# Whimple News



# Aug/Sept 2019

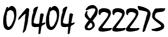
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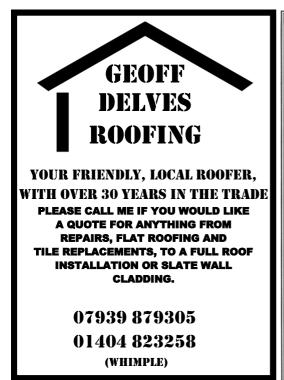


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# What's On In Whimple

#### August

- 10th VPA Annual Flower and Craft Show Victory Hall details page 14
- 20th WI Summer Garden Party at Yellands Farm 12.00

#### September

- 2nd Whimple Parish Council Planning Meeting Victory Hall 7.00
- 7th Community Theatre4All Junior cast introductory workshop details page 16
- 9th Victory Hall AGM 7.00pm, Victory Hall details page 51
- 10th Whimple Youth Club Victory Hall 5.15 6.30 pm details page 57
- 10th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 pm 'From Farm to Yarn' -Paula Steer for Lily Warne Wool
- 14th Devon Historic Churches Day details page 20
- 14th Front Row Club 7.00 for 7.30 pm including AGM- details on website/posters
- 15th Orchard Harmony concert St Mary's Church 7.30 pm details page 20
- 16th Whimple Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 20th History Society talk at the Victory Hall 7.30 pm Michael Gee on 'Apple Orchards in Devon'
- 24th Whimple Youth Club Victory Hall 5.15-6.30 pm details page 57
- 28th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall, 12.00noon 1.30pm
- 29th VPA trip to The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum details page 14

#### October

- 7th Whimple Parish Council Planning Meeting Victory Hall 7.00
- 8th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 pm Open meeting Devon Ghosts with Robert Hesketh
- 8th Whimple Youth Club Victory Hall 5.15-6.30 pm details page 57
- 10th Dinner with Alan Dodds and 'The beginnings of David Bowie', Victory Hall 7.30 pm -details page 21
- 12th Front Row Club 7.00 for 7.30 pm details on website/posters
- 21st Whimple Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 24th VPA talk Graham White on 'Herbaceous perennials and borders' Victory Hall
- 25th 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the formation of Whimple History Society
- 26th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall, 12.00noon 1.30pm
- 27th Apple Pressing at the Heritage Centre from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
- 29th Whimple Youth Club Victory Hall 5.15 6.30 pm details page 57

#### November

- 2nd Front Row Club 7.00 for 7.30 pm details on website/posters
- 4th Whimple Parish Council Planning Meeting Victory Hall 7.00
- 8th VPA Quiz Night
- 12th Whimple Youth Club Victory Hall 5.15-6.30 pm details page 57
- 18th Whimple Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 26th Whimple Youth Club Victory Hall 5.15-6.30 pm details page 57

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# Ed the Ed

Well done to all involved with the Village Week, but most 'specially, the great Village Day. I thoroughly enjoyed my annual moment of 'power going to the head' as I waved my formal STOP sign for traffic trying to get through the village during the Fun Run. I think I had one delivery driver, not from these parts, who couldn't combine the idea of running on a warm morning with FUN. What a brilliant spread of ages for this event... later on I was allowed to get involved with the Fancy Dress event and that was great fun – some very creative costumes especially by Panto Gemma who came as her husband-to-be, in her outfit as worn on her hen night!

I had been 'invited' to support the Munchkins at Village Day- the Miniature Shetland Rescue Charity that the current Mrs H is heavily involved with, and we had a wonderful time. We had lots of children wanting to groom the ponies, who behaved perfectly all afternoon and raised over £400 for the charity, so thank you very much Whimple.

I loved the Bouncy Pony Race, especially the race for the 'more mature riders', two of whom are featured on our front cover – what great sports to volunteer to do that!! I thought that it was a good turn-out from Whimple, and great to see people supporting so many of the stall holders!

Our new Councillor, Kathy Mclauchlan, has again contributed an article on her baptism into the world of local government, and provides us with an update on our hot local topic, the challenge that we can make concerning the 'Cranbrook creep' – the building activity, not a person!!!!

Please support our local Action Group on this – it will be a long campaign but at least we will have done something about it rather than accepting it as a done deal.

And well done to our very own Wonders of Whimple who emerged recently for a photo opportunity in a local garden, again, with no clothes on! I am glad that I was not cycling past as the event may have caused me some distraction and I could have visited the hedge. And none of them wearing hats or scarves – whatever is happening to this village!!! Standards are falling!!

If you would like to contribute to this wonderful magazine, then Bob Scanlan and I are poised like coiled springs, awaiting your words of wisdom for the October/ November edition....please send it to either of us on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk or edhitch@btinternet.com, by Tuesday 10th September. Thank you!

### EdH

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We are always looking for new products and companies to work with.

We've added to our range a delicious selection of Cornish blended coffee, plus exciting gelato and sorbets from Baboo Gelato. They are based in Bridport and gelato is smooth ice made using more milk than cream so it is much lower in fat than traditional ice cream. There is also less air in gelato which means it has more flavour. We are currently stocking hazelnut, salted caramel gelato and gin & tonic and rose wine sorbets. They are all delicious and we look forward to adding some of their exciting seasonal flavours as they become available. We still also have a good range of Salcombe Dairy and Langage Farms ice creams.

