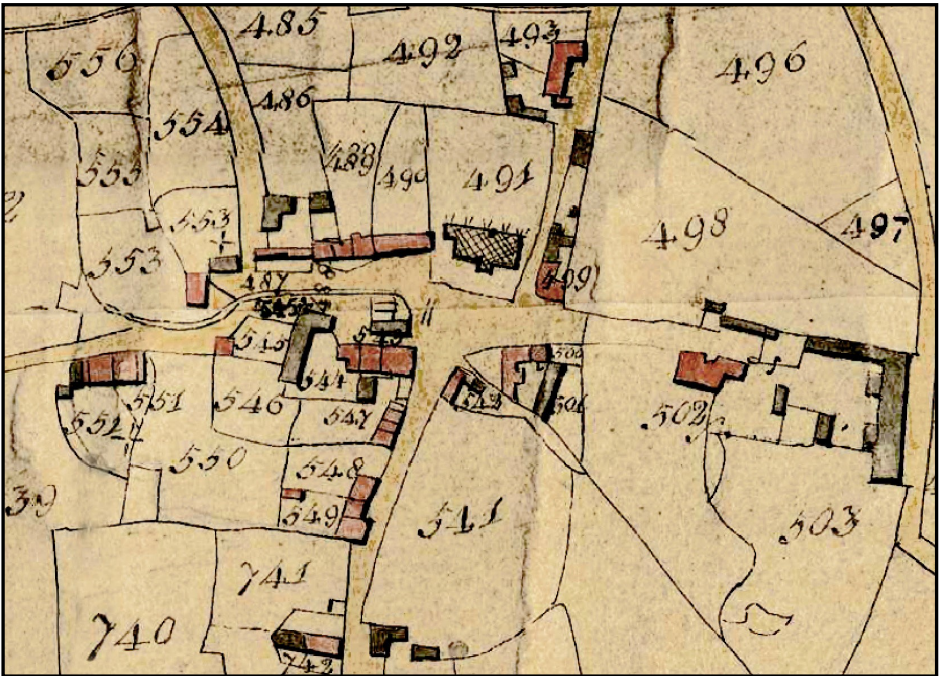


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February - one foot in the groove

March - K2

A night with Dolly Parton tribute, menu and prices to be confirmed - Friday 18th March

Welcome to our February edition.

This is our first issue of 2022 so I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Whimble News team, to wish everyone a happy, and healthy, New Year.

However, January is already over and February/March is the time of year when the evenings start getting longer and spring is not far away. With the lighter evenings and the end of COVID restrictions in sight, the village is coming back to life and the 'What's on in Whimble' page is beginning to fill up.

The Cricket Club are busy with events and History Society talks have re-started. The newly re-named Whimble and District Gardening Club is active once more and have arranged on 'Open Day' on 5th March. The Victory Hall are embarking on an ambitious fund-raising drive and are planning an Open Day in April and the WI are under way with their regular daytime meetings at the Hub in Willow View

Although we were sad that the History Society Wassail had to be cancelled, it was good to see the primary school were able to keep the tradition alive with their wassail in the school orchard. Hopefully, next year we will, once again, all be able to wassail around the village.

There is also a lot going on with planning matters that affect us. February 15th is a big day for the 'Save the New Fountain' campaign. That is when the Secretary of State's Inspectorate Hearing takes place. We really hope that the result means that both the New Fountain Inn and the Heritage Centre will be able to thrive in future and remain important parts of our village community.

We have an update on the activities of the POW+R group who are responding to the Cranbrook expansion plan. There is also an update on our own Neighbourhood Plan. This plan is vital to the future of our village so look out for the consultation weekend on 12th and 13th February and please make sure you complete the village survey due to take place shortly.

On other planning matters, the CPRE tell us of their unease about the increasing number of holiday lets in our area and they express deep concern about the planning application for a massive solar farm at Clyst Hydon, not very far from us, which they strongly oppose, as perhaps should we .

We owe a big 'thank you' to Rory, Sharon, Sabrina and their team who, despite the challenge of taking over the shop and Post Office immediately before the Christmas rush, coped admirably. They now need to make some changes to the Post Office opening hours which are explained in their article.

We all take the simple act of breathing for granted, as we all do it all of the time. However, Sarah's 'Ten Questions' show that maybe there is more to staying alive than we had originally thought.

Our next edition will cover April and May and we would welcome an article from you. Please send it to me on: bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 4th March.

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Whimble What's On

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- 8th Whimble WI, 2.00pm at the Hub, Flower Demonstration by Sarah Pepper
- 12th-13th Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Weekend
Saturday 10.00am - 2.00pm) / Sunday 1.00pm - 4.00pm
- 25th Whimble History Society 7.30pm in the Victory Hall - Talk by Robert Hesketh on Devon's Railway Heritage
- 25th Band Night at The Thirsty Farmer, 'One Foot in the Groove'

March

- 5th March, - Whimble & District Gardening Club Open Afternoon
2.30 - 4.30pm pm, in the Victory Hall
- 5th The Wyndham Singers Spring Concert, 7.00pm at Kentisbeare Village Hall
- 8th Whimble WI - Talk by Sarah Thackeray, at the Hub
- 15th Ottery St Mary Flower Club, 7.30pm in West Hill Village Hall -
Demonstration by NAFA Area Demonstrator Irene Hickson
- 18th Thirsty Farmer Tribute Night - Dolly Parton Tribute Night
- 25th Whimble History Society AGM - 7.30 pm in the Victory Hall, with a talk introducing the Whimble Tithe map

April

- 2nd Whimble Victory Hall Public Open Day 2.00 - 8.00pm
(with talks at 3.00, 5.00 and 7.00pm)
- 12th Whimble WI, 2.00pm at the Hub - Talk by John Lowe
- 23rd WI/Hospiscare Coffee Morning, 10.00am - noon in the Victory Hall

May

- 21st Whimble & District Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale at the Victory Hall

Future Dates for your diary

- 2nd - 10th July Village Week
- 2nd - 9th July Photography Exhibition in Victory Hall
- 13th August - Whimble & District Gardening Club Annual Flower & Craft Club
- 10th September - Whimble CC 12th Man Festival
- 5th November - Whimble CC Fireworks Event

WHIMPLE STORES



We would like to start by commenting on how very welcoming the people of Whimple and surrounding areas have been to us since we took over the Whimple Stores. We climbed a very steep learning curve on how to run a village shop and Post Office. We had many Christmas cards welcoming us to Whimple and some very nice gifts to help us feel at home. Thank you very much for the warm welcome.

