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Band Nights 9pm: **Oct 28th:** Double Entendre
Nov 25th: New Variants **Dec 9th:** Under The Radar

Editorial

Welcome all to another edition of Whimble News. This one arrives just as the long hot summer gives way to Autumn, and also as we emerge from the period of mourning for HM Queen Elizabeth II.

It's been a while since I was last asked to pen this editorial, so it was interesting to look at the edition through 'fresh eyes'. Great to see so many interesting articles all reflecting what a busy village we live in and how many people are so very generous with their time in supporting the wider community. If you do have time to give, I note the Scout Group are after some help!

Plenty going on in the upcoming Events listing and also reviews of Village Day and the Flower and Craft Show, both of whom have emerged from the interruption of the pandemic restrictions. As a group The News benefits for a donation from the Village Week organisers - so thank you again for this. I should also just say that The News is put together by a team of unpaid volunteers and is entirely funded by our advertisers and some kind donations, so drops through your door for free every other month!

A big shout out to Sarah for another great feature - in conversation with Bill Jordan. Plenty of us will know Bill by sight and may have known some of his backstory, but you'll know a lot more after you have read Sarah's piece.

There are very interesting reviews by the Cricket Club (at the end of their season) and then POWR, the latter covering many different topics. I am sure we will all read the article by the team at Whimble Stores which shines a light on the challenges they endure from the Post Office as a 'partner'. For those who could not make the open meeting this also provides a summary of likely changes to services, and the reasons for these.

Enjoy the read and, as always, we welcome feedback and suggestions for future content. If you would like to offer an article for the Christmas/New Year edition, or want us to include details of a village event, then please send it direct to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 10th November.

Take care.

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October

- 7th Friends of Whimple Station - Bulb planting
- 8th: W&DGC trip to NT Stourhead, Mere, Wiltshire
- 8th: Film Night - Front Row Club. Village Hall
- 11th WI Meeting - Janet East, Stories from her farm and b&b 2.00pm The Hub
- 11th Whimple Table Tennis, Victory Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm everyone welcome
- 15th Race Night is back in the Village Hall (see page 22)
- 25th Whimple Table Tennis, Victory Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm everyone welcome
- 28th History Society, Janet Dowling, Devon Ghost Stories Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 28th Band Night at the Thirsty Farmer - Double Entendre
- 29th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon to 1.30pm.
- 29th Quiz and Chilli at the Cricket Club
- 30th History Society - Apple Pressing at the Heritage Centre 11.00am to 1.30pm

November

- 5th November: Bonfire Night and Fireworks at the Cricket Club
- 8th WI, Jane Brunt, One woman, one harem and 1000 cows 2.00pm The Hub
- 8th Whimple Table Tennis, Victory Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm everyone welcome
- 11th WDGC Quiz 7.30pm at the Victory Hall
- 12th Live Well, Age Well event at the Institute, Ottery St Mary
- 12th Film Night - Front Row Club. Village Hall
- 22nd Whimple Table Tennis, Victory Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm everyone welcome
- 25th Band Night at the Thirsty Farmer - New Variants
- 26th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon to 1.30pm

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT AT THE THIRSTY FARMER!

WELCOMING BACK LUKE HINGLEY'S MICHAEL BUBLE TRIBUTE EVENING ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 22nd.

Look out for more details on Whimple What's On and The Thirsty Farmer website



WHIMPLE STORES



In the last Whimple News, we advised that we would be conducting a review of the Post Office in Whimple Stores due to the cost and personal commitments. On Tuesday 6th September we held a consultation meeting with Whimple residents regarding the review and the potential way forward.

We would like to summarise the presentation made to the meeting attendees here in Whimple News, to provide a greater communication route for all residents who were unable to attend.

Background: Post Office Ltd. pay a fee to us for every product of theirs that we sell via their counter. The range of products is extensive and includes Royal Mail parcels, cash in and out of bank accounts, Royal Mail stamps, Bill payments, Council Tax, Electricity top ups etc.

The fees paid do not cover the cost of the staff member operating the Post Office counter. For example, in the peak posting period of last November, December and January, we needed to provide a full time staff member at the Post Office counter from 08:00 to 18:00 weekdays and for three hours on Saturdays. The Post Office queues reached the front door sometimes. The staffing cost was £5,300 over that period. We earned £2,830 in Post Office fees resulting in a loss. These losses are still occurring.

In addition, there are mandatory audit tasks that we perform that are not paid for, as well as other costs that are not covered by the fees, and we are subsidising the provision of the Post Office facility and its services.

Due to the complexity of the till system (Horizon) and the ease at which very expensive and irreversible mistakes can be made, each staff member requires extensive training. We pay for their time while training and we supervise them for a month afterwards - thus increasing our staff costs.

The companies that pay fees to the Post Office for the services provided, such as banks and Royal Mail, are looking at ways of reducing their costs, meaning, over time less fees will be payable to retailers such as ourselves.

The issue of retailers having to subsidise the Post Office in order to provide services to their communities is being discussed across the country. We hear that four rural Post Offices are closing every week. It does not seem to concern the Post Office and they have refused to increase the fees or discuss aid to help retain the Post Office in small communities.

Looking forward: The continued cost to us of providing a Post Office facility is not sustainable (particularly when the electricity cost has jumped) and we have been investigating how to provide a range of postal and banking services to Whimple but with a simpler retail interface and a reduced cost. We believe that services can be provided, which will include cash withdrawal, parcel posting, stamps, bill payments and electricity top-ups and will cover about 80% of the essential services that we currently provide.

We are talking to a few companies who can provide parcel collection, drop off services and bill payment terminals. We plan to contract with these companies to implement the following services:

- Cash Out with a small fee to cover costs
- Bill Payments such as Gas, Council Tax, Phone provider
- Stamps (main 1st and 2nd class ones)
- Electricity Key top-up
- Mobile phone top-up
- Prepaid parcel drop off (possibly with a label printing facility)
- Parcel collection

We will not however, without a Post Office, be able to provide:

- Cash payments in to bank accounts
- Balance enquiries
- Money transfers across bank accounts
- Cheques to go to bank accounts
- Royal Mail's Special Delivery service
- Parcelforce's large and heavy parcel service
- Foreign Currency

We do understand that Post Office Ltd. can provide an 'Outreach' Post Office to small communities. This is a pop-up service and could operate a couple of half days per week to provide the above services. Talaton Community Stores host this facility once a week. The community will need to lobby Post Office Ltd. to provide this facility for Whimple.

