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# Ed the Ed

Welcome to the April/May edition of your Whimble News, expertly put together by Sally Wilde – thanks Sal! What a brilliant display of Whimble-ness during the couple of day's snow that we had. Some great offers of help from lots of people in our village, and some bonkers levels of business in the village shop. Hopefully people who may not have used the shop before now appreciate what it offers to our community, especially with the strong links with local suppliers who got milk and bread into the village. We have two pages of snow photos donated by you, our readers – so thank you for those. We should repeat those photos later in the summer when we are all saying "It's too hot, I don't know what to do with myself" etc etc!!

Our entertainment correspondent has been out trawling the cultural happenings in this fair village and visited the Saturday night performance of the Whimbletons panto. Ben Gunn alias Tom/Gareth has also submitted his thoughts, following his excellent first steps on the Whimble stage and, perhaps, ..... stardom in the West End? Or Talaton?

What a welcome for Marc and Donna in the Thirsty Farmer – snow in their first week! We had a brilliant time in the pub on the Thursday snow afternoon as a number of people in the village all had the same idea ... not possible to get out of the village, so rehydration was very important. On the Friday afternoon, I was in my normal retail mode, and the current Mrs H was yet again carousing in the Farmer during the early afternoon, with friends. You see what I have to put up with, gentle reader? Marc and Donna have made a great start in Whimble and they have given us an article that introduces themselves. At the same time we have a farewell couple of pages to Vicki who has worked so hard at The Farmer. Enjoy your new life in the village, Vicki, and thank you!!

Whilst on the subject of the Farmer, thank you to Marc and Donna for running the pub quiz under the stewardship of my village lookey-likey Keith Brown, and the kind donation of £42 towards the Whimble News. Also, thanks to the Parish Council for their allocation of a grant towards our printing costs.

I have placed a plea later in this magazine for someone to take over the distribution duties for the Whimble News – if you are able to help, then please contact me for more information. We also need to replace two of our deliverers – Jean in Grove Road who has trudged that road for many years with the magazine, and Cara over in Strete/Strete Raleigh. Thank you to both of them for their support. We also need a replacement weather reporter as Simon Foulds, who has done an excellent job for us, will be leaving the village and so, if you are a keen weather watcher with all the gear, then we would love to hear from you. Thank you to Simon.

On a sad note, we have said goodbye to two villagers – Colin Tidball lost his fight with prostate cancer. Colin was an amazing craftsman with his production of beautifully carved wooden bowls and other items, which were sold both in the Heritage Centre and the village shop. We also lost Frankie Wilson who was a great person for getting involved and organising, and was a larger-than-life personality. Our thoughts go to both families.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition, then please either send it direct to Bob on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) or drop it into Dairy Cottage if you are a technophobe, by 10th May – thank you! **Ed H**

# New green waste service 2018



## Spring launch for East Devon's new green waste fortnightly collection service.

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East Devon is moving forward with plans to introduce a district-wide chargeable green waste collection service this year. The council is working with partners SUEZ UK to provide a fortnightly chargeable green waste collection service for its residents who have been asking for a reliable district-wide service of this kind for some time. The council has now approved the proposals and the service is expected to be introduced in Spring 2018.

Many councils across the country successfully operate a chargeable green waste collection service and East Devon is keen to continue to further improve and modernise its recycling and waste service by introducing this new initiative. The new service will cost £48 a year, with an introductory offer of a free 240ltr green bin. For less than £2 per collection green waste will be collected from the kerbside of residents' homes - easy, reliable, recycled. The service is not being subsidised by the council tax payer.

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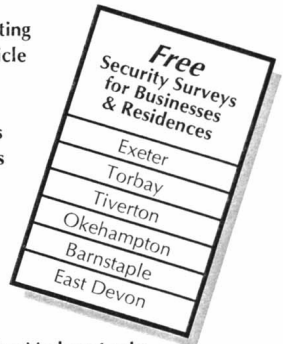
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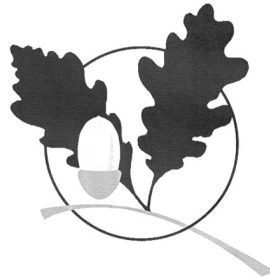
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## April

- 4th Heritage Centre re-opens 1.00-3.00pm  
8th Special Big Fat Quiz at The Thirsty Farmer for local causes. £10 to include Sausage, Mash and Peas. Booking advised. 6.30pm for 7.30 start. See Facebook for details.  
10th Over 60's Social Club - coach trip to Oakham Treasures, Bristol. Page 23  
14th Front Row Club – see website and posters for details – info on page 57  
17th WI meeting at the Victory Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. Speaker Fiona Rimmer (Podiatrist) on Footcare.  
17th Over 60's Social Club - talk from Paul Rendell 'Hairy Hands, Devils and Black Dogs'  
18th WI Spring Council Meeting in Torquay  
20th Closing date for responses to Whimple Neighbourhood Plan  
23rd Annual Parish Public Meeting  
24th Over 60's Social Club - Beetle Drive  
26th WI Group Meeting Clyst Hydon Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. Speaker Dr Todd Gray on the Art of The Devon Garden. £5 per head.  
27th A talk by Todd Gray on 'The Cathedral Yard Fire and Exeter's Ancient Buildings' in the Victory Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
28th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm.  
30th PCC AGM 7.00pm, St Mary's Church. Please join us for refreshments at 6.45pm

