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# Editorial

Welcome to this latest edition of The News!

I should start by asking everyone to take a look at the article from Ed on page 8 which is really important and covers if (or how) The News continues after June, which will be the 150th edition put together by the 'current' team. Hopefully you'll agree that the front cover was not too dramatic.

We are lucky to live in such a friendly and busy village – just looking at the content of this edition, this is clearly seen through pieces from the shop, the church, the Parish Council, the Victory Hall, our Local Councillor, the History Society, Whimble Fest, the Cricket Club, the WI, the Gardening Club, the School – sorry if I missed anyone! The News is funded entirely by the local businesses who advertise through us, along with some welcome donations through the year, so thanks must go to them all.

In particular I would like to thank Paul and Judy Parnell from the Jack in the Green, who have been stalwart supporters of The News, as well as many of the local groups based here in Whimble and beyond (notably FORCE). As they prepare to hand over the business to Miranda and Craig, we thank them for being generous and charitable members of this community.

Enjoy this edition of The News, the first of 2024 and don't laugh too much at the fantastic advice given to military personnel which features on page 51.

Hopefully the current team can find some 'new blood' to come and join us and so ensure that Whimble News continues to be a part of the village for many years to come – I'm struggling to come to terms with having been doing this for almost 25 years now .... For all that time, I have many fond memories and have made some good friends from those working on The News over those years.

The most enduring of those memories must still be the assembly process 'back in the day' which saw a team of about six people walking around and around someone's dinner table, putting the pages together (in the right order most of the time) and then passing the finished product to the 'lucky' person who then stapled it (along with the other 749 copies) – every one of those people worked tirelessly and only stopped occasionally for a much needed sip of an appropriate alcoholic beverage – good times indeed!

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# What's On In Whimble

## February

10th Front Row Club 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Victory Hall

13th WI meeting, Bessie's story , Rosemary Griggs - 2.00pm in the Hub

23rd History Society Talk, 7:30pm - Village Hall. A (Quick) History of Infectious Disease and the Impact of Immunisation with Jo Yarwood (details on page 32)

24th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon to 1.30pm

## March

10th The Gathering, Whimble Church - from 4pm. (details on page 11)

12th WI meeting, Commonwealth War Graves - Tim Stoneman 2.00pm in the Hub

15th Whimble and District Gardening Club, 7:30pm - Village Hall - talk from Andrea Rye on The Spice Trade (details on page 54)

16th Front Row Club 7.00 for 7.30pm in the Victory Hall

## April

6th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon to 1.30pm with free soups for children 11 and under

9th WI meeting, Exeter Cinema, the Golden Age, Jon Bell - 2.00pm in the Hub

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On the evening of Christmas Eve, we re-opened the shop at 7pm to provide hot drinks for Whimbletons who had assembled for the Christmas Carols. As in 2022, we donated £1 per cup sold to the charity being supported by the carol singing event. This Christmas Eve we raised £134 for Devon Freewheelers which together with the contents of the collection box on the counter and collections in the Square came to £341. We estimated around 200 people attended the Carols which was blessed with good weather and a great team of musicians.

Our newest member of staff, Sue, who started in December has settled in very well and is getting to know our customer names and their preferences.

As we are now well into January at the time of writing, we are sourcing products for events that seem very close already. We have a good stock of Valentines cards and will make sure that we have plenty of chocolates for the last-minute panic on 14th February. Mothering Sunday follows in less than a month on 10th March and Easter Sunday is early this year on 31st March. We have Cadburys Crème Eggs already in stock and on the counter and will stock a range of Chocolate Eggs.

If anyone is extending Dry January into February, we have zero alcohol beers and wines. Again, please ask us to point these out as some of the brands such as Gordons' make their zero alcohol products look very similar to the alcoholic products.

Walkers have introduced a new range of crisps aimed primarily at Vegans with meaty flavours such as BBQ Pork Ribs and Flame Grilled Steak. Please don't ask us to explain the rationale why vegan products should taste of the products that vegans have given up, but the big plus in these new flavours is that no milk or wheat products are used in the flavour coating. Good therefore for lactose and gluten intolerant people.

Finally, thanks to everyone who responded to our request to visit us at least once per week and in that visit to buy one thing that would have otherwise been on your supermarket shop. This helped to boost our sales in December. Since Christmas though, the shop has been very quiet, punctuated occasionally with busy moments. We again ask for your support to ensure that Whimble retains its Village Store which benefits so many members of the community that cannot make it out of the village to the nearest Supermarket or do not have the resources to organise supermarket deliveries.

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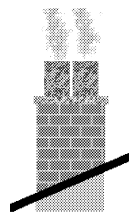
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## THE FUTURE OF THE WHIMPLE NEWS

You will have seen the cover of this edition, which reflects a long-held concern from the Whimple News team, about our ability to continue to produce this magazine.

In a couple of editions time, it will be 25 years since some of the current team attended a meeting with Peter Smith to rescue the Whimple News. The previous editor and his wife, who had worked so hard to keep the magazine going, were leaving the village, and there had been no responses to their pleas for assistance over their final months. Peter bravely started the rescue mission, and some of today's team offered to get involved then.

