

Whimble News

Many Congratulations to our very own Bob Scanlan
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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the August edition of the news. As you will see from the cover I have been a little distracted of late so a very sincere 'thank you' to Sal who has done sterling work putting together this issue.

Although, for me, the highlight of the last two months has been the wedding, for everyone else it must have been Whimble Fest. Despite a damp start, our new, updated Village Day was a resounding success. It was great to have live music as well as stalls and other activities going on in the parish field. Congratulations to everyone involved. The photos on centre page give just a flavour of the day's event.

There is more music to come in the run up to Beautiful Days with music at both the Thirsty Farmer and The New Fountain. With even more at the 'Big Pick' and 12th Man Festival we can look forward to in September. You will find lots of information about these events in the following pages.

There is much more than just music going on in the village - the Gardening Club are inviting your entries to for the Plant and Craft Show, the Front Row Club will be getting under way with a new season of films shortly and the Whimbletons are holding another 'Big Quiz'.

All these events go towards making this a joyful and vibrant village. However, everything relies on willing volunteers to make these events happen and, at the moment, volunteers seem in short supply. In these pages you will find a call for help from the Victory Hall, the Whimble Fest team, the Fun Run, The History Society and the Whimble News team who all desperately need people to give some time to keep these events going and this magazine running. We really need you.

So come along to the Hall AGM on 7th September to hear of their plans and maybe get involved, contact Sarah on sarahthackeray9@gmail.com if you can help with next year's Whimble Fest or Fun Run, get in touch with the History Society on their website www.whimble.org or drop me an email on bob@bobscanlan.co.uk if you can spare some time to help with Whimble News. Getting involved with your community can be hard work but is very satisfying and can be great fun.

On more serious matters, the village needs to make its voice heard in the wider community and it is good to welcome our new District Councillor Todd Olive along with our regular update from POW&R. Our neighbourhood plan is clearly on their agenda.

If you fancy something less serious and a little weird take a look on page 34 and 35 where an artificial intelligence program was asked to write an article about Whimble and then get poetic.

As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions for future content. If you would like to offer an article for the next edition, or want us to include details of a village event, then please send it direct to me on bob@bobscanlan.co.uk by 10th September.

Bob Scanlan

THE NIGHT BEFORE
Beautiful Days

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What's On In Whimble

August

- 8th WI Garden party 12 for 12.30pm
- 12th Flower and Craft Show
- 16th Pre Beautiful Days Event at the Thirsty Farmer
- 28th Whiteways Cup T20 tournament at the Cricket Club 10.00am

September

- 4th Victory Hall AGM 7.00pm
- 5th Treasure Hunt 5.15pm
- 9th Devon Historic Churches Trust Charity Bike Ride, see page 12 for details
- 9th 12th Man Festival at the Cricket Club, gates open at 1.00pm
- 12th WI meeting - Move it or Lose it Ann Kirby in the Hub at 2pm
- 16th Front Row Club
- 16th Pre- Beautiful Days mini-festival. Thirsty Farmer
- 24/25th The Big Pick at Courtney's Cider Orchard

October

- 4th Ottery Help Scheme, Ottery Health Matters at The Institute from 2.30-6.30pm
- 21st October The Whimbletons 'Big Quiz' 6.30pm for 7.30pm at the Victory Hall
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In March I wrote about everything that was going on at the hall and I now want to update you all.

I'll start with some not so good news. You may remember I reported that we had submitted a grant application to the **Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund** (for the improvement of older village halls). Our aim was to improve insulation and to save energy at the hall by replacing the current single skinned **metal roof with triple layered insulation panels**. The Jubilee Fund review panel met on July 12th and sadly we were not successful. We were told the decisions were very difficult to make because the value of the applications received was greater than the grant funding available. Our plan is to continue with the work during the summer of 2024, whilst looking for other grant opportunities.

We are also continuing to pursue our plan to build a **new small hall extension** on the north side of the current building (car park side). Our aim here is to provide a versatile hiring space that will be **available to the community during the day, every day of the year**. We have a clear idea of what is required and we have drawn up a draft floor plan. But the lack of knowledge and experience within our group means that progress is slow. I am very pleased to tell you that Murray Ross, who lives in the village and works for Avalon Planning and Heritage in Exeter, has kindly agreed to help guide us through the planning and development process. We are very grateful for his help.

With all that said, a handful of enthusiastic Trustees and Murray cannot complete the task alone. If we are to succeed, we need the support and engagement of each and every resident in the village – whether in a big or small way.

If you would like to support our plans to improve our village hall why not come along to our AGM on 4th September.

That's it for now. I will keep you updated through Whimple News and Social Media.

If you would like to contact me, please call 01404 823082 or email:

sueayres1@btinternet.com

Don't forget to use your village hall for clubs, group events and private functions – our hire charges are very competitive. Check out the garden for summer events too. **www.whimplevictoryhall.org**

Many thanks, **Sue Ayres**, Chairman

The Victory Hall AGM

Monday 4th September 7pm



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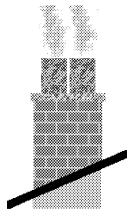
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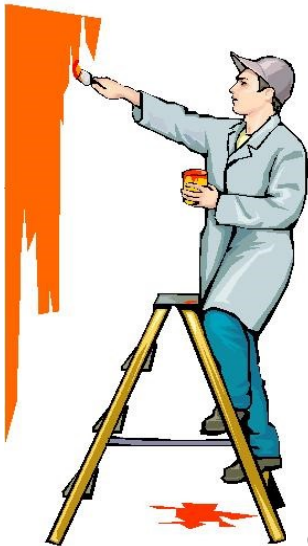
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Hello my friends, I am back! Well, sort of

Many of you will be aware I have been off work since last October but may not know why. In July of last year, I had a fall and was knocked unconscious; despite being a nightclub doorman for many years and a policeman for a decade this was new for me. I had various tests and was diagnosed with concussion which caused problems with my memory, fatigue, difficulty focusing and headaches. I assumed that over a fortnight or so my symptoms would improve, they didn't, they seemed to get worse.