Consultation:

We asked the attendees at the consultation meeting, three key questions to take away:

1. Can village residents suggest alternative ways of subsidising the Post Office function in Whimple Stores so that it can be retained?
2. Can most village residents use alternative means for the services that may be lost?
3. Can village residents use online postage services for sending parcels if we provide a drop off at the Stores?

We are also considering the benefit of installing a laptop and printer which can be used by customers to buy and print parcel labels online.

We regret the potential for removing certain services, but we need to manage our costs to ensure we continue to be able to provide Whimple Stores.

If you have any comments on these proposals, or answers to the consultation questions above, we will be pleased to hear from you.

On a happier note, we would like to welcome Rebecca Dominy as a part-time member of the team. Rebecca replaces Judith who is leaving to pursue other interests and travels. Good luck to Judith for the future.

Rory, Sharon, Sabrina and Team.

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This group has been running since May and we enjoy a weekly meet up just to chat or use signpost projects that may be of use to people. We still hope to be able to offer some evening sessions if they would be useful too.

Devon County Council have prepared for us a folder of useful contacts and projects. These are available locally for carers, people living with dementia, transportation issues, access to mental health services for adults and young people as well as groups supporting bereavement.

For example the Devon Communities Together project recently offered an energy saving workshop which was kindly hosted by our Victory Hall. This organisation offers support and advice to encourage communities to work together to support each other as well as offering practical advice.

We have been made aware of the fact that the Honiton is a dementia friendly town with lots of suitable spaces and projects. Honiton Health Matters is another community group which can signpost services in our area.

Here is a list of handy phone numbers for East Devon residents:

Free help with fuel bills – Exeter and ED community energy – 0800 7723617
Short term financial aid for heating or food – EDDC Financial resilience team – 01404 515616

Information and advice – Citizens Advice East Devon – 01395 265070

Mental health advice – Talkworks – 0300 5553344

Mental health advice for young people – Parental Minds – 07907 614516

Support services for older adults – Care Direct – 0345 1551007

Pendant and wristband alarms – Home Safeguard – 0330 6782381 or devon.digitalhomecare.co.uk website for more information

Ottery St Mary services advice – Ottery Help Scheme – 01404 813041

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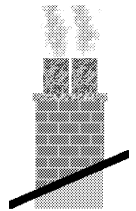
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A reflection on the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

What a few years it has been, a pandemic, a war, a cost-of-living crisis and then the death of our wonderful Queen.

Whilst, for most of us, the news of Queen Elizabeth's death was not exactly unexpected, as 96 is a considerable age, it felt like an earth-shaking moment. After enjoying markedly good health she had recently appeared more fragile. Since the death of her beloved Prince Philip last year she had been undertaking lighter duties. All of us knew that this moment was approaching but somehow for many of us it still came as a national shock. It is the start of a new and unwritten chapter for the British monarchy and the country itself but also an opportunity for a moment of reflection. Of course, the Queen's death brings personal loss for those close to her but also a time of both national and international mourning as she had also been a constant presence in tens of millions of lives. The longest monarchical reign in British history, stretching more than 70 years, is over. But the record book is less important than the widely shared sense of what has now slipped away, never to return.

The Queen's life spanned the entire history of modern Britain and over that period so very much have changed. She was born when Britain still ruled a global empire of some 600 million people. She died when Britain was a medium-sized northern European country with an uncertain future. She came into the world before all British adults had the vote. At 10, she witnessed the abdication of her uncle that made her heir to the throne. At 14, she lived through perhaps the greatest threat to the nation that followed the fall of France. As monarch, her first prime minister was Winston Churchill, yet she had already been on the throne for 23 years before the current prime minister, her 15th, was even born.

She was crowned Queen in the first televised coronation in 1953 and she adapted, cautiously and pragmatically, to changes. She provided an undeniable source of stability as the country underwent massive changes at home as did the world during her lifetime. Her care and affection, which often contrasted with the indifference of some politicians, that she displayed towards the nations of the United Kingdom was especially embodied in her love of Scotland.

Even more long-lasting was her important formal part in the retreat from empire which she dealt with by diplomacy and tact. This had begun under her father, when India became free in 1947. But from 1957 on, when Ghana became independent, many of the 'possessions' that the Queen had sworn to govern in her coronation oath became self-governing instead, while mostly remaining within the Commonwealth. The post-imperial grouping mattered to the Queen and her love for her commonwealth subjects has been an enduring part of her reign.

Her reign was marked by private milestones and, later, by private traumas. There were many notable family events. They included the births of her four children, their marriages, the investiture of her heir, Charles, as the Prince of Wales in 1969, the deaths of her uncle the Duke of Windsor in 1972 and her mother aged 101 in 2002. There were also her own Jubilees: silver in 1977, golden in 2002, diamond in 2012 and sapphire in 2017 (the first by any British monarch). She died just months after her unprecedented platinum jubilee which many of us feel privileged to see in our lifetime.

The challenges started early in the 1950s, notably over Princess Margaret's wish to marry a divorcee and continued in the 1980s and 1990s with the divorces of three of the Queen's children and with the 'annus horribilis' of 1992. It reached a climax after the death of Princess Diana in 1997, when there was much talk of the monarchy being out of touch. However, under her stewardship the royals steadied themselves in the early 21st century despite fresh challenges and her quiet and humble work inspired some of her grandchildren to a similar life of service.

Today we welcome our new King Charles III as our new monarch but acknowledge that Elizabeth II leaves a space behind that is unlikely to be filled. The monarchy of the future will not be the same.

The monarchy, built on a system of hereditary privilege, is for many an anachronism in the modern age but even the most strident republican would have to acknowledge that the late Queen did the job for so long with enormous dedication and deserved the national respect and affection that she is receiving in death.

As most people know the monarch is the head of the church. However, just being the head of an organisation, even one such as the church, does not guarantee being a figure who represents the values the organisation espouses. However, our former Queen both 'walked the walk and talked the talk'

When she was crowned, she may have held the orb, sceptre, ring and crown but it was the Bible that was presented to her that is described as 'the most valuable thing that this world affords'. The most sacred moment at the heart of the ceremony is the anointing, which took place after the symbols of royal status were removed. The Queen, sitting under a canopy to hide the sacred moment from the cameras, was dressed in a simple white dress with no jewels or crown. As the Archbishop anointed her with oil, a prayer was said over her inviting God's Holy Spirit to set her apart as God's servant. Queen Elizabeth took this prayer very much to heart.

