sufficient and less reliant on imports. Devon CPRE says the Ukraine crisis has highlighted the UK's foolishness in relying so heavily on imports from Russia, and the new strategy will perpetuate our dependence on global supply chains and superpowers. China manufactures most of the world's supply of solar panels, wind turbines and batteries and controls most of the exotic materials needed to make them.

Dr Bratby continues "The public is being hoodwinked into thinking that onshore wind farms are one of the fastest and greenest ways to get so-called 'free' power. Neither wind farms, nor solar farms provide this - they provide very expensive power - and the more we build, the more the price of our electricity will go up. Devon CPRE fought the construction of wind turbines for over ten years and we know rural communities don't want them. We also don't want more of these huge solar developments that are gobbling up our farmland.

"The government's proposed energy security strategy appears to have been dreamt up by Whitehall civil servants who have little knowledge of engineering or of life in the real world outside their Westminster bubble. We are not against solar panels in the right locations, such as on roofs, provided they are not Chinese-made - using slave labour. We welcome the proposals not to change current planning regulations for onshore wind. However, apart from this, the strategy is a complete failure. It will not deliver its stated aims, namely, an affordable, clean and secure supply of energy. Very importantly, for a strategy which involves massive expenditure of taxpayers' money, there has been no risk assessment of what is proposed."

Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills adds, "It's not just the Government who are failing to grasp what's needed. It's difficult to get the message across to politicians of all persuasions. Opposition parties are scrambling around trying to think of something to say and are spouting forth about increasing onshore wind turbines and insulation.

Across the country, tens of thousands of new homes are being built to maximise profit for the developers. If the housebuilders reduced their profit by constructing to a higher specification, including decent energy efficiency, it would have benefits all round."

Devon CPRE says it's time the Government introduced a sensible, pragmatic and strategic energy policy, one that prioritises the use of farmland for growing food.

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'At Your Service' published by the Policy Exchange and forwarded by Health Secretary Sajid Javid, states that 28 patient contacts per day is the expected requirement. Patient contact can be direct or indirect and can be classified as a face-to-face appointment, a telephone appointment, or an online query (such as eConsult). Our GPs regularly have more than double the recommended patient contacts per day but, unfortunately, it is still not enough to meet demand. This is a National level problem that cannot be resolved at individual Practice level.

As with many other GP surgeries throughout the country, the practice has also experienced significant amounts of staff absence for a number of reasons. As a Practice we have 15 GPs and two Nurse Practitioners, of whom we have had one GP recently off for two months due to a major illness, another GP off with a long-term illness, one on maternity leave, another on sabbatical, and approximately 6-8 weeks of clinical time lost during March and April due to COVID-19 within our team. Even though we currently have a long-term locum GP assisting the Practice, we are unable to gain anymore locum cover.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide unlimited appointments as this would be unsafe and it would compromise the service and care you receive. Once our appointments are fully booked, we are unable to create more.

Some of the challenges we face as a GP surgery:

- A large number of appointments being requested for minor ailments that usually run their course, such as sore throats, coughs, colds. These conditions would previously have been managed at home without GP input, and better dealt with at a community pharmacy.
- We can now be contacted in more ways, but the number of GPs, and GP appointments on offer, has not increased.
- The scope for more complex disease management has increased, and a large portion of the care of these conditions has moved from Secondary Care to Primary Care.
- Pressures for appointments in hospitals and other services mean GPs continue to care for these patients while they wait for their appointment elsewhere in the system.

Some of the improvements we are making:

- We have been increasing the size of our team by recruiting more GPs, nurses, admin staff and working more collaboratively with our Primary Care Network.
- We have more phone lines to cope with the number of incoming calls we receive.
- We have introduced a new automated telephone system so that patients can book, cancel or check the details of an appointment 24/7.
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- We are changing our appointments so that there will be more routine appointments available for non-urgent needs. This process can take some time as we work through appointments already booked as the demand for on-the-day consultations continue to be very high.