Most folks probably could not tell; one problem with any sort of brain injury is that outwardly one appears completely fine. However, my family could tell I was far from well and insisted I get some medical help. Eventually, through a very kind individual, we managed to get an appointment with a consultant neurologist, and he told me as a result of a traumatic brain injury I was suffering from Post-Concussion Syndrome.

This occurs when concussion symptoms last beyond the expected recovery period. The usual recovery period for concussion is weeks to months, post concussion syndrome can last a lot longer; the risk of developing it doesn't appear to be associated with the severity of the initial injury but does increase with age.

It causes: headaches, irritability, feelings of dizziness, restlessness, nausea, impulsivity and self-control problems, sensitivity to light, difficulty concentrating, sensitivity to noise, feeling depressed, anxious, sleep disturbance, fatigue, memory problems, difficulties thinking and problem-solving. In short, it plays havoc with your mental health.

There is no 'cure', rather the goal of treatment is to effectively manage symptoms and hopefully time will do the rest as the patient's brain tries to rewire itself.

It is very hard to describe what it is like to suffer from PCS: you look fine, but are often very tired, your memory is a lottery. Angie wrote notes of each day's schedule up on the backboard in our kitchen for me, plus I had to carry a notebook at all times. If I went out for a walk on my own, I tended to write my destination on the back of my hand just in case, which sounds kind of funny, but really is not. My recovery is not yet complete and actually it is impossible to say when improvements might stop, however finally, just over two months ago, I was given permission from my GP and the church's occupational health officer to start a phased return to work, I am certainly not 100% yet, but God willing, heading back to something near my own special version of normal and it is wonderful to finally get back out into the parishes I love. Angie and I really appreciate the outpouring of love and prayers from so many people; it has really helped lift me when I was down, which was frankly, quite a lot of the time.

During my absence our leadership team have been doing an amazing job, I am so grateful for their amazing work, I know a lot of folks have taken on extra work and the churches have coped incredibly well. And, whilst I have been recovering there have been some brilliant new additions to our staff team: Rev Gudrun was licensed recently and although she lives in Rockbeare, will be focusing a chunk of her time on Broadclyst, Sowton and Clyst Honiton. Plus, our new curate (priest in training), Richard and his family have moved into Broadclyst vicarage and was ordained in Exeter Cathedral last month. Watch this space for updates from them both. I look forward to seeing many of you around and about over the coming months.

God bless. **Rev Marc.**

Your local churches at Whimble Fest

Did you know that Whimble Church is in a community with eight others? You are probably familiar with all the names; Broadclyst, Sowton, Clyst Honiton, Rockbeare, Clyst Hydon, Clyst St Lawrence, Talaton and Cranbrook. Together we are your local churches (East Clyst Churches Mission Community, to give you our full name). When the organisers of Whimble Fest asked if any community groups would like to be involved, it seemed like too good an opportunity to turn down.

How do you represent nine churches in one big gazebo? Well, church is about people not the buildings so we had a photo wall showing many of our church members in action. Cycling, bellringing, having breakfast, working in a churchyard, wearing reindeer antlers – it was all there. One real talking point was our baptism and confirmation board. This had some wonderful photos of people getting baptised in the sea or in a big paddling pool. “I didn’t know you could get baptised in the sea!” was heard more than once. To top it all we had a beautiful flower arrangement and wedding dress on display. Did you know that your churches are here to help you celebrate your life events?

The children were not left out and we had some very popular jumping toys as well as giant Jenga, tin can alley and crafts and painting. The free ice pops were popular too! It was great to find connections between the children and ‘Messy Church’ or ‘Open the Book’. It was a wonderful day of talking, explaining who we were and building bridges - even the rain could not dampen our spirits. Well done to the Whimble Fest organising team, we’ll be back next year.

Ian Spicer

Whimble Fest Church and WI refreshment tent

I would like to thank all those people who willingly baked for Saturday and to the trojan ladies who gave up their day to serving drinks and cakes for the people who came to enjoy the Fest. We had fun, ran out of nearly everything but were still smiling at the end of the day. Without the support of church and WI members it would not have been possible. Many thanks. **Jane Clements**



CHARITY BIKE RIDE - 9th SEPTEMBER

The 9th September is the Devon Historic Churches Trust (DHCT) day when funds are raised to help maintain our beautiful churches. If you like fresh air and exercise then please consider taking part in some way – cycling, walking, baking or any activity you enjoy whereby you can raise sponsorship money.

Although the 9th is the day set aside to advertise the DHCT you can carry out your chosen activity on a date to suit you. We have someone who is going to walk from one parish to another in our mission community, trying to reach as many as possible in the time available ... if you would like to join them or learn of their route then please contact myself, Jane Clements 01404 822181.