## May

- 1st Over 60's Social Club AGM  
5th Saturday Coffee and Cake in the church resorts  
8th Over 60's Social Club - Bingo and Committee Meeting  
8th WI AGM - Victory Hall 7pm for 7.30pm.  
12th VPA Spring Plant Sale and coffee morning Victory Hall  
15th Over 60's Social Club - Coach trip to Bennett's Water Gardens, Weymouth  
19th Front Row Club - see website and posters for details – info on page 57  
22nd Over 60's Social - Tea Party, themed for the Royal Wedding  
26th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm.  
29th Over 60's Social - Quingo (a variation of quiz and bingo)

## June

- 2nd VPA trip to Tyntesfield, near Bristol  
9th Church Fete see page 43 for details  
9th Front Row Club – see website and posters for details – info on page 57  
12th WI Monthly Meeting. Victory Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm. Speaker Paula Clark, on Castle Drogo  
23rd Primary School Fair - 2.00pm  
24th Exeter Gauge O Model Railway Group Open Day, Victory Hall, See page 53  
30th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm.

## July

- Village Week**  
1-8th Walking Village Treasure Hunt starting at the Heritage Centre at 5.30 p.m.  
3rd Afternoon tea and cakes at the Heritage Centre at 2.00 p.m.  
4th Whimpletons Big Village Week Quiz at the Victory Hall  
7th Whimple Day, Fun Run and Front Row Club – see website and posters for details.

# WHIMPLE STORES



It was lovely to see so many people in the shop over the snowy period. We had our share of frozen pipes causing us problems but we were very impressed with our suppliers. We only had one day without deliveries. We had fresh milk and bread delivered every day apart from Friday and although it disappeared off the shelves pretty quickly, the suppliers were eager to help us get our stock levels back up. The joy of buying from local suppliers meant that we were able to get back to normal much quicker than the supermarkets.

We hope that any new customers over the period were happy with the service and produce we stocked and enjoyed the lovely atmosphere in the shop with people coming in for coffee with friends and neighbours.

We have had problems with the organic milk supply. There is potentially an option for a supplier who would supply milk in glass bottles. Customers would need to pay a deposit for the first bottle, bring it back for return to supplier and get a fresh bottle. If anyone would be interested in this option please speak to Jenny.

We have managed to source some lovely new products. We have a new range of flapjacks from Devon that has an excellent vegan range and does not use palm oil in any of its products. We also have a new range of ground coffee. The coffee tastes delicious and has great ethical standards working with farmers to improve their communities and environment.

As you know the shop is a very old building and we are constantly working on repairs and improvements. We hope soon to have hot water in our back room to allow us to comply with food hygiene standards to make our own sandwiches. We also hope, in the Easter holidays, to have the roof repaired on the store room. It is in desperate need of repair so please bear with us whilst scaffolding is up.

As a side note could we please ask people to drive carefully in Church Road. Mark was hit by a car recently after the car pushed through a gap between a car and a building that didn't exist and Mark was pinned against the building. The road is narrow in lots of places but between the shop and the New Fountain it is pretty much only wide enough for 1 and a bit cars. Two cars are always going to find it tight. Please be considerate to pedestrians, other road users and home owners and don't squeeze through. Waiting in the Square for cars coming down is much safer than further up.

## Post Office

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# Whimble History Society

## Tales of Whimble

### In The Beginning

Many of you will have seen the excellent performance of 'Whimble Unearthed' at the Village Hall last year. The show was based on the huge amount of information held in the History Society's archives at the Heritage Centre and on new research carried out by a group of volunteers from the village. The "Unearth" team were able to include only a fraction of the research in their performance and so this edition of "Tales of Whimble" is taken from Louise Walmsley's intriguing investigations into Whimble's early history. We will share more of our research in future editions of "The Whimble News".

#### **Romans**

The Roman invasion of Devon and suppression of its native inhabitants, the Celtic tribe of Dumnonii, happened around AD 50 under the command of Vespasian who was later to become Emperor of Rome. The Romans established a military fortress at Exeter, which they called Isca Dumnonium as well as a number of smaller forts across the county.

The most significant effect of the Roman invasion for Whimble was probably the building of the Fosse Way, just a mile from where the village stands today. There also appears to have been a lesser Roman road that possibly joined the Fosse Way near Straightway Head, going to the Iron Age settlement at Hemsbury which was refortified during the Roman period. There is no evidence to suggest the area around Whimble was occupied during Roman times, although some Romano-British pottery has been found around the Hand and Pen area. A Roman soldier was expected ordinarily to cover 15 – 20 miles a day, which means they could comfortably travel between Exeter and their forts at Hemsbury or Honiton.

However, way stations were placed approximately every 4 miles on major Roman roads, the distance a horse could be ridden hard, to enable riders to change horses and carry urgent dispatches quickly. Carts would be slower – about 8 miles a day – approximately equidistant between Exeter, Honiton and Hemsbury. So it seems reasonable to consider that the area near Whimble would be a useful place for travellers to rest and that its position and relationship to the road would ultimately become part of the reason for Whimble's existence

#### **Anglo Saxons**

In AD 410 the Romans left, leaving Devon in the hands of the partly Romanised Dumnonii. The next invaders to arrive were the Anglo Saxons who crossed to Britain in the 5th century but were initially slow to spread into the south west of the country.



One of the earlier battles was that of Peonnum in 658 between King Cenwealh and the West Saxons. The exact place of the battle is uncertain with Penselwood in Wiltshire being a possibility, as was Penn near Yeovil; however, Pinhoe has also been suggested, making the incursion into the local area earlier than expected. In 682, King Centwine of the West Saxons had a more decisive victory, giving the Saxons control of the county of Devon although minor battles continued until Athelstan ejected the British from Exeter in 928. The old Roman road system was probably used to facilitate these military campaigns.

