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What's On In Whimple

December

- 8th Front Row Club Victory Hall at 7.00 for 7.30pm. See posters for details
- 8th History Society Christmas Lunch at the Cricket Club at 12.00noon
- 8th Orchard Harmony at St Mary's Church see page 48 for details
- 11th WI Christmas party Victory Hall at 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 11th Over 60s Club Xmas lunch at Mount Pleasant Inn Dawlish Warren
- 13th School Carol Concert at St Mary's Church at 6.00pm
- 15th Soup'n'Sarnie Christmas Special Victory Hall 12.00noon for 12.30pm details page 10
- 15th Coffee Morning St Mary's Church in aid of the Children's Society, 10.15am 12.00noon
- 17th Carol Singing, meet at 6.30pm in The Square details page 20
- 21st Last Fish and Chip van visit to the Square in 2018
- 24th Christmas Eve Carols 7.00pm in The Square details page 13
- 29th Front Row Club Victory Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm 'Bonus TwixtXmas Film'
- 31st New Year's Eve in The Square details page 19

January

- 4th First Fish and Chip van visit in 2019
- 7th Whimple Parish Council Planning Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 8th WI Monthly Open Meeting Victory Hall at 7.00 for 7.30pm speaker is Al Pewsey on "Dartmoor Search and Rescue'
- 12th Church Breakfast at the Victory Hall 8.30 9.30am
- 17th Whimple Wassail meet in front of the Heritage Centre at 6.30pm details on page 25
- 21st Whimple Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 26th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon 1.30pm
- 26th Preschool Quiz and Curry at the Victory Hall 7.30pm details page 51
- 28th VPA AGM Victory Hall 7.30pm details page 28

February

- 4th Whimple Parish Council Planning Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 15th History Society Talk at the Victory Hall 7.30pm.
- 21st The Whimpletons present 'Once upon a time in Whimple' 7.30pm.
- 22nd The Whimpletons present 'Once upon a time in Whimple' 7.30pm.
- 23rd The Whimpletons present 'Once upon a time in Whimple' Matinee 2.00pm.
- 23rd The Whimpletons present 'Once upon a time in Whimple' 7.30pm. Details page 15
- 25th Whimple Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm

March

- 4th Whimple Parish Council Planning Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 18th Whimple Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm

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I am delighted to present you with our Christmas edition, again full of events going on in this wonderful village over the next few weeks, with reports and updates from village organisations. We always love to advertise any village-related event, and it is useful to receive a 'follow-up' article about how it went. We have several great examples in this very edition!

We have had a couple of changes to our Delivery team, and bid a grateful 'farewell' to Ruth Thomas and Caroline Rowe, and thank them for their help. We welcome Tracy Bunkum and Gill Mallett who will be joining our wonderful team.

Whilst (good word) on the topic of farewells and hellos, we also bid farewell to Hayley from Halos, who I would say has been 'cutting' my hair for a number of years, but if I am honest this has been reduced to Hayley standing behind me and just making noises with scissors and clippers whilst we swap gossip! Welcome to Sarah-Jane and we wish her every success in Whimple – Sarah introduces herself in this edition.

It is lovely to see that Steve and Katherine from The Old Manse have kindly volunteered to take over the mulled wine duties on New Year's Eve – thank you. Please take wine donations to The Old Manse before the event.

I have added the Fish and Chip van dates into the 'What's on' page because it is so important to this village! We need to get our priorities right!

Without wishing our lives away, we have the cultural event of each year, looming on the horizon for mid February - the next Whimpletons' panto – another handcrafted pearl from the pen of the ever-creative Neil Walker. Don't miss it! I am writing this editorial the day after watching the Victorian Melodramas with the Community Theatre 4All – what an excellent evening, and involving some Whimple residents displaying their dramatic skills! Well done to all.

As we change from November to December, I bid farewell in my Wonders of Whimple calendar to the Orchard Harmony page (what a lovely piano!) and move onto the brave ladies baring all at Otter (Nurseries) – I wish them luck with this pose if they are staying to help Santa. We have an update from the Wonders later in this edition.

Will the next village calendar go where few would dare us to go - and do it fully-clothed for a change? I know that it is a daring idea and may be pilloried for suggesting it!

Our next edition will cover February/March. If you would like to submit an article to this wonderful magazine, then please send it to Bob Scanlan on:

bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk,

or drop it into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by 15th January.

