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 DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! THIRSTY FARMER VILLAGE PARTY! 
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LIVE MUSIC : EVERY Friday in December (except Xmas and NYE)
(See Whimple What's On for updates)

From the Team

We are delighted to present you with our Christmas edition, again full of events going on in this wonderful village over the next few weeks, plus reports and updates from several organisations. We always love to advertise any village-related event and do remember to send us a 'follow-up' article (with photos) about how it went. We have several great examples in this very edition - the Cricket Club Bonfire and Fireworks Display, Race Night, and the Whimble and District Gardening Club trip to Kinston Lacy.

We have had a couple of changes to our team and bid a grateful 'farewell' to Heather Owen and thank her for her twenty plus years of delivering. I have recently joined the group and look forward to contributing to articles, or just being tea girl.

Whilst on the topic of hellos and farewells, we can now give a big official welcome to Sharon and Rory as new owners of the Whimble Stores, with Sabrina, their daughter, as manager. (Rory introduces them all in this edition). We know you will join us in wishing them all the very best, as well as continuing to support them in our wonderful village asset. Equally, we wish Jenny, Mark, Harry and Dulcie a final 'Thank You' and a well-deserved rest this Christmas.

So, as we are now in December, it seems perfectly acceptable to mention the 'C' word. At the moment of writing, it seems that we can dare to get a little excited this year and prepare for some of our traditional festive celebrations once more. It is lovely to see that Christmas Eve's Carols in the Square will be back in person at 7.00pm and New Year's Eve bells at midnight to welcome in 2022. Also, the Victory Hall is open for business once again. Please, take a look at the centre pages with a useful list of important dates, times and opening hours etc. Without wishing our lives away, we also have other traditional events to look forward to, so pop them in your 2022 diary - Wassailing on Monday 17th January and Village Week 2nd - 8th July, with Village Day Saturday 9th July

We are writing this editorial the day after attending the Centenary Celebrations at The Thirsty Farmer. What a fantastic evening, and a great way to celebrate our amazing pub. Well done Donna, Marc and team. Also, it is with excitement that our new bridge from Slewton Crescent to the Parish Field is open. No more getting wet feet or having to walk the long way round! Thank you to Harry Trimblett of Whimble Joinery for such a professional job, as well as Whimble Parish Council, East Devon District Council and Devon County Council for their funding.

Noticing a previous editorial from 2017, we found reference to the Wonders of Whimble Calendar and wondered if it was time to create another one for 2023? We have such talented photographers in the village (and probably some perfect models!). Do contact us if you might be interested. Finally, talking of talent, we cannot finish without mentioning the beautifully hand-crafted decoration to the post-box in the square for Remembrance Day. (see photos later) Thank you Michelle at Seam and all involved. Our next edition will cover February/March. If you would like to submit an article to this wonderful magazine, then please send it to Bob Scanlan on: bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 10th January.

On behalf of the Whimble News team, may we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cathy and Sarah

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December

- 4th Tale Valley Choir Christmas concert 7:30pm at Saint Mary's Church
- 5th Heritage Centre open 11.00am - 3.00pm
- 11th History Society Christmas lunch, noon - 4.00pm at the Cricket Club
- 12th Christmas Bingo 7.00pm at the Victory Hall
- 14th WI Christmas Party 2.00pm
- 24th Christmas Eve Carols 7.00pm in the Square
- 31st New Year's Eve welcome in the New Year in the Square

January

- 3rd Christmas tree collection service
- 11th WI meeting, Dr. Moore, Police Surgeon, 12.00noon at the Hub
- 17th Wassailing 6.30pm - meet at the Heritage Centre

February

- 8th WI meeting, Sarah Pepper - florist 2.00pm at the Hub

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JANUARY HOURS

CLOSED FOR A BREAK 2nd - 9th January

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WEDS19th Onwards: Food and usual opening hours resume

WHIMPLE STORES



Dear Whimble

I, Rory, and my wife, Sharon, are delighted to be the new owners of Whimble Stores and my daughter, Sabrina, is the Manager who is responsible for the day to day running of the Stores and the Post Office. We also have Karen, Lynn and Judith as our regular staff. Dulcie has left as she also has a full-on job in Honiton but we will miss her dynamism!

Thank you to everyone who has popped in to the Stores and given us a very warm welcome.

Our first few days have been a baptism of fire; understanding the suppliers, newspaper routines, the Post Office and keeping the stock levels up to date so that the people of Whimble can enjoy fresh and locally sourced food.

Mark's and Jenny have been marvellous to us, by helping with the transition and making sure the Stores and the Post Office continue to run smoothly.

Over the next few months, we will settle in and understand the needs of the community before putting our own identity into the Stores. We have made one immediate change by introducing a new till system that has both integrated scales and a card machine, which will make checking out a bit faster. We have also closed the Post Office on Sundays.

The Post Office requires specialised training which limits the availability of staff that we can employ for Sundays. We will however continue to provide stamps and small cash (up to £20) withdrawals at the Stores till.

Mark and Jenny's ethos of fresh locally sourced food will continue and we will try wherever possible to reduce plastic packaging or to ensure that the packaging used is easily recyclable.

If you have a favourite food or drink and we are not stocking it, please ask and we will see if we can get it for you. Also, if you want something in bulk (e.g. cases of wine or packs of soft drinks), we can add it to the wholesaler shopping list and usually have it for you within the same week.

We will continue to work with Whimble event organisers to sell tickets and to sell products that benefit local charities such as handmade greetings cards. We will have one charity collection box on the counter each month and rotate the boxes across the charities that ask for our support.