Over the years we have been joined by other lovely people, who have contributed time and effort to this magazine. We have had a lot of fun working as the News team, and also recognise that the magazine format has not changed much – now would be the perfect time for new eyes to look at the future content and layout for the Whimple News.

It is not a heavy workload – and is not more than a few hours on two or three days during the two months between editions. We are now in a position where we have tried to plan for loss of team members and have asked for new help from the village over the last 12 months. There are two of us in the current team who would like to 'retire' and do something else, but we have had no response to our requests for help.

The Whimple News may cease to exist if there is no desire in the village to help with its production. In August our new advertising year should begin – if we have no offers of help (either current knowledge or the willingness to learn new skills) then the village will lose its magazine.

If you would like to keep this lovely magazine going, please contact Bob Scanlan before we run out of time. Thank you.

**Ed Hitchcock**





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# WHIMPLE CHURCH

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Hello my friends,  
Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe it is 2024 already, I still haven't got used to putting 2023 on letters and documents. But then, time is a curious thing, isn't it? It seems to pass at different speeds which vary depending on what you are doing and even how old you are. Time flies when we are having fun, but boy, does it drag when we are bored. The problem for many of us is also we often spend too much of the present either dwelling on the past or looking forward to the future, missing what is happening right here in the 'now'. In his 1980's song 'Beautiful Boy' John Lennon sang "Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans." Although he nicked the saying from the writer Allen Saunders it is undoubtedly true. At the other end of the scale, we can become mired in guilt or regret which poisons our current life.

If you are as old as me you will probably remember the film 'Back to the Future', when a scientist invents a time machine fitted in a car and goes back into the past, the resulting chaos caused by interfering with history stretched into several sequels. The issue of causing disasters by making small changes in the past which then play out in huge and unintended consequences in the future has been the subject of countless books and films, mainly because the ability to change world events through small individual actions is such an intriguing idea, but curiously, we never really give much thought to a much more real aspect of time travel and the power it confers to us for good or evil.

You see, every single day we travel into the future, you are doing it right now while reading this. And we get to change the future not just for ourselves but for others. Our words and actions might often seem inconsequential, but they too have effects on the world around us, often in subtle and unseen ways. If we travelled into the past, we might well be very wary of causing something awful to happen in the future or we might try to change something which is going to happen which resulted in pain, loss or suffering, but how often do we give the same attention to our actions in the present? How often do we consider the ripples that spread out from us into the lives of our family and friends and even the strangers we meet? Ripples which then travel on from them into the wider world. Even the smallest, simplest thing can have a profound effect when it becomes magnified by the power of time. A friendly smile and 'good morning' to someone at the bus stop might lighten their mood and as a result change their interactions with others at home or work, and so the ripple spreads.

An offer of help to a friend or neighbour, a small donation to a worthy charity, so many possible small but important outworking's of patience, kindness and love which when combined can literally change the world.

Maybe 2024 might be a good year to start thinking of ourselves as time travellers with this mighty power in our hands and begin looking forward to see, what, by our actions, we can change in the future.

God bless. Rev Marc.



## Looking at church from a new perspective

### The Gathering

At our recent vision day, we agreed to start something new, not a service, but a friendly place for coffee, conversation and questions, with a little music thrown in. With occasional guest speakers, it will be a place to look at some of life's big questions through a Christian lens and open to everyone of any age, Christian, atheist, agnostic, any faith, or none. It is an experiment, so times of the meeting might vary, our first gathering was Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10:30am, in February we are trialling meeting at 4pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. There will always be activities for kids, but the format might change as we work out what works. Everyone and anyone is welcome. Check out our Facebook Page: East Clyst Churches Mission Community, for dates and times of forthcoming Gatherings or email me [pactor@eastclystchurches.org](mailto:pactor@eastclystchurches.org)

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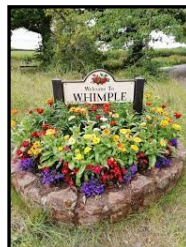
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- Flooding or blocked drains
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To make a report, visit the Devon County Council website:

[www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem)

In the event of an emergency that is likely to present an imminent threat to life or serious injury, or serious damage to property please telephone 0345 155 1004.

When making a report it is really appreciated if a precise location can be given. The best way to do this is to use the What3 words website or app - <https://what3words.com/>

### Allotments waiting list

The Council has recently updated its policy relating to allotments, which can be found on the Council website. If you are interested in having an allotment and wish to join the waiting list, please contact the Clerk for more information.

### Annual Parish meeting

The Annual Parish meeting will take place over the next few months and it is the opportunity for members of the public to come along and raise any issues or concerns with Councillors. Once the date has been finalised a notice will be published on the website, Facebook page and on the noticeboard. If you have any thoughts on topics to be covered at the meeting please get in touch.

### Councillor co-option

The Parish Council currently has five vacancies so if you are interested in joining the Council please get in touch.

Amy Tregellas, Whimble Parish Clerk

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## VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION PLAN UPDATE

A budget of around £400,000 was set to replace the roof on the main hall and to build an extension. We currently have £148,000 in our Buildings Fund.

The hall's Management Trustees, with the help of a local architect, have settled on a simple floor plan that would meet the needs of the community. The plan is now in the hands of a Quantity Surveyor who will carry out a preliminary cost analysis, that is to say, she will let us know if the agreed floor plan falls within our desired budget. If it doesn't we will have to either make some changes or raise more funds. This is something we will think about in the coming months.