The first couple of months were a baptism of fire. We are very grateful to Mark and Jenny for helping us to transition. They held significant expertise that was only available to us for a limited time. The potential of losing this expertise meant that Rory and Sabrina had to adapt very quickly to understand the quirks of 25 different suppliers of food and other products and the permutations of 130 customer's newspaper orders. But we are now there and settled in.

Our strategy since November has been to keep the stores well stocked and to provide a friendly and respectful service to Whimple residents. Stocking fresh produce is tricky as too much will lead to wastage and too little leads to disappointment and lost sales. We are looking at changing a couple of suppliers who will deliver smaller quantities, more frequently, to ensure that we are able to maintain the correct balance.

Please do let us know if we are not selling your favourite or essential produce and we will endeavour to get products in to fulfil customer demand. We also plan to try new products and will provide 'tasters' if we are able to do so hygienically.

Sabrina was able to move in to the house next door to the Stores just before Christmas after an urgent rewire and repair work, making the management of the Stores a lot easier and cutting out her commute from Axminster. In particular, as the Post Office accounting procedures can run late into the evening, Sabrina can work into the evening while partner James and step daughter Karina prepare supper. Luxury!

We have recruited two villagers to work part-time in the Stores; Judith and Sarnia who are being trained to be able to run both the shop and the Post Office along with Karen. Sabrina will be on call when needed freeing up her time to handle ordering, accounting and book-keeping (which is almost a full time job by itself!) without clocking late hours. Other part-time staff members are Lynn and Karina who cover stocking up and weekends and of course Rory and Sharon.

The Post Office counter was fully staffed throughout November, December and January to cover the peak demand as we had queues stretching to the door. Unfortunately, the fees paid by the Post Office for each transaction do not cover the cost of the staff to perform those transactions. We do recognise that the Post Office is an essential community resource and have discussed, as a team, how to continue to provide postal and banking services for Whimple but on a cost neutral basis.

So, we are making a change to the opening times of the Whimble Post Office from February 1st to help with staffing and accounting. Whimble Store times are unaffected.

The Post Office opening times from Monday to Friday will be 9.00am to 12.30pm and then 1.30pm to 5.00pm. Saturday will remain the same from 9.00am until noon.

We are also making changes to the way that certain complex transactions are conducted. When the Stores are open and the Post Office is closed, cash withdrawals will be possible with a small fee charged to cover our card fees. Electricity and Gas pre-pay keys can also be topped up.

Detailed information is available from the Stores Staff if required. We hope this does not cause anyone too much inconvenience.

You may have noticed our Tiger (a large stuffed Tigger from Winnie the Poo) in the window to help celebrate the Chinese New Year in February. We have bunting inside the shop, chopsticks and prawn crackers too! We plan to theme the window for different upcoming events or to announce new product lines so make sure you keep an eye out for changes.

With Valentine's Day also approaching, we are stocking hand-made charity Valentine cards (supporting Auto-immune Disease Charities), and our normal Valentine cards, Prosecco and Chocolates.

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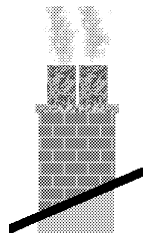
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We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us at the various Christmas events in the village where we had a stall.

We helped on the one in The Heritage Centre and it was a lovely afternoon, with lots of Save The New Fountain mugs and calendars sold. So many also made donations and also signed our Open Letter to EDDC, which has now been submitted to the appeal board.

APPEAL HEARING DATE

On the subject of appeals, I am sure you have now heard that a date has been set for the Secretary of State's Inspectorate Hearing.

This will be **FEBRUARY 15th at 10.00am**, so not long now!

If you have had an email regarding this you will have read that it will be a virtual meeting and anyone interested can express their interest in being included, either as an observer or a participant.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing must make that interest known to the Council as soon as possible prior to the hearing, either by email or telephone after reading the Hearing Attendance Information set out below. When contacting the Case Officer, it would be helpful if you could confirm whether you want to take an active part in the proceedings or anticipate attending just as an observer. Here is the official guidance:

Hearing Attendance Information from Bob Capon, Case Officer, EDDC

If you feel that taking part in the hearing is right for you in whatever capacity, you can participate in a number of ways:

To take part using video, participants will need to have access to Microsoft Teams (via an app or web browser). This link gives further information on how to use this. <https://support.office.com/en-us/teams>.

Alternatively, you can take part by telephone. Calls would be to an 020 number which will incur charges. <https://www.gov.uk/call-charges>

If you just wish to observe the event, you should make that clear in your response to the Case Officer. If you wish to take an active part in the proceedings, please make clear in your response whether you wish only to appear at the hearing and make a statement, or whether you would also wish to ask questions on particular topics.

Registered participants in whatever capacity will receive individual joining instructions, providing details of any requirements, guidance and support, whether joining by Teams or telephone.

Case Officer contact at the Council: Bob Capon tel. 01395 517521 Email: planningappeals@eastdevon.gov.uk

We will be participating as a group and are keeping everything crossed! It's been a long wait.

The Inspectorate implies that he will need a few weeks after the hearing to announce a decision, so we need to be prepared for a few more fingernails to disappear....

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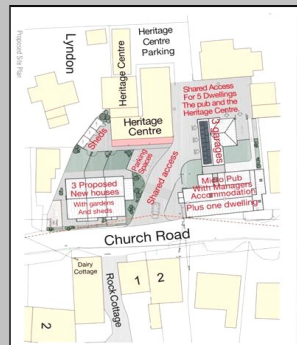
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We hope some of you did take up the suggestion to hold your own Wassail to avoid another poor harvest - if you did and have photos, please send them to info@whimble.org and let us know if you are happy to see them posted on the website!

There will be a talk on Friday 25th February in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm by Robert Hesketh on Devon's Railway Heritage. Illustrated with over 130 images, this talk looks at our two mainlines and four branch lines, as well as the preserved railways, two cliff railways and the cycleways/walkways that have been established on former track. Robert will also discuss locomotives and rolling stock, both vintage and modern, steam and diesel and explore how Brunel and other engineers solved the problems of challenging terrain with cuttings, bridges, seawalls and embankments.

The AGM will take place on Friday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall with a talk introducing the Tithe Map of Whimble. This was recently re-discovered and digitally repaired, and is shortly to become part of an exciting new display for the summer. If you would like to know who lived in your house or what the land it stands on was used for in 1834, come along and find out.