The Saxons would have been attracted by the fertile nature of the landscape and it was probably during this period that Whimble began to be settled as a village. The Oxford Dictionary of Place Names suggests the name derived from a stream running through the village and was a compound of the Celtic words 'gwyn' white and 'pwll' pool. If this is true, and there are other possibilities, it does raise the question of why Whimble has a Celtic name when the Saxons would name or rename settlements in their own language or sometimes use a combination of Celtic and Saxon. Whimble is one of only four East Devon place names that appear to have Celtic origins, the others are Crook, Hemyock and Aunk. The Saxons were much more proactive about shaping the land and laid down many of the field systems, lanes, woodlands, hedges and farms that still exist today. Their huts would most likely be scattered into small hamlets rather than organized into a nucleated village – a combination of both which we see today. There was most likely a small wooden church, possibly established on the site of the present day church.

In 1001, a combined force of possibly 4-5000 Danish and Norwegian Vikings arrived in Exmouth, built a fort and rowed up the river to besiege Exeter, attacking Topsham and Clyst St Mary on the way. In a defensive manoeuvre typical of the time, local villagers would have moved into the city for protection with their valuables and livestock. Athelstan's fortifications and repaired Roman walls defeated the Vikings at Exeter so they began to pillage surrounding villages. A militia of possibly 2000 local Saxons, led by Kola the High Reeve of Devon, engaged battle with the Vikings at Pinhoe but was defeated. The following day, the Vikings burnt Pinhoe and Broadclyst and other surrounding villages. This may well have included Whimble especially if, as has been suggested, the Vikings went further east towards Hemsbury Fort before returning to Exmouth or even on to the Isle of Wight.

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## AND IT'S LAST ORDERS FOR VICKI .....

By the time this goes to print, Vicki Wooll will have called last orders and chased out the stragglers from The Thirsty Farmer, as Landlady, for the final time.

It was an emotional day for her when she handed her keys over to the new landlords, Marc and Donna, but she will look back at her time as the latest custodian of our iconic pub with great fondness and happy memories.

Growing up in Nottingham, she hoped to one day be an air hostess or schoolteacher, and never dreamed that she would end up moving completely away and working in this trade

However, she was always the extrovert in the family and soon realised that she liked working with people. Seeing an opportunity to start a gift business in Torquay, she took the chance, aged only 20, and moved down. 'It's A Gift' began with market stalls, which were very successful, and she then began to take on shop leases as they came up - taking the decision to make the Exeter area her permanent home two years later.

Here she got to know Tanya and the idea to take on a pub was formed. The shop trade was quite seasonal and Vicki had learnt a lot about budgeting for quiet times and also staff management and accounting. The pub trade seemed something more all year round and a change - but still a sociable occupation.

They initially made an offer on The Twisted Oak in Ide but, luckily for Whimple, it fell through. A rumour came their way that The Farmer might be coming onto the market soon and they contacted Mike and Ali. It seemed perfect and negotiations began, with the handover taking place in 2002.

The layout was much the same as it is now and Vicki's Dad helped by painting the interior as a celebratory present. The brewery provided some basic courses, but then the pub was open and they were on their own!

The staff were invaluable to them at this time, with Pete Salter and Chris Doyle being the longest-serving and a great support throughout.

Vicki, Tanya and Roy found that they worked well together and the locals were very welcoming and patient with them as they learnt the trade 'on the job'. They really enjoyed those years in partnership and have remained very close friends ever since.

Sadly, Tanya and Roy decided to move on and Vicki took over the pub lease alone on 1st July 2007. Unfortunately for her, this was also the date of the smoking ban, which caused much disruption in the pub trade and took some time to settle in. Those early years were a bit of a roller-coaster for her but, again, the staff helped her enormously. Too many to mention individually, but all valued. She wanted to give Brenda (who has hosted the quiz for 15 years and raised many thousands of pounds for local charities), Fern, Jenny, Alicia and Amy a special mention, having supported her for so many years that they have become firm friends.

I asked her about the 'highs and lows' of being a landlady.

On the low front, she replied, are, of course, the long hours, lack of weekends to yourself, hardly any holidays, managing stock control, staff rotas and drain rodding!

However, she emphasised that there were far more 'highs': Her sense of achievement (often against all odds), fantastic customers from this great village and beyond, the team camaraderie, the laughs, being a good listener, trying to help during tough times for people, being busy (which she loves) and no day being like another.

Band nights and Christmas Day were especially enjoyable for her. A particular memory was the day we had a lot of snow and the village was pretty much cut off. She expected to be really quiet, but it was packed. Then she suddenly decided to close early afternoon so that everyone could go off sledging instead!

Vicki is now very much looking forward to a well-deserved rest and is settling into her new Whimple home, with her partner, Julian.

She will enjoy being 'on the other side' of the bar, while she decides what her next career path will be.

Thank you, Vicki – and welcome to the village, Donna and Marc!

*Sally Wilde*

*Roving Pub Reporter*





## A little introduction to Marc and Donna of The Thirsty Farmer!

Well, we have been here for a few weeks now and it's certainly been an eventful time.

From my being ill (not sure if I'd mentioned it!) to the village being snowed in, British Pie Week, Steak Thursday, Six Nations, St Patrick's day, and Pizza, Pizza and more Pizza!

You probably wonder where this strange couple with their children and pets have popped up from?