We had planned to replace the main hall roof this summer but we have been advised to wait and either carry out the work when the extension is built or do it after completion. The current roof is a poorly insulated single skinned metal structure. Our plan is to replace it with an eco triple skinned roof that has an integral insulation layer. This will reduce our heating costs and will ensure the hall is warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

I hope to be able to give you more news and show you the final floor plans in the next addition of Whimple News.

In the meantime our attention is focused on raising the additional £250,000 required. We are still searching for large grant opportunities but sadly in the current climate, these are few and far between. If you know of a possible grant opportunity then please let me know.

On a more local front we have set up a '100 Club' called the 250k CLUB – more information can be found within this edition and at the village hall - I hope many will support this initiative. A series of community fund raising events have also been arranged – again please see the poster within this edition and come along.

You may have noticed the Thermometer is back on display at the front of the hall. Let's try and get the red markers to the £400,000 target as soon as possible.

A second hall or hiring space available to the whole community during the day, every day of the year is much needed and will benefit everyone now and into the future.

If you would like to help us in anyway please email: [victoryhall.friends@outlook.com](mailto:victoryhall.friends@outlook.com)

Many thanks

**Sue Ayres** – Chair of Trustees.

# What's on at The Victory Hall

**Tuesday  
13th February**



## **FILM & LUNCH**

10.30 Doors open, refreshments  
11.00 Film - see hall noticeboard  
1.00 Two Course lunch  
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**Saturday  
23rd March**



## **PICKLE SHACK Pop Up**

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# WVH £250k Club



Whimble Victory Hall management trustees are launching a major fundraising drive in early 2024 to raise the £250,000 required to fund our extension plans. The £250k club will provide the local community with a great way to support us whilst having a bit of a flutter! Here's how it will work...

1. Participants pay £6 a month (or £72 annually). This buys you one membership number (that we will allocate), which enters you into the monthly draw.
2. The prizes will total 25% of the annual income and we anticipate that there will be three prizes each month. The remaining 75% will be put towards the hall extension fund.
3. We are hoping to make Direct Debits available but otherwise payment will typically be by standing order. These can easily be set up if you use mobile or online banking, or alternatively by completing a standing order mandate form which we can provide. However, if required we will also accept cheque or cash payments for lump sums.
4. The draws will be carried out by management trustees generally during monthly committee meetings. Sometimes, however, we will alter the draw date slightly to coincide with events like 'Soup n Sarnie' so that we can draw the numbers live to add to the excitement.
5. Winners and their prizes will be announced via the hall's noticeboards and via social media. The winners will also be contacted directly, so that their prizes can be paid.
6. Full rules will be available to view on our website ([www.victoryhall.org](http://www.victoryhall.org)) or on the noticeboards at the hall. Please direct any questions via email to [whimble250kclub@gmail.com](mailto:whimble250kclub@gmail.com).
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Dear neighbours,

A chilly Happy New Year to everyone! As I write, January is budget season at East Devon District Council, and there have been some changes to national planning policy that I wanted to draw to everyone's attention.

Firstly, though, some good news. A few months ago, East Devon's play park team attended the Slewton play park to attend to some defects in the equipment and surfacing in order to make it safe. Partially as a result of that visit, the engineer's team applied to our Capital Allocations panel for funds to completely refurbish the play park – and I was delighted to vote to approve this in late December. Our budget for next year still has one or two hoops to jump through, but it's fairly safe to say we can look forward to a new play park soon.



More generally, you may have seen in the news recently issues nationally to do with local government funding – including potentially for our own Devon County Council. I'm pleased to say that, mainly due to growth in business rates receipts from growth around the Sky Park and Science Park, East Devon currently finds itself in a sound financial position. That may change in the mid-term but as yet we don't have a decision from government on that – it has signalled that it intends to take away some £5m a year of East Devon's annual business rates receipts, which we are currently expecting in the 2026/27 financial year, but not yet confirmed. For context, that would see East Devon's budget cut by 25% - on top of the more than 20% reduction in spending power for district councils that we've seen since 2010. A concerning prospect.

You may also have seen recently the Secretary of State responsible for planning and housing, Michael Gove, and indeed our own East Devon MP, talking about changes to national planning policy that have, in their words, made the so-called 'standard method' for calculating required housebuilding rates only "advisory" – with the implication that places like East Devon can get out of relatively high numbers stipulated by this government requirement, including avoiding the need to designate 'new towns' to meet those numbers. Followers of Strategic Planning Committee at East Devon will know I spoke at our early January meeting to make absolutely clear that this is absolutely not the case: while the government has slightly changed the game for some city councils, and for those that have statutory 'green belt' designations, for the rest of us – including East Devon – the requirement to keep building has not been relaxed at all.

I know many residents are concerned about loss of countryside to 'Persimmon boxes', particularly with work ongoing on a new East Devon Local Plan. Please do rest assured that I, and my colleagues on Strategic Planning Committee, are very much trying to stay on top of this and see the best possible – and least harmful – outcomes for this process, though our hands are substantially tied by national government policy.

Closer to home, I'm also working hard with the Parish Council to make progress on the Whimpe Neighbourhood Plan, which again should help – and we are hoping to share more news on a concrete timetable in the coming weeks.