Finally, we would really like to encourage anyone with an interest in what we do to consider either joining the committee or to offer their help with developing and maintaining the displays we have in the Heritage Centre. To get in touch please email info@whimble.org

Louise Walmsley

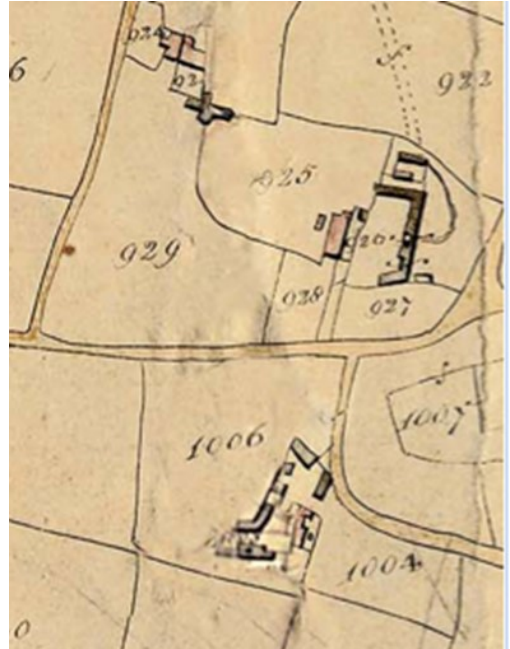
Needed – volunteers to help with the displays in the Heritage Centre.

We would like to develop a 'Curating Team' who can work together to plan, research, source and design the new displays. No experience is necessary just an interest and a willing heart.

If you'd like to be involved, please get in touch by email – info@whimble.org or via the webpage.



Tithe map of 1834 showing damage



Tithe Map now digitally repaired

WHIMPLETONS UPDATE

Just a quick note to say that plans are progressing!

Watch this space for details of a Summer Spectacular from us, featuring the 'best-loved bits' of Panto's Past.

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Firstly Angie, the boys, and I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts which arrived at the Rectory, they really warmed our hearts.

So, the clock has struck midnight and we are in a new year. Of course, in reality, the way we humans measure time is an illusion and seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years are just labels we have given to periods of time to help us begin to place ourselves within it. Christians believe our God, who made all, is outside of time. However, for us mere mortals, time matters. We have a fixed amount of it and the jump from 2021 into 2022 is significant because for most of us oldies our personal clocks are ticking down. What will we do with 2022?

The last twelve months have been rough for many people. It seems a lifetime ago when I watched the news of the COVID outbreak in China, blissfully unaware of how much this terrible virus would impact all our lives, the terrible death toll, the economic damage, the damage to our mental health and our relationships. Sometimes it feels a bit like we are all living in some sort of science fiction film, only one which doesn't end.

Many of you will know I used to be a police officer. One of the forces I served with was Surrey Police and its proximity to two major airports necessitated all its officers spending time training for major incidents. Such incidents in general would be classed as anything from a plane crash to a flood or something like the Grenfell Tower tragedy. Part of this training involves planning for the psychological trauma which such events inflict, accepting this trauma will occur is part of dealing with it. Knowing what you or others are going through is related to that which you have been a part of. However, one of the key elements accepted in major incident training is there is a defined end to the active phase of the incident. This end allows an assessment of the holistic damage to individuals from physical to mental health and the implementation of strategies to deal with that.

COVID is a bit like a slowly unfolding major incident, only one which doesn't seem to have a defined end, not yet anyway. The PM first started talking about profound effects on social gatherings on the 16th of March 2020, we endured a COVID Christmas in 2020 and narrowly escaped one this year. COVID is still firmly a part of our everyday lives and looks like it will be for some time. However, we need to recognise the trauma for many is there, damage already done and still being inflicted. It can be manifested in both obvious ways and in more insidious forms, from our mood to our relationships.

The true outcome, the true cost, is hard to judge as no country has ever been through this before, so we are all learning but I fear one result is a new sort of pessimism creeping into many of our conversations. This is hardly surprising given what we have all experienced. I am a bit of a cynic myself, working on the frontline of policing can do that to the most optimistic of people but I recognise it can be a dangerous trait. I hear it now increasingly in conversations about what 2022 might bring.

It is easy to feel apprehensive, anxious, even fearful of what the future may hold. But the thing is, the future is ours, it belongs to all of us, we get a chance to shape it. Tragedies and struggles will always occur no matter what we do but we get to choose how we react. Even in the depths of lockdown we got to choose how we would treat it, treat others; would we think only of ourselves, or would we reach out in any way we could to friend, family or stranger alike to light a candle in a dark time.

I do not know what 2022 will hold, there will probably be some dark times, tough decisions, struggle and certainly suffering but we can choose to accept that and look for the positive and be forces for the good, the beautiful, the hope filled.

In this way 2022 is no different to any other year. History is determined by people who looked forward and decided how to shape the future. Contrary to popular belief, it is not the politicians, movie stars or social media influencers who make history, it is the millions of ordinary people like you and me who, in billions of tiny ways, decide to make the world a better place, right where they are, or who do not. We write the pages of history, second by second, minute by minute, hour by hour. You see, every morning when you arise, you get the choice to start again, that is why they call now, the present, because it is a gift. If you are reading this, God has given you a present, called 2022, how will you use it?

My prayer for you all as we enter into 2022 is that you will know who you are and why it matters. You are children of the creator God, who chose to love you before time, because of this you will never not be loved and will never be alone. And, it also means what you do matters, God has a plan for you and through you he wants to change the world.

We would love to see you in our services this year but no matter who you are or what you believe, know our churches are quiet places of peace and sanctuary that are there for you. If it is ever helpful, we would love to pray for you, so just email us your prayer requests.

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WHIMPLE
Pre-School
& Toddler Group

Happy New Year from all of us at Pre-School!

We had a lovely end to last year – we finally got our new soft surface laid in the garden. Thank you so much to those of you who supported us with this project. It has proved invaluable to us so far as the garden is very wet and muddy. It has given the children somewhere dry to play outside. You may wonder what the strange wooden poles are – these will hold a canopy which will act as a sun and rain shelter. Now that the tree has gone, this will provide shade in the summer months. –

In the last week of term the children performed the Nativity to their families in the hall which was made more special as we couldn't do it last year and Father Christmas made a visit to them with presents on the last day.

This term we have made the most of any sunny, frosty mornings and taken the children outside to find ice, make patterns on frosty surfaces and observe the changes. On 17th January, we introduced the children to the Whimble tradition of Wassailing, the children made Wassail crowns, then stood around a tree in the garden and banged pots and drums to wake up the 'apple tree', and danced to the Whimble Wassail song. They did some apple printing with paint.