On behalf the Whimple News team, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Ed H

WHIMPLE STORES 🛎



Whimple Stores

Christmas is nearly here. As mentioned before, you can avoid the Christmas Eve queues in the supermarkets by ordering your fruit, veg, bread, dairy and other provisions with us. We can have your order ready for collection on Christmas Eve and you can enjoy a mince pie and glass of mulled wine with us. Order sheets will be available from 1st December and the shop will be open until noon on Christmas Eve. We have a good range of local ciders, beers, apple juice, honey, eggs, cake and dairy products as well as local woodwork and craft.

Every December we try to do special offer and this year we have some lovely reusable bamboo coffee cups. There is a limited supply that can be bought separately or with a coffee for a special price of £5. This will be leading up to a price rise for coffee to £1.80 for a regular coffee.

Going Green for 2019

From 1st January we hope to make a number of changes to help save resources:

- 1. Anyone buying a takeaway coffee and using their own reusable cup will receive a 30p discount.
- Bread will be put on the shelves without plastic bags*. Bread will be put into bags at lunchtime to avoid it losing freshness.
- 3. No plastic bags will be on the shelves for produce*.

Supporting an attempt to be plastic free we hope to be using *fabric bread and produce bags that will be reusable. See the article about Whimple Bags.

Post Office

Christmas stamps this year are lovely scenes of Post boxes. We are issued with a limited amount of Christmas stamps so buy early to avoid missing out.

Our collection times during the week are 11.45am and 4.45pm. Saturday collection is noon. To ensure your post or banking goes that day, please make sure you bring it in at least 10-15 minutes before collection time, as paperwork needs to go with end of day collection and we have to give this priority to make sure it goes every day.

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Here are some of the last posting dates for Christmas - full details are available in store:

Monday 10th December is the last day for International air mail post to Australia, NZ, etc

Tuesday 18th December is the last day for 2nd Class post

Thursday 20th is the last day for 1st Class post.

Saturday 22nd is the last day for special delivery options

We are happy to give advice on pricing parcels mail so feel free to come in and talk to us.

Merry Christmas from Mark, Jenny and the team.

Fish and Chip Van in The Square

Friday 21st December - last visit in 2018

Friday 4th January 2019 - first visit for the new year

Mark, Jenny and Team



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POPPY APPEAL 2018

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Thanks also go to Cheryl Olive and Sue Ayres for the Poppy Making Workshops and to the Thirsty Farmer Quiz.

We all enjoyed the lovely service in the packed church. Special thanks go to Adrian who, despite suffering from flu, turned up to sound The Last Post. It made a great deal of difference.

A great job was done by all.

Once again my sincere thanks to everyone involved to make such a success of the Poppy Appeal for 2018.

Fiona Clarke

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Sarah Jane's will have a warm and friendly atmosphere and there will always be fresh coffee and current magazines available.

Look out for more information around the village including special introductory offers. If you would like to make an appointment or ask me any questions then please either pop into the salon, phone me on 07494 365 547 (any time) or 01404 823 400 (from 1st December), or email me at sarahjaneswhimple@gmail.com.

I currently live in Exeter but will be moving to the village in December. Whimple is a wonderful place and I look forward to meeting you all soon!



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WHIMPLE HISTORY SOCETY TALES OF WHIMPLE

The Second World War -Telling the United States Forces how it's done! (Part 2)

In the last edition of "Tales of Whimple", we reproduced the first part of a pamphlet prepared for United States Forces who visited the Whiteway's Cyder Factory and Whimple House Farm. In this edition is reproduced the (slightly edited) section of the pamphlet relating to the Farm and the Women's Land Army Training School, providing a fascinating insight into some aspects of life in Whimple during WW2.

WHIMPLE HOUSE FARM

"The farm and house belong to us but, during the last six months, we have been working in conjunction with the Women's Land Army and the Devon County War Agricultural Committee. The farm is used as a training School for milkmaids and the house as a Hostel for Women's Land Army girls. As time is so short we can only see the cows and the pigs and we are sorry we cannot take you over our 200 acres of Cyder-Apple Orchards and also show you our flock of 450 ewes – Devon Longwools, Downs and Border Leicester Cheviots- now in the midst of lambing.

We will first go into the Cow Yard, and you will see a herd of the sort which has been often adversely criticized by our Minister of Agriculture, namely a "mongrel" herd. You have seen some beautiful pedigree herds of various well-known breeds. Well, we have a mixture of all of them for the following reasons:-Before the war we were rather proud of our herd of pure-bred Guernseys, which we kept for the production of the famous Devonshire Cream, of which you have no doubt heard and which we hope you will enjoy at tea presently. In view of the fact, however, that milk is now required by quantity rather than quality (as regards cream content) we are gradually giving up Guernseys and replacing with any good milking cow we can get. We hope after the war we can return to a pure-bred herd again.