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We still offer a great range of banking services to our local community and if you need floats for events we will be happy to provide them with some notice as we keep a very limited stock of change at the counter.

#### Mark and Jenny

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#### Mark, Jenny and Team



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# Whimple Victory Hall

# Join us for Soup'n'Sarnie Lunch

12.00noon to 1.30pm on

Saturday 28th September

There is no Soup'n'Sarnie in August

# Whimple Sports Projects Voting Results July 2019

There is £40,000 of Section 106 sports money to spend within the parish of Whimple. Whimple Parish Council spearheaded a project to spend it, supported through the process by East Devon District Council. The community were asked to put forward their ideas for how this money could be spent on outdoor, capital sports projects. Five eligible, possible and affordable proposals were put forward. All these projects were taken out to residents of Whimple at an event. 358 valid questionnaires were received. EDDC had to make sure the voting was representative to a certain extent of the population of Whimple, as Section 106 sports money is for people of all ages and what age group someone is in can significantly affect how they vote.

#### <u>Results</u>

Project	
A small tarmac or concrete area with a couple of simple ramps/ activities for skateboarding, roller-skating, scootering and BMXing in Whimple Project cost: £40,000	
A multi-use games area including goals for sports such as football and basketball at the Town Lane recreation field. Project cost: $\pm 40,000$	39%*
Improvements to the drainage at Whimple cricket ground, which is also used regularly by the football team and occasionally by the school. This would reduce the amount of matches that get postponed due to the area being waterlogged. Applying for £30,000 of a £35,000 project.	
Outdoor exercise equipment at the Town Lane recreation field. This would be traditional gym equipment suitable for outdoor use. Project cost: £25,000.	29%*
An outdoor table tennis table at the Town Lane recreation field. Project cost: £5,000.	

#### NOTES

- 1. The results have to be formally ratified by Whimple Parish Council at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 16th September.
- 2. \* The voting form allowed up to two votes per person.

#### Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Thank you to those residents who have already expressed their interest in helping develop the next stage of the Whimple NP.

There is still time to get involved and if you are interested please email **Kevin Finch**, Parish Clerk whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com or call 823385 and leave a message.

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### From Kathy to the residents of Whimple,

The new councillor training has almost finished and now my work (watch) begins. I have found my first month exhausting and exciting in equal measure, there is so much to learn. The independent councillors have formed a minority administration. The new leader of the council is Ben Ingham and his deputy is Susie Bond. I am very pleased to say that I have been given the position of vice chairperson for the Development Planning Committee and am a member of the Scrutiny committee. The planning position will require a huge commitment in terms of time at the council offices and learning at home.

#### RECYCLING

After a recent documentary on recycling of plastic and the news of third world countries beginning to refuse the UK's waste problem, I am pleased to report the East Devon District Council (EDDC) do not send plastic to third world countries and at present are recycling 60% of all waste which is processed within Europe. EDDC are also working on an ALEXA project which will enable people to find out what can be recycled by asking Alexa, sounds like a gimmick maybe but it will help towards beating the 60% recycling that is already being achieved.

#### PLANNING

Planning training has given me so much insight to the pressure that East Devon District Council are under by the government. It is expected that the EDDC provide 900 homes per year and finding the land to do that is very difficult and often controversial. The majority of East Devon is protected from large scale development by being designated areas of natural outstanding beauty (AONB),which, unfortunately, Whimple and Rockbeare are not. I was delighted and encouraged by the piece in the Whimple News June/July by our parish clerk Kevin, about our Neighbourhood Plan. This plan is the only way Whimple can have some protection and consideration when planning for future development is being considered.

#### CRANBROOK

A couple of weeks ago I spoke with James Brown, Cranbrook planning officer, about some of the concerns of Whimple residents. He has said that at the present time there is no intention to close the Cobden Lane junction where it meets the London Road, apparently this isn't very clear on the plans and it could be misconstrued. He did assure me that, should there ever be a closing of this junction, there would have to be provision made for haulage and horse lorries which use that lane. At present there is no threat of closure to Whimple school but Cranbrook have to have provision in place for the children who will live there - hence a primary school in the Cobdens plan. With regard to the proposed traveller/gypsy site, the inspectorate will look at the plans and decide the best place for the provision of sites. The planner did say that he had received a large number of comments from the residents of Whimple and those who have commented shall receive an email of the time table for the consultation soon. Please feel free to call me or email me if you wish to talk about any council business,

Kathy Mclauchlan kmclauchlan@eastdevon.gov.uk mob: 07811 138177



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It hardly seems possible that we are now almost ready to stage yet another Flower and Craft Show! By the time this edition reaches your doorstep, I expect there will be a lot of you putting the finishing touches to your exhibits for our Annual Flower and Craft Show on Saturday 10th August 2019. It has been another challenging time for those looking to enter the Flower and Vegetable Classes. No doubt there will have been much covert watering going on during the past few weeks to ensure we have the usual magnificent displays. We are looking forward to seeing all the magnificent entries in all the Classes.