If you'd like to discuss any of this with me, please do come along to my regular surgeries - ongoing at The Hive, opposite the Thirsty Farmer, where I'm available 4pm-7pm on the first Monday, and 8.00am -12noon on the third Monday, every month, no appointment needed – or contact me at [todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk) or on **07925 847933**. It'd be great to see you.

**Cllr Todd Olive**, Whimpe & Rockbeare ward, East Devon District Council  
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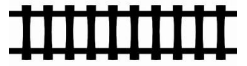
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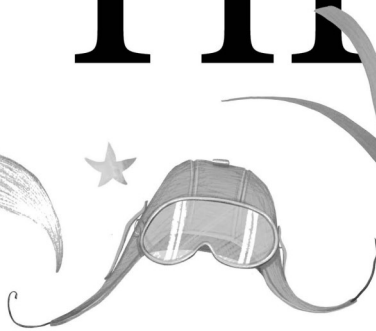
The SR West Country Class Light Pacific 'WHIMPLE' was built at Brighton in 1946, SR No 21C125. It was initially named 'ROUGH TOR' for just a few days, from the 11th to the 23rd April 1948, and renamed 'Whimple' on 3rd May 1948. It was rebuilt without the original air-smoothed casing in 1957. Allocated new to Ramsgate, it soon moved to Stewarts Lane specifically for working the 'Golden Arrow' and other Continental expresses.

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Tickets are limited to just 45 for each performance and with a cast of 16 performers are bound to sell out quickly.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry was born in France in 1900. He was a professional aviator, novelist and poet. At the outbreak of the second world war he joined the French Airforce and when France fell to the German invasion he went to America where he continued to support the French cause by lobbying the American Government. While in America he wrote *The Little Prince* which was published in 1943. In the same year he travelled to North Africa with American troops and re-entered service as a reconnaissance pilot. He disappeared while flying over the Mediterranean in July 1944, it is presumed that he was shot down by an enemy aircraft.

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### EXTENSION APPEAL

A vast amount of work has been taking place, to enable our Village Hall to be extended. Community spaces are vital in a village as vibrant and as sociable as Whimple. The expansion of the Victory Hall will enable classes, clubs and societies to meet during the day in the centre of our village. The main thrust now is to raise funds and an idea has been put forward which seems relatively simple, exciting and something that the whole village can participate in. So, I present.....

## 'Dig For Victory'

Are you a Gardener? Would you be able to plant a small amount of extra produce than normal, that can then be sold from your front door step in Whimple? An extra row of carrots, beans? These small amounts could soon add up, to something quite a sizeable. How great would it be to be able to wander around Whimple, purchasing homegrown produce, knowing that there are no food miles, couldn't be fresher and raising money for the Victory Hall. There is also no reason why pickles, jams, eggs, logs, flowers, couldn't be sold too, the sky's the limit and any further suggestions would be welcome.

We also plan to have organised 'Dig For Victory' stalls at various times at village events eg Soup and Sarnie, Whimple Fest etc.

If you would like to be involved but don't have an area in which to grow please get in touch as we have an offer of a vegetable patch which is currently being unused. More information will follow, but we wanted to sow the seed, in order for the idea to grow.

**Gill Wilson**

# Whimble History Society



Christmas seems a long time ago now, but in December we held our annual Christmas Fayre. It was a convivial event with mulled wine, mince pies and a stall selling Christmas items. The Fayre was well attended, and we are very grateful to all those who supported it.

January, of course, saw the famous Whimble wassail. We would like to extend particular thanks to Emma Palmer and Jim Causley, who not only lead the musicians on the night, but who also give up an afternoon of their time to hold a wassail for the children of Whimble Primary School a few days beforehand. This also serves as a practice run for those children who are involved as “Wassail royalty” on the night. The photo shows Emma and Jim leading the school wassail.

Thank you to everyone who came out on a crisp and cold January evening to wassail the Whimble apple trees, and to everyone who helped to make it such an atmospheric and successful evening. The cricket club was packed at the end, and soup and pasties were especially welcome to warm everyone up again. There should be a bumper apple harvest in the autumn!

If you have not attended a wassail before then do consider coming along next year on 17th January – it is a wonderful community event, and a chance to catch up with fellow villagers.

Looking forward, the next History Society talk will take place on Friday 23rd February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. The subject of the talk is *A (Quick) History of Infectious Disease and the Impact of Immunisation*. The speaker is Whimble’s very own Jo Yarwood, who used to work for the National Immunisation Team of the UK Health Security Agency, and so is very knowledgeable in this area. It promises to be an illuminating evening, so do come along.

We are especially pleased to have a talk presented by a Whimble History Society member. If you have an interest in a particular aspect of history and would like to research and present a talk then please get in touch with us – we would love to hear from you.



## An Appeal – New Secretary needed

After more than 23 years of sterling service, our secretary, Roger Smith, has decided to resign with effect from the end of March. We therefore need someone to replace him. The secretary is one of the key members of the management committee, being responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings, writing the newsletter, and dealing with correspondence relating to the Society. In addition, and as a committee member, Roger has been involved in organising events such as our winter programme of talks and the wassail to name but a few. He has kindly agreed to continue organising the members' Christmas lunch.