Post Office

The Post Office provides a wide range of services. Particularly useful at this time of year for relatives is the One-for-All gift cards. These can be used in a wide range of shops and online and resolves the issue of not knowing what to buy as a present. If you are an employer, you can give up to £50 gift cards to staff without it counting towards income tax.

The Post Office also does a range of banking services including cheque deposits. Please ask for an envelope if you wish to use this as it has to be completed with your bank details before we can receive it.

Customs labels are also very important. We can provide you with blank ones and advise you which one to use for the destination of your parcel in advance. Virtually every international destination requires a customs label and some of our EU ex-partner countries are being very pedantic about how forms are completed, resulting in some parcels being returned from those countries. We can help you with form completion.

Finally, please add your return address (house name or number and postcode) to parcels and important envelopes as we will receive anything that has been rejected by the destination country but cannot be returned to the originator. We have a bulbous shaped parcel on our shelf that is in limbo as it has no return address. This makes a sad situation for both the sender and the intended receiver.

With best wishes

Rory, Sharon and Sabrina

Most of you will know that we have now handed over the shop to Sabrina and her family. We are working with them for a few weeks so that essential work can be done on the property before they move into the village so we will still be at the shop most days. We wish all the very best to the new team and wish them much success and happiness in the village.

We were so well supported during lock downs and we know you were all very appreciative of having this amenity in the village. We hope you will all continue to support such a great village asset as it needs support all the time, not just in times of crisis.

Sabrina has been working closely with us to ensure that there is continuity and knowledge to support the demands of the Post Office in the run up to Christmas.

If you have lived in the village for a while, you will remember what a great shop it was when Pat and Fred ran it. Graham and Karen were amazing but sadly things declined a little when he got ill. It can be very physically demanding as well as all the other roles you have to play so if you are not well it must have been so difficult for them. We have never underestimated how important the Fowles role was in keeping the village shops going and their predecessors and we feel proud to be added to the list of people who have run the shop and proud to have brought the shop back to its former glory.

Thank you for all the kind messages and, although it has been hard work, we have enjoyed being such a key part of the community. We are looking forward to finally being able to use our holiday money and have a bit of time off.

Jenny and Mark

Rory, Sharon and Sabrina



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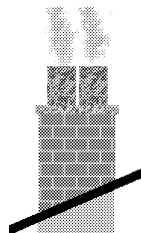
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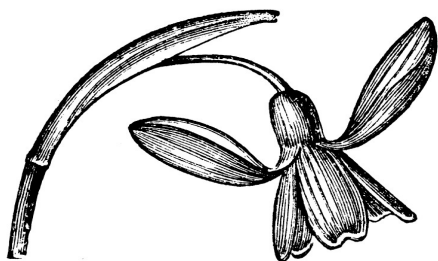


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We will shortly be introducing a new automated telephone system which will allow patients to book, cancel, and find out the details of their upcoming appointments at any time of the day or night. Along with this, we have also introduced 8 additional phone lines in order to increase our capacity to receive and make telephone calls. Our aim is for this improvement to reduce the telephone waiting times and for your contact with us to be more efficient and accessible.

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Our appointment availability is an ever-evolving process, and we are constantly reviewing how we can make appointments more accessible.

We would like to encourage everyone to sign up to our vPPG (via our website) so that you may lend your voice to ways we can improve our services and highlight what is working well.

The last two years have brought many changes to healthcare, so thank you for your patience and adapting to our different ways of working.

Village Week 2022

We are looking for new members to join the Village Week Committee.

You don't need any experience, just a willingness to get involved and newcomers to the Village are very welcome.

Our first meeting is in early January 2022 and Village Week will culminate with Village Day on Saturday 9th July. Please contact Louise on 01404 371433 or walmsley_louise@yahoo.co.uk



SAVE THE NEW FOUNTAIN UPDATE

Whilst we are waiting for the decision on the planning application for the New Fountain Inn, it has been proposed to send the letter below from the residents of Whimble. Please read and, if you concur with its sentiments, please add your name to the list.

A big thank you to Sabrina in Whimble Stores, who has agreed to display the letter in the shop for you to access easily.

'This letter is being sent to you from over ***** hundred residents of Whimble. It demonstrates the detrimental effect that the closure of the New Fountain Inn is now having on our community, and that we are desperate to have the New Fountain Inn returned to the thriving hub it once was.

Now that the winter months are here, the closure of one of our community spaces, is really beginning to affect us all. Whimble is a very social, proactive, vibrant village and we need spaces to meet and socialise. With Covid restrictions now lifted we are keen to attend the many clubs and societies that Whimble has to offer - many of which met regularly at the New Fountain Inn. It is causing great frustration to many of us that villagers are not able to resume so many activities that they have been deprived from for so long. Pensioners that used to meet regularly at the New Fountain Inn are remaining isolated, and so many are expressing their distress at the commercially unnecessary prolonged closure of the New Fountain Inn. We are very fortunate to have the Thirsty Farmer pub in our village and this is being well used and supported by many; but both pubs offer something different and both are precious and vital to our broad community.

The planning portal has over 300 objections and not a single supporter for redevelopment. No evidence has been supplied for its long-term lack of viability. It defies logic that the pub is not operating as a going concern, when so many need it to be reopened and 2 surveys across the whole village show that the vast majority of the residents support the re-opening New Fountain as soon as possible. There have been several parties showing an interest in purchasing the pub, including the Plunkett Foundation mentored Community Benefit Society - Save the New Fountain (Whimble) Ltd. The community purchase and operation of the pub is supported by the wider community who all strongly believe the pub is essential and viable now.

The building of New Fountain Inn is deteriorating as the months pass and this seems to make a mockery of it being in a conservation area. The owner of the premises left Whimble several years ago and it is shockingly clear that he has no interest in the future of our village and our well-being.