On Sunday 23rd June, we had a very successful trip to RHS Rosemoor for the Rose weekend and Craft Market. This trip was very well supported and despite the rain in the afternoon everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. This trip was followed with another outing on Sunday 14th July and was to visit the National Trust property, Arlington Court which also houses a famous carriage museum. Again, this was another very successful and enjoyable trip.

Following the Flower Show we have another trip planned, this time to The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum. There will also be an opportunity to stop off at the Endsleigh Garden Centre on the return journey. This trip is booked for Sunday 29th September and the costs will be £18.50 for VPA Members and £20.00 for Non Members. A booking form is included with this edition of the News, but they are also available at the Whimple Stores and our thanks to Mark and Jenny for facilitating this.

Our final two events for the year will be a talk by Graham White entitled, 'Herbaceous Perennials and Borders'. This will be on Thursday 24th October 2019. Our final event for 2109, and back by popular demand, is our Quiz night which will be on Friday 8th November. This has proved to be a lot of fun for the past two years, so we are looking forward to another very enjoyable evening.

Full details of all our events with reports and photographs can be found on our website which is www.whimple-vpa.co.uk so please access it to keep up to date on everything.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Flower and Craft Show on Saturday 10th August.

#### Paul Wilson, Chairman, Whimple VPA

#### Whimple & District Village Produce Association Outing to The Garden House and Endsleigh Garden Centre on Sunday 29th September 2019

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I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who either helped, made cakes, gave a donation and/or visited my garden over the week end of the 29/30th June.

I should also like to say thank you to Mr and Mrs F Bucknell for the use of their field for parking, this was used by the many visitors who came from outside of Whimple

There were about 90 visitors over the week end raising in excess of £550, I do not have an exact amount as I am still receiving donations which I will pass on to the hospice.

Doreen Staddon

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# **Community Theatre 4All**

# CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIKE DOING MUSIC AND DRAMA WE NEED YOU FOR:



# We are looking for young people who will be in school years 3 to 8 in September

#### The 'Junior Cast' Introductory Workshop will be held on: Saturday 7th September from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in St Mary's Church Whimple.

#### The afternoon will comprise a range of drama and singing activities.

Parents are welcome to either bring their children and leave them for the first 90 minutes of the session or remain in the church to watch the activities. All parents <u>must</u> be present from 3.30pm. At this time full details of the commitments involved in the whole project, from the first rehearsal to the last performance will be given to parents and Parental Consent Forms will be given out. It is also equally important that the Parental Consent Forms are returned on the next meeting date (Saturday 21st September) as, regretfully, without signed Parental Consent Forms we will not be able to accept a young person into the cast.

Performances will be given in St Mary's Church Whimple in early 2020.

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#### WHIMPLE CHURCH



http://churches4all.org/

Firstly some Thank You's.

Thank you to all of you who supported our Church Fete in June which was a very successful event. Thank you also to those who manned the Church stall on Village Day and to those who provided lots of lovely cakes. We had a really good turnout for our Songs of Praise Service during which a selection of songs, traditional and modern chosen by various people were sung.

Most of our regular Home Groups are taking a break for the summer. However, there are lots of events to look forward to over the next few months.

On Saturday 3rd August Clyst St Lawrence are holding their annual Church Fete in Walkeys Field at 2.30pm. On September 21st there will be a Breakfast at the Village Hall in Talaton. Details are still being finalised but more information will be in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

On September 22nd we will be having our Harvest Service followed by a Bring and Share Picnic which will be held at Whimple Cricket Club. Details of this are still being finalised so look out for information in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

The Devon Historic Churches Day is on Saturday 14th September. Anyone is able to take part either by cycling or walking between churches of their choice. However if exercise is not appealing to you, maybe you would rather host a coffee gathering or cream tea, or serve friends a soup and roll for lunch. Perhaps you would find it fun to organise a "declutter" day either on your own or with friends, or open your garden. There are no rules as to how to raise funds for the trust. Monies raised are divided between a church of your choice and the DHCT. All Devon churches are able to ask for help from the Trust should they have structural problems and need help with the cost. Whimple church has been a recipient of aid in the past.

If you would like to join 'Ride or Stride' on the 14th, sponsorship forms are available from Jane Clements on 01404 822181. We would also welcome volunteers who can act as stewards in St Mary's Church in the afternoon.

Our Youth groups are taking a break for the summer but will return in September. Please look out for information in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

#### Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

On Saturday 7th September there will a 'Junior Cast' Introductory Workshop from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in St Mary's Church Whimple. The afternoon will comprise a range of drama and singing activities. Full details are on the website and in The Link.

### A Date for your diary at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th October 2019 in the Victory Hall, Dinner with Alan Dodds

# and the beginnings of David Bowie

Alan Dodds is an entertaining after-dinner speaker and musician – and has an amazing story to tell. He came to a Whimple breakfast event in January 2019 and spoke a bit about being in David Bowie's first band, The Konrads, and how he wrote his first recorded song. We were very limited by time and he has so much more to share (and sing!) about his years with David Bowie and also his life since then! So we are inviting him back for dinner.