We have a few spaces left at preschool for this year and are now taking bookings for September. If you have a preschool aged child and are considering us, please do get in touch soon to arrange a visit and reserve a place. If your child is going to Whimble School, we provide a very good transition.



Jo Sibley



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Whimble Village Hall

Date for your diary

PUBLIC OPEN DAY
Saturday
2nd April
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Talks: The Evolution and Future of the Hall
At 3pm, 5pm and 7pm
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Fundraising target: *£100,000 plus*

What is happening at the Victory Hall?

Firstly, here are some facts about our village hall.

- The main hall is 100 years old.
- It is a second hand YMCA hut which arrived by train from Plymouth in 1920.
- It was erected when the population of Whimble was just over 700
- Like other village halls, it opened with a Billiard Room and billiard table – we still have them today, one of a few remaining.
- The toilets, kitchen and committee room were added in the mid 20c
- The hall is a registered Charity
- It is managed solely by volunteers from the village – Trustees
- In 2018 the population of Whimble was said to be around 2300

So, there can be no doubt – Whimble is definitely in need of a better village hall, one that would suit our growing village. There is also no doubt that a small group of volunteers cannot achieve this goal alone. We need the backing and support of the whole community.

My name is Sue Ayres and I recently took over as Chairman of Trustees at the hall. Thanks to the leadership of the previous Chairman, Maria Wallis and the recent centenary fundraising initiative, our village hall is in good health - given its age. Many thanks go to those who made a valued contribution. That said, time has come to look to the [long term](#) future of the hall and to undertake a major overhaul. We already have available funds of over £100,000 but we need to more than double that figure to make the hall fit for our changing community – hence our long term plan to raise funds through grants, donations and events. The Open Day, planned on Saturday 2nd April, will give us a chance to tell you what will be happening over the next 3-5 years and beyond. Please come and support us – we cannot do it alone.

In the meantime, to bring us up to date and in- line with other village halls, Rob Davis is leading an exciting new project to replace our existing Audio-Visual Systems. The new systems aim to provide everything needed to support our hall users and their various activities – from talks, fitness classes, film shows, music events, school assemblies, parties – to larger theatrical events and more. The benefits to our village will be enormous. The project is in the very early stages and Rob is looking at funding options to cover some of the cost – so fingers crossed everything goes to plan.

Please support our OPEN DAY SATURDAY 2nd April 2-8pm. displays, information and talks.

Drop in any time. Half hour talks at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm

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Defibrillators in Whimble

There are now two defibrillators in Whimble. The one provided by Whimble Parish Council is kept in a box in the porch of the Victory Hall and the other is housed in the hallway of the pavilion building at the Cricket Club.

Although the Cricket Club defibrillator is indoors, it can be accessed using a key kept in a keylock box on the back door. The code to this has been given to the Ambulance Service. Access is easier when the pavilion is unlocked, but the defibrillator can be available even when it is locked.

**If you think you may need a defibrillator, ring 999
and ask for the Ambulance Service.**

Once they are satisfied that the machine can help, they will tell you what to do next. An ambulance will be dispatched at the same time so going to fetch the defibrillator will not delay specialist medical help. The defibrillators are easy to use. Step by step audible instructions are given by the machine once it has been switched on.

After it has been used it is important that you let the Defibrillator Co-ordinator know so that arrangements are made to ready it for use again.

The Defibrillator Co-ordinators are:

For the Victory Hall, **Alan McArthur** on 07802 310497 or 01404-823079

For the Cricket Club, **James Woollam** 07989 234372

Knitting for Cancer Research

A huge THANK YOU to all the knitters who took part in the 'Knit a pair of Gloves for Cancer Research' in November. The two workshops were organised by Seam Haberdashery with cake and coffee donated by the Thirsty Farmer. Together with a number of further donations, an amazing £426.72 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

Thank you to everyone for their support and kind donations.

Michelle Moinzadeh (Seam.network)

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Whimble Cricket Club

We were sorry not to be able to open the club for Wassailing this year, or for a number of other events that had been booked and, unfortunately, had to be cancelled. However, momentum is starting to build towards the Summer and some dates for the upcoming season are given below. It is possible that this year marks an important anniversary for the club. Research is ongoing and we know that cricket was been played at the old ground for perhaps 100 years or more. It does seem to be the case that an organised Whimble team, with records and statistics, began playing in 1947. If this proves to be true, we will celebrate 75 years this year and will mark the occasion I'm sure.

We are hoping to soon confirm dates for winter nets (and will perhaps have done so by the time this edition is published). All local clubs are finding it difficult to book net space at the moment. We should be able to book the Broadclyst sports hall, which we hope to start mid to late February for junior and adult cricketers. We'll be sharing details on our website and emailing members when confirmed.

Over the winter we have confirmed the signing of Brad Smith as an overseas cricketer for 2022. Brad is joining us for the Summer from Albion Park Cricket Club in New South Wales, Australia. As well as playing 1st XI cricket, Brad will be supporting our junior coaching. He will be needing accommodation so, if you think you might be able to help, please get in touch. In a further note on junior cricket, we are currently recruiting for a paid junior coach. This is an exciting step for us as we grow our coaching offer. There are a number of conversations ongoing, but the position remains vacant at the time of writing.

Key dates for your diary for the season ahead are as follows:

- Club open day/junior sign-up: Sunday 17th April
- Youth training begins: 22nd April 2022
- Sunday cricket begins: 24th April
- League cricket begins: 7th May
- All-Stars cricket begins: 27th May 2022
- 12th Man music festival: 10th September 2022
- Junior presentation night: 16th September 2022
- End of season dinner: 15th October 2022
- Fireworks night: 5th November 2022.

It will no doubt be a full and busy summer at the club. I would ask anyone who takes advantage of the facilities, as a player or social member, to please give some thought to volunteering this year. We have many things to be done, from organising and running cricket to the work involved in our fundraising events. In particular, we are looking for umpires and for help with sponsorship and marketing. One particular highlight of the 2021 season was our joint Under 13 girls team with Ottery St Mary.

This season we hope to have girls cricket at Under 15 and Under 13 level and we are building towards our first adult ladies cricket team. We would love to get more adult ladies involved in playing, and in particular, are looking for someone to take a lead on this. If that might be you please get in touch. My details are below.

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No one can claim, as the New Year develops, that news across the UK is not uneventful. It seems to go against the grain, that conversation in shops, pubs and work places are not local issues, but nation issues. Energy bills going up, national insurance going up, virtually six million people waiting for operations in the NHS, plus the staff shortages across various sectors of the economy, including care. In addition, the events that happened during the covid lockdowns at No 10.