So, we ask you as the villagers of Whimble, as a matter of urgency to refuse the applicants planning proposal, which will then hopefully allow to pub to be sold to one of the several interested parties so that we can use our wonderful village pub once again'

Also please don't forget to buy a 'Save the New Fountain', mug and calendar, ideal stocking fillers. We are raising funds for some legal costs that we have incurred already and potentially may need access to in the future.

Thanks Whimble.

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An interview with Annie Bassett

Annie is mainly recognised for her ground-breaking career within the male dominated world of professional football in the 1980-90s. However, her life and career presented her with constant challenges. She has recently been encouraged to write her story, and the book is on its way. I asked her just ten questions, but they provide a glimpse into what we can expect.

Q1 Annie, you came from quite humble beginnings, with your parents running the village shop. What advice did they provide that has stayed with you?

We lived over our village shop - I liked to work there with my dad. I left school at 15yrs and went to work in an office. I loved it. Dad emphasised the basic requirements of good business practice which applied to our shop. Dad said to me 'For business to be a success, there are certain methods you must apply, whether it's a little shop like ours or it's a big international company.' He was my first mentor. I applied his advice wherever my career took me.



Q2 Your career has changed direction many times. Can you identify a common theme of how these opportunities arrived?

Well yes, I have been very fortunate. Looking back, it feels like chance, being noticed for some reason, I never knew what. I have always felt other people to be more interesting. I always ask a lot of questions, perhaps I am just nosy! I like people, I like them to be happy. I never had any job interviews in my football career - people seemed ready to give me an opportunity.

Also, some personal circumstances required me to make decisions and changes. Opportunities must be taken even if you're scared or lonely. One friend summed me up, he said 'You have gone from barmaid to Business Woman of the Year.' - quite true! I was learning from business all the time from every new experience - I worked hard and gained respect. I am considerate with colleagues, putting myself in their position, helping us both to move forward. I feel extremely humbled by the opportunities I have received.

Q3 How were you spotted then? Were there any moments that were particularly significant?

Well away from business I loved singing, particularly opera - Puccini is my favourite - with Dad on the piano. It's always been an important part of my life. Often folk would thank me personally for the music and my voice. Two special moments were: Singing Carols at a large business dinner, a gentleman approached me, apparently a Director of Reading Football Club. He knew I worked in marketing, and he offered me a six-week consultancy job for the club. It went well and six weeks later I was offered the position of Commercial Manager, later promoted to General Manager; and history was made in the football league - A Woman!

A second moment - singing in Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford, a Director from The Paris Music Conservatoire approached and offered me a three-year scholarship in singing. That would have been my real dream come true - I was delighted to be offered this, though I couldn't accept, I had four children to consider, and they were always my priority.

Q4 Are there any other dreams you did manage to fulfil?

Always my dream, my life dream, was to go to France, to live there. Later in my career I was working as a business trainer and mentor in Ringwood, Hampshire. I decided to retire and do it! Totally out of the blue, at my leaving lunch, the company offered a proposal for me to write the courses in France and return to the UK at regular intervals to teach and mentor. Commuting from France to Ringwood, I never thought I would do that, but I did! While living my dream at the same time.

Q5 Going back a little, after nearly 20 years as a leading woman in the Football Industry, you chose to work for The Marie Curie Cancer Care. What led to that decision and what did you learn from this position?

I'd been commuting to Fulham Football Club for seven years from the New Forest and I wished to work closer to home. I would have to face my first interview with Marie Curie - national charity, in my late fifties! The application form requested a list of qualifications - I had none, I'd even failed the 11+ twice! Instead, I listed my employment history which would give them insight into my strengths in the workplace. After two exhausting interviews, I got the job as Area Manager of Wiltshire and Dorset.

The position taught me a lot about compassion, care, patience, the importance of listening, as well as knowing what to say and how to present the upside of any situation.

Q6 You've had so many promotions and successes. What was your motivation?

I always take real interest in the people I will be working with, understand their strengths and use them to benefit the business and the person. Throughout my career my decisions were seen as - difficult, expensive, impossible etc. I was controversial and believed in these ideas, pushing them through the system, never asking for money, rather finding sponsorship or support from elsewhere. I always have vision wherever I go - 'When that is done, we can do that ... and that.' We were very successful with our fundraising, more thinking 'outside the box'. We did it differently - it included football and nightclubs!

Q7 Were there any changes of career that made you feel uncomfortable or out of your comfort zone?

Yes, I noticed an Associated Directorship in Business and Marketing at the Isle of Wight College. The application form was lengthy and asking for qualifications. Once again, I listed my work history. I had three interviews, so gruelling. 'You are mad' I was told over and over, 'It's a place of learning'. Ten times I read the question paper and everyone else was writing. After the eleventh read, I realised they were all business questions, not academic. I answered them all, and I got the job.

Q8 What are some words of advice to young women, or men, wanting to further their career in business?

- If you really want to work, there is always work out there – don't be too proud. Just do the job, it may lead to a bright future, as it did for me.
- It doesn't matter if you fail, it matters if you don't try. Don't say 'No, I can't do this.'
- Don't be afraid to have a go at things you've never done before. Embrace every opportunity that comes your way, no matter how small.

Q9 Now you are officially retired, what gives you pleasure and keeps you busy?

I enjoy being at home and in the garden. Walking is a daily outing. I still do some choir singing. Opera will always be my first love and preparing for this interview I found my old musical scores, Puccini- Delibes Flower duet, even my old Joan Baez book. Nostalgic memories, thanks to Whimble News!

Q10 Finally your book, how do you feel about it?