In the yard you will see our 12 dairy pupils: they come to us absolutely ignorant of anything to do with farm work and have 4 weeks' intensive training under Miss Smithson, our Resident Instructress, not only in milking, but in general farm work. Miss Coleman, Dairy Instructress for the County will, if time permits, give you a general outline of the course through which these girls are put. At the end of 4 weeks they are readily taken on to various farms in the County, where girls with the experience they have gained here are very welcome. We are pleased with the reports received from farmers to whom we have sent girls during the past few months.

Before you go into tea, we would like you to watch 135 pigs having theirs. You will see they are fed entirely on swill and, judging by the noise they make, you will hear they enjoy it. They are kept in Danish-type Pigs' Houses and it is surprising how readily they use the "lavatory" provided for them. Swill (kitchen and camp waste) is now the chief source of food for all pigs, and the quantity now collected is enormous. Ours is obtained from Plymouth in concentrated form and it may interest you to know that the City is collecting about 18 thousand tons a year. We think we can say, without boasting, that our Devon War Agricultural Committee have tackled

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this question of swill in a business-like way. We have a Kitchen Waste Sub-Committee and a man employed to see that the collection and distribution throughout the County is carried out properly.

Lady Moleworth St. Aubyn, Chairman of the Devonshire Women's Land Army, would now like us all to go over to Whimple House for tea. This is now a Women's Land Army Hostel and is occupied by about 30 girls, in addition to our dairymaids. They are under the charge of Mrs. Baber and we hope she will have them back from their daily work in time for you to inspect. These girls sleep and eat at the Hostel and are readily hired out by farmers in the district at the rate of a shilling per hour. They supply a great want, not only at specially busy times such as potato planting and lifting, harvesting, etc., but even now when they are doing such work as hedge-pairing, threshing, apple-tree pruning, etc.

Tea will be ready now and we hope you will enjoy some of the Devonshire food such as apple pie and Devonshire cream, junket, etc., which our Warden, Mrs. Beauchamp, has had the pleasure of preparing. Afterwards, there is to be a little discussion on general matters to conclude what we hope has been a happy day for you all."

At the Heritage Centre we have transcripts of many interesting letters sent by the Land Army girls to Miss Smithson describing their hardworking lives on the farms to which they were posted and of their happy memories of Whimple. Bearing in mind that many of the Land Army girls came from large towns all over the country, they adjusted remarkably well to their new lives in farming.

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For those who are unable to follow me, I wish you well and shall miss you greatly.

Thank you & Goodbye x

Julie & Lauren... I can't thank you enough for making it a great place to work. Xxx Get ready for the coffee morning girls to catch up on all our goss!!

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We will sing 'Auld Lang Syne' together
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Thank you to everyone for all your support during 2018. Events such as the Morning Coffee, Men's and Women's Breakfasts have all been well attended and have all provided an opportunity for fellowship. Thank you also for the support given to the brave teddies who took part in the Zipwire challenge at our Church Fete in June and also the adults who climbed up the tower to see the sights of Whimple. Thank you also to all those people who supported our Flower Festival in September. We raised about £1400 and a calendar showing pictures of the displays is now on sale in Whimple Stores.

We had an excellent turnout for our special Remembrance Service and approximately £750 was raised for the Royal British Legion. The church also hosted a special exhibition by the History Society which has drawn lots of praise.

Once again St. Mary's Church is indebted to the ladies of Whimple who have kindly made cakes for, and served at, the Saturday morning coffee and cakes in church from May to September. Needless to say that without our customers the whole venture would be pointless, so it is a big thank you to everybody for their support. If you would like to help next year please contact Rosie Davies.

December is a very busy time for the Church. This year many organisations seem to be finishing even earlier to give their staff a break. Please spare a thought for all those people who have to work over this busy period to help you enjoy the festive season, especially those working in the Emergency services.

As usual there are lots of activities taking place:-

We have special services throughout December. Full details of these can be found in The Link and on the website.

There is to be a special coffee morning on Saturday 15th December in aid of the Children's Society. Later that day we are holding a Christmas Activity afternoon in the Victory Hall from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Hot dogs, fruit and cake will be provided and adults are invited to join us from 6.00pm for tea and cake and to join in the singing of Christmas songs.