In dealing with people, across all aspects of society, it is vitally important to be honest, have integrity and be trustworthy and explain things as they are. POW+R Group have always endeavoured to bring news of items that look like they will affect life in our village. Also, what we as a group are trying to do about these issues.

New Fountain Inn Application 20/2481/FUL

We have delivered a number of documents to East Devon District Council vehemently opposing the above development with robust and sound planning grounds. The application is now the subject of a non-determination appeal, which is to be heard by the Planning Inspectorate under the Informal Hearing (virtual) process; with a provisional date of 15th February 2022. The application was eventually refused on the 22nd December 2021, with some positive action by our District Councillor, Richard Lawrence. It was considered that there was a fundamental conflict between the proposal, the evidence and local and national planning policy.

Cranbrook Development Plan

This has been on the POW+R Group radar since it was founded in April 2019. POW+R Group was advised on the 17th January that the Cranbrook Plan has reached the proposed main modification stage of plan making. This means that in conjunction with the independent Planning Inspector, and following a direction from her, a schedule of changes has been prepared. These represent potential changes to the submitted plan and follow lengthy public examination sessions where the Inspector has heard evidence from a wide range of local people and organisations.

There is a six week window to make observations to EDDC, ending on Monday 28th February 2022. Further information is on the EDDC Website. POW+R Group made specific responses to all 19 'matters'. Cranbrook Town centre is still a grassy field after over 10 years that Cranbrook has been in existence.

Whimble Neighbourhood Plan

POW&R Group are now pulling together with the Parish Council, making the preparations necessary for the first Parish Consultation.

The principal consultations will be by a questionnaire to each resident on the electoral roll within the parish. We appreciate there was a consultation in 2018, but there have been significant changes affecting our village since then, such as plans for Cranbrook expansion and changes in planning policy both nationally and at district level.

This is a vitally important document as it sets out local planning policies that will form part of the wider development plan and be used in determining planning applications and other local policies. The Whimble NP Team aims to make this consultation as open and inclusive as possible, including every citizen of the parish and the business community, government bodies, national and regional organisations and statutory authorities. We aim to ensure that the analysis of the information reflects the general views of the village and participants comments. The desire that the cumulative evidence is: robust, honest, transparent and fair, to support the choices made by local people and the approach taken. The evidence will show succinctly the intention and rationale of the policies within the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

It is YOUR feedback that will determine the issues you have regarding the shape of the village of Whimble for the next 30 years - your feedback is important in the creation of the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan. It will also lead to formulating an appraisal of the housing options, infrastructure, transport, education and the built and natural environment. The questionnaire is very detailed but this information is needed as evidence from the residents of the parish of their desires, needs and aspirations.

The questionnaire will be sent to each address in the Parish, as well as on-line. This will be supported by a weekend consultation in the Victory Hall on the 12th and 13th February 2022 (Saturday 10.00 am– 2.00 pm and Sunday 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm). Signs will be displayed around the village with more details. The key theme to this event, as it is near Valentine's Day, is 'WE LOVE WHIMBLE'. The responses will be evaluated by the autumn of 2022 and a draft Neighbourhood Plan will go out for any comments. It will then be revised and, in theory, gain agreement by EDDC to go out to a parish referendum. It is anticipated that this will be by the 1st March 2023. The final 'made' Plan will be a legal document that will stand in its own right and have 'weight' in the planning process.

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

We wish all villagers well, good health and contentment, and let's get the NP show on the road.

Alan Lascelles - Press and Publicity

20th January 2022

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Over the past two years, whether we like it or not, we have all become concerned about our respiratory health. This bodily function that most of us rarely thought about has become a daily topic of conversation and sadly many people have suffered from breathing difficulties and chronic conditions. So, not an interview in this edition but rather ten interesting questions about breathing.

1. Why do I need to learn how to breathe? I've been breathing my whole life.

According to James Nestor in his Sunday Times best-selling book (see end of article) * - *'No matter what we eat, how much exercise, how resilient our genes are, how young, skinny, or wise we are – none of it will matter unless we breathe correctly. Researchers have found the missing pillar in our health is BREATH. It all starts here'*

2. How many breaths do I take?

By the law of averages, you will take approximately 670 million breaths in your lifetime. Approximately 20,000 breaths on average per day. Perhaps when reading a typical length fictional book, you will take about 10,000 breaths. Medically 'normal' breathing in modern times is between 12-20 breaths a minute with an average intake of 0.5L per breath (much more frequent breathing than our ancestors).

3. Did our ancestors breathe as we do?

Yes and..... No. Early mammals grew noses to warm and purify the air, throats that guided air into the lungs, and alveoli (a network of sacs) that remove oxygen from the atmosphere and transfer it into the blood. This ability to breathe efficiently whether fast or slow, consciously or unconsciously enabled our ancestors to hunt, catch prey, escape predators etc. However, their shapes of nose, jaw and mouth were quite different to ours. About 1.5 million years ago our respiratory pathways began to change. For example, in colder climates noses grew narrower and longer to heat up air more efficiently. Wider and flatter noses developed in warmer climates as this was better for inhaling hot or humid air. As speech developed, the larynx sank, lips became smaller, the tongue slipped further down the throat. Weirdly all these adaptations that allowed homo sapiens to survive meant that it would make it much harder for them to breathe.

4. How does this affect us all today?

Scientific research has shown that the way we breathe has got noticeably worse, particularly since the industrial revolution. It suggests that ninety percent of us are breathing incorrectly and either causing or aggravating a host of chronic diseases! It is estimated that forty percent of today's population suffer from chronic nasal obstruction, and around fifty percent are habitual mouth-breathers.

5. What kinds of health problems are we encountering?

Modern day respiratory problems include – snoring, sleep apnoea, asthma, anxiety, attention deficiency, psoriasis, hyperactivity disorder, inflammation, nasal polyps etc.

..... on Breathing

6. Aren't snoring and sleep apnoea quite normal, especially as we get older?

No. It comes from poor breathing habits. However, we can retrain ourselves to breathe through the nose at night time.

This is good news as it means our bodies will lose less water, the pituitary gland that controls important hormones will work more efficiently, and we can even improve mental functions and concentration.

7. Why is our nose so important?

The nose is crucial because it clears air, heats and moistens it. But you probably didn't know that the nasal tissues are also involved with the triggering of chemicals and hormones that lower blood pressure and ease digestion. A woman's menstrual cycle responds to nasal functions, so too do our heart rate, blood vessels in our toes, and even how we store memories!!

'Few of us even consider how the nostrils of every living person pulse to their own rhythm, opening and closing like a flower in response to our moods, mental states, and perhaps even the sun and the moon' James Nestor.