Sponsorship forms are available on the Devon Historic Churches Trust web site as is other information or again from myself. The money raised goes half to the Trust and half to our own church and is a valuable aid to our finances.

Jane Clements

Save the date!

**Ottery Help Scheme, Ottery Health Matters
and The Otter Valley Dementia Awareness Group**
are joining forces to organise an event on Wednesday 4th October
at The Institute Yonder Street from 2.30 - 6.30pm

Getting Winter Ready!

The focus of the event will be offering advice on keeping warm, support mechanisms available through Exeter Community Energy who offer free energy advice, solutions for those with a total income not exceeding £31,000. Advice will also be available regarding looking after your health over the winter months, getting that flu jab, new initiatives on how best to consult medical professionals and what you can do to minimise health issues in the chilly months.

The event is also being supported by many local contributors who offer activities, warm spaces, advice on inexpensive meals for a family or if you live alone, these include Ottery Larder, Library, Leisure East Devon and CAB as well as free fire checks for your home and much more.

Come along and support this community event whether you reside in Ottery town or one of the local communities. It's an event with information for all age groups.

There'll be a warm reception with light refreshments.

Look forward to seeing you there. Further details in due course!

Any queries or you would like to contribute please contact:

jilldudding16@hotmail.com Tel:07999 487537

Egg catching

Congratulations to all those who came to Egg Catching at the Cricket Club. It was a lovely evening and lots of fun. Many thanks to the Cricket Club for so generously hosting.

This was the first time we had a 'Chicks' Competition for the under 8s and they were pretty impressive so clearly cricket training is developing those skills. Well done Jack and Max for lifting the 'Chicks' cup for the first time.



There were over 40 entries in the Junior Cup competition which was won by Henry and Rudy who successfully threw and caught their egg standing 40 feet apart.



The All Comers Egg Cup was won by Freddie Fenner and Dave Drury with a throw and catch of 50 feet. They then took on the all comers record, equaling the existing record with an amazing throw of 85 feet to match that of Mat and Bob Horsman.



WHIMPLE FEST

Thank you for your support at our first WHIMPLE FEST.

See you all next year on **SATURDAY 29th JUNE**.

Contact Sue Turnert1@sky.com to volunteer, sell or for more informayion.

FUN RUN REPORT 2023

The number of runners continues to increase for our Village Fun Run. 56 registrations this year which was fantastic. The main age group is the 12 Years and Under, which is also encouraging.

After a quick warm up, the competitors were cheered around the Parish Field and then exited onto the main route. As they ran into The Square, there was even support from The Wareham Whitebait - with some rousing shanty songs! The rain held off and our first runner Kaison completed the course in 11.39mins. This year we also had a great effort from Willow the dog and his owner Dave Culshaw.

A big 'Thank You' must go to our marshals who manage the route and ensure our runners are safe. Also, Tim Adkins and David Stansfield for being lead and follow up bikes, as well as Cathy Sharkey and Ruth Stansfield for registrations.

We are considering offering a longer route next year to encourage other runners. This will involve further organisation, so if you are interested in helping, please contact me on sarahthackeray9@gmail.com

Our 2023 results are as follows:

NAME	CATEGORY	TIME (mins)
KAISON	FASTEST RUNNER & 12YRS & UNDER (BOY)	11.39
DAMIL TESLUIK	FASTEST YOUTH MALE	11.48
JOSEPH KNOWLES	FASTEST ADULT MALE	12.06
ROSIE DAVIES ESME GIFFARD ADELE LENZI	FASTEST 12YRS & UNDER (GIRLS)	13.08
CATHERINE EVANS- MARTIN	FASTEST ADULT FEMALE	13.29
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I should acknowledge, too, the efforts of my predecessor Richard Lawrence over the past two years.

On top of a substantial training programme put on by East Devon, the past two months since the election have been a whirlwind. A community speed watch for Whimble is in the works, the results of a collaboration between residents, Whimble Parish Council, and myself – please get in touch if you're interested in volunteering!

I have met with POW&R regarding the all-important Whimble Neighbourhood Plan, which continues to progress and spoke at Planning Committee only a few weeks ago against an application to expand Cranbrook across the old A30. I am also involved at East Devon in the ongoing process of developing the new Local Plan; the results of the public consultation on the draft plan, conducted over Christmas 2022, are now available on East Devon's website and I'd encourage everyone to have a look at that: Chapter 6, Part C, summarises comments on the various sites in Whimble. I'll be working hard to make sure the views of the village are properly reflected in the emerging Local Plan.

To help ensure I'm accountable and transparent in my work on the village's behalf, I have also started a regular programme of surgeries held twice a month here in Whimble. These are walk-in sessions – no need to book – open to everyone in the village to come and raise concerns with me, or to discuss ongoing issues in and around Whimble and East Devon that I can help with. These are held at The Hive, opposite the Thirsty Farmer, between 4pm and 7pm on the first Monday of every month, and between 8am and 12pm on the third Monday of every month. If you can't make these times, I am always reachable by email at:

todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk

for any issues or to arrange another time to meet. You can also keep up with my work on your behalf via my Facebook page, at www.facebook.com/cllrtoddolive, or my website, at toddolive.mycouncillor.org.uk.

Cllr Todd Olive

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A Window on Whimple's Weather – May/June 2023

The March/April edition of A Window on Whimple's Weather signed off with "let's hope for a sunnier May and summer"! Perhaps the author had a premonition of what was to come with one of the sunniest May and June periods for years. This was caused by a "blocked" weather pattern of high pressure over the UK, deflecting low pressure systems to our North and South and persisting for several weeks. The fine dry weather was rudely interrupted by an extreme rain event in May, resulting in the most dramatic flooding in recent memory, in and around Whimple.

