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## Sal The Ed (this time)

Welcome to the Oct/Nov edition, and Autumn is upon us. I hope you all had a lovely Summer, although there was a bit of rain in July, as you will see in the Whimble Weather report on page 32!

This did not dampen the village's spirits, as all the events held were very well supported. A great result from WhimbleFest (page 38), with fantastic charity donations being made to local causes.

Well done to all involved in the events reviewed in this edition.

So many people offer their precious free time to run these, and offer support on the day, so it was sad to read about the lack of turnout for the September 'Meet The Parish Councillors' morning in the Hall (see page 13). The PC need more councillors, so do contact them if you would like to help.

Sarah has another brilliant 'Ten Questions' interview on pages 18/19. This time with Jess Billingham, who is the creator of the fabulous 'bottle' installation at Whimble Station. When you arrive from the East, you get a great idea of how boozy Whimble's history was, with the Thirsty Farmer sign and Whiteways crates also on display. Now we have two pubs again, it's nice to be able to try and keep this tradition going!

On the subject of pubs, many congratulations to Ann for signing up for a 5-year lease on the Farmer!

Look out for all their news re food, band nights, and other special evenings, in Whimble What's On and their own Facebook page. The New Fountain is really thriving, too, and I am loving being back there for cribbage league matches, after such a long gap. *(If you would like to play, we have a friendly night in The Farmer on Monday evenings, too).*

Loads of interesting articles in this News, including: An update on the new shop Jenny and Harry have opened in Ottery, following their sale of Whimble Stores; a new parcel service now being run by the new Whimble Stores team; details of the planned extension of the Hall (funds allowing), plus reports on a great season for Whimble Cricket, Tennis and Gardening!

Exciting things to look forward to include the fabulous Big Quiz from the Whimbletons on Oct 21st,

Race Night on Oct 28th, and the fantastic Bonfire Night at the Cricket Club on Saturday Nov 4th. See inside.

Spooky Halloween in the middle! I am sure there will be some 'goings on' around the village that evening.

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# What's On In Whimple

## October

- 10th WI Meeting, talk on the RNLI Arctic Challenge - John Lowe The Hub at 2.00pm
- 21st The Whimbletons 'Big Quiz' 6.30pm for 7.30pm at the Victory Hall
- 21st The Wyndham Singers Taster Day at Kentisbeare Village Hall, 10.00am–4.00pm
- 22nd Apple Pressing at the Heritage Centre 11.00am - 2.00pm
- 27th History Society talk by archivist Brian Carpenter on the Devon Archives in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.
- 28th Race Night at the Victory Hall Dors open 7.00pm, first race at 7.30pm.
- 30th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon–1.30pm

## November

- 1st Gardening Club visit to National Trust, Dyrham Park see page 23 for details
- 12th Remembrance Service at St Mary's church 10.55am
- 14th WI Meeting, talk 'Trespass Who Dares' - Graham Hurley The Hub at 2.00pm
- 16-18th Two short plays at Talaton Village Hall see page 33 for details
- 18th St Mary's church Christmas Fayre
- 25th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon–1.30pm

## December

- 9th Christmas Special Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12noon–1.30pm
- 12th WI Christmas Party in The Hub at 2.00pm



The 12th Man Festival seen from the air—drone shot by Peter Salter

# WHIMPLE STORES



We are pleased to announce that after many months of negotiation and protracted delays, we will be starting a Parcel Service at the end of September. The service is the Post Office 'Drop and Collect' and works in conjunction with our Pazone machine and Royal Mail.

The Parcels will need to be weighed and packaged and the postage purchased online before being dropped to the Stores. We will check the weight and size, print a label if required and store the parcel ready for a Royal Mail collection – potentially twice per day. As well as pre-paid parcels, the service will also support pre-paid Special Delivery letters and parcels, pre-paid Parcel Force large and bulky items, pre-paid International Tracked and Signed items and pre-paid standard overseas parcels.

All that is needed from you is that you wrap, weigh and measure the parcel, select and pay for the postage on Royal Mail's website, print the postage label or get a barcode and then bring the parcel to Whimple Stores for acceptance and a receipt. Home shopping returns are also enabled. We want to make sure that everyone is included even though some villagers may not have the online technology to purchase postage, so we are seeing how we can provide a postage purchasing facility in the Stores. Come and talk to Rory if you think you may wish to use such a facility.