Tickets will cost £5 and will be available from Whimple Stores in September. There is more information on the website.

Please note that there are some changes to our usual pattern of services in August. Full details of these can be found in The Link and on our website.

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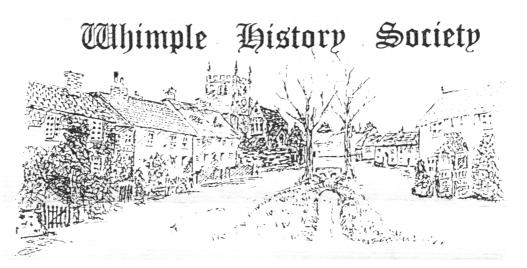
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### WHIMPLE Q.I

A few more interesting facts from the archives of Whimple History Society:

- A note book, starting 17th June 1821 and ending 16th May 1842, lists those in Whimple to whom "Charity was given" by the Trustees of the Parish of Whimple Poor's Money. Money was donated by various donors. The income arising from investment of the donations was distributed at an annual meeting to those poor persons of the Parish who were not receiving parochial relief. The amounts distributed varied from 2 shillings and 6 pence to 9 shillings according to the numbers in each family.
- Thomas Baker was robbed and murdered near the Hand and Pen Inn on 17th April 1724. He is buried in Honiton Churchyard.
- Tom Turl, father of Francis Turl, bought a bus that had solid tyres. He was booked by a party from Rockbeare to take them to Bristol. The only way this trip could be undertaken was to go up one day and come back the next as the charabanc's maximum speed was 12 m.p.h.
- Dunkirk evacuation May 1940: A field next to 5 Woodlands, Whimple was taken over by the Army to accommodate soldiers returning from Dunkirk. Soldiers were also billeted in a Whiteway's Cyder Co factory building at the end of Station Road.



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# WHIMPLE TABLE TENNIS CLUB Club Nights 2019



The Club meets on Tuesday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm,

at the Victory Hall, on the following dates:

# 3rd and 17th September1st and 15th October5th and 19th November3rd and 17th December

We would love to see new members so please come along and join in. All levels and ages are catered for and all equipment will be supplied.

The cost is £3.00 per evening.

If you have any questions please call me on 07787 544192.

I look forward to meeting you.

#### **Chris Beer**



THANK YOU so much to the residents of Whimple and to the ten village volunteers who took part in our annual house to house collection held in May on behalf of CHRISTIAN AID.

Through your great generosity we were able to raise a new village record sum of over £1850.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for our work with and for the poorest communities on earth – with your kind donations we are able to make a difference. It is great that at a time when many people are struggling our friends in Whimple are helping to care for those overseas less fortunate.

Aubrey Curry and Peter Wood

# The Thirsty Farmers Pre-Beautiful Days Party 14th August from 6pm!







Join us for our Pre Beautiful days Party with The Devils Prefects, Smokin Donuts, Jess Clarke and Nigel Clatworthy. Starting at 6pm until 23.59 Hog Roast and Wood Fired Pizzas On the Go!

# The Thirsty Farmer post Beautiful Days Gig With Davey Malone

# Monday 19th August





Monday 19th August at the Thirsty Farmer? Davey Malone from Hobo Jones and the Junkyard Dogs Our Post Beautiful Days Gig Live at 9pm Free Entry as Always

# Protect Our Whimple & Rockbeare



Email:- contact@powr.live

Apples, orchards and cider, perhaps three things that have put Whimple on the map. A village that existed in 1068, recorded in the Domesday Book as Winple, a village that has moved on since its Whiteways cider factory left, which was an historic part of East Devon's industrial past. Since those times our village has grown into a sustainable community, surrounded by a beautiful Devon landscape of rolling hills, woods, rich red soil and a network of farmsteads and streams. It is a great place to live, to work and to relax, but is being threatened by what is happening not that far away.

It is being threatened by the expansion of Cranbrook, by it being a 'Developer led' new town, by the lack of effective town planning and local influence.

Linked to the consultation in March 2019 regarding the expansion to the East and South of London Road, in April 2019 a group of very concerned villagers took it upon by distributing an information leaflet to our themselves to take action outlining exactly how raise objections village, to to this mass expansion, which proved to be very effective in generating a massive response to the consultation - numbering at least 500 replies sent to East Devon District Council's Planning Department. (If you have not received a reply you may wish to chase up the EDDC with a further e mail / letter).

This residents group which has been named POW&R, reflecting a positive approach to achieving change, not nimbyism, but hopefully working constructively with various appropriate statutory bodies and the voluntary independent sector, together with all interested parties, including our own local Parish Council, our neighbouring parish of Rockbeare, Cranbrook Town Council, EDDC, Devon County Council and other groups like the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

POW&R has set up a steering group and action committee and is keen to work on the Neighbourhood Plan for Whimple, as part of protecting our green space surrounding the village and create the right environment that meets the needs of the village for the long term future. (A representative has met with Whimple Parish Council to formally offer assistance and they have welcomed our support).

There is clearly a sense of urgency as Cranbrook is moving Eastwards.