If you are interested or would like more information then please contact us through our website [www.whimble.org](http://www.whimble.org) or by telephoning 01404 822499 and someone will get back to you.

**Tina Kelly**





## Christmas Eve Carols In The Square

What a fantastic turn-out for the Carols this Christmas Eve, or maybe, because of our new position near the phone box, we were able to see the crowd, either way, it was a great gathering. We decided to support Devon Freewheelers this year, because I know there are a few volunteers in Whimple/Talaton. The work they do is amazing. Do look at the documentary on Devon Freewheelers YouTube Channel, *Hidden Heroes: Riding for Life*. While I've been aware of them for years, I had no idea of the breadth of work they do. It was fantastic to have volunteers with us on the night, including a rider.

We'd love to have even more players in our band next Christmas, don't be shy. Dust off that recorder/flute/clarinet/violin/trumpet/saxophone etc, we have simplified music for the less confident. Some years, we've had players as young as 8 or 9. The music is available beforehand, to practise, or just turn up on the night. This year, our youngest player was 13 and our oldest, 84!

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**November** – The month started off very unsettled as Storm Ciarán rattled in from the southwest and the centre passed almost directly over Whimble in the small hours of the 2nd, resulting in a very wet day, but strongest winds were across the Channel Isles and N France, comparable to the ‘Great Storm’ of 16 October 1987. Storm Debi arrived on the 13th but severe weather was this time away to the north. Strongest winds for Whimble were on the 19th, with gusts to 53km/h around mid-day. Only 4 days were dry in the month: 19th, 24th, 25th and 28th. However the 25th bucked the trend for the month: being unusually calm, sunny and cold, with a low of -4.1°C in Cobden Lane.

**December** – The stormy theme continued during the whole of December, with 3 named storms: 9th, 10th, and 27th: Elin, Fergus and Gerritt. So apart from 2 sunny, cold days to start, the rest of the month was even windier, duller and wetter, than November, with almost 3 times average rainfall. The 3rd and 4th were both very wet days with 43mm total. A brief respite of higher pressure and dry weather lasted between the 13th and 18th, and thankfully a very mild and dry Christmas Eve enabled a large crowd to gather for carols in The Square! Storm Gerritt gave a very wet and windy day on the 27th and there were more gales on New Year's Eve with gusts above 60 km/h causing some damage.

2023	November	Date	December	Date
<b>Warmest Day</b>	15.7 °C	18/11/2023	14.1 °C	24/12/2023
<b>Coollest Night</b>	-3.7 °C	25/11/2023	-6.5 °C	02/12/2023
<b>Windiest 24hrs</b>	41.4 km/h	19/11/2023	44.3 km/h	31/12/2023
<b>Highest Gust</b>	53.3 km/h	19/11/2023	60.5 km/h	31/12/2023
<b>Wettest 24hrs</b>	26.9 mm	02/11/2023	21.8 mm	03/12/2023
<b>Av. Maximum</b>	12.0 °C	N/A	11.3 °C	N/A
<b>Av. Minimum</b>	5.3 °C	N/A	5.3 °C	N/A
<b>Total Rain</b>	126.0 mm	N/A	147.3 mm	N/A
<b>Total Sunshine</b>	48.0 kWh/kW	108.5% of Av.	25.7 kWh/kW	82.6% of Av.

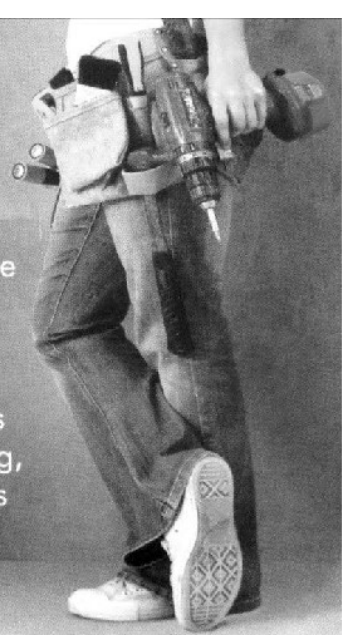
Note: Wind data is from Cobden Lane, while other data is from Slewton Crescent.

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It continues to be a very active winter for the club. Our juniors enjoyed a block of winter training before Christmas and will be back at the indoor nets at Broadclyst Sports Hall from February to early April. Adult winter nets are also now up and running as we start to look to the season ahead.

## **Women's softball (and hardball) cricket**

It's been fantastic to see the level of interest in women's softball cricket. This has got off to such a good start that the team is already playing in the indoor winter league. Given that many of our players only started to play the game in September last year, this is fantastic to see. We are excited about the season ahead for women's softball, and you can get involved now with regular Wednesday evening training nights taking place.

Our 2024 season will start with something of a celebration of women's cricket. The first game of the summer at Whimble, on Sunday 21st April, is set to see Topsham ladies play Exmouth in the women's hardball league. We have an informal partnership with Topsham for hardball cricket, and many of the juniors that have come through our junior OWLS cricket teams are in the Topsham squad. The week after that, Sunday 28th, we are hosting a women's softball festival at the club.