The Collect part of the 'Drop and Collect' service is that you can arrange with the parcel sender to have parcels that would be sent to you via Royal Mail to be sent instead to Whimple Stores for your convenience. This is very handy if you are unlikely to be at home at the time when parcels would normally be delivered. You can also arrange for Royal Mail parcels that are already on the way to be diverted to the Stores for your later collection.

We hope that this service becomes very popular with our customers and that we are able to attract parcel customers from surrounding areas as well. The continued existence of convenience stores such as us is only possible by providing a large range of services such as coffees, teas and parcels on top of the usual food and drink.

Please be patient with our staff as they get to know the new service. We are anticipating returning customers who used to bring parcels to us in large batches. We will work with our regular customers to leave the parcels and pick up the receipts later, but it may mean that sometimes queues could develop.

If you wondered why wine has recently increased in price, the government introduced a new ("simplified") alcohol duty scale on August 1st and this had the effect of pulling wine into the same category as strong spirits (above 4.5% alcohol content). The duty on wine increased on average by 4% which then gets magnified by producer and wholesaler margins ending up with around £2 extra on a bottle of wine. We are still purchasing some wine at the old wholesale prices and will keep the same price on these wines for as long as possible but we know the increase will eventually flow across our whole range. There is a smaller duty increase on beer and cider.

The price of stamps is increasing on Oct 3rd. with 1st Class going to £1.25, 1st Class Large to £1.95 and 2nd Class Large to £1.55. 2nd Class stamps remain at 75p. These are very large increases and we are holding good stock to cater for demand. As demand is high, our wholesaler has supplied us with some gummed stamps (remember the old days of lick and stick!) and Christmas stamps which are all perfectly usable and very pretty.

We were very honoured to be invited to present the prizes at the Whimble and District Gardening Club's Flower and Craft Show in August as a thank you for our support. We are always very pleased to be able to support Whimble's community and charity events by selling tickets at the Stores and advertising events in our very busy 'community' section of the front window.

Please continue to use Whimble Stores as much as possible as that will help us to continue to provide a well stocked, active and friendly shop.

On a final note, we are very sorry to announce that Karen Brown has left us to work more locally to where she lives in Ottery St. Mary. Karen has worked at Whimble Stores for seven years and transferred to us when we took over from Jenny and Mark. She taught us how to be good shopkeepers and we are very grateful for her guidance and support. Good luck Karen!

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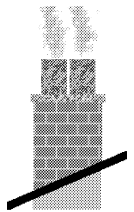
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### Ground Hog Day

Do you ever feel like your life is on a bit of a loop? Different day but same stuff, the daily grind of life? Well, I suspect you are not alone.

In 1993, Groundhog Day, an American comedy film starring Bill Murray was released based on the story of a cynical television weatherman covering a story who becomes trapped in a time loop.

Realizing that there are no consequences for his actions, Phil begins spending loops indulging in binge eating, one-night stands, robbery, and other dangerous activities, using his increasing knowledge of the day's events and the town residents to manipulate circumstances to his advantage. Eventually, he focuses on seducing Rita, another reporter, using the loops to learn more about her so that he can try to sleep with her. No matter what steps he takes, Rita just isn't interested, particularly when Phil tells her he loves her. Phil gradually becomes depressed and desperate for a way to escape the loop even committing suicide in a variety of ways. He eventually tries to explain his situation to Rita, using his detailed knowledge of the day to accurately predict events. Convinced, Rita spends the rest of that day's loop with Phil; she encourages him to think of the loops as a blessing instead of a curse and finally Phil realizes that his feelings for Rita have become sincere and decides to use his knowledge of the loop to change himself and others: he saves people from deadly accidents and misfortunes, and learns to play the piano, sculpt ice, and speak French.

Rita witnesses Phil's expert piano-playing skills as the adoring townsfolk regale her with stories of his good deeds. Impressed by his apparent overnight transformation, Rita successfully bids for him at a charity bachelor auction. Phil carves an ice sculpture in Rita's image and tells her that no matter what happens, even if he is doomed to continue waking alone each morning forever, he wants her to know that he is finally happy because he loves her. And the cycle is finally broken. He is reborn, his life has a purpose and all because of love.

Are you stuck in some sort of Ground Hog Day? Do you need to be reborn through love?