The theme of service runs throughout the Queen's long reign. If you want to understand the secret behind a life lived with such incredible integrity, humility, commitment and service, then you'll find it was in fact no secret. She told us all the time. It was Jesus. What made the Queen such a wonderful Queen is that she knew the ultimate King.

She spoke unashamedly and eloquently of her faith and of Jesus in particular, naming Christ over and over again in her public Christmas messages, acknowledging she has been inspired by the sacrificial life of Jesus. She was our servant Queen.

And that's good news, because while the Queen sadly is dead the ultimate heavenly King is alive. Just as he was the foundation of our Queen's life, we can also know him as the foundation of ours. I believe that the Queen would want us not simply to remember her, but through her to remember, and come to know, the King that she served.

How can we be so sure? Because she said so herself.

In her Christmas broadcast ten years ago, she concluded:

"Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive... It is my prayer that on this Christmas day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord." (Christmas message, 2011)

Today we mark the passing of an inspirational woman, daughter, sister, mother and our Queen and a fellow child of the creator God. But while we celebrate the proclamation of our new King Charles the third and mourn the loss of our former Queen Elizabeth II we also look forward to the everlasting Kingdom of the New Heaven and New Earth under our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Our next event described below is about having a healthy lifestyle, whatever your age, so that we each participate and engage in activities which are fulfilling, engaging and maximise our wellbeing.

In writing this article we want to make you aware of our next big event on **Saturday 12th November**. The title of the day is **Live Well, Age Well**.

We want to raise the profile of looking after yourself in order to live a healthier, more fulfilled life whether it be through mental stimulation, socialisation, physical exercise, consideration of mental wellbeing etc.

The day based at **The Institute in Ottery St Mary** will offer a host of opportunities for local people to participate in, for example: volunteering, engaging in a formal group such as a cultural group, sport, being creative or more opportunities which could be appealing to you or to a loved one. We also will have contributors in an advisory capacity regarding consideration of sorting your finances, Will writing as well as sorting Lasting Power of Attorney documentation.

In addition to displays and stands we will be inviting key contributors to run a number of workshops. Details of these will follow in due course.

So for now put the date in your diary!

If you are already involved in a group and would like to contribute to this event please contact me, Jill Dudding.

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TEN QUESTIONS WITH WHIMPLE RESIDENT BILL JORDAN

Many people know you as Bill, a senior gentleman of the village, who they see keeping fit and active. A keen runner, who has participated in Village Day Fun Run since it began. But wow! What a career you have had - Academic, Prison Officer, Activist, Prolific Author, Professor and much more. Currently you are an Honorary Professor of Social Policy and Social Work at the University of Plymouth.



Q1 How did it all begin? Tell me about the young Bill. I am a quarter English, born in Dublin. My father was South African and a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. He met my mother, a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, in France a month before war broke out, and they married. I have interesting ancestors - my mother's great grandfather was a Tory MP who tried to start a revolution in Ireland because of his concern for the famine. My great great grandfather was a magistrate in South Africa in the goldrush. We moved to South Africa at the end of the war and I went to the last unsegregated primary school in Cape Town.

Q2 What inspired you to study? After my parents divorced I settled in Shaftesbury with my mother. I went to the Grammar School, but there was very little ambition amongst the pupils. I wanted to go to Christ Church College Oxford like my father, so the teachers put in a huge effort to help me. I gained a scholarship to study Philosophy, Politics & Economics. I worked really hard for a first class degree, but when I left I became a prison officer as I felt that I hadn't seen real life. Then I trained as a probation officer at Exeter University. I began researching and teaching, alongside working in the Probation Service and later in the Mental Health Service.

Q3 You have written over 30 books, when did you realise that you wanted to write? Oh, very early on. My first book was published in 1970, a book about good practice. Further books followed which had a more economic & political slant. Many have been translated into Portuguese, Japanese, Dutch and Hungarian.

Q4 Who do you look up to in the world of politics or social welfare? I suppose currently, Mark Drayford - First Minister of Wales. He was a PhD student of mine and is a supporter of Universal Basic Income (UBI), a social policy I strongly believe in.

Q5 In the 1990s you travelled the world as a visiting professor, which country seems to get things right with regards to social policies? I do feel a real concern about the future. Sadly there actually aren't many countries around the world that can hold up a model that show us how things should be.

Q6 How did you end up in Whimble? My second wife was a colleague at Exeter University. We moved to Whimble into Perriton Farmhouse. Sadly she passed away 6yrs ago and I moved to The Square.

Q7 What about your love of running? Have you always been a keen sportsman? From about 6yrs old I loved cricket. I had almost 50years in club cricket and I played for Devon for a couple of years in the 1970's. At Oxford I was an artist for several publications and drew caricatures of speakers at the Oxford University debates, such as W.H. Auden and Sir Oswald Mosely. I took up running in my 50s, winning The Great West Run in my age group as well as being the SW cross-country champion several times. I'm still running today. It has even cured a shoulder problem I had.



Q8 So the UK and World are in a great big mess at the moment, any views on this? With the USA authoritarianism becoming consolidated, combined with inequality (especially racial), you have a particularly toxic mixture. Also, with authoritarian movements that have developed in Poland and Hungary for example, along with the influence of Putin on various countries, there is a real fear for the future developing. In the UK, it is dangerous that we have a large proportion of the population who are having to claim benefits/top-ups, and then a completely different part of the population who are very wealthy. This inequality creates a lot of instability and threatens a healthy society.

Q9 It seems to me that we keep making the same mistakes. What do you consider essential for positive changes to be made?

My main policy commitment has always been Universal/Unconditional Basic Income (UBI), I strongly believe in that. An income that is available for everyone. Countries with windfall mineral wealth have made it work (Alaska & Mongolia) & a few cities in Netherlands, Finland and Belgium have managed it. It enables a much more egalitarian civil society. It is essential to have a society where communities cooperate effectively, identify their own issues and act together to improve life for all members. Politics needs to encourage and enable this, rather than trying to suppress it.

Q10 What's next for Bill Jordan? Any dreams or ambitions still to be achieved?

I have a book in print now - *'Collective Action - Tribes, Empires, Nations & Protests'*. I've been all over the world and had plenty of opportunities to visit many countries, so I don't feel the need to travel anymore. I like my life in Whimble. Everybody knows my name, probably due to my participation when Whiteways closed. People felt Whimble was a community under threat and I was seen as a bit of a community leader at that time.