Getting started was the most difficult time, I felt overwhelmed. Now the pieces are coming together, it's flowing. I am at last thoroughly enjoying the storyline as it unfolds. I hope you will too was this really me?

Annie Bassett interviewed by Sarah Thackeray

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Hello my friends,

I believe there are thin places in the world (I don't mean places where we feel slimmer although if there was such a place I would get a membership); I mean places where the barrier we impose between the divine and our ordinary world seems somehow less concrete, where the presence of God feels closer. Have you ever experienced a place like that?

These thin places can be anywhere, it really depends on each one of us. I feel them not only in our beautiful churches but also in the wild places, by the rivers which thunder like growing organ pipes and in the great green woods with trees like columns holding up the cathedral sky. They are at their most powerful when a 'thin place' meets a 'thin time', a time of some special significance: some mornings I unlock the church in Whimple and come into that early silence with sunlight slanting through stained glass. Motes of dust dance to the music of the universe that only they can hear. That is a collision of a thin place and a thin moment, just then and there in perfect harmony. The world hasn't changed by my eyes, I see it more clearly for just that instance and my heart lifts.

Christmas is one of those moments. Christmas with its powerful parables, myths, metaphors, and symbols presents us with a giant welcoming gap in the boundaries of our minds. As veils fall away and we are able to recognize the sacred in ourselves, in one another, and in the world around us, to see more clearly the reality of the LOVE that we call God.

I think many of you here will know deep down what I mean. Children feel it most keenly, the almost uncontainable joy of it runs through them like an electric current, building and building. Then as we get older, we get more jaded by life, more cynical, but usually, even for the hardest of us, the 'thin place and time' still breaks through into our lives at Christmas.

I believe that is because when angels and heavenly hosts, the brightest of stars in the sky and travellers from distant lands meet the reality of an unmarried young girl, a frightened old man, a paranoid King, poverty, persecution and unparalleled violence all coming together in the son of God made human. All for love, it created an event which was, which is, so powerful it echoes down to us right here and right now. Our ability to see the glory may have been damaged by the world in which we live but it still pulls at us, it still seeps into our lives choked by consumerism, cynicism, mistrust and selfishness.

You see, no matter what you believe about God, Christmas pulls you in to times of laughter, celebration and generosity and as the scales covering our eyes are healed by the proximity of the Divine we open ourselves to the wonders of life. We can see once more the beauty of all that life can be. Christmas with all its nostalgia and sentimentality is a place where we can become, if only for a moment or two, all that we are created to be.

This year at our churches at Christingles, Carol services, Crib services, PJ Services, nativities and all we do, we are going to do our very best to open up some of those 'thin places and times' with carols and candles, with prayer and laughter, why not come along and see if this year, among all of the struggles and worries we have all been through, you can feel it afresh.

Then as Christmas passes into New Year, we might carry that thin place and time in our hearts and pour out that blessing into the world.

God bless. **Rev Marc.**

Devon Historic Churches Trust

On 11th September seven bicycles had their saddles dusted off and were taken on an outing in an effort to raise funds for both St Mary's church Whimble and the DHCT.

One valiant rider set off from Whimble church and followed a route encompassing the churches at Clyst St Lawrence; Clyst Hydon; Talaton; Payhembury; Feniton and Escot and thoroughly enjoyed his journey. The other party, which contained a six and nine year old, tested the distance between Cranbrook, Broadclyst and Killerton Chapel then home again for fish and chips. Unfortunately for the six year old, Father Christmas had not as yet delivered a new bike with gears and larger wheels and so the going was not that easy for him! However everyone made it and all enjoyed snacks at Killerton in the sunshine and fresh air.



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Our last event of the year was a coach trip to the National Trust property and gardens at Kinston Lacy near Wimborne Minster in Dorset. This was another well supported trip and everyone on the trip said how much they had enjoyed the day and how interesting the house was. Fortunately, the weather stayed fine throughout the time there, with the only rain on the way home. Our thanks to Doreen Staddon and Brian Nelson for organising this trip.

Our first meeting of the new year will be our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday 31st January in the Committee Room of the Victory Hall, commencing at 7.00pm. All members are welcome to attend, but there is currently a capacity for the room of only 20 people.

Having had no Flower Show this year, we will be hopefully be using the schedule we put together this year and fine tune it for our show in 2022. So, fingers crossed third time lucky! Like every other event organiser, we can only hope that 2022 brings better fortune to us all.

Information on the Gardening Club and reports on previous events can be found on our website www.whimble-vpa.co.uk.

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Whimble History Society



History Society Update:

Well, we are finally beginning to resume some of our normal activities and by the time this goes to press we should have completed two of our winter talks. Barry Hamblin's talk on the Gunpowder plot was clearly enjoyed and well attended. Ron Howell's talk about his diving experiences and the recovery of artifacts and treasure from the 'Gold Wreck' off Salcombe Bay will take place on 26th November and is already much anticipated.

Instead of a talk on January 17th, we will be holding our annual, and very popular, Wassail, details are on the facing page. It's great to be able to do this again after the very necessary hiatus created by Covid last year.

In anticipation of Christmas, we will be opening the Heritage Centre for shopping on Sunday 5th December from 11am to 3pm. In addition to other gifts, there will be an opportunity to buy T shirts and mugs in preparation for Wassailing night.

The History Society's Xmas lunch will be on Saturday 11th December at the Cricket Club from noon to 4.00pm. Enquiries about tickets can be made via info@whimble.org. As always, there will be great food, songs to get you in the Christmas spirit and a truly excellent raffle. Any donations for the raffle would be much appreciated, including the fun and frivolous, and can be dropped off at the shopping event, at Primrose Cottage, The Green, or bring on the day - but please wrapped in Xmas paper.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Lockdown free Xmas!