We have been married for 13 years now having met in a 4-star hotel in Berkshire. I was senior sous chef and Donna was a barmaid (obviously a sign of things to come!)

My career has been eventful. I have worked in 5-star hotels, 3 Michelin star restaurants with the Roux Brothers, twice been a finalist in South West Chef of the Year, been winner of the Academy of Culinary Arts Award of Excellence, achieved a bronze medal for Great Britain at the Culinary Olympics in Berlin, and now am in the kitchen in the Thirsty Farmer!

Donna started out as a veterinary nurse and has been Head Nurse of veterinary practices in Cornwall and Devon, including St David's in Exeter.

Donna's experience in bars started at her Dad's Jazz cafe at the age of 16, and has taken in restaurants, pubs, 4-star hotels and bistro's - so great customer service has always been Donna's passion.

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There are lots of celebrations we plan to make the most of this year, including the Royal wedding, World cup, Halloween party (with a themed live band and free face painter), plus Our Village Christmas party to you - with Santa's grotto, carol singers and a disco.

The live music and Quiz nights will continue, as before.

We are looking forward to spending many years in Whimple and making lots of new friends along the way.

In the short time we have been in the village, the support has been phenomenal.

To be made to feel so welcome in such a short time is very special and we are looking forward to sharing many adventures together.

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## Whimble Over 60's Club

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There is snooker and other activities each Thursday and Friday.

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Dear All.

Dulcie and I would just like to say a huge Thank You to The Whimpletons for allowing us to do the refreshments for their amazing Panto last month. In total we made **£235** towards our Expedition fund so we really appreciate you all buying the cakes, popcorn etc and making some kind donations.



We have lots of thoughts for future fundraising such as a Quiz, Disco, Afternoon tea, car wash, Fashumble but nothing definite as yet as we have lot's going on, with up and coming exams. So watch this space, look out for posters, posts on What's On In Whimple etc.

We still have our stall in The Whimple Stores so pop by sometime to have a look.

Thank you once again for your very kind support,  
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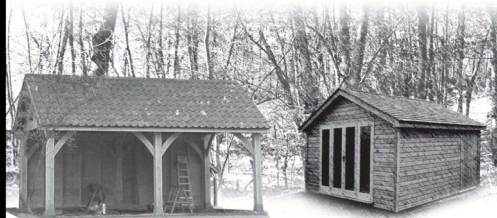
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# The Tale Of A Pirate In The Making...



The first thing I learnt when I joined the Army back in 1986 was never to volunteer!

It was Threeeeeeeee Long Months Ago.....that I decided to throw caution to the wind and answer a post made to the Whimble What's On FB Group. 'Needed urgently....The Whimbletons have a part that is needing to be filled in this years panto, due to unforeseen circumstances.' More accurately, I pointed the post out to our Ann and said I wouldn't mind doing it if they were short.

Before I could say 'Aaaaargh', I had received joining instructions from Cathy BH. Report to the Village Hall at 19.00hrs on Monday 8th January. Don't worry you haven't got many lines.

I got a script before the first rehearsal so thought I would be very efficient and highlight my few lines but my stomach churned when I realised I had a very different understanding of what 'not many lines' equates to!

I have been an enthusiastic audience member for a lot of the annual village pantomimes but my favourite had always been 'Treasure Island' and, in particular, Dave Jones playing Ben Gunn. When I found out I was stepping into this role I knew I had some big Pirate Boots to fill!

When I rocked up for the first rehearsal I was welcomed with open arms. The place was a hive of activity, Sal and Jackie in the corner painting scenery, Sue measuring us up for outfits, Dave J coaching the 'little pirates', Cathy selling tickets to the cast, Neil directing and John G (when he finally turned up) practising his Espanol 'Bwennos Dayus Estoy Booo Can Doooo'

My expectation was that we would be rehearsing a few nights a week with extra crammed in on the week of the event.....nope one night a week and that's your lot. Gulp! Oh and one evening to practice your song...(hasty check of artists contract - no mention of a song, thankfully I had Simon and Mary to carry me). Oh well in for a penny in for a pound.

Before I knew it, it was Panto week, starting on Sunday morning with the transformation of the Hall. It was starting to get a bit real now, my daughter Sarah couldn't understand why I didn't know all my lines - just give it another 34 years and you will understand!

The first night was great, thank God for an enthusiastic audience but, even with that one under the belt, there was no time to relax.

Friday night, I was amazed that the audience laughed at completely different things, but they laughed and that's what it is all about. My Uncle John loved it and it was great to drag a former Whimble resident up on stage for a spot of embarrassment! Saturday Matinee was fab and the kids seemed to enjoy it. The cast were a little jaded by now and there were a few 'Snicker moments' backstage. Whalebone was showing his sensitive side! There we were waiting for the curtain to lift on the last performance, braced for heckling, excited, nervous and me personally a little sad it was coming to an end.

From that first meet up, I giggled my way through the rehearsals, the old sweats were full of confidence. "It will all come together" seemed to be the mantra. Do you know what, they were right. From a brilliant script the whole thing evolved.

I realise now that The Whimbletons are one massive team, there is a part for everyone to play. Lifting and shifting, transport, baking, make-up, costumes, barman, making tea, feeding, painting, prompting, curtains, lights, sound, raffling, construction, Compere, Music, laughing, singing, acting and much more. Of course, without an audience we are only a rehearsal - so I would encourage everyone to come along next year and, if you fancy it, Volunteer to be part of it.