There are other options you can access to get the support you need when you need it. These include:

- NHS 111 service for when you urgently need medical help / advice, but it is not a life-threatening situation
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We followed up our very successful Open Afternoon with a fascinating and extremely interesting talk from Amelia and Jason Greenway from Springwater Farm. This young couple have entered into a partnership with the National Trust to farm some 86 acres on the edge of Ashclyst Forest. They specialise in Highland cattle and Mangalitsa pigs which are notorious for their woolly coats! They are going about this project in a very sustainable and organic way with the eventual aim to be able to manage the whole process from rearing the animals to being able to prepare the cuts of meat on site. They have clearly put in a great deal of hard work to get this project up and running and after an early set back are now beginning to reap the rewards. A wonderful talk from two people who are clearly very passionate about the project they have embarked upon.

On Saturday 14th May we had our annual plant sale which this year was back inside the hall. It was good to be able to have our full range of plants again. Every year the weather throws up some challenges for those of us who grow the plants and this year was no exception! March decided to be awful, but like most years we seem to have muddled through and we did get a good selection of plants on the day. What we hadn't bargained for was the fact that there were two other plant sales in Feniton and Wiggaton on the same day! Nevertheless, a good number of people came along and we are very grateful to you all for coming along to support our event. As in previous years, the proceeds all go towards the costs of running the Flower and Craft Show in August.

On the Sunday immediately after the plant sale there was a very successful coach trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Some 47 members and friends made the trip for what was a very enjoyable day. Fortunately, the weather held up while they were there and it only rained on the return journey. On the way down, they stopped off at Strawberry Fields Farm Shop at Lifton which proved to be a very popular break in the journey. The next trip will be to Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens and Swannery which is on Saturday 11th June. For those of you who haven't been before these are two very interesting places to visit. Full details were in the last edition of the News together with booking details.

We are gradually getting everything in place for the return of our Flower and Craft Show which this year is on Saturday 13th August 2022. The Show Schedules have now been printed and copies together with entry forms can be obtained from the Whimble Stores and many thanks to Rory and his team for facilitating this. It will be good to have this popular annual village event back again having had to cancel the last two years. We are very much looking forward to seeing the usual wonderful, skilful and creative exhibits! Details of all our activities are on our website, together with reports and photographs. So, visit us at [www.whimble-vpa.co.uk](http://www.whimble-vpa.co.uk) to get further information. You will note that our website address has not changed yet, this is because our licence does not run out until 2023.

**Paul Wilson, Chairman, Whimble & District GC**



With the spring term behind us we are now in full swing with all the activities and events that the summer term brings us. After two years of disruption I think we had all forgotten how much we have to fit in! We are also beginning to appreciate the implications the last two years have had on us and our families. The anxieties around what would have traditionally been 'normal activities' that children experienced are far greater and varied; without realising it I think all adults are a bit like that too. School trips are going ahead – Elm Class have already been on theirs. Sports Day has been booked and our Year 5 and 6 children will be heading off to Pixie's Holt on Dartmoor for a weeks' residential in July. Looking ahead, we will be learning about the need to support each other as the academic year comes to a close.

Our school fair, organised by a wonderful PTA, will be held on **Saturday 23rd July 11am to 2.00pm** – please come and support us as we continue to raise funds to support a variety of activities and tasks across the school.

It continues to be very busy at Whimble Primary School and we have certainly been enjoying the sunshine! Recently, all the children in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) attended Clyst Vale Community College to take part in their annual Fun Run. Competing alongside other local schools, our children showed great resilience to run such a long way.

Elm Class have also been on a school trip to Occombe Farm, where they explored for the day and even had a go at making their own pizzas to take home!



Back in the classrooms, our school-wide focus for this term has been Problem Solving. During our assemblies we have been celebrating those who have demonstrated this ability to reason effectively and call upon their understanding in new contexts.

Finally, as you walk past the school you will see some 'new windows' installed on the side of the old school house – the apples represent our 6Rs, known as our 'Whimble Wonders' which are also aligned to the six of the eight main skills linking with the Skills Builder Partnership.



## Whimble Wonders

Harvey – Resilience – Staying Positive

Idea – Resourcefulness - Creativity

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Throughout May we are running a superb 3 course menu for £30. There’s also a fun run for Force Cancer and Cranbrook Running Club on the 2nd June followed by a party with a BBQ for staff and customers.

We’d love to see you again soon.

Paul, Judy & the team

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