8. Is it good to exhale fully?

Absolutely. But many of us don't exhale to our full capacity. By learning to extend our exhalations we move the diaphragm (a large muscle beneath our lungs at the base of the rib cage) up and down a bit more, allowing air to move freely out of our lungs before we next inhale. Trained singers and athletes improve their performance this way, but it is also very beneficial for asthmatics and emphysemics.

9. What can we do to improve our breathing?

There are so many breathing exercises and a host of suggestions posted on the internet, in publications, on social media etc. This can be confusing, especially if it is something that we haven't really bothered about in the past. But there are some simple things to try -

- Breathe through your nose rather than your mouth whenever possible. - inhaling through the nose forces air against the tissues at the back of the throat, making airways wider. These tissues and muscles get 'toned' and therefore breathing is easier.
- Concentrate on just one fluid movement from inhale to exhale - to help increase energy and focus the mind.
- Breathe less - This doesn't mean breathe slower, but rather to take fewer inhales and exhales in a smaller volume. Even for just a few minutes a day, this can increase our endurance, improve cardiovascular function and boost muscle mass. It helps our bodies perform at peak capacity.
- Don't hold your breath when working - This is particularly relevant to those of us on phones, computers, tablets etc. When in a state of perpetual distraction e.g. when using devices, we often hold our breath for 30 seconds or longer as well as shallow breathe erratically. Steady breathing is much better for us when we are doing sedentary tasks.

10. Are there simple exercises to try? **

There are many, for example in yoga practice, or singing training. But this simple Coherent Breathing exercise is a good starter. It is calming which helps the heart, lungs and circulation to work efficiently

- Sit up straight, relax shoulders and belly. Exhale
- Inhale softly for about 5½ seconds, letting the belly expand as air fills up the lungs
- Without pausing, exhale softly for 5½ seconds, bringing the belly in as the lungs empty (Each breath feeling like a circle)
- Repeat at least TEN times, or more if possible

Dr Andrew Weil made this 4 - 7 - 8 Breathing Method popular. It promotes deep relaxation and sleep

- Take a breath in and exhale with a 'whoosh' sound
- Close the mouth and inhale through the nose to a count of 4
- Hold for a count of 7
- Exhale completely through the mouth with a 'whoosh' to a count of 8
- Repeat this cycle for at least 4 breaths

**Always consult a medical professional if you have respiratory concerns, or before trying any practices

* Much of the research and information comes from a fascinating book '*Breath - The New Science of a Lost Art*' by James Nestor. Well worth a read. It will open your eyes (as well as your nostrils!!)

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The members all share a love of flowers and we range from complete beginners to those who have won awards at Devon County Show, arranged flowers at Exeter Cathedral and some who regularly provide brides with wedding flowers. The Club is also proud to support Ottery Help Scheme by donating floral table centres for their monthly Memory Café.

We meet at West Hill Village Hall, 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of March, April, May, June, July, September, and October, with our Christmas meeting taking place in November. At our Club nights there is usually a demonstrator – in March, this will be NAFAS Area Demonstrator, Irene Hickson. Visitors are very welcome and at the end of the evening all the arrangements are raffled.

Hopefully, this has given you a snapshot of our Club and we really hope that some of you will come along on Tuesday 15th March to see for yourselves what we are all about!

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A Window on Whimpe's Weather – November/December 2021

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Slewtton Crescent Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/35qwR9K>
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Historical data sets are also available through the same links.

November – This was a relatively pleasant autumn month, with above average sunshine, mild temperatures until the 21st and mainly dry until the 26th. Pressure rose strongly during week one and temperatures peaked on the 8th with a balmy 15.6°C. A cold front on the 20th ushered in cooler northerly winds and a few night-time frosts. A deep depression (Storm Arwen) came down the North Sea bringing heavy showers and strong north-westerly winds on the 26th and 27th. For the month as a whole, rainfall was well below average with only 18.8mm recorded and total sunshine was about 18% above normal.

December – A much wetter month, especially in the first and last weeks, while from the 11th to the 31st there was almost no sunshine apart from the odd hour here or there! With all the cloud cover, there were only three overnight frosts and generally we were in a very mild south-westerly airflow. Strong winds and rain swept in from the west late on the 7th with Storm Barra, followed by high pressure building for the next two weeks, reaching an unusual high of 1041.2mB on the 17th. An unsettled end to the month, included a very wet Christmas Day afternoon which led to some flooding across the village, as 27.7mm fell in just a few hours. The year then ended with three extremely mild days and nights, saving some pounds on our heating bills, with the very high current costs of energy.

2021	November	Date	December	Date
Warmest Day	15.6 °C	08/11/2021	15.1 °C	29/12/2021
Coollest Night	-1.9 °C	28/11/2021	-1.7 °C	02/12/2021
Windiest 24hrs	43.8 km/h	27/11/2021	48.1 km/h	07/12/2021
Wettest 24hrs	6.1 mm	26/11/2021	27.7 mm	25/12/2021
Av. Maximum	12.0 °C	N/A	10.8 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	4.1 °C	N/A	5.1 °C	N/A
Total Rain	18.8 mm	N/A	101.8 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	52.1 kWh/kW	117.8 % of Av.	23.4 kWh/kW	75.1% of Av.

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Holiday lets versus local homes, the winners and losers

A recent CPRE report examined the impact of second homes and short-term tourism lets on popular holiday areas, including Devon. The figures are sobering. They show that since 2016 the number of short-term listings in Devon has increased by a whopping 800%. This coincided with a 3% fall in the number of rental homes available between 2016 and 2019. (The figures for the two 'Covid Years' are not yet available so we cannot know for sure that property owners are removing homes from the rental market to benefit from the online holiday-let boom, but we strongly suspect that's the case).

At the risk of stating the obvious, tourism is vital to Devon's economy. Since the coming of the railways all those years ago, businesses across the county have flourished, providing services to the visitors who flocked to the South West to enjoy the beautiful coast and countryside. The growth of the package holiday industry and budget airlines may have badly dented domestic tourism, but the travel restrictions imposed as a result of Covid-19 have boosted holidays at home once again.

The massive downside of this tourism boom is the growing shortage of properties for Devon residents to live in year-round, creating virtual ghost towns during the winter and not just in South Devon's traditional hotspots. In scenic villages in North Devon and Torridge, in the small towns and villages of Dartmoor and Exmoor and right across to East Devon, you'll also find empty home after empty home with a key safe by the front door, waiting for the influx of holidaymakers in the spring.