Rockbeare has just completed its Plan, which adds a layer of legal protection around their village. Rockbeare Parish Council has given POW&R their support and joint commitment. Now it's Whimple's turn to complete this valuable and protective planning task - time is of the essence.

There are many issues that affect the village, not least the sheer scale of the proposed new development and the proposal to site a permanent gypsy and traveller site within the Parish boundary. Many of these issues require more expert advice and guidance.

To this end the group has engaged a planning lawyer to undertake a feasibility study – this has costs which, to date, have been borne by independent members of the POW&R committee. POW&R is preparing information materials to villagers, creating a website, developing social media and administration. This has to be funded. The group is in the process of setting up and releasing a crowdfunding vehicle and bank account. This is aimed to fund legal costs, appraise the Cranbrook Master Plan against the National Planning Policy Framework and hold Developers and EDDC to account.

Critically, we need support and donations to engage with consultants to determine our best course of action going forward and to protect our village.

Our key remit is to maintain a two-way communication flow between villagers and the POW&R Group. To hold regular meetings and provide updates for Whimple and Rockbeare. We have in the pipeline an 'Open Day' for Q&A once we have gained momentum and external support. Please feel free to put any points you may have to our email address.



We need to ensure Whimple has a green and pleasant future – building on its historic past. We need you to make this happen.

#### Alan Lascelles - Press and Publicity

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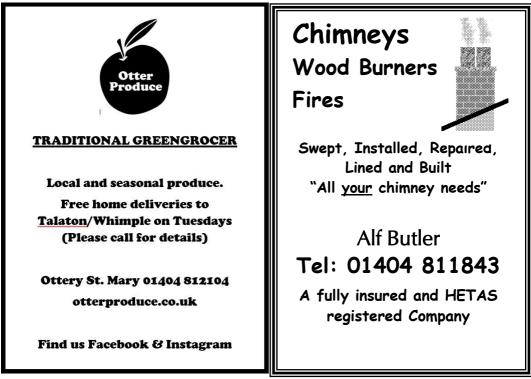


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### Village Week 2019

So we have finally put Village Week 2019 to bed – an event that the committee started planning as long ago as October last year.

It's tough work meeting up every few weeks in the pub to shape our ideas – some old and some new. This year we changed the layout – using a somewhat obsessively detailed colour-coded and numbered plan – and although there was a degree of barely hidden scepticism from some (I noticed), I like to think it worked. Feedback on the day itself seems to be very favourable and even the weather played ball being overcast but comfortably warm. Dan The Hat proved to be a huge success with adults and children alike and even the village dogs had their chance to take part on the agility equipment.

It's impossible to say thank you to everyone who contributed but, as they say at the Oscars, let me try. Firstly – thanks to everyone who turned up on the day and made our work worthwhile – and thank you for putting so much more of your rubbish in the bins – it makes the clean-up team's work a lot easier. To all of those who organized events during the week and supported us in one way or another on Village Day – we couldn't possibly do it without you. A special mention to Alex Spry for marquees, Helen Bowker for the haybales, John Male for the portaloos, Kirsty Sherwood for organising the bar, the History Society for the BBQ, the WI and Church for the tea tent and Mark Thompson for coming out at 5.30pm on a Saturday to take away the refuse.

However, I particularly want to highlight the Village Week Committee for all their hard work and say a massive thank you to - Suzanne Rothwell (games), Sue Draycott and Hilary Nowill (stalls), Marilyn Mills (refreshments), David Myers ('The Money' and raffle), Heather Pye (Fun Run), Ali Tierney (Village Week event coordinator), Sue Ayres (Fancy Dress), Gary Lovering ('The Muscles'), Rebecca Giffard (Pre-School activities) and Bob Scanlan (Egg Catching, PA, electricity, advertising and the man who managed my melt-down with a bottle of wine). They are all an absolute delight to work with and if you would like to join our happy band for Village Week 2020 do call me on 01404 371433.



































### Whimple Day WACY Races Fun Run

Conditions were perfect for the 42 runners who lined up for the start of this year's fun run. A big, big thank you to everyone for taking part. (Special mention to our non-runner 4 yr old Esme Giffard who had a little pre-race accident, I am looking forward to seeing her next year.)

The 'Carolines' got us off to an energetic start with a fab warm up before the hooter sounded for the serious business of fun running!

After a tightly fought contest the Fun Run cup was won by Edward Wilson in a fantastic 8:44, closely followed by last year's winner 11 year old Charlie Williams in 8:53. Third place went to Finn O'Connor in 9:44.

The other medal winners are as follows

Over 16's: 1st: Edward Wilson 2nd:Simon Denton 3rd:Matthew Hilling

Under 16's: 1st Charlie Williams 2nd: Finn O'Connor 3rd: Peter Biven

Under 10's: 1st Edward Giffard 2nd:Oliver Hynd 3rd: Sophia Lenzi (1st female finisher)

Congratulations to you all.

The youngest runner was 2yr old Fraser Anstead, helped along by his Mum & big brother Freddy. It was lovely to see so many of the under 10's entering & it would be great if next year it inspires some more of the 'overs' to take part. Just look at Bill Jordan, over 70, & running 15:20. Fab.