Bill, I think you are STILL a community leader. What a pleasure to interview you.
Sarah Thackeray

Whimble History Society



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Whimble Heritage Centre is now closed for the winter and will reopen on 1st April 2023. However, our winter talks have just started. The next talk will be in the Hall on Friday 28th October when Janet Dowling will talk about Devon Ghost Stories - very apt for the season!

Apple Pressing will be at the back of the Heritage Centre on Sunday 30th October at 11am. Bring your own apples if you have them but not essential. Last pressing 1.30pm. Refreshments available. Bring empty containers to take away some of the most delicious apple juice you will ever taste.

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WHIMPLE WEEK & VILLAGE DAY 2023 WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

Following on from our extremely successful 2022 Whimple Week and Village Day in July, some of our longstanding committee members have quite understandably decided to step down from their roles. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Louise Walmsley, Maz Mills, David Myers, Sue Ayres, and Bob Scanlan. Their enthusiasm, dedication, good humour, skills, and continuous hard work have enabled our village celebrations to develop and thrive. This unique community event in its current form has been enjoyed by many, many residents young and old for more than a quarter of a century! It has taken place in the field opposite Woodhayes Lane, The Square, and moved to The Parish Field in 2011. It has endured these venue changes, difficult weather and of course recently, two lockdowns due to the pandemic!

But, as the saying goes *'every new beginning comes from another new beginning's end'*. So, it seems a natural time to allow the celebrations to continue to evolve and adapt. Perhaps make some changes and add new ideas, yet maintain some of the traditions that make Village Week so special.

Planning for 2023 is just beginning to get started and we would love to welcome new members into the team. For example -

- community group members, artists, artisans, performers, site staff, technical crew,any individuals interested in getting stuck in and involved.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE

- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE VILLAGE WEEK TO INCLUDE?
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR SAY, PUT FORWARD IDEAS?
- HOW ABOUT WORKING WITH A GREAT TEAM?
- COULD YOU GET INVOLVED (IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN) TO HELP ORGANISE ANOTHER GREAT EVENT IN OUR WONDERFUL VILLAGE?

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Having missed the last two years due to the pandemic, it was really good to be able to stage the annual Flower and Craft Show. Being one of the key events on the Village calendar, it was a relief that it was able to go ahead again. Naturally we were concerned as to how it would go and it was not without some reservations that on the Wednesday before the show, we did wonder just how many entries we would receive! As it happened, we need not have worried as the response was really good. Sadly, we had lost a few of our regular exhibitors but we also gained quite a few new ones which was very encouraging for next year.

For the record, we had 38 exhibitors in the adult classes and 13 in the Junior Classes giving a total of 51 exhibitors. This was only one less than the total from our last show in 2019. This then resulted in a total of 449 exhibits altogether. Although this was some 42 less than the number of exhibits in 2019, it was still a very good number despite the difficult weather conditions for the exhibitors in the vegetable and flower classes.

The Junior classes produced their usual array of imaginative exhibits and in the classes for the youngest age group, the under fives, it was Dougie Edwards who won The Owen Cup. In the classes for five to eight year olds, it was Esme Giffard who won The Basildon Award. Not to be outdone by her sister, it was Beatrix Giffard who won The Fletcher Cup for the nine to eleven age group. Finally in these Junior classes, it was Noah Dunster-Ashworth who won the Children's Challenge Cup for the twelve to fifteen age group.

The Photography classes never disappoints and every show produces a very high standard of exhibits with this year being no exception. The quality of the photographs gave the judges a very difficult task but eventually Rob Giffard came out as the overall winner in this section winning the Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup. The Arts and Crafts section once again demonstrated what skilful residents we have in the village. The overall winner in this section was Gilly Curtis who won The Len Rose Memorial Cup. Gilly also won The Whimble Craft Cup for the best exhibit in this section. The Homecraft section again had a wonderful display of mouth watering exhibits giving the judge the unenviable task of determining which exhibits were the best. However, after much sampling it was Julie Hosgood who was the overall masterchef winning the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup.

And so to the flower arranging where it was good to see so many entries. From the subtle skill of Ikebana to the delicate button hole designs, they were all of a very high standard. There were joint winners of The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup for the most points in this section and these were Tim Adkins and Katie Gentle. The runners up trophy, The Roy Horsburgh Trophy, was also shared and the winners of this trophy were Julie Hosgood and Sarah Dunster-Ashworth. The winner of the Marie Louise Grout Cup which is voted for by everyone who came to see the show was a very close thing. However, it was Julie Hosgood who eventually gained the most votes from those of you who came along.

Last, and by no means least, we have the Classes for the Vegetables, Flowers and Pot Plants. Despite the heatwave and very testing growing conditions, we did have exhibits in every class which was good to see. However, and perhaps not surprisingly, there were not as many exhibits as previous years, but what was on display, was according to the judges, a very high standard. The pot plant section was the exception regarding entries with 38 exhibits, five more than 2019. Somewhat surprisingly, there was a new name on the trophy for the most points in this section and the winner of the Briar Shield was Paul Wilson! In the Vegetable and Flower classes, as alluded to earlier, there were only 199 exhibits compared to 272 in 2019. Hopefully next year the number of exhibits will be back to the level of previous years. Despite that, there were some outstanding entries. There were many new class winners in these sections and the winner of the Slewton Cup for the most points in the vegetable classes was once again Mike Hawkins. The runner up in this section, winning The Cranny Brook Cup was Graham Edwards. In the Flower section, winning The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points was Mike Hawkins and the runner up, winning The President's Cup was Sarah Dunster-Ashworth. The Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl for the best exhibit in the Flower Section went to Donna Baker for her wonderful gladioli. Now, when all the points in these two sections were added together, we eventually came out with the winner of the Whimble Folk Cup and once again it was Mike Hawkins who took the honours. A full list of cup winners is included with this report.

We were delighted that Donna Slater agreed to present the prizes this year. After all the hard work she and Marc had put into supporting the Village over the last two years, we thought it would be a nice gesture. So, a huge thank you to her. On behalf of the Show, Esme and Beatrix Giffard presented her with a lovely arrangement of flowers in a basket.

We would like to congratulate all the cup winners but most of all everyone who took the trouble to enter the Show, especially those of you entering for the first time. We are, as always, extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to come to the show to judge all the classes. They did comment that despite missing two years, the high standard of the exhibits has been maintained. We would also like to thank all those people who so kindly helped to clear the Hall after show, it was very much appreciated. It was good to be able to stage the Show again and we hoped you all enjoyed it, particularly those of you participating for the first time. After all, without your entries, there would be no show! For the record, next year's Show will be on Saturday 12th August 2023, make a note of it!