Well, I have good news for you. You can. Through a love which is the single most powerful force in the universe, so powerful in fact it overcame death, when Jesus was raised from the dead.

Now I know few people today actually believe in a physical resurrection of Jesus, but I do. I can't prove the resurrection to you scientifically or otherwise. Neither can I convince you of the truth of the resurrection. However, I can point you to reflections of the resurrection that happen all around us. You see echoes of that miracle happen and they happen every single day.

Alcoholics are raised from the dead when they sober up. Drug addicts are raised from the dead when they clean themselves up and break the chains of addiction. Nations are raised from the dead when they admit their faults and commit themselves to new ways of living. And I would add, whenever friends, neighbours, or enemies reconcile there is resurrection. Every sun rise begins a symphony of resurrection. Whenever and wherever lives are changed and transformed there is resurrection (whether God gets the credit for it or not).

But we don't always see these things, too often we are still just stuck in that loop, and even when we do see them, we don't always connect them to God's greater plan for us and for all of humanity, we don't always connect them to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the love of God for the world.

As Christians the resurrection of Jesus Christ marks both the beginning and the end of our life, because baptism is a resurrection from an old way of living and the first step in ending the ground hog day of ordinary human life and resurrection is also the gift which Jesus promises when our life here on earth is over. And all because of love. You see, if the whole of Scripture could be summarized in one sentence it would be this: God loves you! and the resurrection would be the exclamation point at the end of that sentence.

Did you know that only in the state of Texas is June 19th a holiday. "Juneteenth," as it is called, commemorates the day in 1865 when Union Troops landed in Galveston, Texas, and General Gordon Granger fulfilled order number three by enforcing the Emancipation Proclamation and freeing all the slaves in Texas, a law which had been passed two-and-a-half years earlier but this news hadn't reached Texas. The Emancipation Proclamation had been the law of the land for two-and-a-half years but the slaves in Texas didn't know anything about it. They had been freed without knowing it. Someone had to tell them.

There's a whole world out there that has been freed, raised to new life, re-created but doesn't know it, who live lives of guilt, regret and fear when actually they are free if only they choose to be. How about you? We tend to think of baptism as something which happens to babies when they are a few months old but anyone can get baptised at any age; because what baptism is, is the beginning of a new life if you are 1 or 101. A fresh start, an adventure begun on a journey with Jesus.

It is why the big stone bowl we call the font we use for baptisms is near the front door of churches, it signifies baptism as entry to the church and a new way of life.

And if you think but I don't know enough about the Bible, it doesn't matter, if you have stuff in your past, it doesn't matter, if you have doubts, it doesn't matter. Being baptised, being a Christian is not about thinking we are perfect, far from it. Every Sunday Christians come to church not because we think we are perfect or have it all sorted, but because we are certain we are not and don't. We walk past the font again, we come with all our worries and troubles of the world, weighed down with our regret and guilt and fears and we are raised up and sent back out into the world as God's new creations.

How does it all work? Well, it starts with a chat so if this seems like something you would like to explore, drop me an email [rector@eastclystchurches.org](mailto:rector@eastclystchurches.org).

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# Disappointed Parish Councillors

On Saturday the 9th of September the Parish Council had booked the Victory Hall from 10:00am to 12:00 noon to hold a 'Meet The Parish Councillors' session for the villagers of Whimple. This was advertised on the parish council website and on Whimple what's on.

This was an opportunity for any residents in Whimple to meet their councillors and to air any views or concerns they might have about the future of the village.

It was also a recruiting drive as we have only four councillors on the present council when we should have nine.

To say I was disappointed is an understatement when not one person from the village took the trouble to attend the session.

We are volunteers on the Parish Council and to waste a couple of hours on a Saturday morning for the benefit of the residents of Whimple is disheartening.