Please welcome our Carol Singers again this year as they sing in part of the village. Please meet in the Square at 6.30pm on Monday 17th December. If you would like to join them to sing or play a musical instrument please contact Gerri Turner on 822587. We would also welcome non singers to help us with the collection.

There will be a Midnight Communion service at 11.00pm on Christmas Eve, (please note the earlier time) and on Christmas Day at 11.00am we have our Family Service with Carols.

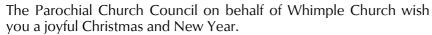
There are also a variety of other services at Talaton and Clyst St Lawrence and The Link (Churches 4 All magazine) and Church Christmas cards distributed around the village list the full details.

Looking further ahead, on January 12th we are holding a very special breakfast in the Victory Hall from 8.30am until 9.30am. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Alan Dodds who has an amazing story to tell. He started David Bowie's first band, The Konrads, and wrote his first recorded song.

Alan will share his experience through the performance of rock 'n' roll covers, photos of Bowie and the band, stories, inside information and a Q&A session. He'll share the tale of a blind date in '64 that changed his life, led him to his Christian faith, and eventually to the vicarage. Be prepared to laugh, cry, and reminisce.

The talk is particularly suited to an audience who can remember the 50s and 60s! Further details of how to book will be available on the website and in January's Link.

Details of all the services and various activities can be found on our website www.churches4all.org.





Advent Quiet Space

This is a reminder that, on Tuesday evenings during Advent, on the 4th, 11th and 18th December from 7.30pm until 8.30pm, Whimple Church will be open for those who want to escape the madness of the run up to Christmas and enjoy some quiet space in the sacred surroundings of our beautiful village church. Nothing will be expected of you other than to sit quietly. We might light some candles; we might listen to the odd piece of soft music; we might hear a short poem or a verse or two from the Bible. But mostly, we'll be quiet. And, in doing so, while the world goes mad around us, we hope we'll recover a sense of perspective, come home to ourselves and find some joy and peace in simply 'being' and waiting.

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Whimple Bags - Going Green for 2019

Our first meeting was really useful and since then we've had a cutting session and are aiming to be able to supply the village with bags to start using in January after our first sewing session on 5th December at The Hive.

The intention is for us all to have fabric bags ready to use to buy bread and produce so that we don't need to use plastic ones and can keep reusing our own fabric ones.

In December we hope to have packs available to allow people to make their own produce and bread bags. These will make great Christmas gifts for those who like to sew.

The packs will include fabric to make four produce bags and two bread bags – with a basic instruction sheet.

- Bread Bags most of us would want to have two bread bags so that we can keep them clean. If you have a bread bin or other storage then you may be happy with 1 bread bag.
- Produce Bags depending on the number of people you are shopping for, you may want four to eight produce bags.

We have decided to concentrate on making these bags as they seem the most useful and most people already have a lot of 'reusable' carriers so there is less need for us to make that size.

We hope to have a stock of ready-made bags in the village shop from 1st January. The idea being that you buy or borrow but always reuse.

The cost of sewing packs or ready-made bags will be by donation. Any funds raised will be used towards costs. If there are any surplus funds we will try to find a green project or local organisation to help.

Jenny Sanders



Young Farmers

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who purchased dung at our charity sale on the 27th October. We raised £350 for the Farming Community Network and the RD&E Neonatal unit. "Thank you" to The Thirsty Farmer for hosting the morning.

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Wassailing

Thursday 17th January 2019

This year's wassailing will start at the New Fountain Inn at about 6.30pm. for the usual 'rehearsal'. The assembled company will then move off at about 7.00pm., for the first wassail ceremony, which will be around the Society's Whimple Wonder tree which is in the car park behind the Heritage Centre. The procession will then proceed up Church Road to Lower Woodhayes Orchard for the second wassail ceremony. The procession will then move back to the Square, via Dince Hill Close, where the procession will gather near the tethering stone to remember the Society's first Chairman, John Shepherd. The procession will then continue along Town Lane and Broadclyst Road to the orchard adjacent to Knowle Cross Farm for the third and final ceremony of the evening, courtesy of Jim and Mary Chard. The last port of call will be at the Cricket club for traditional wassail refreshments. We would urge everyone to enter into the spirit of the evening by bringing 'instruments' that will make sufficient noise to waken the trees and ward off the evil spirits in the apple trees. Wassailing Mugs and T-shirts will be on sale on the evening. Don't forget you wellies!