Yours, Ben G x

### **TO BE A PART OF THE WHIMBLETONS**

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#### **ENTERTAINMENTS CO-ORDINATOR**

**To start straight away. You will be helping with our fundraising events, such as the Panto Dame Racing and Village Week Quiz - plus any ideas you may bring to the table yourself.**

Our Panto does not make a profit from the performance week, so we need these vital funds to survive.

**Please contact Cathy Bartlett-Horwood on 01404 823944 for info if you would like to join us in any capacity. It's a happy team!**



## THE WHIMPLETONS TREASURE ISLAND II PANTOMIME

Another very funny Panto from the Whimbletons – they have kept all the good things from recent past productions like smaller numbers of cast, shorter duration, and scripts from the ever creative Neil Walker. It was great to see ‘resting’ members of the Whimbletons in the Saturday night audience, plus several ‘retirees’, myself included. We were all able to offer vocal assistance to the cast, whether they wanted it or not!!!

Neil’s script rolled along merrily and, as ever, excellent songs and music helped to grease the wheels - whilst Otter Amber helped to lubricate the audience enjoyment. Tom O’Connor has to be the find of the year for the Whimbletons – he slipped on the mantle of Ben Gunn as if it were an old friend, and he had fully mastered the Dave Jones’ line of ‘Three long years’ many, many times during the production. I hope we will see more of him. Fresh blood is always welcome to the panto. Talking of new blood, it was also good to see the younger Whimbletons treading the boards in the guises of Max Walker, Sam Walsh, Ben Porter, Emily Sibley and Livvy Carter. They were all very confident and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. Well done!!

As for the Chairman of the Parish Council as a Mexican amidst all the pirates, the imagination was stretched beyond belief. It has been interesting to see John Griffiths develop his stage presence over the years – the next hurdle, I keep telling him, has to be a song! Talking of songs, the Whimbletons have a great team of singers that include Tom Palmer as Jim Hawkins, Gemma Kielty as Lucinda, Cathy Bartlett-Horwood as Captain Smollett, and Simon Van Grudgings as Long John Silver – they got the hall fully involved with all the actions and added to the enjoyment with their individual songs – as did the trio of Mary Davis as Juanita, Tom/Ben Gunn and Simon (again!) with the rowing song – great fun! The music was well performed by Slack ma Girdle .

Emma Palmer glided gracefully through the scenes as Mrs Hawkins, stately as a Spanish galleon, with some stunning casting of Tom Palmer, as her son Jim Hawkins. Tom has the advantage of several years' worth of experience as a son!

Paul Walsh stepped into Squire Trelawney's shoes seamlessly - with the added challenge of Jeremy Wilson as the first Squire, sat at the front of the audience on the Saturday night! It is great to see such strength in the Panto cast.

Carolyn Cleasby was a fine MC for the evening - I managed to race her to the first heckle as she introduced the panto - but that is the challenge with old lags in the audience! Jenny Sanders as the shopkeeper was well cast as she has a little knowledge of these things and I am now torn between calling her 'Mrs Goggins' in the shop or 'Betty'! Neil Walker as Bert in the shop, wore his shop coat with pride and I loved his 'Pie-rates of the Caribbean' line. Will I ever get promotion in the real world to wearing said coat? I can but hope.

Well done to all involved, especially the behind scenes team who put in so much time and effort that makes the Whimpe Panto so great.

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## **Important dates for your Diary 2018**

# **WHIMBLE VILLAGE WEEK** **1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**on the Parish Field**

## **WHIMBLE DAY and FUN RUN** **SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY**

If you or your organisation would like to raise funds by having a stall or organising an activity or you would just like to help, please let one of the team know, we would love to hear from you.

Bob Scanlan, Ali Tierney, David Myers, Sue Draycott, Gary Lovering, Heather Pye, Louise Walmsley, Suzanne Rothwell, Katie Williams, Rosie Davies, Sam Walker, Sue Ayres.

**We'd also be keen to hear your ideas to freshen up what is a special Village Week**



March 1st  
to  
March 4th



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**WHIMPLE**  
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A huge thank you to all those who supported our annual quiz and curry in January. It was a great night and we raised a fantastic amount of money which is being used to buy lots of lovely resources for the children to benefit from. So far the money has funded a wooden pirate ship and 'driving bench' for our side garden which the children are loving playing in, a new tablet, a wooden emergency services play set, construction toys plus lots more. A massive thank you must go to our amazing Quiz Master, Tony Bickel, who also arranged match funding for us through his employer HSBC. Thank you so much Tony!

There has been much excitement at pre-school in the last two weeks as it was the first time the majority of the children had seen snow! The novelty quickly wore off and we are now hoping to enjoy some warmer weather in the garden.

The children who attend pre-school on a Friday take part in a gym session and are working towards the British Gymnastics pre-school awards.

Over the last two weeks the children received a special dental health activity session where they learnt about how to keep teeth healthy through stories and songs. They also enjoyed a Pyjama Drama session on road safety this term.

Pre-school is currently full, however there will be spaces available from September for 2.6 year - 4 year olds. In July seventeen of our children will be leaving to go to Primary School. Please see our website for details on how to register your interest.