**Alan McArthur**, chair of Whimple Parish Council



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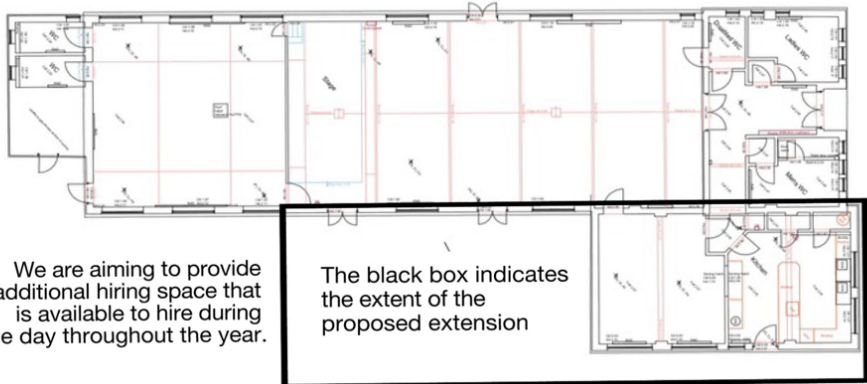
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## THE VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION PLAN UPDATE



We are aiming to provide additional hiring space that is available to hire during the day throughout the year.

The black box indicates the extent of the proposed extension

The plan to build a new hiring space on the North side of the current hall is underway. The ball started rolling when the Management Trustees met with a local architect at the beginning of August. Following that meeting we arranged a Geomatics Survey of the whole site. The ground plans the surveyor produced will help the architect determine the best location, alignment and dimensions of the new extension.

The next stage is to agree a building plan that will provide us with everything we need and will fall within our budget. It is easy to daydream (and we have definitely done that) and get carried away with fancy design ideas but we acknowledge that one of the first steps is to be realistic about the build costs. We are told that a standard, single story extension will cost around £1,500 - £2,000/m<sup>2</sup>, add to that 15% for fees and permissions and a 20% contingency for unforeseen costs. We currently estimate that we will need around £400,000 to build our extension and to follow through our commitment to replace the main hall roof – although this figure may change when the architect lays out more formal plans in the coming months. We currently have £145,000 in our Buildings Account. We think this is a good starting point but it is definitely not enough.

The short fall needs to come from somewhere; we will of course be combing the internet for grant opportunities and seeking support from commercial sponsors and other groups.

We will also be pursuing other fundraising activities.

This is where the whole community can help. Depending where you look, the population of the village is said to be around 2,200. If 1,500 people donated just £50 over the next year (that is £1 a week or £4 a month) we would raise £75,000. If 100 people held a fundraising event and raised £100 we would have £10,000.

So I ask all of you – would you like to help your community to raise funds for a much needed improved village Hall? Please give the future of our village hall some thought. Look out for more information and more specifically look out for the big FUND RAISING THERMOMETER, it will be back.

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# TEN QUESTIONS WITH JESS BILLINGHAM

If you haven't been to Whimble station recently, you are missing a treat. As well as the colourful tubs and planters that have been created by FoWST (Friends of Whimble Station), there are two colourful welcome boards designed by Whimble School students. Also, being positioned along the fence at the back of the platform is an extremely creative and professional piece of artwork by local student Jess Billingham. I managed to catch her before she starts University this Autumn, to ask her all about the project..



## **How did you first get involved with FOWST?**

My mum really volunteered me!! I was nearing the end of my A Levels which included Art and I thought it would be fun, so I agreed. Also, my friend Romily Orla agreed to help me paint the first base images, and Lucia Boyden created other bottles with me too. But I have enjoyed completing the project by myself and staying focused.

## **It must have been quite a task. How did you go about it?**

I was asked to do a mural and it was suggested by FoWST that it could be something to do with cider and apples to reflect the classic Whimble heritage. When I was little I had an obsession with drawing mugs. I still have the sketch book which is full of my mug drawings. I wanted to paint something that I would really enjoy doing, so I thought about bottles and all the Whiteways history.

## **Did you need to do any research before you started?**

First I went to the station and realised how big the space was!! Then I went to the Heritage Centre for some inspiration as they have a large collection of Whiteways bottles. I thought it would be cool to do a timeline of these designs. I set up a meeting with Tina Kelly and she had dated all the collection, which was really helpful. She went through everything with me and I took photographs in order and selected the designs that were most popular, or ones that I knew I'd enjoy creating.

## **Is there a particular style or artist that you wanted to base your work on?**

I was planning on a kind of Andy Warhol sort of style , a little bit Pop Art , not too realistic with colours that exaggerate.

## **Do you have any favourite bottles?**

Yes I like the '*Baby Pom*' and the *Sanatogen* and the barrel shaped *Armadillo*. I'm also looking forward to painting the glass jug one. I did think the cans would be my favourite, but they have turned out to be the least enjoyable as they are too straight and it's hard to make them look decent.