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

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

May – After a rather dull April, May delivered the anomaly of wall-to-wall sunshine and yet well above average rainfall; most of the rain falling in one period over the 8th and 9th. This relatively local event contributed 55.7mm to a total rainfall for May of 72mm against an average of 59mm. Falling on parched ground; this deluge caused severe local flash flooding. However, bright days and clear skies throughout the month delivered slightly above average temperatures. The 28th was the warmest day (23.4°C) but on the night of the 16th temperatures fell to a chilly 2.6°C. As you might expect from so many sunny days, sunshine was recorded as being 18.5% above average.

June – The high pressure blocking pattern persisted throughout much of June, resulting in exceptionally high temperatures. The Met office reported the hottest June on record (since 1884) and the sunniest since 1957 - with mean temperatures over 2.5°C above average. Their analysis clearly attributes this persistent warmth to climate change. The Whimple weather stations reflect these conditions with the highest daytime temperature of 31.2°C on the 13th and nearly 24% more sunshine than average. The average mean daily temperature recorded for June was high at 18.3°C, when compared with averages of 15.9°C and 15.3°C for 2022 and 2021. June rainfall of a meagre 25.1mm was just under half the monthly average; leaving our reservoirs (and gardens) desperately short of water!

2023	May	Date	June	Date
Warmest Day	23.4 °C	28/05/2023	31.2 °C	13/06/2023
Coolest Night	2.6 °C	16/05/2023	7.2 °C	03/06/2023
Windiest 24hrs	28.8 km/h	04/05/2023	25.9 km/h	25/06/2023
Wettest 24hrs	35.1 mm	09/05/2023	12.7 mm	20/06/2023
Av. Maximum	19.9 °C	N/A	24.5 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	8.0 °C	N/A	12.0 °C	N/A
Total Rain	72.1 mm	N/A	25.1 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	147.1 kWh/kW	118.5% of Av.	146.1 kWh/kW	123.7% of Av.

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

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GREEN COUPLE GET MARRIED IN EAST DEVON VILLAGE

by our roving reporter from the city branch and advertising executive for the Whimble News

The 1st of July this year was a wonderful day for two lovely people from The Green who got married at St Mary's Church in front of their respective families and friends.

Louise Walmsley and Bob Scanlan had started 'the Covid period' as neighbours, which developed into a strong friendship and then into a marriage proposal, which was brilliant news for all who know them. Both of them have been actively involved in Whimble activities for many years such as the History Society, the Village Hall, Soup'n'Sarnie, the Wine Group, Village Day, even the Egg Catching Competition! So, on the first day of July, we gathered in St Mary's to share Bob and Louise's day. Nicky and I were delighted to have been invited, and joined other friends and family in St Mary's Church on that Saturday afternoon.

St Mary's has a very peaceful and welcoming atmosphere and I think that it is a lovely church, and so well used by the community from Coffee and Cake on summer Saturdays to choral concerts, and a great variety of other events. We were welcomed by Gerri Turner, a long-term friend of the Whimble News from her time as the Parish Clerk. The service included modern music for the entrance of the bride and groom and for the recessional, whilst the hymns were balanced by an interesting (and amusing) blend of readings from sons Andrew and Jonathan. I haven't heard of a reading of 'The lovely dinosaur' at a wedding, so this was a first, very different and fun!

The reception was at the Victory Hall...where else would all these people be able to fit? And of course, well organised – what else could you expect here? I did keep a wary eye out for the racks of eggs that would be necessary for an egg-throwing competition but that did not appear!!! We were able to sit outside and enjoy a wonderful hog roast whilst listening to entertaining – and sometimes emotional – speeches from the new Mr and Mrs Scanlan, and from their families.

Later we had the 'Chantry Buoys' entertain us with some sea shanties, which were very good – finishing an excellent afternoon back in Whimble!

Congratulations to Bob and Louise and thank you for a lovely day!

Ed Hitchcock (ex Editor, delivery boy and proof reader.)

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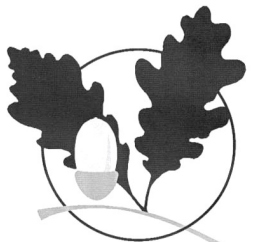
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All the money raised at this event goes towards the cost of putting on Whimble Fest. The money raised last year paid for Mr Bubbles and all the new signage.

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WHIMPLE FEST

A huge success! Well done to all involved, Pics from the Festival Facebook page. Thanks for posting them x *Sal*





I asked ChatGPT (an Artificial Intelligence program) to write an article about Whimble and then turn it into a poem. You may find the results interesting, if not a little strange.

Bob Scanlan

Whimble: A Charming Village Nestled in East Devon, UK

Nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of East Devon, United Kingdom, lies the enchanting village of Whimble. With its idyllic setting, rich history, and warm community, Whimble has become a haven for both residents and visitors seeking a slice of rural tranquility.

History and Heritage

Whimble boasts a fascinating history dating back to ancient times. The village's name is believed to have Anglo-Saxon origins, with "hwimma pylle" translating to "pond frequented by birds." This name aptly captures the essence of Whimble, where various bird species thrive in the surrounding lush countryside.