A week after the Show we had another coach trip to RHS Flower Show at Rosemoor on Sunday 21st August. A full coach of members and friends travelled up to North Devon to enjoy the gardens and their now annual Flower Show. Although it was another very warm day, the 50+ members and friends thoroughly enjoyed the day. Unfortunately, the journey home wasn't so good as the coach got held up due to the lorry fire on the M5 and the coach took rather a long time to get back to Whimble and Ottery St, Mary.

By the time this edition is out, we will have had our talk on 'Our Climate, Past, Present and Future' by Dr Robert Dunn from the Met Office. A full report in the next edition.

Following this talk, we have our last coach trip programmed and this will be to the National Trust Stourhead on Saturday 8th October. A booking form is included with this report.

Our last event of the year will be our very popular Quiz night. This is on Friday 11th November and will be in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Paul Wilson,

Show Secretary and Hon. Chairman, Whimble GC.

WHIMBLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2022 TROPHY WINNERS

SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers

The Whimble Folk Cup	Mike Hawkins
The Slewton Cup	Mike Hawkins
The Cranny Brook Cup	Graham Edwards
The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup	Mike Hawkins
The President's Cup	Sarah Dunster-Ashworth
The Novice Cup	Marianne Randall
The Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl	Donna Baker

SECTION 2 – Pot Plants

The Briar Shield	Paul Wilson
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SECTION 3 - Homecraft

The Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup	Julie Hosgood
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SECTION 4 – The Village Challenge

The Village Challenge Cup	NO ENTRIES
Whimble Challenge Runners Up Cup	NO ENTRIES

SECTION 5 – Floral Arrangement

The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup	Tim Adkins and Katie Gentle
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Julie Hosgood and Sarah Dunster-Ashworth
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Julie Hosgood

SECTION 6 – Arts and Crafts

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Gilly Curtis
The Whimble Craft Cup	Gilly Curtis

SECTION 7 - Photography

The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup	Rob Giffard
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SECTION 8 – Children under 5

The Owen Cup	Dougie Edwards
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SECTION 9 – Children aged 5 to 8

The Basildon Award	Esme Giffard
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SECTION 10 – Children aged 9 to 11

The Fletcher Cup	Beatrix Giffard
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SECTION 11 – Children aged 12 to 15

The Children's Challenge Cup	Noah Dunster-Ashworth
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FLOWER ARRANGING & CAKE (MEN ONLY)

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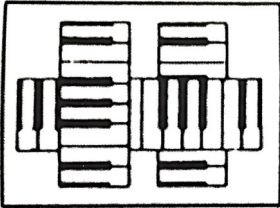
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We are currently underway with installing planters, decorating part of the fence with artwork and installing interpretation boards but would like to achieve a lot more.

It would be good to make the station a more interesting and attractive place. After all, it is one of the main points of contact with the village as people travel through. There are also plans to link the Thirsty Farmer to the 'Rail Ale Trail for the Salisbury - Exeter Line'

Whimble School is also involved and will have their own area of planters to manage and look after as well as an artwork project to take place next year.

We feel that there are lots of interesting things that can be achieved and are keen to involve anyone in the village who wishes to contribute ideas, practical help or make a donation towards the ongoing project.



We now have an account with Abbotts in Ottery St Mary, so contributors can donate directly to them by referencing ' Friends of Whimble Station' which will allow us to purchase smaller items and materials at a discount.

The project is supported and part-funded by three organisations which are:-

Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership (which helps support community interest and involvement together with the rail operators. They are particularly keen to work with schools).

The Community Rail Network (which supports and funds station-adopter groups nationwide).

South West Railways (who provide small grants and oversee the approval of plans through consultation with the station management team).

We are also grateful for the practical or financial support from :-

Whimble School PTA

Whimble and District Gardening Club

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If you are interested in our project or want to get involved, please look us up on Facebook or contact **Tim** on 07704 935873.

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Village Week Disbursement

I'm not sure if everyone is aware but Village Week doesn't just offer an opportunity for large numbers of the community to get together and celebrate whatever it is that gives Whimble its identity, but the majority of the money we make is distributed to the village groups who support us. This helps them to continue operating and providing enjoyment to an even wider number of patrons.

We always maintain a reserve so that next year's Village Week can go ahead. This year we were in a position to distribute equally all the profit made: to the Victory Hall for allowing us to use it free of charge, the PTA for organising the BBQ, the WI and Church for the tea tent, the Young Farmers for the bar and Pre-School for Kiddie's Korner. Smaller amounts also went to Whimble News and those who helped with the essential marquees and toilets.

This year, a number of long standing members have retired from the committee. Sue Ayres has left to focus on the Victory Hall and Red Coating. David Myers, our Treasurer for 12 years, has left to focus on his sailing and relax a little. Bob Scanlan and I have also retired in the hope of creating more free time in our lives. Don't worry though, egg catching will continue, Bob isn't giving that up!

That does leave a number of gaps on the committee so if anyone feels they have the time and inclination to help, do look out for adverts asking for new members.

Louise Walmsley

Willow Lantern Making for Whimble Wassail

These sessions will run from 12th to 16th December between 1pm and 9pm at the Pea, in The Square.

These are drop-in sessions where anyone over the age of 11 can turn up, make a willow lantern, cover it in paper and PVA glue then add some leaves and ribbons etc. All materials will be provided. This event has been paid for by Whimble History Society.

Those attending can stay for an hour or more and attend on one or more days. The only commitment is to use the willow lantern for Whimble Wassail to really make the night spectacular. Lanterns cannot be stored so must be taken home.

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A Window on Whimple's Weather – July/August 2022

Welcome to the next instalment of weather summaries from Whimple's two weather stations; Slewtton Crescent and Cobden Lane. This report presents data collated from both sources.

Slewtton Crescent Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/35qwR9K>

Cobden Lane Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/3bt3FTf>

Live and historical data sets are available for each station, through the links, above.

Wow, what a summer we have had! Fine, dry, warm weather actually started in the second week of June, and then continued right through until the start of September. The only significant rain in July and August fell on a single day: 16th August. The drought in July and early August was severe, while the temperature peaked at a record 40.3°C in Lincolnshire on 19th July.

July – The month was dominated by dry weather with only 5.3mm of rain in the whole month. The 'wettest' day was unfortunately Devon County Show Saturday on the 2nd with 2.3mm, but at least Whimple village day was dry the following Saturday. It was hot that day but not exceptionally so, reaching 28.8°C, before getting even hotter to reach 32.5°C on the 18th. Temperatures dropped over 10°C on the 20th then less sunny but still warm and dry weather continued. Daytime highs in the month were 5°C above average while nights were on average 2°C cooler due to clear skies.