## **Are you happy with the finished project?**

I am and you can definitely see that I've progressed over the year. You can see that my painting skills are much improved in the later bottles. It is nice to know that every time I go to the station they will be there and others will get to see them too. I am proud of that.

## Who or what influences your artwork?

This summer I've been doing some water colours in Sidmouth by the beach which are really pretty. Also, I did a ten session workshop on abstract landscapes in acrylic with Sue Fould which was really, really good. I enjoy doing abstract landscapes, and mixed media. Having a really basic beginning of the painting and then going back into it with bolder stuff. I suppose my style is still evolving though.

## Where are you going at the end of the summer?

I'm going to Leeds to study Fine Art with History of Art. In fact I used some of the bottles in my portfolio and discussed this community project in my interview so I think it helped me get an offer. I would eventually love to have a career in the arts world, that's my aim.

## You have had a gap year before university, what have you learned from your experiences?

1. Do your research before you start working for someone. 2. My ski season has given me a good work ethic, as it was really hard work. 3. Travelling has helped me become more independent and organised. And 4. How much I need to talk to my mum! I called her almost every day.

## Will you miss Whimble?

I love Whimble and coming back to the village. We moved here when I was seven years old and it's a perfect place to grow up. I love our garden and I am so glad we moved here. I went to Whimble School then caught the train to Exeter College for several years. It's just good fun here though. I got to work at Whimble Cricket Club, I enjoyed Village Days and there's just a lot of activities here that other villages don't have.

On behalf of Whimble News I would like to say a big Thank you to FoWST, The Heritage Centre, Jess and her friends for a fantastic mural that will really help people to remember Whimble's Cider heritage. We wish Jess well with her next adventure at University and I look forward to catching up with her at a later date to find out what other art adventures she has been on.

Sarah Thackeray

Do you have an interesting story?  
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# Whimble Race Night

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Closer to home, at Strategic Planning Committee I have been working on the village's behalf to ensure concerns regarding the protection of our countryside are properly reflected in an updated vision for the emerging Local Plan. I'm also looking forward to seeing provisional plans for walking and cycling networks around the Clyst Valley Regional Park – just West of the village – coming forward from Devon County Council very soon. As I write, a planning appeal by public inquiry against East Devon's refusal of permission for the solar farm at Marsh Green is ongoing, where I have been working hard to support residents participating in the inquiry, including offering my support as an expert witness. Last but by no means least, following feedback from residents, engineer visits have been made to the Slewton Crescent play park to ensure all equipment is safe for use, with sharp edges removed, and a contractor has been booked in to address gaps in surface treatments.

Coming up, over the next month or so I will be working with the Parish Council to substantiate our understanding of the infrastructural constraints around the village, again as a contributor to the Local Plan, as well as ensuring that feedback from Whimble regarding how the District Council works with parishes is properly heard as part of East Devon's Peer Challenge. I will also be raising concerning reports in the press regarding the financial situation of the County Council, particularly in light of the large number of messages I've received regarding the state of our roads and the lack of response from Devon Highways.

As always, if there are any issues you'd like to raise with me, I'm available at [todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk) or on **07925 847933** to discuss or make an appointment. My regular, no-appointment surgeries are ongoing at The Hive, opposite the Thirsty Farmer, where I'm available 4pm-7pm on the first Monday, and 8am-12pm on the third Monday, every month – it'd be great to see you.

**Cllr Todd Olive**

Whimble & Rockbeare ward, East Devon District Council  
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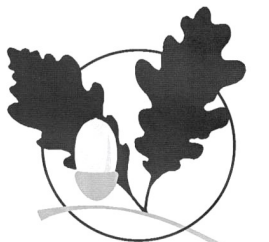
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# GORUNYA

Thank you for all the kind support shown to us since leaving Whimble Stores.

Mark has gone back to working part time for the governments Animal Health Department and has been very busy helping to control bird flu and I have been doing some Post Office cover for an old friend in Stoke Canon.