In the heart of the village stands the iconic St. Mary's Church, a striking example of medieval architecture. The church's impressive tower and elegant spire dominate the skyline, serving as a reminder of Whimble's spiritual and historical roots. Local folklore intertwines with the church's history, giving visitors a glimpse into the village's cultural tapestry.

Natural Beauty and Countryside Charm

Whimble's charm lies not only in its history but also in its stunning natural beauty. Surrounded by rolling hills, verdant meadows, and meandering streams, the village offers countless opportunities for nature enthusiasts and hikers to explore its breathtaking landscapes. The nearby Whimble Nature Reserve, a haven for wildlife, draws birdwatchers and nature lovers from far and wide.

The seasonal changes in Whimble bring their own allure. Spring adorns the village with blossoming wildflowers and chirping birds, while autumn paints the landscape in warm hues, creating an artist's palette of colors.

Community Spirit

The heart and soul of Whimble are its friendly and close-knit community. The locals take immense pride in preserving their village's heritage and welcoming visitors with open arms. From traditional events like the annual Whimble Wassail to summer fetes and local markets, the village calendar is always brimming with activities that foster a strong sense of community spirit.

The village's social hub, The Thirsty Farmer, is a quintessential English pub that exudes warmth and hospitality. With its roaring fireplace and selection of locally brewed ales, it's a popular spot for residents and tourists to unwind and share stories.

Preserving Tradition and Embracing Change

Whimble's charm lies in its ability to balance tradition and modernity. While the village remains proud of its rich heritage, it also embraces progress and innovation. Locally-owned businesses and artisans thrive alongside time-honored establishments, creating a harmonious blend of old and new.

Despite its small size, Whimble has an active community that engages in various activities and initiatives, from sustainable practices to support for local businesses.

A Timeless Gem

Whimble stands as a timeless gem in East Devon, beckoning travelers to experience its alluring countryside, vibrant history, and heartwarming community. Whether you're exploring the historical landmarks, hiking the tranquil trails, or simply enjoying a moment of peace at the village green, Whimble is an inviting destination that captivates the hearts of all who visit.

So, if you're seeking an escape from the bustle of city life, look no further than Whimble – a village that encapsulates the essence of rural charm and British hospitality in the heart of East Devon

In East Devon's gentle embrace there lies
A village quaint where dreams and nature meet
Where time slows down to a contented pace
And Whimble's charm makes every heart replete.

Amidst the rolling hills and meadows green
A landscape painted by an artist's hand
The village basks in nature's tender sheen
A haven where serenity will stand.

Through whispered tales of ages long gone by
Whimble's history weaves a tapestry
Where St. Mary's Church points towards the sky
A beacon of faith and community.

In spring, the wildflowers bloom with delight
And birdsong fills the air with sweet refrains
While autumn casts its warm and golden light
A symphony of colors that remains.

The Thirsty Farmer heart of village life
A place where laughter flows and friendships grow
With pints of ale and stories shared in strife
It's here that tales of Whimble's past bestow.

Yet tradition blends with the modern hand
As locals cherish old ways, new ideas,
A harmony of past and future planned
Creating memories that time endears.

The spirit of the village shines so bright
United in a warm and close embrace
With community a guiding guiding light
In Whimble's heart a gentle steadfast grace.

So wanderer come hither to this place
Whimble's allure will surely call you near
In every step you'll find a cherished trace
Of love and beauty ever boundless here.

Whimble History Society



It has been a busy couple of months at the Whimble Heritage Centre.

We held our annual Treasure Hunt on the evening of 4th July. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a very wet evening, and only a handful of hardy souls braved the elements and took part. We have therefore decided to hold the Treasure Hunt again on 5th September (weather permitting!) commencing at 5.15pm at the Heritage Centre. We hope to see you there!

On Monday 17th July our secretary, Dr Roger Smith, entertained twenty-nine Year 6 pupils and three staff from Whimble Primary School at the Heritage Centre. He told them about the history of the village, and they were able to view a display of fossils created by one of their number. A fine time was had by all.

During the week 17th-22nd July an exhibition was held at Kennaway House in Sidmouth celebrating the 60th anniversary of the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. We contributed a display about the Whimble Wassail which was well received.

We have been looking for volunteers to take on collections management, marketing and fundraising for some time, and full details can be found on our website. If you are interested in any of these roles then please get in touch through our website at www.whimble.org , or speak to a member of the committee.

Finally, a date for your diaries. Our annual apple pressing event will take place at the Heritage Centre on Sunday 22nd October, 11.00am to 2.00pm.

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As well as the East Devon Way, there are 3 other walks each day – a longer walk of between 8 – 14 miles, a shorter one between 5 – 6 miles and a Special Interest walk.

Challenge yourself with the 14 mile circular Sid Valley Ring or a 9 mile hike around the ponds and wildlife of the Woodbury Commons. Alternatively shorter walks include enjoying stunning coastal views on a circular ramble from Beer to Branscombe or seeing the rewilding work being carried out to the lower Otter Basin at Budleigh Salterton.

Each day we also feature a Special Interest walk led by an expert guide where you can discover more about the area's history and wildlife. For example, learn about the history of the ancient town of Topsham and finish with a cream tea at the museum or discover information about the former residents of Sidmouth and Exmouth by joining a Blue Plaque walk.

The festival launch is on Saturday 16th September from 1.00 – 3.30pm at Kennaway House, Sidmouth where you can meet the walk leaders and find out more about the walks on offer. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served.