August – Although not as dry as July, due to the rain on the 16th, this month was equally exceptional – with even more sunshine, especially an 11-day streak of unbroken sunshine from the 4th to the 14th. Summer temperatures peaked in Whimple on 11th August with 33.6°C, a whopping 92.5°F! With such high inland temperatures and light winds, we do sometimes see sea breezes develop, bringing suddenly cooler temperatures later in the afternoon, as the wind swings round to the south and humidity rises. E.g. 3:30pm on the 11th, the breeze arrived in Whimple, preventing an even higher maximum. The weather changed markedly on the 15th with cooler, cloudier skies. But then the final week of the month was again very warm and sunny – perfect for the bank holiday weekend.

2022	July	Date	August	Date
Warmest Day	32.5 °C	18/07/2022	33.6 °C	11/08/2022
Coolest Night	5.8 °C	27/07/2022	6.3 °C	06/08/2022
Windiest 24hrs	28.0 km/h	24/07/2022	24.8 km/h	02/08/2022
Wettest 24hrs	2.3 mm	02/07/2022	19.8 mm	16/08/2022
Av. Maximum	24.6 °C	N/A	25.7 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	11.0 °C	N/A	11.8 °C	N/A
Total Rain	5.3 mm	N/A	23.9 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	123.8 kWh/kW	107.6% of Av.	128.0 kWh/kW	115.7% of Av.

Note: Wind data is from Cobden Lane, while other data is from Slewtton Crescent. Phil Dominy & David Brewer. Please send any comments or questions to dominypr@hotmail.com



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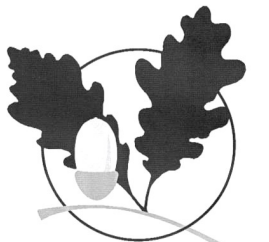
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WHIMPLE TENNIS CLUB

Whimple Tennis Club continues to provide opportunities for players of all abilities and ages to enjoy recreational tennis within the village. Personal bookings are regularly used, coaching sessions are proving successful, and twice weekly club sessions are well attended.

We didn't hold a club competition this Summer. However, friendly matches are now taking place with nearby Bradnitch Tennis Club, making use of their extra court and floodlights. Both of which are on our wishlist for Whimple! Also, time has been spent ensuring our safeguarding policy is up to date, as well as members helping to keep the court and surrounding area well maintained. A group of members even arranged an impromptu theatre trip to Exeter's Northcott to see a comedy with a tennis theme - 'Crimes on Centre Court'. Hopefully it hasn't given them any ideas!!

As we move into Autumn and the clocks go back, Thursday evening club sessions will change to Saturday afternoons. Sunday morning sessions will no doubt continue to be popular throughout the Autumn and Winter, making the most of any dry or sunny mornings. It's a great way to get you out of bed and ready for the day.

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Queen Elizabeth II

It is with great sadness that we write this article following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her steadfast reign these past 70 years has been a constant in many of our lives and POW+R Group join the country in expressing our condolences to the Royal Family at this time of sadness.

Politics and our Parish

When people say they are not interested in politics, it could be they don't understand politics, they don't trust politician's or perhaps it doesn't feel relevant to them. Politics is about you, it's about people and a set of activities that are associated with making collective decisions. It's about making claims to promote individual or group ideas, with the aim of mobilising support to put these programmes or ideas into action. More commonly, it's associated with discussion, decision making and action in Government, local Government and groups & organisations in communities. Virtually all actions in life have a political aspect. Here in Whimple, we have a Parish Council, which is a political body that acts in the interest of us all and the planning for the future well-being of our village.

Cranbrook Expansion

On the 11th August 2022, the Planning Inspector published her report on the Examination of the Cranbrook Plan, which critically affects Whimple.

The original Cranbrook Plan proposed by EDDC formed the basis of the examination, being put forward in August 2020, after a public consultation. There followed public hearings, held between 21 January 2020 and 20 November 2020. As a result of the Inspector's initial findings, the plan went back to EDDC for modifications, put forward by the Inspector, to be addressed. These were resubmitted and the final report includes a large number of amendments to the detailed wording and added significant modifications where these were necessary for consistency or clarity.

Emphasis was placed on securing a range of facilities including; education, employment, recreation and infrastructure provisions, along with safeguarded land for Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANGS) - in essence, a buffer zone between town and natural countryside. There is also weight given to include accommodation for older people, affordable housing (but not as much as in earlier phases), 4% of housing should be for self-build properties. There will also be, accessible / adaptable housing and sites to meet the needs for gypsies and travellers. The plan integrates the Clyst Valley Regional Park and Enterprise Zones, of which the Town Centre of Cranbrook is a part.

The expansion of Cobden's areas of Cranbrook and their general location were, according to the Inspector, already established in the 2016 Local Plan. In the report it is noted that there is a strong desire for housing to come forward without further delay, but may require a drop in affordable homes and acceptance of a higher density of development. The Cobdens Area will have around 1495 new houses with types of property to reflect the location of development. Population estimates will be based on 2.35 persons per dwelling. There will also be a 630 pupil place Primary School and a Special Educational Needs School. Critically, there will be a large number of new housing, north-west of Lower Cobden Farm, within the Parish of Whimble. The majority of SANGS for the Cobden extension of Cranbrook are within our Parish.

The Grange expansion area will be around 800 new houses and will extend to the south of the London Road, up to Bodley Bridge. There is a policy for the safeguarding of land for a second Cranbrook station, although there is no funding for this project. In respect of the gypsy and traveller community, the Inspector is satisfied that the provision of 15 pitches, rather than the 30 previously identified, is justified. However, this is sited east of Cobden Lane and is contrary to the wishes of local people.

There are also amendments linked to achieve compliance with national policy and to secure good design developments. The national agenda is to raise the bar on design standards. Design is subjective and it is a question of examining planning applications at detail stage to ensure these new design codes are being adhered to. However, it does state that layout, design materials and landscaping of the development shall ensure that it is locally inspired or distinctive and respects the historic landscape character and features and all heritage assets. POW+R Group will maintain its continued focus on each development phase.

The New New Fountain Inn

As at the time of writing, the sale of the New Fountain is proceeding within a time-frame to complete in October, with a desire to start trading in early December. POW+R Group wish the new owners well. Clearly, there will need to be extensive work to prepare for the New Fountain's future and return it to being a successful key village hub.