Great running by all of you who took part but more importantly I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Thank you all and thanks to everyone who helped with the event.

See you all next year!

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Bonfires now are not allowed so no more smoke drifts past a cloud a certain smell of leaves alight left to hover through the night

I do not hear the owl these times only the church clock's chiming rhymes as its bells have done so many times its memories of the passing hours of weddings, baptisms, plus life's ends. and – Autumn arrives again

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#### Thankyou rather than Goodbye!

On Monday 24th June, a 'Meal and Peal' was arranged so that St. Marys Bell ringers could show their appreciation to Mike and Avril (Ellingham), who have now moved from Whimple and settled in their new home in Sidmouth.

Mike, a dedicated ringer, always supported by Avril, rang in Whimple for 27 years. He would never take on the role of Captain. However, many of us looked upon him as the Main Stay (excuse the pun!). Always reliable, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and keen to keep the Bells ringing. In fact, it's hard to remember that many times when we rang without him.

We started the evening at Sidbury, ringing for approximately 1 hour and feeling very pleased with ourselves, as we mastered the eight bells rather well! We were then joined by partners and enjoyed a meal at The Hare and Hounds where we reminisced about various outings and events we had been involved with throughout the years. One event that wasn't mentioned but will never be forgotten (Mike?), was the infamous scarecrow competition that took place several years ago now. Mike always wanted to take part in Village events and promptly came up with the idea of us making a 'Naughty Choirboy' and dangle it from the Tower by a Bell rope. Good idea you might think but it was at a time when changes were being proposed for the interior of the Church and people weren't happy. For some reason the poor Vicar at the time bore the brunt of the villagers' disagreements.

However, our 'Naughty Choirboy' scarecrow did look rather good or so we thought. Sunday morning came and I was ready to pop down to ring the bells when the phone went. A national newspaper had arrived in The Square! and would I be available to answer questions as to why St. Marys Ringers had decided to Hang the Vicar from the Tower!!

Suffice to say after much explaining and pleading, they decided not to go ahead with what they had hoped would make a sensational front-page story!!

To end a lovely evening, we presented Mike and Avril with flowers, gifts and wished them well for the future. However, it won't be Goodbye as Mike has already volunteered his services, should we need a Ringer at any time!

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#### TALE VALLEY CHOIR

#### Sunday 7th July. St Mary's Church, Whimple

A year on from their last concert in Whimple, and with an exponential repertoire, the choir has gone from strength to strength. Intonation and harmony has immeasurably hurtled upwards leaving the punter feeling the full force of four or more parts being delivered with sensitivity, cohesion and listenability.

Behind her affability and apparent easy-goingness, Emma Palmer, conductor and founder of TVC, is a skilled taskmaster with a will of iron, though this is not experienced as a harshly applied determination by the members of the choir; quite the opposite, judging by the fun everybody seems to be having.

<u>Whimple School choir</u> featured on the programme this year. The audience was treated to an enthusiastic performance by the children, whose ages range from 7-11, (Emma- trained, of course). They sang **Stop The Train** and **I Love To See The Wheels in Motion** with Tale Valley; then **Kings and Queens**, naming all the English Kings & Queens since William The Conqueror; **Doh Re Me** from Sound of Music and **School Dinners**!

They learned the words to all their songs and also the 'sol fa' actions – impressive! Their 'Whimple School Choir' yellow T-shirts gave unity and harmony to their performance

Tale Valley Choir's theme for this year is movement and transport. **Come** follow; Marching to Zion, Give Me Wings, Different Ships and John B Sails (Sloop John B) – they all speak for themselves - as do Five Hundred Miles; Half the World Away and King of the Road.

TVC too were into trains, with the children, then on their own: I Can Hear A Train A Comin; I'm A Train; Then Rockin' All Over The World and finally a spot of Purcell with 'Twas Within A Furlong of Edinburgh Town.

However, one should not miss the individual song themes, some being about unity, tragedy, family, homelessness, civil rights and race relations. Others are just, simply, good fun. There was a Peggy Seeger song about love, community and friendship - no travel and transport there - but then it didn't need it. There was also **One Voice**, which I am told was a favourite of the choir with harmonies in three parts of sopranos and altos.

Throughout, TVC acquitted themselves thoroughly, both musically and harmoniously.

In many parts, the emergence of the tenors/basses matched, and movingly overrode the sweetness of those further up the treble clef.

In **Half The World Away**, Tom played the guitar with the choir while also singing his bass part: panache and aplomb come to mind. The sound blended well with the choir.

Talking of being moved: -

<u>Diminished 7</u>. Robbie, Tom and Kiko. To say what instruments they played, might be to underestimate their versatility. They just keep getting better (like TVC!)

One (this 'one' anyway) wondered what other instruments they could all play.

However, Kiko on violin and Robbie on trombone with **CAT Duet** allowed us an authentic skilled view (oh, and sound) of cats posturing.

**Bach Goes To Town** was memorable and to those more 'seasoned' brought back memories of Swingle Singers and The Jacques Loussier trio. With Tom on alto saxophone, Kiko on the clarinet and Robbie on trombone, the trio demonstrated their tremendous musical prowess. We will miss them when they all go off to university; maybe some fixtures in the long vacation is the answer to bringing them back - Emma......?