Bookings can be made at Sidmouth Tourist Information Centre tel: 01395 516441, email tic@sidmouth.gov.uk.

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Joy Whiteley



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We've had a busy time with events in the past few weeks. Egg catching returned to the cricket club with great success. We enjoyed welcoming the club's Vice Presidents and life members for lunch (and a 1st XI win), and held a fantastic charity cricket day with over 50 cricketers of all ages taking part in a 100-ball tournament. It's great to see the club so busy and thriving.

Women's softball cricket

Club regulars will be aware that we have been running girls junior cricket in recent years. We are now looking to develop this into adult women's cricket too. We will be running women's softball training sessions, hopefully with some games too. This is an easy and fun way to start playing the game. While mostly an initiative for 2024, we might fit in some initial sessions before the end of this season. If you are interested in this, please contact Susie Plank at 07787 117495 or email searl@doctors.org.uk.

Whiteways Cup - Monday 28th August

Our annual T20 tournament, the Whiteways Cup, is coming up on Monday 28th August. Cricket will start at 10am with semi-final 1 featuring Ottery St Mary v Sidbury, before Whimble v Bradninch & Kentisbeare at 1pm. The winner of these two semi-finals will play for the trophy in a 4pm final. This is another great day to come to the club with food and drink and, we hope, some fantastic and entertaining cricket to watch. In a first for Whimble CC, all the games are being live-streamed on YouTube, so if you can't make it on the day you can watch from home!

12th Man Festival sponsored by Porter Dodson - Saturday 9th September

Our 12th Man Festival is set to be bigger and better this year. Join us for a day of live music, children's entertainment and food and drink. The link for tickets can be found at www.whimblecc.co.uk. Under 5s are FREE to enter and Under 16s just £3. We have 5 live bands, a silent disco, Ben the Juggler, bouncy castles, hair braiding, glitter tattoos and face painting. Food options include Ember pizza, The Big Greek Feed, Albethel Waffles, Slushies, Courtney's Ciders and the club BBQ, pavilion bar and All Stars bar. It's set to be a fantastic day, and events like this are a really important part of club fundraising so we thank-you for your support.

Pavilion hire

As we look ahead to the Autumn and winter, a reminder that the clubhouse can be hired for events. We welcome private parties of all kinds and midweek work events. We have plenty of parking, wifi, kitchen facilities and can run a bar if required. More info is online at www.whimblecc.co.uk or please contact me on 07989 234372.



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Oh, to be in England now that Wimbledon's here.

I haven't played for years but I still enjoy the spectacle. As I write, the warm weather continues although the tennis could change that. Him indoors has insisted that we save every drop of grey water. What a palaver and I'm not sure the plants appreciate being doused in Fairy Liquid (other makes etc...)

Sarah Pepper's country garden flowers (and weeds) looked wonderful when she demonstrated her floristry skills on 13th June. She is such a breath of fresh air and such fun!

Earlier, on the 9th May, we were delighted when Sarah agreed to another year as president. She has the enthusiasm, determination, diligence and tenacity that every organisation seeks.

On 11th July we welcomed Paul Randell who spoke of the tracks, roads and railways of Dartmoor. It was fascinating and an insight into the history of this spectacular area.

The 8th August will see our annual summer party which this year will be held in Sarah's lovely garden. So here's hoping for a sunny day!

On 12th September we'll be using it or losing it with Ann Kirby in the Hub. It sounds a bit energetic but nothing ventured, nothing gained. At least we'll have tea and biscuits afterwards!

Our summer outing is to Montacute on 13th September. An opportunity to learn something of the history of the house, enjoy the gardens, with a National Trust cafe and gift shop close by. My sort of day out!

A handful of us enjoyed a craft afternoon in Sarah's workshop, making bespoke lampshades. It was fun to try something different and learn a new skill, with a sense of achievement as the end result.

We're also enjoying social lunches kindly arranged by Jane, with winter skittles being organised by Marilyn. I've rambled on enough and so until the next Whimple News deadline looms.....

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Water, water everywhere!

Devon's residents are facing a hosepipe ban despite a soggy spring. Is it down to poor management of this vital resource, or are large new housing developments draining our supplies?

"In his poem *The Ancient Mariner*, Devon-born poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge famously wrote: "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink!" It aptly sums up our current situation in Devon where clean fresh drinking water is apparently in short supply, despite the wettest March in years and a rainy April too. So, who's to blame for this predicament?

In my opinion, South West Water lacks foresight in its management of this most precious resource. In a county like Devon, you don't need a crystal ball to know that the population will multiply over the summer as tourists flock to our green and pleasant county. You'd imagine the water companies would have algorithms to calculate the resulting rise in demand for water. Are they just erring on the side of caution by restricting hosepipe use now?

More to the point, why are water reserves so low? Put simply, demand has exceeded supply. Why? Basically, because too many houses have been built without increasing water storage facilities.

Roadford Lake was the last reservoir completed in Devon in 1989. Since then, Devon's population has rocketed, without, it seems, South West Water objecting to vast housing schemes like Cranbrook and Sherford. Extraordinarily, SWW is not even a Statutory Planning Consultee. It means those responsible for determining planning applications do not legally have to seek an opinion from the water company over the viability of supply, let alone sewage disposal.

Devon CPRE believes this must change to give SWW the power to object to the glut of large-scale housing developments on farmland, which are (incidentally) destroying land capable of contributing to another vital resource - home-produced food supplies.