Louise Walmsley

Monday 17th January 2022 - Wassailing

This year's wassailing will start at the Heritage Centre at about 6.30pm for the usual 'rehearsal'. The route will remain the same as in recent years. In view of the risk of spreading Covid unnecessarily, the Wassail Cup will be ladled out before the start of the Procession at the Heritage Centre and again at the end outside the Cricket Pavilion.

The assembled company will then move off at about 7.00pm to the rear of the Heritage Centre where the first wassail ceremony will be around the Society's Whimble Wonder tree. The procession will then proceed up Church Road to Lower Woodhayes Orchard for the second wassail ceremony. The procession will then move back to the Square, via Dince Hill Close, where the procession will gather near the tethering stone to remember the Society's first Chairman, John Shepherd. The procession will then continue along Town Lane and Broadclyst Road to the orchard adjacent to Knowle Cross Farm for the third and final ceremony of the evening, courtesy of Jim and Mary Chard. The last port of call will be at the Cricket Club for traditional wassail refreshments. We would urge everyone to enter into the spirit of the evening by wearing traditional dress and bringing 'instruments' that will make sufficient noise to waken the trees and ward off the evil spirits in the apple trees. Wassailing Mugs and T-shirts will be on sale on the evening.

A-wassail, a-wassail! The Moon she shines down;
Our apples are ripe and our nuts they are brown,
Whence thou mayest bud, dear old apple tree,
And whence thou mayest bear, we sing unto thee.

Chorus.....

With our wassail, wassail, wassail!
And joy come to our jolly wassail!

O apple tree prosper, bud, bloom and bear,
So we may have plenty of cider next year.
And where there's a barrel, we hope there'll be ten,
That we may have cider when we come again.

Chorus.....



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Our November 6th bonfire and fireworks display was quite the night. Thank you to everyone who came along. We know the village was busy with the increase in traffic and parking and we appreciate your patience and support. This event is an essential fundraiser for the club and we're delighted to have become such a popular local destination for fireworks night.



Visitors were treated to a selection of food and drink stalls, tucking into BBQ food, paella, Oggy Oggy pasties and the hugely popular doughnut and waffle stand. Courtney's provided a fantastic service of warming ciders and the indoor and outdoor club bars were busy throughout. The bouncy castle and bungy trampoline proved to be popular with our younger visitors and it was great to see stalls supporting Whimble pre-school and Whimble Primary PTA. An impressive fire had been built in the week and warmed the crowd before the main event. Whimble youngster Fred Williams won the raffle prize to start the display and was ready with the big red button to kick things off. After a brief delay to allow a flight to safely land at Exeter airport, the fireworks were underway. Sonic Fireworks, ably assisted by Mark Fenner, coordinated a stunning display that delighted the crowd. The night was finished off with New Heroes playing live in the pavilion as the crowd lingered after the display.

Thank-you to all of the volunteers who helped us make the event a success, from those that helped set up before and tidy up after to the various marshals, bar staff and helpers on the night.

In other club news, by the time this edition of Whimble News publishes we will have held our AGM. Information on any decisions from that meeting will be available online at www.whimblecc.co.uk. It will now not be long before we are looking ahead to the 2022 season and I hope to give that more of a preview next time.

James Woolam





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Sunday	December 26th 2021	No Service	Closed	9.00am - 11.00am
Monday	December 27th 2021		Closed	9.00am - 11.00am
Tuesday	December 28th 2021		Closed	9.00am - 11.00am
Wednesday	December 29th 2021		9.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday	December 30th 2021		9.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 6.00pm
Friday	December 31st 2021		9.00am - 6.00pm	9.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday	January 1st 2022		Closed	9.00am - 11.00am
Sunday	January 2nd 2022	9.00am Morning Worship	Closed	9.00am - 11.00am
Monday	January 3rd 2022		Closed	9.00am - 11.00am

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Christmas

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In the Legion's centenary year, I am delighted to report that Whimple, as a district, has excelled and I can report the highest total so far of £1705.75. We sent in a commendable £1200 last year which due to the pandemic was more than most districts!

It is very important to remember all those who gave their lives for our country.

The service in the Square was well run by Gerri Turner with help from the parading cubs and scouts. I was especially pleased to see a trumpeter sound The Last Post. Thank you to all concerned.

The sermon composed by the curate was a very good lesson on WW1 for the younger generation who hopefully will never witness a conflict like it.

Thanks to go to the Pepper girls who crochet a selection of poppies which were very popular due to their longevity!

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A Window on Whimple's Weather

July to October 2021

There was no space for our regular weather summary in the last edition of Whimple News, so this time we have a summary covering all four months from July to October. This has been compiled from Whimple's two weather stations, one from Slewton Crescent and the other from Cobden Lane, both live streaming local weather data;

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

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

Historical data sets are also available through the same links.

July – This was a good growing month – warm and fairly wet! We recorded 104mm of rain – slightly above the monthly average, while temperatures averaged a pleasant 24°C during the day. After a couple of warm dry days, it was fairly unsettled until the 12th, with some heavy rain on 4th and 5th. But from the 13th summer returned with a dramatic heatwave – and temperatures peaking at a sweltering 32.7°C on the 21st! On the 23rd the hot spell was broken by thunderstorms moving up from France giving a very wet day on the 24th. The last week saw near average temperatures, occasional rain, and pretty windy on the 28th and 30th as fronts rattled through.

August – A month of more cloudy weather, but drier than July and temperatures around average. The first nine days of the month were rather unsettled, with brisk westerly winds from the fifth. This period culminated in some heavy showers on the 9th. Although the next two weeks were mostly dry, they were occasionally rather dull. The 21st was wet but then during the 22nd pressure rose strongly across the UK to give a week of fine, warm, summery weather. It was warmest on the 26th with a pleasant 24°C, though a cold front came through from the north-east that night chilling the air to only 7.4°C by dawn the next day. Although pressure remained high, the last two days of the month, including Bank Holiday Monday, were stubbornly dull in a cool north-easterly.