I confessed last year to having a spouse in the choir. Hitherto it meant my going to performances without the responsibility. Now it includes word testing; I can't think I am the only one who does that? As last year, words and music have to be learned but its impact is more evident this year. The performance with words and music in heads (mostly!) means the choristers project their voices into the auditorium. This invites the audience to be part of the event much more, as was evident to the Whimple audience.

As before, the choir tackled some international stuff, some of it tricky I am told. But, as always, they sang with smiles on their faces.

There is a rumour that Emma sometimes 'wears' the words on her front, for the choir to see, on some of their more 'complicated' songs.

This year's performance in Whimple took us around the world and our mental states; we were taken 'out' of Whimple. Last year's theme was drink. This year, travel as well as mental gymnastics. What next year Emma? Why wait for a year? Well you should know that there is an awful lot of non - Whimple time throughout the year. Tale Valley Choir sings all over – mostly, but not exclusively local. You should find out where, and go and enjoy them singing. I will suggest that TVC venues appear in Whimple News under 'Events' to make it easier for you.

**Richard Davies** 

At our A.G.M. on Tuesday the 14th May, 33 members attended, along with our County Advisor Jenny Roberts. Di Eden was elected President again for the coming year and the meeting concluded with Cheese & Wine and a quiz.

We held a Social Lunch at the New Inn on the 22nd May, where as usual they provided us with good food and value for money and all of us enjoyed the social gathering yet again. Thank you to Jane Clements for organising.



Our June monthly meeting was held on the 11th (and with our President and Secretary being away on holiday, I chaired - that gave them all a shock, but hopefully I didn't make too much of a hash of it!!). Our speaker was Dr Peter Marsden, an archaeologist, who gave us an interesting talk on ancient things found whilst excavating sewers, cess pits and cemeteries. Rather him than me! He brought along various artefacts for us to examine and discuss, and although at first we thought it might be a bit stuffy, it was in fact quite fascinating.

There was a Theatre Trip for 17 of us to Sidmouth on the 20th June and the performance was a thriller entitled "Suddenly at Home". Everyone agreed that it was the most entertaining performance they had seen in a long time at the Manor Theatre. Thank you, Avril, for organising and there will be another visit on the 16th August.

14 of us ventured out on the 21st June to the New Inn at Broadclyst for an energetic game of skittles. There was much hilarity when a couple of us scored either 0 or 1, but who cares, we all agreed that its great fun and I will organise another evening soon. There was another enjoyable social lunch on the 2nd July, this time at the Black Horse with 24 ladies attending. I think I will have to organise more games of skittles to help burn off the calories!! Jane is very good at organising these lunches, thanks again to her.

Our Monthly Meeting on the 9th July was an 'Open' evening, when the Hon. Alison Haslem a former London Blue Badge Tour Guide, gave us some "Tales behind the Statues". What a great speaker, so engaging with her audience telling us many light-hearted tales and amusing anecdotes about the statues that are scattered all over London, from street corners and garden squares to tucked away niches. Alison had researched well and dug deep to discover the scandal, gossip and mishaps behind some of them, which produced much laughter from her audience. It was a most entertaining evening.

A number of our ladies assisted and provided cakes as usual in the refreshment tent for Village Day on Saturday 13th and the day was a great success. Our Secretary even decided to enter one of the competitions, the Horse Hopper race!! I am not sure where she finished as I was too busy laughing and taking photos. Well done Marilyn for being such a good sport!

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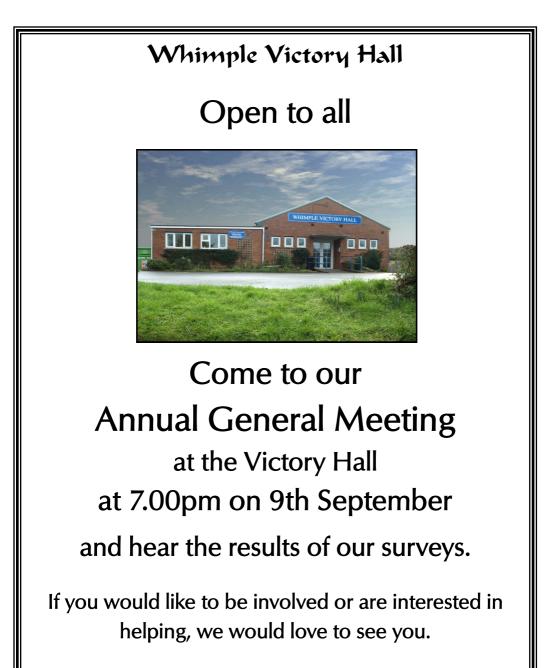
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It is hard to believe that we are at the end of yet another school year. Since the last edition of Whimple News the children have been working hard to show us what they are capable of alongside a whole range of other activities to keep them busy. The Year 6 children have spent a week at Pixies Holt on residential, whilst the Year 4 children had a nights sleepover in the hall.