## **New Zealand overseas player confirmed for 2024 season**

We're delighted to announce the signing of Fraser Campbell from New Zealand as our overseas player for 2024. Fraser joins us after a successful 2023 season playing in the UK for Whitwell Cricket Club in Derbyshire. Back home, he plays for Grafton United CC Premiers in the Auckland Premier League and has represented the New Zealand National Maori Tournament Team. Fraser is an opening fast bowler and middle-order batsman, he's set to make a real impact at the club as our 1st XI team target league promotion.

Fraser will be in Whimble from mid-April and will hopefully get to know many of you in the village. We are grateful to EnviroVent for sponsoring Fraser's place at Whimble this year.



## **Pavilion hire**

A reminder that the club pavilion is available to hire and we have plenty of availability outside of the April to September period. It can be used for daytime and evening events, with kitchen facilities and an open bar subject to date and requirements. There is plenty of parking too. Do get in touch if this is of interest.

If you want to get involved in the club in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me or find out more online at [www.whimblecc.co.uk](http://www.whimblecc.co.uk)

**James Woolham**

## CHRISTMAS MEAL IN THE VICTORY HALL

Huge round of applause to Jess and Jo, and all their amazing helpers, for providing another wonderful Whimble Christmas Meal for those alone, without family, or just in need of good company. I popped in at the start and the atmosphere was buzzing.

Honiton Cribbage league chose Jess and Jo to support with their Crib Drive entry fee and raffle fundraiser and gave just over £140 to Jess to help towards next year.

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Well, that's that! The Christmas wreath is dismantled and the tree back in its box. Christmas cards will be kept, destined to become this year's gift tags with a little help from a pair of scissors, a hole punch and ribbon.

Our last speaker of 2023 was in November and we certainly ended on a high. Graham Hurley was a captivating speaker who spoke touchingly and with humor of his early life and his route to becoming a published crime writer.

Late November, we met up at a local hostelry for our Christmas lunch, arranged by Jane and always enjoyable. Plans will already be in place for our next get together. Jane also organised a lunchtime skittles match, with a light lunch on offer. There has been really good feedback from the participating ladies, so this may well become a bi-monthly addition to our activities.

On 1st December, Whimple WI ran a hugely successful, popular and profitable cake table at King's School Christmas fair. We raised over £100 for our WI funds and sincere thanks go to those ladies who supported us by baking or helping to run the stall.

Our WI year ended on 12th December with our Christmas party in the Hub. We began with a delicious bring and share lunch followed by a spell of crafting a table decoration, through to a brain teasing quiz and an extensive raffle, then it was carriages home. Sincere thanks to Barbara for donating the tree, Marilyn for decorating it and to Sarah for organising all things table decorative, plus our members who provided such a fabulous buffet.

We were all up and running again on 9th January when we welcome the Devon Freewheelers to talk about their work in providing lifesaving support within the community.

On 13th February Rosemary Griggs will return, this time as "Bessie the parlour maid". She will no doubt be dressed as Bessie and we couldn't wait to invite her back, as she is such a charismatic speaker with such spellbinding tales.

On 12th March we will be visiting Commonwealth War Graves, through the eyes of Tim Stoneman. We look forward to this informative and educational talk.

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# Just 10 Questions with Sarah Hogg of Yelland Farm.

I chatted with Sarah, to find out more about MacKenzie and Kellar, one of Whimble's local cottage industries, and her love for Holly, Hazel, Pixie, Dixie and many more of her Shetland Sheep.

**1. Do you have a farming background?** Absolutely not. I was a real 'townie' growing up in Bristol. Later in life my husband, Alan, and I lived in Exeter and ran Apex Scaffolding Ltd from 1991. We ran the business together until I retired in 2016. We lived nearby in Fairmile, before coming to Whimble but had always wanted to live in the countryside.

**2. Why did you decide to rear sheep?** When we bought the farm, it was a redundant farm and came with two big fields at the back and we used to let local farmers graze their sheep or cows here to keep the grass down. Then we decided this is silly, why don't we get our own sheep? So we bought six ewes and one ram and it has just grown from there. We just love the life, I suppose. It's very rewarding, especially around lambing. We love this time of year and creating this sort of English farming life. The ewes are kept, we don't sell them, we just sell the first-time ewes for breeding so the flock doesn't get too big. There are ewes in the field that we have had for many years. One has just turned fourteen and we call her Badger!

**3. Why Shetland Sheep?** My granddaughter's friend at school was living on Dartmoor and her family wanted to change their flock to Dartmoor Sheep, so we bought their six Shetlands. I was a little unsure as neither of us knew anything about raising sheep and it seemed such a responsibility. But we took the plunge and now we are up to forty five sheep.

**4. I understand they all have names, can you recognise each of them?** Yes, they've all got names. We got the first sheep in 2015, started lambing in 2016 and we still have two of our original ewes - Peppa and Salty. They all have a black stripe on their faces but they do all look slightly different. Alan will come down from the field and say 'Dora's limping'. We are obviously more familiar with the friendlier ones, but they all have their own personality. They are farm animals but they can be friendly, although we don't underestimate the young rams who can be quite feisty. However, they become friendly if you treat them right.

**5. How do you manage with the lambing and shearing?** It really lasts from January through to June, what with caring for the mother and then giving special attention to April born lambs or weaker lambs. Dougie is our ram and we only breed from about twenty ewes as we don't want to increase our flock too much.