Online booking sites like Airbnb and Vrbo have made it easier than ever for visitors to book a staycation. They've also created a lucrative opportunity for investors and second homeowners to make more money from their properties by turning them into short-term holiday lets.

We know that the South West economy benefits from the money holidaymakers spend but surely there has to be a limit to the seemingly endless supply of holiday accommodation on offer, especially when it affects the lives of local people and harms the viability of their communities. Buying their own home has long been beyond the reach of many young people and key workers because of high house prices compared to the average local wage. Is it now the case that they'll no longer be able to find a rental home either?

Devon CPRE's evidence-based report in 2018 concluded that more than 60% of new homes being built in the county were not being sold to local buyers. The housing needs of Devon residents are being pushed down the queue while the affluent turn a nice profit. It's completely unsustainable. Local people are often led to believe that new developments will provide affordable homes for local people, but we know only too well that there's a massive gap between the number of affordable homes developers initially promise and what they deliver. People are tired of being duped for profit. Surely, they too deserve to gain something from new growth and development?

There's no simple solution to this undeniably grim state of affairs but the key is surely Planning with a capital 'P'. The current system that allows endless greenfield housing developments without meeting local needs for homes - or supporting infrastructure and services like extra school places or GP surgeries - certainly has scope for improvement!

We cannot go back in time, but to make the right decisions for the current situation we need proper and accurate data - and policies that offer sustainable solutions.

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Devon CPRE objects to 'flawed proposals' for a 174-acre solar farm on sensitive lowland plains in East Devon

The campaigning local environmental charity Devon CPRE has submitted a comprehensive 16-page objection to East Devon District Council, spelling out why a large solar development at Clyst Hydon should be refused (planning application 21-3120-MFUL). The charity's latest objection to a solar farm in open countryside comes just weeks after it launched a Crowdfunder campaign to fight such applications across Devon - donations to the growing 'battle chest' already total more than £7,500. www.crowdfunder.co.uk/devon-cpre

The Clyst Hydon proposal comes hot on the heels of an application for a 69-acre solar farm over five fields at Axminster (Beavor Grange Solar Farm, planning application 21/2992/MFUL). It's expected an application will soon be made for another large solar farm near Whimble (Horton Solar Farm).

In mid-December, Lightrock submitted plans for a 49MW solar power plant in open countryside next to Peradon Farm at Clyst Hydon. Devon CPRE says the scale of the solar array and its infrastructure would harm the landscape and environment for the whole of its 40-year lifespan, while also removing seventeen pasture and arable fields from food production.

In its detailed objection to EDDC, Devon CPRE says the Planning Statement and documents submitted in support of the application contain many unsubstantiated assertions and inconsistencies. For example, there's no evidence to support the claim that the solar farm would power approximately 15,000 homes and offset approximately 21,000 te of CO₂ emissions per year, nor is there a proper ecological impact assessment.

The proposed solar farm at Clyst Hydon would include:

- 76,032 solar panels - the total length of the arrays is about 43km/26 miles
- 21 inverters in large industrial containers
- 1 substation measuring 50m x 70m
- 12.2km / over 10 miles of two-metre-high security fencing
- more than 130 CCTV cameras
- about 3.7km / 2.3 miles of tracks made of nearly 4,000m³ of stone.

Devon CPRE energy spokesperson Dr Phillip Bratby says, "This proposal would result in the industrialisation of 174 acres of farmland extending about one mile from north to south and 1.3 miles from east to west.

Robust information must be provided before such an important planning decision can be made, one that will affect the landscape and the environment for decades.

“The applicant has not calculated the CO₂ emissions directly and indirectly produced by the solar farm (its carbon footprint). These include the CO₂ emissions produced during the mining, processing, refining, manufacture and transport of all major components and the construction, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of all components. All these factors must be calculated as part of a *whole life carbon assessment*.”

Paytherden residents have set up a community campaign page, Paytherden Solar Grass Not Glass paytherden.co.uk

Devon CPRE Director Penny Mills says, “We are a small, independent charity fighting these solar farms application by application and they are coming thick and fast across the county. In East Devon alone, we are facing the prospect of three new ones - two currently in the pipeline at Clyst Hydon and Axminster - and one expected to be submitted soon near Whimble. Across the whole of Devon we are losing thousands of acres of farmland that we need for food production, a far better use of our land in this country than inefficient solar panels. We have to act now, before it's too late. If you support our cause, please become a member or donate to our Crowdfunder www.crowdfunder.co.uk/devon-cpre




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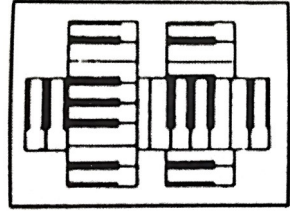
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Despite the difficult start to last year, it was good to be able to report, at the Club's AGM on January 31st, that we were able to hold a few events during 2021. Sadly, we were not able to stage our Annual Flower and Craft Show. However, we did manage to hold our plant sale and a few trips which were all well supported. It was very satisfying to be able to run events that people were happy to support. One of the main items that was agreed at the meeting was the formal adoption of our new name, as shown above. Although it has been acknowledged that there was a great deal of history behind the former title, it had become evident that we needed a title that everyone could understand rather than something that had to be explained every time. The other important decision that was made was the need to encourage new members to join the Club. There is a separate article in this edition explaining about this and of our planned Open Afternoon at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th March from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

One of our key events is our Annual Spring Plant Sale and we were pleasantly surprised to be able to do this last year. Fortunately, the weather was very kind to us as we staged it outdoors in the Hall Car Park. This year we are looking to hold the event on Saturday 21st May and hopefully it will be in the Village Hall. More details in the next edition. We will shortly be finalising most of the events we intend to hold throughout the year and these will also be included in the next edition of the News.

The Annual Flower and Craft Show is provisionally being planned for Saturday 13th August 2022 and hopefully it will take place this year. We already have a schedule prepared from last year and for the benefit of the photographers, we haven't changed the classes. Therefore, the classes for this year will be same as the ones we had planned for last year. All the classes are for a coloured or black and white print, maximum size being 6" x 8", or 150mm x 200mm. The titles for this year are: 'Springtime Blossom'; 'Sporting Action'; 'Making Music'; 'Agriculture Past or Present'; 'Childsplay'; 'Historical Devon'; 'A Religious Building'; 'A Flowering Orchid'; 'My Garden' and finally 'A Non-Domesticated Animal'. There will be a photography class for the two older children's classes and the subject for that will be 'My Pet'. Hopefully there are some suitable titles for all those keen photographers we have in the village! We also plan to have the full schedules available with details of all the Classes ready for the plant sale in May.