Our charity commissioned a housing report in 2018 which clearly established that a third more houses than needed were being built in Devon. It seems this dystopian remit continues unabated, with recent aspirations to increase the size of already large developments at Cranbrook, Cullompton and in the Greater Exeter Region. The water supply crisis is only going to get worse.

Although statistics vary, it's generally accepted that Devon's population has risen by almost 36% since the 80s. Yet instead of extending the capacity of Roadford Lake to accommodate the rising demand, holiday lodges have been built on the surrounding land!

The UK's water supply and sewage are inextricably linked; why on earth do we use drinking water to flush our toilets? Our sewage disposal mechanisms are broken too - sewage pollutes every river and almost every beach in the area, yet the Government has failed to insist that discharging effluent into storm drains must stop.

2022 was a dry year, so why were a number of districts served by SWW blighted by over 5,000 sewage discharges, amongst the largest of any area in the country? Clearly, it wasn't because of excessive rainfall overwhelming the storm drains, No, it's because there are too many homes with insufficient sewage treatment facilities. It's time for some joined-up thinking or our drinking water and sewage crises are doomed to go from bad to worse.

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Impact

Since POW+R Group formed in 2019, we have been vehemently opposing inappropriate development, especially the impact of the Cranbrook expansion on our doorstep. It is certain that as a Group we have made some impact on decisions made by EDDC, but not when it comes to the illogical rationale of the Government Inspector's report on the Cranbrook Master Plan.

One of the issues that POW+R Group was highly critical of, was the extensive development site west of Gribble Lane, London Road, Rockbeare which has been approved for 180 homes at a planning meeting of EDDC on Tuesday the 18th July. This has been a very controversial site, as when the original proposals were submitted for 200 homes, there were 200+ local objections (many from Whimple) and no-one in favour of the scheme.

Revised Planning Application – Gribble Lane

Approval was given despite, in this case, more than 100 public objections to the revised scheme, as well as from Rockbeare and Whimple Parish Councils. It was suggested that the development contravenes the Local Plan and Rockbeare Neighbourhood Plan, that Cranbrook was originally planned with no building south of the former A30 (London Road), and it would have an adverse impact on wildlife. Furthermore, it would have a *“detrimental impact on the rural character of the area,”* and cause greater pressure on local public services, go against efforts to reduce climate change, and lead to a loss of good quality agricultural land. The worst element of this approval by East Devon District Council, is going against the wishes of local people, when the mission of the Government is for localism. This is an important area as it has been defined as part of an established country estate and would not normally be built on.

The application is for 180 houses of which affordable housing will account for 15 per cent of the homes (classed as up to 80 per cent of market rates), and four per cent will be custom or self-build plots. The development includes an adjoining piece of land to be used as natural green space / SANGS (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space), which it is anyway. All other matters will be considered as part of a detailed 'reserved matters' application at a later date. The big question is how affordable are affordable houses, because, they will be out of reach of most families in East Devon, especially in-line with cost of borrowing.

POW+R take the view that the Rockbeare Neighbourhood Plan should inform the Cranbrook Master Plan, not the Cranbrook Plan taking precedence over the Neighbourhood Plan. The planning committee voted to approve the Gribble development by eight votes to three.

Latest Government Policy

The Government's policy on housing quotas has shifted its emphasis, giving greater flexibility to local councils. Mandatory housebuilding targets for local authorities were dropped by ministers last year after a rebellion from Conservative MPs concerned about the impact of developments and considerable opposition to building in open countryside in politically sensitive areas. The latest update was on Monday the 24th July, that the goal of building one million new homes over this parliament will be met - mostly in cities to protect the countryside. This may be a positive change of policy, which can be highlighted in the text of the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan, which is moving forward to complete to draft stage.

Whimble Neighbourhood Plan

On the 15th June 2022, EDDC held an online Question and Answer with Parish NP group leaders regarding the new emerging East Devon Local Plan – Designated Neighbourhood Area Housing Requirement. The published notes are being examined by POW+R Group. In addition, POW+R Group is going through the recently published, 510 page Feedback Report on the consultation on the draft East Devon Local Plan (Regulation 18) that was consulted on from 7 November 2022 - 15 January 2023 (Approximately 200 people attended the Whimble Event on the 29th November 2022).

We are aware that that Government policy indicates that EDDC have to set a housing requirement for all of the Designated Neighbourhood Areas in its strategic policy in the Local Plan. At present there is guidance for a small number of houses in our village, but we are working with the Parish Council on the 'last lap' of the Draft Edition. This will include setting out defined settlement boundaries and a Land Use Map for the Parish.

Currently, we are working on the last sections to complete plus creating policy statements which will inform planners to make appropriate professional decisions. The policies will be born out of the evidence gained across the Whimble Parish.

POW+R Group continue to be proactive in protecting our village against anything that would harm the distinctive character of our community.

Alan Lascelles – Press, Publicity and NP Team

Date: 28th July 2023



On Sunday 25th June we had another very successful coach trip. This time the trip was to the RHS Rosemoor Rose Weekend which also had their Craft and Food Market. This trip was completely sold out well in advance of the day, so clearly was a very popular event. Once again, Rosemoor did not disappoint and it was another very enjoyable trip. By the time this edition goes out, there will have been another coach trip, this time to the Bishop's Palace and Gardens at Wells. There was also an opportunity to visit the well known street market in the town. At the time of writing, this trip was almost fully booked as well.