**6. Was the first lambing season scary?** Yes. Although Alan had helped Lester Bowker the previous season because he wanted to just be enjoying it before we got our own lambs. I think this was really helpful in showing Alan what to expect and what to look for. In fact ALL the farmers around here have been extremely helpful. - guiding us, giving us useful information and assisting with any jobs or providing a bale of hay etc. Actually Shetlands are quite good at lambing on their own out in the field. Although we do like to bring them in to keep an eye on them.



They are really great mums and the lambs soon grow strong, with a bit of tender loving care. Actually this is the first year we are not actually going to be lambing as it is our 25th wedding anniversary and we want to take a bit of a holiday!

**7. The Shetland breed sounds lovely. What about their wool, is that special too?** It has a very good crimp (the zig-zag quality). It is extremely soft, and one of the wools that is often used for jumpers. It washes so well too.

**8. Is working with small local industries important to you?** Yes, we have Dan who comes to shear for us once a year. He is fairly local and enjoys shearing small flocks. He is so caring and respectful of the animals. Also, he is very understanding of our way of doing things and he knows we love them. Due to the small amount we receive for each fleece I phoned up a local spinning company and a weaving mill to see if we could create some beautiful woollen products. Only having a small volume is difficult and not really very cost effective, but keeping the production local IS something I wanted to do. We produce blankets, wraps, scarves, and obviously the wool. A friend knits the snoods, berets, pom-pom hats and that sort of thing. I get a lot of pleasure from it and thoroughly enjoy being fully involved in choosing natural colours. I really do love being so hands on and I'm excited that we have a new design coming out this year.

**9. Any advice for other cottage industries or local traders?** Do your research and really consider your basic costs before you get too involved. We really had to learn on the hoof and we did make mistakes but we have learned from these errors. Now we have the expertise, we can build on this for the future.

**10. Finally, do you see yourself staying in Whimple?** I think we struck gold by coming to live in Whimple, twenty years ago. When we moved here we fell in love with the house, and the view. Over the years since we've been here we've grown to know and love the village, and have become part of the village life. Both of us have said we wouldn't want to move away from here, even when we have finished being sheep farmers. It's a lovely village and we've become involved in a lot of the village activities. I enjoy it and have made a lot of friends here. So, we will be staying I'm sure.

**Sarah Thacheray**





# Protect our Whimble & Rockbeare Group

February 2024

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The Protect our Whimble and Rockbeare Group, founded in 2019, is all about protecting what matters to us in these two villages and also their hinterland, especially the western border of our Parish. It is not only about inappropriate development but our way of life, our community and sense of pride in our village.

On Christmas Eve, the Whimble village square filled with about two hundred villagers gathering in festive spirit, with mulled wine from our village store. On the 17th January, the old twelfth night, well over one hundred took part in the Wassailing, from Anglo Saxon term, wæs hæil, meaning, 'Be healthy'. This ancient ritual was built on the belief that, by making a lot of noise, banging drums, clashing sticks, and firing off guns, the trees will wake up for the New Year. Branches of the trees are hit to encourage the sap to start flowing and to frighten away evil spirits that might be hiding amongst them. This helps to ensure a good crop of apples and a good few flagons of cider. The Whimble Wassail started at the New Fountain Inn and finished at the Cricket Club, followed by some tasty pasties which were especially good. It's great to see the people of Whimble coming together in the spirit of comradeship.

Of course we also do need to keep an eye on what is going on in planning terms. There has been little news from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Website. On the 12th December 2023 East Devon District Council, invited residents to participate in a crucial consultation process aimed at shaping the future Council Plan, which moves on from the consultation which took place at the end of 2022. The Council outlined its roadmap for the work on the Local Plan over the next four years, and covers the key priorities of the council: better homes and communities for all; a greener East Devon; a resilient economy; and quality service delivery. The closing date was the 18th January 2024.

## Whimble Neighbourhood Plan

2023 was the year when most of the detailed analysis of the data and writing up the draft of the Neighbourhood Plan took place. We have completed Sections 1 – 14. The last sections are Section 15: Potential Use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Monies. The information from the village survey has been written up so the final statement can be drafted. Section 16: Implementation and Monitoring and finally Section 17: Closing Statement. If everyone from the WNP Team pull together we are on target to complete the draft by July 2024. Two years ago we kicked off the 'We Love Whimble' project, and now we are nearly there. Big thanks to all our team.

**Alan Lascelles** – Press, Publicity and WNP Team

Date: 24th January 2024

# Wisdom from defence training manuals.....

'If the enemy is in range, so are you.

- Infantry Journal-

'It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.'

- US.Air Force Manual -

'Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword, obviously never encountered automatic weapons.'

- General MacArthur -

'Tracers work both ways.'

- Army Ordnance Manual-

'Five second fuses last about three seconds.'

- Infantry Journal -

'Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once.'

- Naval Ops Manual -

'If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him.'

- Infantry Journal-

'You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.'

- Paul F. Crickmore (SR71 test pilot)-

'The only time you have too much fuel is when you 're on fire.'

-Unknown Author-

'When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.'

-Multi-Engine Training Manual-

'Without ammunition, the Air Force is just an expensive flying club.'

-Unknown Author-

'If you hear me yell; "Eject, Eject, Eject!", the last two will be echoes.'