September – The month started warm and dry with some sunshine, the seventh being the warmest day with temperatures reaching 28.2°C, well above average. However, the rest of the month was less settled with some days warm and sunny intermixed with showers. The last week in September was particularly windy; with a recording of gusts up to 52kph in Whimple on the 27th. The month ended with temperatures dropping during the day to 15°C and at night; 5°C. Rainfall was above average with 88mm recorded against a monthly average of 60mm. Total sunshine was very slightly above average for the month.

October – A week of unsettled weather, with Met Office weather warnings for the area and heavy showers, started the month. Then a week of warm, sunny weather gave hope for an extension to summer!

This was short-lived and the settled weather gave way to storm Aurore delivering thunderstorms including intense rain on the 20th (nearly 45mm of rain in one day), accompanied by more weather warnings and strong winds. Whilst ‘whirlwinds’ were reported in Widnes on that day; Whimble fortunately avoided such extremes! This all contributed to make the month one of the wettest Octobers for years, with over 13 rainy days leading to total rain of 177mm, well over double the average. The month was quite mild with average sunshine.

2021	July	Date	August	Date
Warmest Day	32.7 °C	21/07/2021	24.0 °C	26/08/2021
Coollest Night	9.9 °C	05/07/2021	7.4 °C	27/08/2021
Windiest 24hrs	31.5 km/h	28/07/2021	26.9 km/h	06/08/2021
Wettest 24hrs	18.3 mm	24/07/2021	13.7 mm	09/08/2021
Av. Maximum	23.7°C	N/A	21.1°C	N/A
Av. Minimum	13.2°C	N/A	11.8°C	N/A
Total Rain	103.6 mm	N/A	46.0 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	112.7 kWh/ kW	97.9% of Av.	104.6 kWh/kW	94.5% of Av.

2021	September	Date	October	Date
Warmest Day	28.2 °C	07/09/2021	21.1 °C	10/10/2021
Coollest Night	5.1 °C	29/09/2021	3.6 °C	22/10/2021
Windiest 24hrs	42.0 km/h	27/09/2021	44.9 km/h	29/10/2021
Wettest 24hrs	38.1 mm	09/09/2021	42.2 mm	20/10/2021
Av. Maximum	21.2°C	N/A	16.8°C	N/A
Av. Minimum	10.5°C	N/A	8.6°C	N/A
Total Rain	87.9 mm	N/A	177.3 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	95.8 kWh/kW	103.1% of Av.	74.5 kWh/kW	100.5% of Av.

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

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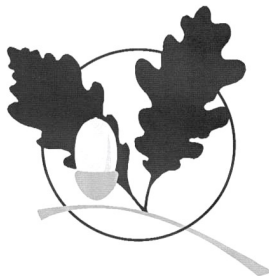
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There are two points to take from this conference. Whimble is not immune from the effects of climate change. The second point being, working together for the common good is key to our village over the coming years, including the threats of encroaching developments. This is particularly relevant as the creation of our Neighbourhood Plan moves forward. The faster the process, the greater the strength of protection, moving forward.

New Fountain Inn Application 20/2481/FUL

The appeal has been submitted and is now waiting for a suitable Planning Inspector to become available. Once an Inspector has been allocated a full timetable and procedure will be available and the official consultation will begin. In order to raise funds to help cover legal fees, Save Whimble's New Fountain Inn group will be selling calendars and mugs at various village events over the coming months. Please support them if you can and save this vital village asset.

Cranbrook Community Governance Review

The matter of the Community Governance Review in which Cranbrook Town Council looked to review and expand its boundary was discussed at the EDDC cabinet meeting on Wednesday, 3 November 2021, following consultation with all affected parishes and with consideration of the current status of the Cranbrook Plan.

The matter has been put on hold until the government inspector has defined the future expansion areas for the town. Current indications are that this report will be received around the end of the year. For this reason, EDDC councillors voted for the boundary review to be discontinued and invited Cranbrook Town Council to reapply for it at a later date, after the Cranbrook Plan has been signed off. One further reason for postponing this review was due to the overwhelming support of almost 1500 signatories to a petition that was instigated by POW&R group asking EDDC to halt the expansion of Cranbrook and to fulfil its promises to those that live there by delivering the Town Centre and amenities it had promised many years ago. A big thank you to those who have signed the petition and it is not too late to lend your voice to this campaign by going to www.change.org/cranbrookexpansion or scanning the QR code. The postponement gives Whimble a little more time to move forward with its Neighbourhood Plan.



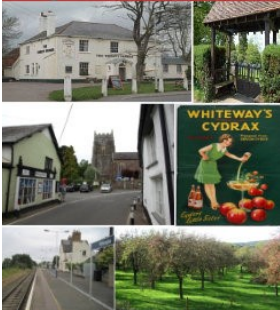
Neighbourhood Plan

POW&R Group are now very active in working with our Parish Council to create the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan. There has been a great deal of preparatory work

undertaken, including a new questionnaire to villagers and consultation letter ready to be sent to over 100 organisations, statutory bodies, local businesses and some national charities. A basic framework has been developed to build the NP, which will be based on the feedback as a result of the consultations. The principal consultations will be by the questionnaire to each resident of the parish, plus the special village consultation day, details which will be announced in the coming weeks (possibly even by the time this goes to press!).