Whimble Neighbourhood Plan

The plan continues to move forward, although somewhat delayed by summer holidays. Further meeting and assessment of progress are due in September to maintain our target for completion of the draft by the end of October. Some of the categories within the Plan have already been written up based on the evidence gathered in the consultation.

There will be further information in the next Parish Mag, with full appraisal and details of the draft proposal for the second consultation, before observation by the Planning Officer for NP's at EDDC.

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**. Let's make this work for our future rests on the **'We love Whimble'** NP.



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Well, that was the summer then – heatwaves, drought, soaring energy bills, inflation and strikes. If you've lived as long as I have then you've seen and heard it all before!!

On a lighter note, the WI doesn't change that much. For me, some of its core aims are to educate, enlighten and engage the ladies who choose to join its community. Nothing heavy, just the opportunity to have an enjoyable few hours with other ladies in your village.



We are also a village WI which seeks to support village activities and events. Having said that, I feel guilty that I was unable to help out in the WI/Church run refreshment tent on Village Day, due to family matters. I understand it was generally a successful enterprise with, as always, a few tweaks envisaged for next time, to enhance the smooth running of the tent. The hot weather continued as we welcomed our July speaker, Angela White who spoke with warmth, candour and humour about her life in Hong Kong. It was not a well-supported meeting, such a shame, but we hope to invite Angela back, as she has a series of topics of interest.

We met up in August on a dry but breezy day, in Jean's garden, for our annual garden party. It was a Thursday rather than the planned Tuesday, as the weather person was correct when torrential rain was forecast for the Tuesday. Warm thanks to Jean for her hospitality. It was such a lovely occasion with a shared lunch and afternoon get together.



We have our trip to Forde Abbey coming up in September and a dry day would be preferable. These days out are always enjoyable, meeting up with friends, learning a little about the place and with the chance of a lunch out and a plant to bring home, who could ask for more?



All meetings henceforth will be held in the Hub, in the afternoon. Our 13th September speaker is Katherine Kelly who comes from a long line of lighthouse keepers and her talk is entitled 'Life on the Rocks'. Sounds fascinating! 11th October will see the return of Janet East, a local farm and b&b owner. I'm sure she will be entertaining and will update us with events on her farm and possibly some idiosyncrasies of her visitors! Who knows?

8th November we have Jane Brunt who will speak about 'One woman, one harem and a thousand cows' What can I say? We try to vary the programme and I like to think we have succeeded this year. Then dare I say, it'll be Christmas and our party. It will no doubt be our usual bring and share and the marmite quiz – you've guessed it – some love it and some hate it! There might be some entertainment but I'm not sure what form that will take, at the moment.

That's the story so far and so keep well and please contact Marilyn on 821860 if you fancy joining your village WI.

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Whimble Cricket Club

Whimble Cricket Club: 2022 Adult and Junior Season

Cricket has now finished for the 2022 season, and what a summer it has been!

Following an early string of wins, the 1st XI finished their league mid-table and will fight again next year for promotion. Unfortunately, the 2nd XI couldn't quite get the result they were looking for on the last day of the season, finishing in 9th place and relegated to G Division. The squad is already plotting how to bounce back up in 2023.

It has been a tremendous summer for junior cricket, with nearly 150 young people playing cricket at Whimble from All Stars age (4-8 years old) through to Colts level. Our junior teams have contributed to a total of 70 games played at Whimble, and almost as many again played at opposition grounds. The club committee, team managers, Captain's, coaches and parents have worked tirelessly all summer. 'Thank you' to all of you for your hard work and support.

Whimble Win the Whiteway's Cup

For the 2nd year running, Whimble were victorious in the Whiteways Cup. Having beaten Ottery St Mary in the semi-final, the final saw Whimble play Kentisbeare. An up and down batting performance with runs from Luke Phillips (27) and Cameron Kidd (29) had left Kentisbeare chasing 131 to win. Early wickets for Chris Bardot and Nathan Bright began to dent the Kentisbeare innings before Brad Smith took his first of what would become a four-wicket haul. With a stunning run-out from Fred Fenner, it was left to young bowler Olivia Woollam to take the remaining 3 wickets and secure the win.

Brad Smith finished the season as the club's top run scorer and wicket taker, and as the record wicket taker in the Devon D Division league. Congratulations to Brad.

Whimble Whiteway's Cup team:

(Top Row) Martyn Randall, Greig Benson, Fred Fenner, Luke Phillips, Cameron Kidd, Dave Drury, Chris Bardot.

(Bottom Row) Nathan Bright, Olivia Woollam, Brad Smith, Dave Culshaw.

Devon Cricket Awards

So many people contribute to making the club a success, and they all deserve recognition for the work they do. We have been delighted to see Devon Cricket recognise some of what we are doing at Whimble with the following award successes at the 2022 Grassroots Cricket Awards:

- Lifetime Achiever Runner-Up: Adrian Witton (awarded posthumously)
- Unsung Hero Runner-Up: Dave Culshaw
- Cricket Innovator Winner: James Woollam
- Rising Star Runner-Up: Olivia Woollam
- Women and Girls Inspirational Young Cricketer (11-16) Winner: Olivia Woollam

Events, Dates and Fundraising

Our events this summer have been a huge success and we appreciate all of your support. In particular, we thank everyone who came to the 12th Man Festival and made this such a great day. In October our outdoor net surface will be refurbished and we are now saving for funds to redevelop the pavilion building, having been recently granted planning permission. A programme of events will run through the winter months, so please keep your eye out for dates and come and join us. Tickets are now on sale online for the following dates, a link to booking can be found at www.whimblecc.co.uk

- 29th October: Quiz and Chilli
- 5th November: Bonfire Night and Fireworks

The club end-of-season dinner and presentation night will be Saturday the 15th of October. Members will be emailed to confirm attendance.

Looking ahead to 2023

We are already excited about next season, with plans to build on some of our successes this year. The off-season is a great chance to get in touch with us. We are always looking for new players, coaches, umpires, scorers, bar staff and general admin help. The club is happy to subsidise coaching and training courses where necessary. The clubhouse is also an excellent and cost-effective venue! If you'd like to become more involved, or for any other queries, please contact James on 07989 234372 or jameswoollam@gmail.com.

James Woollam

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CPRE bids farewell to Her Majesty the Queen

The death of CPRE's patron, the Queen, marks the end of an era for the countryside charity, writes Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills

The national countryside charity, CPRE, was honoured to have Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as our patron throughout her long reign. Her Majesty's enduring commitment will be long remembered by the national charity and by CPRE's network of local branches, including ours here in Devon. We are all mourning someone who has been so much a part of the life of the nation for so long that it is hard to imagine public life without her.