FIRST TWO VERSES OF THE WASSAIL SONG FOR THURSDAY 17th JANUARY

(We always sing the first two verses of the Wassail song , copies of which are handed out on the night. Here is your very own copy to bring with you! You can now practice your singing over the next few weeks!)

A-Wassail, a-wassail! The Moon she shines down; Our apple s are ripe and our nuts they are brown, Whence thou mayest bud, dear old apple tree, And whence thou mayest bear, we sing unto thee.

Chorus.....

With our wassail, wassail, wassail! And joy come to our jolly wassail!

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2019 MEETING DATES

<u>Planning</u> <u>Parish</u>

January 7th January 21st
February 4th February 25th
March 4th March 18th

April 1st April 15th (Annual Parish Meeting)

May 13th May 20th (AGM and Re-election of Members)

June 3rd June 17th July 1st July 29th

August 5th
September 2nd
October 7th
November 4th
December 2nd
No Council meeting
September 16th
October 21st
November 18th
No Council meeting

N.B. All these dates are subject to change.

All meetings are in the Victory Hall and start at 7.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. See website/notice board in The Square for more information:
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Kevin Finch

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New Years resolution?

If your New Years resolution is to get fit and healthy why not combine the two and become an allotment holder!

There is currently one remaining new plot immediately available in the allotments off Heberton Close and one potential plot becoming available in January in the older Grove Road site.

These are available only to Whimple residents and if you are interested please email Kevin Finch at whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com for more details.



Following our very successful Flower and Craft Show in August, we had a very enjoyable and informative, well illustrated talk by Elizabeth Holman on 'Rejuvenating a Tired Garden' on Friday 12th October. Despite the miserable weather on the night a good number attended to learn about what we have been doing wrong and how to improve our gardens and I think everyone went away with a lot of good ideas.

This was followed by the trip to Batsford Arboretum near Moreton in the Marsh on Sunday 14th October. Due to gales earlier in the month, it was decided to bring the date of this trip forward just to make sure there were some splendid autumn colours to enjoy! This proved to be a good move as those that went all agreed that it was a wonderful trip despite the slightly inclement weather.

Our final event of the year was the Quiz Night on Friday 9th November. Following the huge success of last year's quiz, this year was even better. A packed Village Hall enjoyed the challenge of the Gardening and General Knowledge questions. All in all another very enjoyable evening.

As last year, we have been looking ahead to next year's Flower Show and we have been considering what subject titles to have for the Photography Section. So, for all the expert photographers out there, we have come up with the following titles for the ten photography classes for the 2019 Show. The titles are: 'Cobwebs'; 'Birds or Animals Behaving Badly'; 'Butterflies or Moths'; 'Trees in Winter'; 'Spring Lambs'; 'A Host of Golden Daffodils'; 'A Flowering Clematis'; 'A Seascape'; 'Whimple Village Day'; 'A Mode of Transport'. Hopefully there is something there for all the expert photographers in the village! We will also be looking at the Classes in the other Sections early in the New Year so we can hopefully get the Show Schedule out in plenty of time for those of you who like to make an early start on your exhibits!

Our first meeting in the new year will be our Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Monday 28th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Victory Hall. As always all are very welcome to attend especially anyone who would like to join our Committee – we are always pleased to have new faces with fresh ideas!

Information on all our trips and the Flower and Craft Show can be seen on our website. So to check these out go to www.whimple-vpa.co.uk to find all the information and photographs.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

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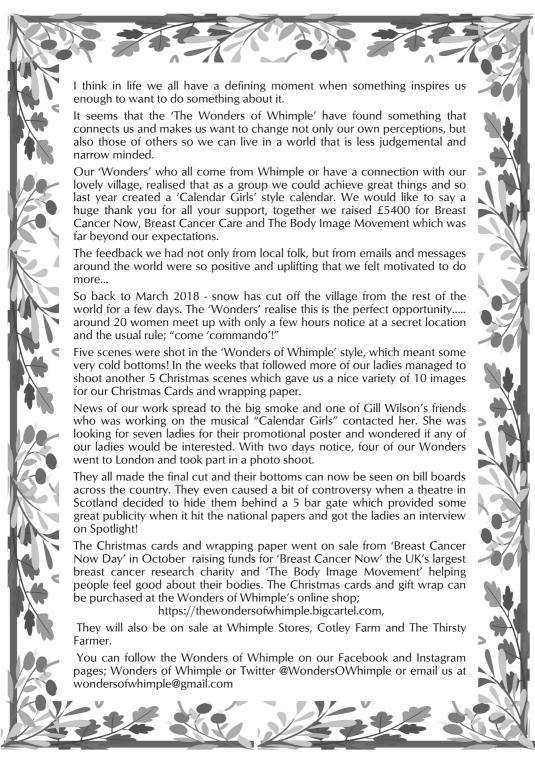