Coasts has been the theme of the term across the school so children have either been to Lyme Regis or to Seaton to support their learning and understanding. There have been a number of sporting events at Clyst Vale including athletics, 5-aside football and a fun run.

Year 5 have also put on a great production of Cinderella watched by the school and their parents. Fantastic Friday has seen all the usual activities including cookery, art and Forest School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the school throughout the year, especially those who give up their time to help with activities, hear readers or take part in the 'Open the Book' assemblies on a regular basis. Thank you.

Have a lovely summer and we will be back in September.

Carole Shilston, Headteacher

## ROMANIA



The year 5s of Willow and the whole of Beech class were paid a visit by a Romanian lady named Alina. She spent her time tutoring us about Romanian numbers and the festivals they celebrated. Also, we found out that there were many traditions carried out by the Romanians during the season of summer like many visits to beaches and the Danube Delta. These places get very crowded in the summer.

The small villages have a few traditions like water fights and 'watering the wives' a small game where the people of the villages pretended to dunk the ladies in the nearest source of water to make their husbands and boyfriends compromise and make a fair working atmosphere.

We all had a great experience and learned lots about the Romanian culture.



On the 14th of July some people from different countries came into our school to talk about their culture.



They explained that the countries that speak

Arabic write from right to left and have 28 letters and have some different sounds than English. In her presentation about the Arabic cultures they told us about the traditional clothing and food they eat.

It was a great experience for the year 5s in Willow and all of Beech. We all learned about the Arabic culture and were very grateful for the visit.

## Heedsup and Exeter Chiefs Mental Health

In the second half of the summer term, Heads Up came to Whimple Primary School with some of the Exeter Chiefs to talk about Mental Health. Year 5 and Year 6 began by talking about how important it is to keep your brain and mind healthy, as well as keeping your physical health in check. The link between mental and physical health is the main focus of the session and having the Exeter Chiefs there really emphasises that.

Paula Baker, who founded Heads Up, did some activities with us about our emotions and how we act when we feel them. She began by asking us to write and label what emotions we feel and where we feel them on a picture of a human body.

After break time we went to the MUGA and were put into teams of around six people. First we had to score a try, run back to our team and let the next person do the same. Then we continued to the same thing but it was getting steadily harder.

Finally, we played a game which showed us how using the space around us and the people around us as well.

Heads Up showed us how important it is to keep our Brains Healthy and the Exeter Chiefs showed us how to keep our Bodies Healthy. We really enjoyed the activities they did with us.

By Ava Martin and Holly Walsh, Year 5

#### Clyst Vale Community College Mental Heath Ambassadors

On the 11th July, seven students came to Whimple School to talk to Year 5 about what you need to do to keep yourself happy and healthy.

There were three stations, The String Game- you have connections to you that you might not know well. The Balloon Game- how your worries build up if you don't talk to someone that you can trust. Free Choice- they got out playdough, Lego, colouring pens and paper.

By Katie Parker and Freya Bayley, Year 5







## THE AMAZING WHITE SPARROW OF WHIMPLE

We are very lucky to see a wonderful variety of garden birds from our conservatory here in Bramley Gardens, including uncommon species such as bullfinch, nuthatch, blackcap and Jay.

Back in January of this year we caught a glimpse - just a flash, really - of something white amongst a small flock of sparrows that regularly visit our feeders. Over the next few days we were able to confirm that an almost pure white male sparrow had joined the flock.

We are now nearing the end of July and this beautiful bird is still a daily visitor, is still with his flock and still stops us in our tracks when he flies in and out of the garden.

We are not experts, but we don't think he is an "albino" for several reasons:-

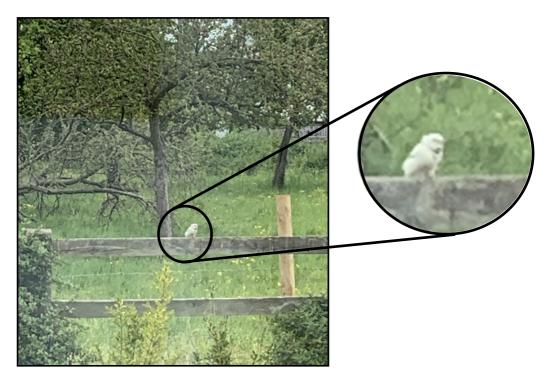
- 1) he has some brown on his chest and wings,
- 2) we think his eyes are dark, not pink and
- 3) he is still alive and very active. Albinos do not tend to live long.

In that event he is probably classified as " leucistic", which means he may have a genetic deficiency.

Whatever he is he's rare, he's handsome and he's here in Whimple!

We do hope you get to see him.

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Alternatively, for just £35 per annum per adult, £15 for a junior or £66 per family, you could join Whimple Tennis Club and save yourself all that cost and maintenance headache.

Whimple Tennis Club offers an individual private tennis court right in the heart of the village, the court is in good condition and in a lovely setting. Joining the club means you can meet fellow tennis players. Or you can avoid meeting other players and just play with your own family. By using the on-court booking system you can be assured of a time slot without having to wait around.

Social tennis sessions are on Thursday evening from about 7.00pm and Sunday morning from about 8.30 am – just turn up, mix in, have a chat and play some tennis.

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