It is fully appreciated by POW+R Group and the Parish that a consultation was undertaken in 2018, however the planning environment has significantly changed over the last four years. This has included threats to our village by the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan, the creation of the Clyst Valley Regional Park, the Planning White Paper and its impact on development in East Devon, and the emerging Local Plan for East Devon. Finally, the four extensions to the enlarging of Cranbrook, which is currently being examined by the Government Inspector. The critical issue is the potential incursion into Whimble Parish of further developments of Cranbrook.

There is now a strong team led by Councillor Denise Dearden supported by Councillor Sarah Johnson plus myself from POW+R Group. As a team we have already met and continue to liaise with Angela King (EDDC Planning Officer for NP's). In addition, a number of villagers and the professional team members with experience in Town Planning and Project Management within the POW+R Group are working on the Plan. It will be evident that once the feedback is gathered then the work will be shared on the evaluation and presentation of the findings, together with developing the policies needed to protect and enhance our village for the future. The final 'made' plan is a legal document that will stand in its own right.

Whimble Neighbourhood Plan	Our Village Group
	If you would be willing and able to give up some of your free time in order to help with producing the Neighbourhood Plan and protect our village and Rockbeare from the ever expanding Cranbrook urban sprawl, and any other developments that are proposed, we'd love to hear from you! To be achieved by: Ambition, determination and cooperation
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Alan Lascelles - Press and Publicity

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Race Night



A big thank you to those who joined us for Race Night, what a great evening we had. Also, a big thank you to the sponsors that supported the event.

This event had been planned for Village Week 2020 but due to that nasty virus it had to be postponed. The Village Week team thought it would be a nice idea to put something on for the village to get everyone back together again and to raise some funds towards making Village Day 2022 a bigger and even better event. So, into the starting gate we went.

I think I can speak on behalf of all those who attended, to say that we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, there was lots of entertaining banter between the tables, and cheering on of the horses (sadly, all my horses seemed to get tied to the starting post). Our MC for the evening was Ed the Ed, who worked his magic with the crowd, bets were laid and the fun began.

The last race was a Pig Race, we auctioned off the pigs so that they all had enthusiastic owners. Sadly, Peppa Pig didn't win but the winning owner walked away with a nice winner's purse.

I would like to thank all the lovely stable hands who helped during the evening, they were all kept very busy, cooking hot dogs, manning the Tote tables and making sure that the bar kept everyone well-watered, and of course making sure the horses had a lump of sugar after the race.

I am sure that you will be seeing another Race Night during 2022. Look out for the date and make sure you put it in the diary as I think the next one might be a sellout.

Suzanne Rothwell

Hello all

I hope that everyone is managing to keep safe and well. It is with regret that the Whimbletons will not be doing a Pantomime in February. The decision has not been taken lightly but it makes sense with things still being very uncertain.

However, we will be holding a one-off performance of the Whimbletons BEST BITS in June. There will be acting and singing and audience participation. The venue will be Courtney's Orchard and we will provide transport to and from with a pickup in the square. Everything is being planned at the moment but watch this space.

We are also looking at taking the Dames out of retirement and organising Panto Dame Racing. Oh yes we are!

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Previously developed land in Devon must be prioritised for new homes

Across the county, new homes are encroaching on Devon's beautiful countryside yet there is a far better alternative to concreting over our green fields and one that makes more sense than the wanton destruction of valuable farmland. New research by the national countryside charity CPRE shows previously developed or brownfield land could accommodate 1.3 million homes, but this precious resource is being largely ignored. The research concludes that housing developers are "gorging on precious greenfield land with an ever greater appetite".

In East Devon, members of the local branch of the charity, Devon CPRE, have seen the new town of Cranbrook steadily expand in recent years. Green space around small market towns like Honiton has also been sacrificed to yet more housing. Aside from the issues of the design and quality of many of these new builds, why are developers being allowed to eat up one of Devon's most precious resources - its countryside - whilst brownfield land is left to go to waste?

Nationally, the proportion of brownfield housing units with planning permission is the lowest since records began - down to 44% in 2021 from 53% in 2020 - and the actual number, at 506,000, is the lowest for four years.

In most parts of the country, the amount of brownfield land available for new development has gone up. In the South West, the picture is slightly more encouraging - but not much! The CPRE research shows that across the South West region there's capacity in 2021 to build 68,081 units (houses) on previously developed land. Last year, the comparable figure was 69,355 units so a small percentage of brownfield land has been developed for housing since 2020. However, there's still a tragic waste of potential building plots and we believe these brownfield sites should be used first before any more green fields are encroached on. Based on this data, the Government certainly can't claim the use of brownfield land is being prioritised!

At the Conservative party conference in the autumn, the Prime Minister stated that no more development would take place on green fields. We, at Devon CPRE, will be holding the Government to account and demanding an end to the unnecessary destruction of our countryside. How? By calling for new national planning policies to prioritise brownfield development in local plans.

In all other areas of our daily lives we are encouraged to reduce, re-use and recycle, why should land use for housing and development be any different?

Community Theatre 4All

“Talaton – A War-Time Refuge”

The play is now cast and rehearsals are underway
but there are still many opportunities for you to
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Crowd scenes

We would like to enlarge some of the refugee crowd scenes with non-speaking roles. These parts would not be rehearsed until the new year and participating in crowd only scenes would only entail performers coming to occasional rehearsals until the beginning of March.

Want to be involved but don't want to perform?

We need two committed people to join the group in January and become part of a vitally important stage crew.

Costumes and Props Needed

We need to get a range of male and female costumes that have a '1940s feel'. These costumes are for both refugees and Talaton villagers. Costumes can either be donated or 'loaned'.

Male Costumes:- trousers (ideally with turn-ups), jackets (including black), shirts (some collarless), coats (including black & full length) hats (trilby and flat caps), old style boots and shoes.