Jo Sibley



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## January & February weather (Dince Hill Close)

	<b>January</b>		<b>February</b>	
	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>Temperature</b>				
Maximum (°C)	13.6	23 <sup>rd</sup>	13.5	17 <sup>th</sup>
Minimum(°C)	-4.5	30 <sup>th</sup>	-6	7 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>
Days with frost	8		18	
Days with falling snow	0		4	
Days with lying snow	0		2	
<b>Precipitation</b>				
Days with rain	23		17	
Wettest day (mm)	9.4	21 <sup>st</sup>	18	12 <sup>th</sup>
Monthly total (mm)	93.5		42.4	
Monthly total relative to 2017	130%		73%	
Monthly total relative to Whimble long-term average	87%		57%	

2018 began with some very stormy weather when Storm Eleanor swept across the southwest overnight on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> January, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Lots of apple trees in the orchards around Whimble were either uprooted or damaged, and there was quite a bit of rain as well. Precipitation in January was close to the long-term average and wetter than last year. The southwest escaped the cold weather and snow that affected northern Britain in January, and generally it was a mild month. February was much cooler with many hard frosts, four days with falling snow, and two days when a dusting of snow lay for a short while. The cold and dry weather meant that precipitation was below average. Total precipitation for winter 2017/18 was 233.7 mm, which ranks 33<sup>rd</sup> out of 50 years of data (this includes data from previously missing years 1985-1992 & 2013-2015); the wettest and driest years were 2013 (562.8 mm) and 1975 (111.0 mm).

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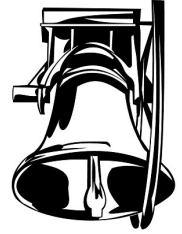


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Life is very different today but, of the dozen or so people in Whimble able to ring the bells, eight are women; and, of the regular core, they represent more than half our number.

If you would like to join them, why not have a word to find out what is involved.

Our two previous Tower Captains were women, and Whimble has a fine tradition of very good lady ringers going back to 1929.

A picture of the 1929 ladies team still hangs in the Tower.

**Roger Algate,**  
**Tower Captain.**





# Remembering Frankie Wilson



Frankie was born on 19th July 1939. She was an only child and her father was in the Navy. She moved around a lot as a child, which I suspect is why she was so good at making friends. She had lots of practice.

Her first job was at the Wills cigarette factory in Bristol. But what she really wanted to be was an air stewardess. This required her to learn another language, so she got a job as an au pair in France, to polish up her French, before joining BOAC as a stewardess. She met Brian, briefly really, in Sydney, where he was working too. On her return to the UK Brian, who by chance was also in the UK at the time, and happened to know her flight number, left the pub to meet her off the plane. Despite not knowing much about each other, the rest, as they say, is history!

They married and spent the first few years of married life in Singapore, where one Christmas Eve, Chris was born. Frankie left him in hospital over the New Year so as not to miss the New Year's Eve party! They all left Singapore to come to live in Hampshire where Vicci was born. Just prior to Vicci's birth, Frankie was on her way to her Bridge club when she decided that she ought to head towards the hospital instead. Brian, having left for work a few hours earlier, arrived in Toronto to the news that he had a new daughter.

Frankie lived life to the full. Bringing up children, playing bridge, playing tennis; she was a demon at the net so continued playing even when she found it hard. Over the years she found time too for book groups, the WI, Pantomimes, travelling, sailing, trips in motorhomes, and has seen much of the world. She once said she wanted to live in an old rectory with a gate at the bottom of the garden. She saw one for sale in Cornwall in the Country Life magazine and she and Brian bought it, running it as a B&B. But it turned out to be a bit too isolated for someone like Frankie, who just so loved being with people that they moved to Whimble and Frankie immediately joined in, in all kinds of ways. She recently commented to Brian that she had nothing left on her bucket list.

How did she manage to fit it all in? Well Frankie was super-organised and loved organising. In fact, her family tell me that she would have been very disappointed to not be organising her own funeral today. She was good at making things happen, bringing people together and she did it all through the systematic use over more than 50 years of the legendary family calendar that has hung in various kitchens, and has acted as a sort of Mission Control for everything she and the family were involved in. She loved organising; she loved her family; she loved people; she loved life; she loved getting involved; she loved. She will be so missed.

***With grateful thanks to Revd Chris Martin for sharing this with the Whimble News – and thanks to Chris for a lovely service for Frankie at the East Devon Crematorium.***

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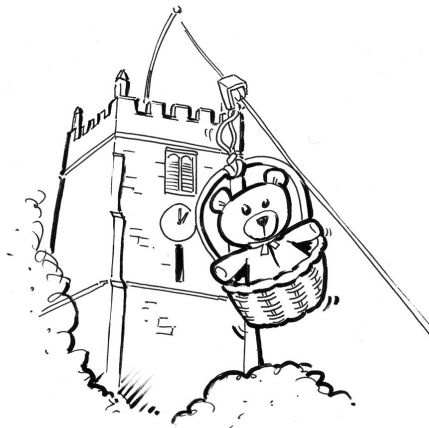
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## St Mary's Church is holding another tower- based event!

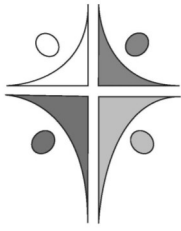
No abseil this year, but the teddy bear zipwire is back! We're also hoping to have visits to the top of the tower, as well as more in the way of stalls and local bands.

So brave teddies are welcome to ride the zip wire while everyone else is welcome to climb the tower (via stairs!) for some amazing views of Whimble! And then browse stalls, play games and listen to live music! No registration needed. Teddies will be able to offer a donation while tower-climbers will be charged a small fee.

To find out more or to volunteer in any way, please contact: Bruce Truscott, Simon Carter, Ian Spicer or Phil Dominy:  
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We would love to have more stalls and games / amusements this year in The Square and around the Church, so if you are interested then please let us know!