If you ask "Why?", you'll be talking to yourself, because by then you'll be the pilot.'

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Our last event for 2023 was a very enjoyable evening learning the skills of how to make our own Christmas wreaths. We were very grateful to Sarah Dunster-Ashworth who provided all the materials and gave us an excellent demonstration on how to do this. It wasn't long before we were making some wonderful creations to take away! A very entertaining way to spend a damp December evening!

By the time this edition of the News reaches everyone, January will have come and gone and we will have had our first meeting of the year which once again was our AGM and was held on Tuesday 30th January 2024. The AGM business was followed with an illustrated talk given by Andy Bratt on 'The Flora and Fauna of Madagascar'. It was good to be able to report on a year with an interesting programme of events all of which were very successful. More details in the next edition and hopefully more information of the events we are planning for 2024. Over the past few years we have been able to run some very enjoyable coach trips to various locations. We have been very grateful to Doreen Staddon for arranging these trips with the help of Brian Nelson. As reported in a previous edition Doreen has told us that she will be standing down from our Committee and therefore we are seeking someone to take on this role. Doreen is willing to help anyone interested to take on this role and can be contacted by email on [doreenstaddon@btinternet.com](mailto:doreenstaddon@btinternet.com). Therefore, unless we are able to find someone to take on this role, it is unlikely that we will be able to organise any coach trips this year.

One of the two key events in every year is our Annual Spring Plant Sale which raises much needed funds to cover the running costs of the Annual Flower and Craft Show. As in previous years, this event will be mid May and full details will be available as soon as we have confirmed a date.

The Annual Flower and Craft Show is planned for Saturday 10th August 2024. We will be working on the schedule for the show in February and will endeavour to have it ready for the plant sale in May.

For our first event after the AGM, we have arranged for another talk from Andrea Rye, the Plants Manager at the Combe Garden Centre. This time her talk will be on 'The Spice Trade' and will be on Friday 15th March starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. So, there is another date for your diaries!

We are looking forward to another interesting programme of events this year and, as and when we have more details, they will appear in future editions of the News.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Chairman

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Recently we have played more modern pieces often from films, such as Pirates of the Caribbean, Star Wars and even played a specially commissioned version of Coldplay's 'The Scientist' with the duet Belle Voci in the fantastic setting of the Cathedral, which was a concert in support of the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) charity.



Take a look at our website for more information on the orchestra and the concerts we'll be performing over the coming months – in March at URC and in July at Exeter Cathedral, when the latter we will be looking to raise funds for a local charity – The Exeter Foundation, and when we will be joined by renowned cellist – Natalie Clein, a former BBC Young Musician of the Year!

The orchestra is made up of a wide range of musicians of all ages, and we sometimes have vacancies for new players, generally playing at Grade 8 level. Currently we would love to find another Double Bass player to boost that section.

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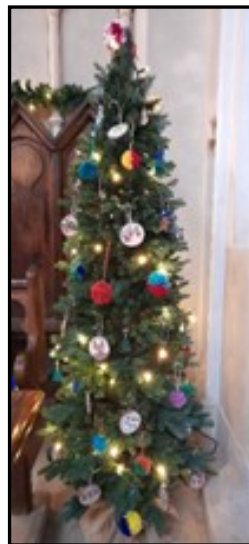
With the festive period over, we start our spring term with renewed hope and energy. Our Christmas events went really well – the Key Stage 2 Carol Service and Key Stage 1 Nativity, both held in Whimple Church, were a great success, the church was full to capacity. Our decorated Christmas tree brightened Killerton Chapel and the children all enjoyed their Christmas dinner and subsequent parties.

This term has already seen one class start their block of planned swimming lessons at Sidmouth Pool. Year 6 took part in an outdoor education activity in Silverton, (see below). The children in Year 5 and 6 attend a performance by the BSO at the Great Hall, Exeter University, (see below). Later in the term, our Year 5 children are going to put on a performance, Dance Showdown. After a block of dance sessions, they will perform to parents with children from other schools across the Exe Valley Federation. Residentials are also being organised for all the children in Key Stage 2.

All classes have participated in a Chinese dance workshop to help understand the Chinese New Year and how they celebrate. The pupils in Ash Class took this further and had a tasting session too.

After a long autumn term, the spring term is a much shorter one, however, we still have a lot to fit in!

Mrs **Carole Shilston**, Headteacher



At the beginning of the spring term, the year 6 pupils went on a walk with Silverton school. Before setting out, all the children were taught how to read maps and walk on the roads safely when a car comes. The terrain was challenging following a combination of Devon lanes, bridle paths and footpaths. The children enjoyed walking with the Silverton pupils. This is one part of the training for the possibility of taking part in the Exmoor Challenge in a few months' time. The walk was very muddy but despite some tricky sections the children all persevered to the end. Thanks to the organisers.



On Thursday 18th January, the pupils in Year 5 and 6 were taken to Exeter University to listen to the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Prior to going, the children had learned a couple of songs accompanied by Makaton sign language. The theme was Dance, Dance, Dance, and alongside around 1,000 other pupils from Devon schools, the children were taken through the history and production of dance music whilst also learning about the sections of an orchestra. Listening to and hearing live orchestral music was an amazing experience.

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