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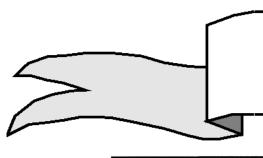
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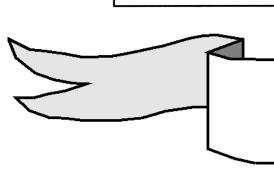






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Thursday	December 27th 2018			
Friday	December 28th 2018			
Saturday	December 29th 2018		8.00am - 1.00pm	8.00am - 1.00pm
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		noon - 3.00pm 6.00pm - 9.00pm	noon - 10.30pm food noon - 9.00pm	
		6.00pm - 10.30pm (no food)	noon - late food noon - 9.00pm	6.00am - 9.00pm
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Fundraising Update

A massive thank you to Tony Bickel for another amazing quiz and being a fantastic host, to Cathy Bartlett-Horwood for her help on the bar and kind donations. Also thank you to The Thirsty Farmer, The Jack in the Green, Cathy Sharkey, Laura Randall and Nikki Harris for kindly donating raffle prizes. Finally thanks to all you wonderful Whimple folk that bought tickets and supported us on the night. Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise over £560.

We really appreciate your ongoing support that is helping us reach our ultimate goal. July 2019 is fast approaching and we are very excited. **Mya and Dulcie**



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Water, my favourite Christmas Tipple?

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Most of us know that we humans are about two-thirds water but, according to a recent RNLI study, 98% of us are under-hydrated. Water is essential to keeping us alive and functioning properly.

So what does all that water inside us do? Interestingly enough, it's there to help the approximately 50 trillion cells in our body to do their jobs properly: to circulate the blood, to digest and absorb nutrients and to eliminate toxins. So yes, it's what keeps us moving and grooving and helps you feel all merry and bright throughout the year.

On average, we need about 2 - 2.5 litres of it a day. If you're not getting enough water you may become dehydrated in which case you may recognise some of these symptoms: fatigue, headaches, dizziness, constipation, urinary tract infections, brain fog, low blood pressure, low mood, infrequent urination, lack of energy, etc. Besides these a quick check is to monitor the colour of your urine: if your urine is the colour of straw, you are getting enough water, but if it's darker then you need to increase your intake.

To make things a little easier, here are a couple of suggestions on how to help stay hydrated now and throughout the year:

Start your day with a cup of warm lemon water (a slice of fresh lemon in boiling water); carry a bottle of water around with you (preferably a reusable bottle), try drinking herbal teas, add fruit to your water so it tastes more interesting.

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If you have any guestions about hydration or ways to improve your health and wellbeing then please get in touch with me. I offer a free 15 minute consultation. Note: If you are in pain when you urinate, are urinating more frequently or struggling to urinate or find blood in your pee, then you need to speak with your GP immediately.

Please let me or Ed know if there are any topics in particular that you would like me to write about. Some ideas suggested have been - home cooking versus ready made meals, priorities in food selection when you have younger children and tips on staying well in the winter months. You can contact me on my current email debmmac@gmail.com or my mobile on 07747 755659 or send Ed a message at edhitch@btinternet.com

Here's wishing a very Happy, healthy Christmas to you and your family!

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Ottery meets Otari

Ed said, "Could you write a bit about your Japan connection and how your Courtney's Cider came to win the Japan Cider Awards 2018"

Well, where to start! The beginning is usually the best place: let's take you back to 1992.

I was Tourist Manager in Ottery and Paul Madden, an Ottery Lad, was a Diplomat in Japan.

When he found a little village in the Japanese Alps called Otari, he instigated a friendship with Ottery and a couple of Councillors at the time had complimentary trips to Japan and Delegates came over here. As time went on, the Council Chairmen changed, and the friendship lapsed, but I continued the communication to the present day.

Last year 'His Excellency' Paul Madden took on the position of British Ambassador to Japan, 25 years after the link began.

I contacted him to congratulate him and after a few meetings on his visits home, it was agreed that I would try to rekindle the friendship, at a 'Grass roots' level.

To cut a long story short... a couple of months ago, I had a message, to say that five delegates from Otari, would be on a three-day whistle stop visit to the Ottery area at the beginning of November (Our busiest time for apples!). No problem.