We sincerely hope that we will be able to have a full programme of events this year and, as and when we have more details, they will appear in a future edition of the News. Details of all our activities are on our website, www.whimble-va.co.uk so do take a look there.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Chairman

In the words of the famous English philosopher, Victor Meldrew' I could say 'I don't believe it'. Our anticipated pre-Christmas party on 14th December was cancelled. It was a difficult decision but, in my heart, it felt like the right one. At the time of the decision my son was experiencing covid and was really poorly. I asked myself how I would feel if we went ahead with our party and any of our members contracted covid afterwards. The answer made the decision to cancel much more palatable.

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You may recall that Julia Green had been invited to entertain us with songs from 'My Fair Lady'. I really am hoping that at some stage we can welcome Julia and share a lovely afternoon with her. It might also mean that the costume I fashioned for the event can be rescued from its crumpled state at the back of a wardrobe where it currently resides.

We were very disappointed not to have our party but, as with so many situations over the past year, we had to look forward. So, with everything crossed, we advanced towards our 11th January meeting in the Hub, where Dr Peter Moore spoke to us about his career as a police surgeon. Having already cancelled and re-booked him twice, it really was rather nice to at last hear his talk.

On 8th February we welcome Sarah Pepper, a well-known local florist with her seasonal ideas and displays. We look to her to provide some uplifting colour amongst so many dark days.

On 8th March we will listen to Sarah Thackeray telling us how to set about a healthier spring clean. My idea of a healthier spring clean would centre around getting someone else to do it! Sorry. I'm sure I will come away with some good ideas.

On 12th April we have John Lowe speaking about 'the boys' Homeward Bound. Intriguing.

Hot off the press. Our WI/Hospiscare combined coffee morning is scheduled for St George's Day Saturday 23rd April from 10.00am to noon in the Victory Hall. Please make a note of the date in your diary. Further details to follow.

So, as we tentatively yet confidently edge Whimble WI into the new year, may I invite any ladies interested in what we do, to contact Marilyn our wonderful secretary/treasurer on 821860 for further details.

May I wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Di Eden, President, Whimble WI

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Entries are welcome from all ages, children and adults. EVERY entry will be displayed at The Victory Hall during Village Week 2nd - 9th July. Afterwards judging will take place and the best photographs will be included in a special 2023 Whimble Calendar, to go on sale towards the end of the year. All proceeds will go towards the Victory Hall.

Other prizes will be up for grabs too, with more details to follow. Entry forms will be available in April.

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

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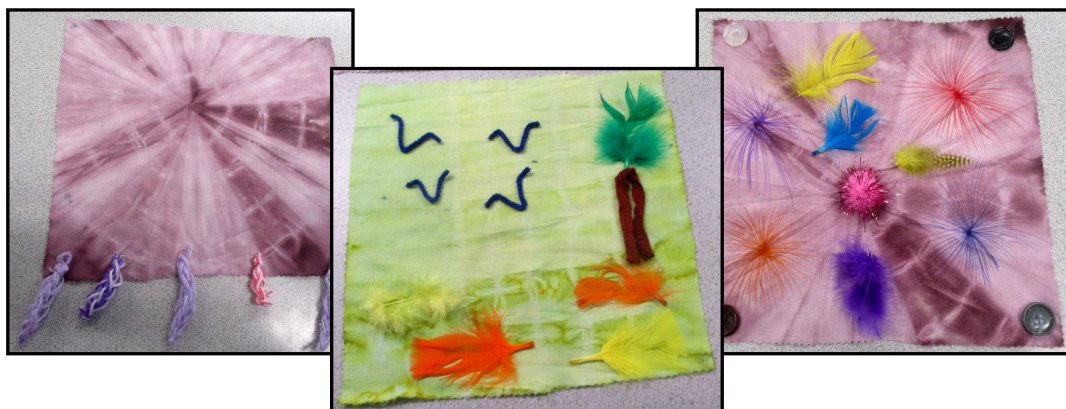
Happy New Year! I still find it hard to believe that it is 2022.

Like many of you we have had our ups and downs with Covid, with both staff and children being affected. We are still in a better place than this time last year, when many of our pupils were having to learn from home. I don't suppose children will be permitted to have 'snow days' anymore!

We continue to be part of the Skills Builder Accelerator programme, using this alongside our 6Rs to develop the essential skills that children need in order to become well-rounded employable individuals. Our focus for this half-term is 'Staying Positive - Resilience'. This involves understanding positive and negative feelings in themselves and others whilst keeping going when things go wrong. Our Fantastic Fridays alongside the teaching of the National Curriculum support the development of these skills in many practical ways.

Carole Shilston, Head Teacher

At the start of the spring term, the pupils in Beech Class learnt all about how to make natural dyes out of ingredients such as turmeric, spinach and blueberries. Then each person had a square of cotton material and spent some time putting several elastic bands around it where they did not want the dye to go. Next they placed their material in a pot of dye and left it there overnight. Then they dried and unwrapped their material to see the design they had made. Finally, the pupils added further decorations and many of them were pleased with what they had created.



On Friday 14th January, Emma Palmer and Jim Causley kindly came into school to help the pupils in Beech and Willow Class learn about Wassailing. First of all, they taught us a song that included the lyrics 'wassail, wassail, wassail... oh come and join our jolly wassail'. Next Jim played his accordion and Emma played her whistle and we followed them out of school. We processed past the Thirsty Farmer and along Slewton Crescent to reach the school orchard.

Once there, the chosen royals, read aloud some important words to us all and threw baked apples at, and placed toast in, three of the trees. Then we sang the Wassail song, made loads of noise and hopefully helped all the apple trees in the orchard to be ready to bear lots of fruit this year



Autumn term

Our autumn term was amazing! As a school we did so many things: the Elf Run at Christmas, the Christmas fair, forest school and Christmas carols. KS1 dressed up and told the nativity story and KS2 did the same but also did songs. Unfortunately, due to covid, we were not able to do a play and our songs were performed in the church. We hope you had a lovely Christmas! Happy new year everyone!

By Hawa, Floss and Molly (Year 6)



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SAY IT WITH DINNER!

We start the year full of new energy and new ideas. Craig and his team have created a magnificent menu for Valentine's - think Champagne, Cornish crab, honey glazed duck, fillet of beef and a cheeky tonka bean brûlée.

With the nights now getting lighter again new menus are also being written for the spring. One of our favourite services of the year, Mothering Sunday, is on the horizon too.

Keep an eye on our social media as we start to gear up for our big '30 Year' celebrations in May.

Here's to a great 2022!

Paul, Judy & the team

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