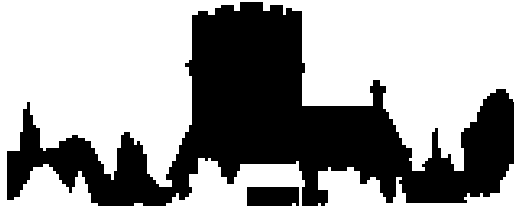


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As I write this we are recovering from the 'Beast from the East' and the 'Pest from the West'. Now we have the 'Nightmare from the North' to look forward to. Isn't it time for the 'Sun from the South' to put in an appearance?

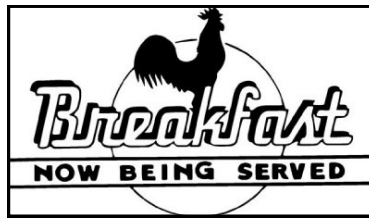
It was particularly pleasing to see how everyone made an effort to help others during the recent heavy snow. If you know someone who needs a helping hand at any time please feel free to contact our Pastoral Care team. Its members have been trained and are available to lend a listening ear, offer practical help and support, visit those who are housebound, ill, in hospital or bereaved, and to offer prayer.

The PCC AGM will be held on 30th April in the Church at 7.00pm. Please join us from 6.45pm for refreshments. If you would like to know more about the work of the PCC please speak to Rev Chris Martin or one of the Churchwardens, Gerri Turner and Ian Spicer.

Please come along to find out what has been happening over the last year.

A number of events are being planned for the coming months. A Flower Festival is being arranged for September. Full details are yet to be finalised but a preliminary planning meeting is being held on April 6th in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in taking part in providing a display or helping in any other way. There will also be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th April in aid of the Flower Fund.

Our popular Saturday Morning Coffee and Cake sessions will restart the following Saturday 5th May and will run through to mid-September. This facility is welcomed regularly by many in the village. Volunteers to help serve coffee and make cakes are always welcome. If you can help please contact Rosie Davis or Dianne Goodwin.



We are also holding our popular Breakfasts. The Ladies' Breakfast will be on 12th May at Clyst Hydon and the Men's Breakfast will be on 19th May at Talaton. Full details of these can be found in The Link and on the website [www.churches4all.org](http://www.churches4all.org)

Our popular Church Fete will be held on 9th June. As well as the usual stalls there will be another chance for brave Teddies to do a zip wire challenge and we are also hoping to arrange trips up the tower to admire the views of the village and the surrounding countryside. Live music will be provided by local musicians. Another event, still in the planning stage, is a Barn Dance to be held during Village Week.

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## Parish Council News and Update



**Thank you.** The Parish Council is very grateful for the support, feedback and help given to Councillors by residents during the recent exceptional weather by helping with snow clearing and grit spreading. Cllr P Walsh, who is the Whimple snow warden, will present to Council more feedback and lessons learnt in his report at the Annual Public meeting on 23rd April



The number of available plots at the **Heberton Close Allotments** has recently been extended by another 4. If you would be interested in taking a plot please contact Kevin Finch, Parish Clerk at [whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com) or leave a message with call back details on 823385



**The Parish Field** is not covered by Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) - previously called Dog Control Orders (DCOs). The view of Council is that dog owners have a responsibility to ensure that their animals are kept under control at all times or kept on a lead. Responsible owners are permitted to take their dogs onto the Parish field and be off a lead, as long as their animals remain under control at all times and do not run up to or annoy others in the field. Dog owners should also pick up any dog waste and dispose of the bag in an appropriate bin and not leave bags or mess in the field, or any other part of the village. New signs will be ordered for the bottom and top of the Parish Field.



Cllr Alan McArthur recently attended the '**Be Aware, Be Informed - A Crime and Cyber Security Seminar**'. The Little Book of Cyber Scams produced by the Met Police <https://www.met.police.uk/globalassets/downloads/fraud/little-book-of-cyberscams.pdf> and Catch the Phish produced by Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/system/files/documents/cc/d8/phish.pdf> are both good links to documents that you might find useful to help protect yourself from scams and crime.



We are pleased to announce that **Richard Lawrence has duly been elected as a new Parish Councillor for Whimple.**

We welcome aboard Cllr Lawrence to the council.

For those of you who do not already know Richard here is a brief summary and comments from Richard on his new role: *I am a part-time Marketing Consultant. Before retiring 5 years ago I was Group Head of Marketing for the Axminster Carpets Group. I am married to Donna, who works at Exeter Airport, and we have a 3 year old Westie called Jasmine.*

*We have lived in Whimple for 18 months and I applied to become a Councillor in order to help conserve and preserve Village life as we know it. I feel that I have the necessary background and practical qualifications to support my Parish Council colleagues in ensuring that Whimple continues to be a tranquil haven for those who live here.*

The Whimple Annual Parish Council meeting is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the Victory Hall at 7p.m. During the meeting Councillors present their Annual reports on their respective roles and responsibilities. We welcome any member of the public to attend the meeting to give feedback and also give suggestions on what areas of focus you would like to see in the new Parish year. For more information please call or email Kevin Finch, Parish Clerk, on:

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# Whimpe's wonderful community, and Oliver helps out!

For several years, my mantra for Whimpe has been 'Ask not what your village can do for you but what you can do for your village'. That has beautifully demonstrated during the great snow blizzard of March 2018 when the village came together to offer help to anyone who was finding it too difficult to get out and about. There were offers of transport, help with shopping, and health professionals offered their services as they were unable to get out of the village. Jenny and Mark in the shop acted as the focal point for these contacts and it was great to see how their policy of buying local paid off when their suppliers were able to get through with bread and milk, and national supermarkets had bare shelves. The village shop was invaluable to Whimpe over those couple of days – thank you! And of course, the shop continues to be invaluable to the village, so please use it.