With Richard's help I managed to put together an itinerary and tried to fulfil all their wishes and requirements...

A little welcome party grew to 150 people with delegates from various organisations; visits to meet school masters, trips around schools. Sir Earnest Satow's house and grave, the Otari Bell, the Library, to take gifts to Ottery's Mayor and visit Tar Barrels etc.

One day as I was talking to my Otari Friends on FB I saw an item about the 'Japan Cider and Perry Awards; and, just for fun, we sent off our 'Whimple Orchards Cider' (which earlier in the year had won overall Champion at the Royal Cornwall Show) and our 'Silly Cow Cider'.

We kind of forgot about it until—we got a message to say we had WON!

GOLD for our 'Whimple Orchards' which got most votes of the whole competition... (They received entries from 12 Countries!) and **SILVER** for our 'Silly Cow'

The visit by the five went off very well and finished with the Mayor of Otari, the School Principal, the Shinto Priest and a couple of diplomats pressing apples in our, by now, famous orchard.

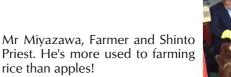
The two experiences were unconnected, all a blur in our busy schedule.

It all seems to happen in Courtney's Orchard!!

Jill Courtney



Mr Matsuo, Otari Primary School Principal, is doing a fine job mulching apples!







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Mr Miyazawa, just couldn't wait to try his fresh 'Ringo' Juice!! (in Japanese the word 'Ringo means 'Apple').

The Otari Head and the Ottery Head are now the best of friends.



Clothing clear out

Dulcie and Mya are hoping to hold a Fashumble in March 2019 in the village.

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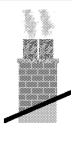
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At our September meeting one of our own very special ladies, Lucy Channon (who had her 90th birthday in October!), gave us a very interesting talk about a local girl Joanna Southcott. Joanna was born in 1750, raised in Gittisham, was a shop girl in Honiton, then was in service in Exeter and owed her fame to being a religious prophetess. She has many followers still to this day, but thankfully one of her predictions that the Day of



Judgment would come in 2004, has now passed without incident! Thank you Lucy for entertaining us, you are such an example with your energy and enthusiasm, and we hope you thoroughly enjoyed your birthday celebrations with your family and friends

We held a Social Skittles evening on the 28th as usual at the New Inn and 16 of us enjoyed the exercise, banter and a light supper. We all agreed that as it is such fun we need to do it more often, perhaps in January, which should help to keep us warm at least! Some of us certainly need the practice, as we were knocked out in the first round of the County Competition by the 'young' ladies from Cranbrook & Rockbeare WI. They were a very friendly team and we had a great evening, even though they beat us by six points! We of course wished them well in the next round.

Our speaker in October was Jill Cobley, on "Antiquarians from the 1400's". Jill began her career as an on-site archaeologist discovering mammoth tusks and human bones etc, then as an antiquarian studying documentation, all shown with pictorial evidence. She kept her subject to Devon, particularly Whimple and the surrounding area, talked of castles that have disappeared over time showing us pictures of what they would have looked like and described the many "inscribed stones" that can be found in Devon. It was a fascinating talk but at a very fast pace, leaving us wanting answers to many more questions. At this meeting we welcomed a new member, Maggie Little, plus another lady who may join us.

On the 24th October, we gathered for another social lunch at The New Inn, Broadclyst. The event was well attended, the food delicious and of good value. Thanks again to Jane Clements for organising. Our next lunch will be in January, date to be advised.

We continue to hold our Wednesday craft afternoons in various member's homes. These sessions are very relaxing, with time to chat about life in Whimple and to share details of the various crafts undertaken, be it knitting, embroidery, quilting or card making and of course we also enjoy the tea or coffee and biscuits!

Our speaker in November was Robert Hesketh on 'Devon Churches and Ghosts' and there was also another trip to the Manor Theatre. A number of our ladies made cakes and assisted at the Hospiscare event at Victory Hall on the 17th November.

For more information on Whimple WI, please contact Marilyn Mills on 01404 821860

Barbara Ackland







Whimple Pre-school Presents

QUIZ & CURRY

When?

Saturday 26th January 2019



Where?

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What time?

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How much are the tickets?

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Team size?

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Where and when can I get tickets?

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Yet again, we are heading towards Christmas and all the activities around it. Children have started preparing for their Christmas production and the musicians are practising hard to ensure they know their music.