After the successful return of our Annual Flower and Craft Show last year, we are very much looking forward to another successful show this year. By now I am sure you have all been busy preparing your exhibits for the show. We hope that, for all the keen gardeners, the elements have not conspired against you to spoil all the wonderful flowers and vegetables that you have been lovingly looking after! We are hoping to have a bumper show again this year. Schedules and entry forms are available at the Whimble Stores and all entries have to be handed in at the Billiard Room at the rear of the Victory Hall on Wednesday 9th August between the hours of 6.30pm and 9.00pm. The Show is on Saturday 12th August and once all the judging has been completed, doors open at 2.15pm for everyone to come and see the wonderful exhibits!

Following the Show, we have an illustrated talk booked for the evening of Friday 29th September. This talk will be by Caradoc Doy and the subject of the talk will be "Colourful Winter Plants". Hopefully this talk will appeal to many of you and should give us all good ideas for winter plants to provide colour for this time of the year. On Wednesday 1st November we are planning another coach trip, this time to the National Trust Dyrham Park near Bath. More details to follow nearer the date. We will also be staging our wonderful action packed and increasingly popular quiz night on Friday 10th November, details in the next edition of the News.

Our final event of the year will be a wreath making workshop which is going to be run by Sarah Dunster-Ashworth and Katie Gentle. This will be an excellent opportunity to make your own christmas wreath this year. Talk is on Friday 8th December in the village hall. More details in the next edition.

In the meantime, we are very much looking forward to the highlight of the Village year, the Flower Show and Craft Show!

Paul Wilson,

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There have been a lot of changes within education recently which have challenged school communities to think more creatively to ensure that we are best placed to keep our thriving village schools open for children in future years. After considerable research into the alternatives, Whimble School and the Exe Valley Federation governors took the decision for Whimble to join the federation from September 2023.

A federation is a family of schools, with each school retaining its unique character, its own budget and performance tables and having a separate Ofsted inspection. The current admissions processes will remain the same.

Joining the federation will give further opportunities for collaboration and ensure that Whimble remains sustainable for the future, sharing good practice and achieving greater economies of scale:

- Sharing strong and proven leadership
- Sharing teaching expertise and sharing best practice and joint training of staff to impact on children's learning
- Greater availability of teaching resources
- Increasing opportunities for the children to mix with a wider group both academically and socially
- Greater access to a wider range of resources (human and physical), and opportunities to make some savings to reinvest in children's learning
- Joint planning and curriculum development opportunities for staff

Day to day the children will probably not notice too much change. Staff, uniform and daily activities will stay the same. The biggest change is that Whimble School Governing Board will be disbanded and the schools within the federation will share one governing board. Together they will make decisions in the best interests of all of the children across all of the schools. Two of our current governors will be moving across to the new board to continue to give Whimble a voice.

It has been a pleasure to be the Chair of Whimble Governors and I have had an excellent team of governors alongside me. Many thanks to all of them. I am sure the school will continue to be a positive educational environment as it moves forward into this exciting new chapter.

Linden Best

On behalf of Whimble Governors

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As you read this, we will have completed another school year and our staff and children will be on a well-earned break. We send best wishes to all our Year 6 children who are transferring to various secondary schools in the area.

Many of you will be aware that a number of teacher unions, like many others representing public sector workers, have been involved in strike action this year. This action is as a last resort to try and get more funding into schools to support with increasing costs, not just for staff so we can match the pay of other companies, but for the basics like electricity, food and general resources. It is important that we invest in our future and that starts with children.

The last two months have been extremely busy in school, with all children being involved in a range of curricular activities including class trips. All the staff have worked tirelessly in order to organise and arrange these things so children can participate in them. We have also had a number of volunteers coming into school regularly, including the 'Open the Book' group from the church, to help provide extra opportunities. Our Governors, all volunteers, have worked diligently throughout the year, being especially supportive during our Ofsted inspection at the end of the autumn term. Our parents, particularly our PTA, have also supported the school tirelessly finding different ways to raise funds to support the school; the final event being a great summer fair held near the end of term.

At this point in the school year, I would like to thank everyone involved for all their help and support in whatever form that has been given in. I am in a privileged position to be able to witness the impact this has on all the children in school and it fills me with pride. I hope you all have a good summer.

Mrs Carole Shilston Headteacher



Ash and Elm Class had a fantastic day at Axe Valley Wildlife Park. The children learnt about different species of animals and their habitats from the Wildlife Rangers. They told us lots of interesting facts about the animals and then the children got to hold some animals! They also saw porcupines, zebras, ostriches, lemurs, flamingos and lots more as they walked around the park.



Oak class had a very relaxing day at Castle Drogo, learning all about the history of the building and completing some interesting activities.



Oak class also had a lovely day completing lots of different Anglo-Saxon activities and hearing all about the lives of the people who lived during that time.



In June, the pupils in Beech Class enjoyed their trip out to Shaldon Zoo. The weather was perfect and they had a good train journey; part of this was along the coast with some lovely sea views. This was followed by a short ferry ride across the estuary, from Teignmouth to Shaldon, which was exciting.



Beech Class also spent some time revisiting our previous learning about the story of the Trojan Horse. During the morning, they dressed up and spent some time trying some food that would have been eaten in the era of ancient Greece, including olives which divided the crowd!

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In the afternoon they were treated to some fantastic storytelling activities with their visitor - Steve Manning. He showed some replica artefacts that Greek warriors would have been ordered to use in battles and some volunteered to see what it would be like to wear them – they were hot and heavy!

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