Since becoming our patron 70 years ago, the Queen has taken a keen interest in the charity's work, sending regular messages of support and encouragement. Throughout this time, she demonstrated her unequivocal love for the British countryside, helping CPRE celebrate its 80th birthday and other significant occasions. On such visits, she was always keen to spend as much time as possible chatting to our volunteers about their local countryside and the rural issues that impacted their lives.

Now we hope her successor, King Charles III, will take on her mantle as a champion of the countryside. His mother's love of the Great Outdoors runs deep in the veins of our new King, who loved the family's annual holidays at Balmoral and enjoyed a rural lifestyle at his own country estate in Gloucestershire. He has long been interested in farming and other aspects of rural life and was ahead of the curve in championing organic farming practices.

As King in waiting, Prince Charles showed an acute awareness of the importance of the environment and good planning - interests that bode well for a campaigning environmental charity like ours.

As Charles III begins his reign, our new Prime Minister, Liz Truss, takes up her term of office at Number Ten. We look to her to make good on her words during the leadership hustings when she was reported as saying she did not favour fields of solar panels. However, we are not overly optimistic her leadership will make a big impact on issues like solar farming because our trust in the Government has recently been dented - yet again!

In June, former DEFRA Minister George Eustice MP made an erroneous statement when he declared that protected Best and Most Versatile (BMV) farmland included fields graded "3b and above". This gave us hope in our fight against solar farms on productive agricultural land in Devon, much of which is graded 3b. George Eustice has since issued a letter admitting he got it wrong! The upshot is that much of the land earmarked for industrial-scale solar arrays will not enjoy the protection Mr Eustice led us to believe it does.

Let's set all that aside temporarily as Devon CPRE joins the nation in mourning the death of our longest-reigning monarch. We bid you a fond farewell, Your Majesty.

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Whimple History Society New Treasurer Required



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This is an ideal opportunity for someone keen to become more involved in the community by participating in the financial management of the History Society.

Ideally, his successor would assume responsibility from 1st January 2023 but would be supported by Mike until the AGM in March 2023.

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Children and staff have returned to school in September after a glorious summer break. We welcome some new staff; Mrs Handley is teaching part-time in our Reception/Year 1 class, Miss Sharratt teaching part-time in our Year 1/2 class; Mrs Crease and Ms Davies join our team of teaching assistants. Ten reception children have joined our youngest class; they have already settled into school really well.

At the end of our first full week we were saddened to hear the news of the passing of The Queen, our Queen for over 70 years. Even though we all knew this day would happen, (as it does with us all), I think we were still shocked when it was announced.

We reflected on her reign in a special assembly. She had been a constant in most of our lives, and reigned with dignity and grace, she demonstrated the best of people.

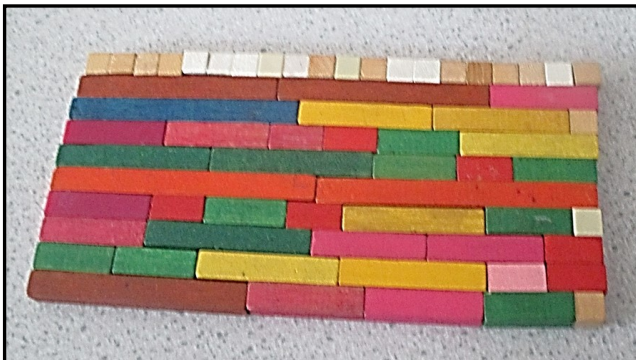
The school celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with her earlier in the year and we will all commiserate with her family and friends during this period of mourning. They will be many memories of this significant and poignant period in our history.

As children settle into their new classes, the delivery of our curriculum continues. Please find below some insights from the children in Beech Class.

Carole Shilston, Headteacher

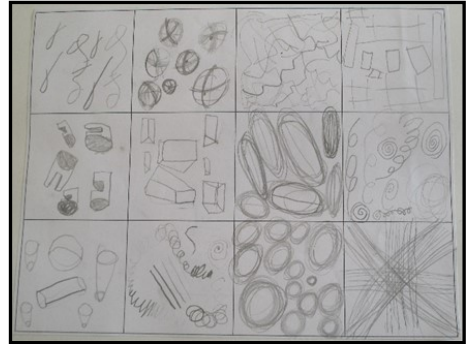
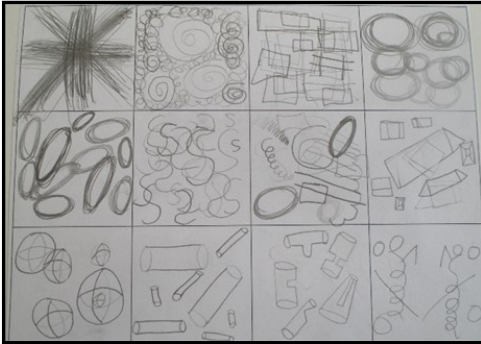
During the first couple of weeks back at school this autumn, Beech Class pupils have been busy using some Maths resources to carry out number investigations. One of these involved using Cuisenaire, which are rods of different colours and lengths, to find various ways to equal a total of 20. They all worked well in their groups to find as many possibilities as we could in the time we were given. Here is an example of the sort of thing that was discovered.

By Zara Austin



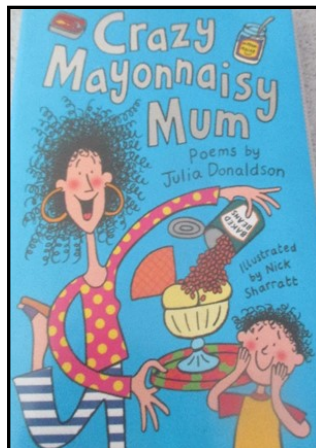
As part of their drawing unit, pupils in Beech Class have also been experimenting with mark making, having been inspired by the warm ups sketches and abstract artwork of Korean born artist Il Lee.

Photos by **Rosie Stephenson and Jess Fairburn**



On the 7th of September, Beech Class pupils chose some poems to read. I liked the poem called Crazy Mayonnaisy Mum from a book by writer Julia Donaldson. I enjoyed it because it had funny lines in it like 'then pass a cup of tea to you and ask one salt or two?' which made me laugh.

By **Maisie Knowles**



Then we all practised our joined handwriting by choosing a poem and concentrated hard when writing it out carefully and neatly.



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