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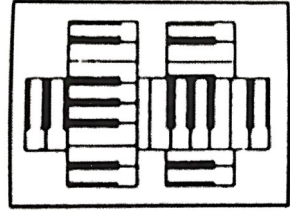
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Sadly, Ernie may well have driven his milk cart off into the sunset, but there is hope. In recent years, the UK has been experiencing a revival in farm to doorstep deliveries and East Devon is no exception. With supermarkets selling milk cheaper than bottled water and with dairy processors cutting prices paid to farmers, some local farms are taking matter into their own hands and taking control of how their milk is processed and delivered to customers.

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The Mitchem siblings are also keen to fulfil their duty to be as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible. "Our milk is processed using 100% Green Energy" says Matthew "produced on our family farm through renewable sources. In 2014 we built our own Anaerobic Digester that utilises our cows' manure and produces energy to supply not only our operations here at Oak Park Dairy, but also supplies back to the National Grid".

Hundreds of local households are already converts to the Oak Park Dairy ethos and their growing delivery round. And it is no surprise that Matthew and Emily have been rewarded for their hard work with numerous Gold awards from Taste of the West.

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Well, we've seen off Hallowe'en and Guy Fawkes Night and so to Christmas. This year, hopefully we can spend time with family and friends and perhaps focus on the simple things in life, that we can so easily take for granted but, adapt if circumstances change.

On that note, our November WI meeting didn't go to plan and it wasn't covid for once. Rather than learn about cyber security we had a lovely time puzzling over quizzes, enjoying each other's company and eating delicious home-made cakes. Our speaker, Laura, from Devon and Cornwall Police could not make the meeting, she was called away but, having heard her speak previously, I am sure our members would like to re book her.

And so to our 14th December Christmas party. It's always a bring and share, which is WI speak for a sumptuous buffet! It will be in the Hub at Willow Park and we are delighted that Julia Green has agreed to come and entertain us with songs from My Fair Lady. I understand we can join in with some of the songs. I can assure you that I won't be doing that, my voice is best restricted to the shower!

Members have been invited to dress up for the party 'à la theme' or, wear a hat, if that appeals. I decided early on not to compete with Audrey Hepburn but to lower my sights to the old lady who sits on the cathedral steps, feeding the birds (feed the birds tuppence a bag) you know the song. I set to work on my outfit, cut up my husband's dressing gown and made a skirt, turned some curtain lining into an apron and was feeling quite chuffed with my efforts. Then, it was pointed out to me that feed the birds is in Mary Poppins! Clang!! Not to be thwarted, I shall be the dustman's wife instead. I'm sure he sang 'I'm getting married in the morning'. Adaptation, that's the thing, whether it's covid, being apologetically let down by a speaker, or mixing up your musicals!

Beyond the New Year, our meeting on 11th January meeting, again in the Hub, will welcome Dr Peter Moore, Police Surgeon, giving an insight into his career, then 8th February will see Sarah Pepper, a well-known local florist sharing some seasonal displays with us. It's looking good for 2022.

We would love to welcome new members, so if you are interested, please give our secretary/treasurer, Marilyn a call on 01404 821860. Hope to see you in the New Year.

Di Eden

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As always, the school and its pupils like to support Children In Need; for a donation to this charity all the children attending on Friday 19th November turned up in fancy dress and brought a teddy bear. It was a fantastic sight with all the children parading outside to see what they had worn.

As we head towards the end of term, plans are in full flow for Christmas. At present, we are hoping to hold our annual Carol Service for the older children and a simple nativity involving the children in our younger classes in the last week of term. Plans are also being made by our PTA for a Christmas Fair for the children.

Willow Class are having swimming lessons in Sidmouth as part of their PE provision – it feels so long since we have been able to do this! As part of our Fantastic Friday return, pupils in both Oak and Willow Class have been having some yoga sessions.

It's been a busy time of year in Willow Class! We had a fantastic time earlier this term as we turned our classroom into a live theatre, and watched a Royal Shakespeare Company production of *The Tempest*. We worked hard to learn about the story and the characters, and thoroughly enjoyed eating popcorn during the school day!

All of the children in Oak Class did a fantastic job in our football tournament against other schools from our Learning Community held at Clyst Vale Community College. We had two teams competing hard, practising their skills and using our 6Rs of learning to good effect. Particular well done to Amelie, Freddie, Harry and Matilda for earning certificates for sportsmanship and effort. Well done to you, and to the whole class for taking part.

The pupils and staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Carole Shilston, Head Teacher



All About Forest School

Mrs Luscombe, Mrs Wall and Miss Passmore are working with all of the different classes at school to have two fun forest school sessions each term. Mrs Luscombe also helps us to keep the school garden looking good too.

Recently, Beech Class enjoyed their two sessions and spent some time in groups, learning to whittle wood, fire build and make some hot chocolate which many of us liked drinking. As well as doing certain activities, we also had some free time to explore, create and play in the orchard area.



Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day

This year the year sixes have been selling poppies and other items for donations. The poppies and items are sold to raise money for a charity that helps injured soldiers and their families. We have also thought about those soldiers who died in both World War 1 and 2 and never came home. Pupils at our school are trying their hardest to help the work done by the charity called the Royal British Legion.



In March 2022 I am planning to run the first Whimble Music Festival. I am doing this for the Civic Award as a community activity. It will be a free event, encouraging young people in Key Stages 1 to 4 to play an instrumental piece or sing a song, individually or in a group.

If you would like to sponsor this event (to provide money for prizes, refreshments and venue costs) by advertising in the programme or giving a donation then please contact me by emailing: whimblemusicfestival@gmail.com.

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