We continue to run our 'Fantastic Friday' curriculum and the children in both Year 5 and 6 have prepared, cooked and served a three-course meal to their parents. They have also been involved in creating the poppies and an apple-quilting project in association with Killerton.

We are always open to suggestions and volunteers to help us out, so if you have any specific skills to share do come and tell us. Next year, we are holding a science week and we are looking for people with jobs that have a scientific background. If you are interested in this, please call in at the school office for more details.

The staff and children of Whimple Primary School would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and say a big thank you to all those who have supported us in the past twelve months.

Mrs Carole Shilston



Remembrance Day



Over a period of time, Whimple School have been working hard on some amazing projects to commemorate Remembrance Day. We have researched about children's lives and how hard they became and diary entries were made by Beech Class and are now part of a wonderful display in our school library. We made poppies out of card, paper, felt and we even made some by crocheting them with help from Mrs Lindsey. Also, Willow Class have been working on some brilliant silhouette pictures, which are now on display in the ICT room.

"I really enjoyed making the silhouette, I mainly liked painting the backgrounds." said Guy

By Holly and Olivia, Willow Class.

Our younger pupils have also been involved and led our school assembly with some carefully chosen thoughts and some wartime songs, which everyone then joined in with. They also made their own soldiers which were displayed in the church.



The Great Apple Event.

During the week before half term, the pupils at Whimple Primary School took part in some apple picking and pressing. The classes that picked in the morning were challenged to pick as many apples as they could and to try to pick more than the classes that went to pick in the afternoon.



Everyone had great fun filling the sacks with loads of apples. Also, the key stage 2 pupils had the chance to turn the wheel on the apple press and hold it down, to produce some fresh apple juice. After that they got a chance to taste it!



Written by Amy Randall and Jasmine Large.





Sunday 11th November 2018

The Cenotaph London 'The People's Procession A Nation's Thank You'

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

Bells rang out and 10,000 marched past the Cenotaph as the Nation said "Thank you".

I had served with the WRAC (Provost) and throughout my life attended the Remembrance Day at War Memorials wherever I could. The day had a special meaning for me as my Grandfather Private Richard Hall of the Ox&Bucks Light Infantry had volunteered at the outbreak of WW1 to serve his Country. He lived through the horrors of the Somme being severely injured by machine gun fire at the Ypres Salient in 1916. He was 18 years old. He never spoke of the War.

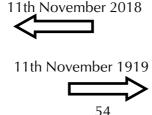
I had read with interest about the UK Governments invitation to ten thousand members of the public to be invited to march past the Cenotaph to mark the centenary of the Armistice. Descendants, family members were invited to apply to replicate the national outpouring of 'relief' that took place following the Great War. I applied and was successful.

I was lucky. I had known my Grandfather well - he was a much loved and admired man.

Being a Whimple resident and assisting with the Heritage Centre I spent time studying the names of the Whimple WW1 fallen and had looked at the photos of the young men taken before their time. I had reflected on how they must have felt leaving the relatively quiet village and embarking upon their destiny. As I wrote each name down together with his Service details and age and place of death it brought these young men to mind. I attached these names to a wreath of poppies & tonight they rest at the Cenotaph with so many comrades at arms.

Mrs Karen HALL-WILLIAMS Perriton Farm Whimple







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Eating turkey then rich pudding drinking a wine for a Christmas greeting -under the mistletoe swinging

Hurrah for Christmas time again

Pauline R-B

WHIMPLE OVER 65'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The final Whimple over 65's Christmas Party Meal was held on Friday 5th October at The Thirsty Farmer. This was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

The first party was held in December 1963 and was the idea of the Whimple Women's Institute. Initially gifts were received from the W.l. President, Whiteways and a former publican. Money was also raised from coffee mornings, sponsored walks etc.

In 1996 when the W.l. became a registered charity it was no longer legally able to raise funds for any other charity which led to a change of name and the "Ladies of the Village" was formed. This brought in fresh blood as it allowed non W.l. members to become involved and over the years many village ladies helped to cook food, wait at tables, provide transport etc. which was greatly appreciated. Donations towards the cost were also gratefully received from bingo sessions, quiz evenings etc. and local individuals.

During the 55 years of these parties approximately 5,000 meals have been served, but over the last two or three years the numbers attending have dropped so dramatically that holding the party is no longer viable. It was therefore decided that this year would be the last. I would very much like to thank everyone who has been involved in any way over the years demonstrating the generosity of the villagers and how in times past the party was welcomed and enjoyed by many.

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