And whilst I am on my favourite mantra theme, this was recently reflected in the actions of Oliver Luck, son of Helen Webber and grandson of Lin Webber. It is a family tradition to do a walk around the village when they visit, and their route this week took them up the road to the old Long Range Hotel. Oli noticed, sadly, that the roadsides had a lot of litter. He asked Helen if they could do some litter picking to improve the look of the road and to protect any animals that might be tempted to try and eat some of the litter. So they got hold of some litter pickers and bin bags, and did their litter pick.

They collected two bin bags full of litter which has now been sorted and recycled, and the photo shows a proud Oli, with the results of his hard work.

Well done Oli and thank you!!! If we all had this attitude, then it would be easy to maintain a tidy and neat village.

*Ed*





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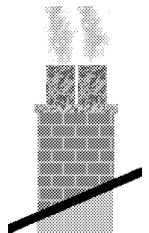
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At our first meeting of the year we had a most entertaining speaker: Alex Leger, who was for 36 years a Programme Director and Producer of the BBC's 'Blue Peter' programme. He was a very accomplished speaker armed with photographs and film who took us back to our younger days watching the programme. He filled us in on some of the background details, including health and safety (or lack of!) and took us all around the world with snippets of many different programmes. We saw clips of an elephant behaving badly, John Noakes cleaning Nelson's column and film shot right up against a lava flow from an erupting volcano. He also took time to share with us lessons he had learnt from his experiences e.g. listen to advice from experts in their own field, as he almost caused the deaths of not only himself, but also his camera crew and the boat's skipper during a dreadful storm. He talked about his early army life before working for the BBC on Blue Peter and, now in retirement, he gives talks aboard the cruise ships! Hopefully he will come and share some of his world with us again. Our February Meeting was held at the Cricket Club, and we enjoyed a detailed demonstration by Sau hang Fong-Bennett on the Chinese Tea Ceremony. She was born in Hong Kong and whilst living there took an interest in this ancient tradition. She showed us how the tea was made and served, and said there were probably about 1,000 different types of tea - some very expensive. She then prepared 3 or 4 types for us to experience (personally I think I would die of thirst before I could drink it, it takes so long!).

Whimble WI entered a team for the East Devon County Quiz on the 17th February and although we did our best, were not winners on this occasion. Our thanks to all our members who helped out with refreshments and cakes.

The first social lunch of the year was held at The Cranberry Farm on the 21st February, with 21 ladies in attendance. The main courses were excellent, but we did have an issue with some of the pre-ordered desserts not being available and the usual service not being quite up to standard. We made light of the problems, of course, and it certainly didn't spoil the event - lots of laughter as usual. Profuse apologies were made by the staff and accepted, and hopefully we may use this restaurant on another occasion. This social event has for some time been organised by Frankie Wilson, a much loved and long standing member of Whimble WI. We are very sad to report that unfortunately, after a relatively short illness, Frankie passed away on that Wednesday. She will be missed so much by all of us and we send sincere condolences to her husband Brian and her family.

We decided to still hold our Social Skittles event the following evening at The New Inn, Broadclyst and 15 of us raised a glass in salute to Frankie, as she always enjoyed these occasions. We played, gossiped, ate and laughed, just as she would have wanted. We will hold another skittles evening in April.

If you would like more information on Whimble WI, please contact our secretary Di Eden on 821992.

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Mrs Carole Shilston, Headteacher.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

All the children in the school (and staff) selected a character from one of the chosen authors to dress up as. The costumes were absolutely amazing and it was fabulous to see everyone so enthusiastic about books. Excerpts of a book from each author were read in a special assembly and the children all paraded around to show off their costumes and guess whom everyone was.



## CHINA DAY

### Puppet making

On China Day we created shadow puppets with a group.

Each group chose an animal from the story where all the animals wanted the year to be named after them. We read a piece of script to tell us what animals we needed to make for our performance. We used split pins and sticks to make movable joints.

### Practising and performing

We practised and performed, I have to admit all the performances were amazing.

### Food Tasting

Fortune cookies - they were so nice, we loved WE had noodles and nice food with our parents.

Everyone loved the day.

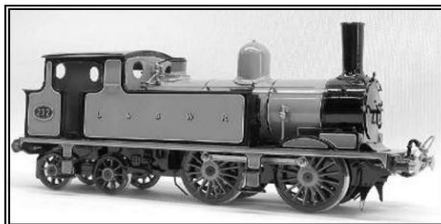
By **Bethan Burtt-Jones and Freya Bayley**, Year 4



On Tuesday Willow class got a visit from an astronomer who brought with him a 9ft telescope. He showed us some pictures of what he has seen in his career. Willow Class were amazed with some of his stories. He also showed us some parts from the asteroids that had hit earth. Willow have been learning about space and planets but now they know a lot more from him. He has inspired lots of the pupils to be an astronomer. Here is one of his tips he told us: join an astronomy club and save up for a decent telescope. We have learned lots from him, thank you astronomer!



By **Charlie Williams**, Year 5



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We are also looking for people who would be happy to help with other events at the Heritage Centre and to help serve tea and biscuits when we hold our talks at the Victory Hall.

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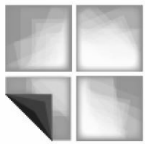
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