Missing the social interaction of working in the shop, we now have a shop in Ottery St Mary. I have always enjoyed trying different types of craft and I am always amazed at the amount of skill and talent there is in local crafters. Our shop is called Gorunya which we believe is a Cornish word meaning unite, consolidate, bring together. We like the idea of our space being a place for meeting up to learn new skills and to sell local craft, homewares and gifts, which have been made with consideration to the environment. It seems crazy to be buying things from all over the world when we have so much available on our doorstep or at least we should be ensuring things are made without harming people.

We have a lovely range of homeware items and gifts already but are always looking to extend our ranges, if the right products come along. We have cushions and throws made in India by a business that ensures workers and their families are supported and fairly paid and treated. We have wooden products made in Devon from fallen trees. We have beautiful hand towels, made by a lovely young lady in Ottery, as well as local paintings, hand painted cushions, pottery and poetry collections and TextArt books all made within, or around, Ottery.

Sneaking in some family favourites – we have some beautiful polymer clay pieces made by my nephew's partner and we have prints of Harry's artwork and some of his lino cut and etching prints. He has a little studio in the shop, where he can produce more work and, hopefully, we will be adding print workshops to our list of fun projects.

I am very much enjoying being creative and teaching people new skills. We try to change our workshops every month. September was a Japanese month for us. We had workshops on different crafts including Sumi-e which is meditative painting and making Kanzashi fabric flowers. Our courses are for anyone who wants to dabble, aiming at a basic grounding in the craft before you decide if you want to take it further. We provide all materials and instruction needed to complete a project, but with minimal waste intended. This saves buying lots of bits before you decide if you like the craft and helps us to keep the cost down.

The shop is quiet and we are developing lots of ideas still, so we are only opening Thursday/Friday 11 - 4 and Saturday 10–1 at the moment, but we hope to expand this soon. Come in and see us at 4 Mill Street, or visit our website – [gorunya.co.uk](http://gorunya.co.uk). We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you Whimble News team for inviting me to do this. Your support is always very much appreciated.

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# Whimble Football Club

Whimble FC would like to congratulate our Secretary and Treasurer Lee and Kaya on taking over the New Fountain Inn, somewhere we hope you have all tried and enjoyed.

In Club news; we are continuing to invest in the Club and have managed to gain a Grant for pitch improvements and also some very needed new goal posts. The Grants from the the Football foundation and Devon FA have been bolstered by the funds from the Parish Council and the shared earnings from the Village Fest barbeque, something Clive and I are still trying to get over !!!

We are hoping to find a new home in the Village for the one surviving goal post for Villagers to enjoy..... we will keep you updated.



Our Vets Team retained their position in Division 2 of the Devon County Vets League and have a strong Team this year, managed by Adrian Small, who we are thankful to for all the time and effort he puts in. Anyone over 35 is eligible to play and our ages range up to late 50's, so don't be shy !!!

We are also looking for someone to reinvigorate the Sunday League side, regroup a walking football side and any other ideas. We have the facilities there for members of WFC and we welcome any new input.

We are lucky to have Clive as the former Head Groundsman of ECFC to look after our facilities, but he can always do with a hand cutting and marking out, if that's something that would interest you? We will continue to make pitch improvements and are hoping to bring a new pitch into play, in the coming months.

We have the continued support of the Cricket Club to use their facilities during the winter months, for which we are very grateful and of course neither Club would have these facilities without the hard work of the Recreational Trust.

If you have any ideas for the Club and uses of the pitch(es) then we would love to hear from you. We are hoping to make a new area for a range of sports, but would need extra hands to make this happen. If you are interested in getting involved with Whimble FC, please get in contact.

UTWFC   - Vicky Kendrew

## Mrs Betty Williams



A big thank you to the family of Mrs Betty Williams, who sadly passed away 28th April 2023.

They very kindly donated to us, through the retiring collection at Betty's recent funeral, a grand total of **£500.48** for which 1st Whimble Scout Group is most grateful.

Our best wishes and thoughts go to John, Martin, Brian and family.

Alex Spry

# A Window on Whimble's Weather – July/August 2023

The topsy-turvy weather continued in Whimble (and much of the UK), with the record-breaking heat and drought of June being replaced by one of the wettest and coolest Julys in a long while! Although August recovered to a degree, summer never really returned in all its glory.

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

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

**July** – The month was unusually ‘mobile’ with south-westerly winds dominating, driving in showers or a few longer spells of rain. The heaviest rain (totalling 32.3mm) and strong winds (gusts to 51km/h) were on the 14th/15th as a deep storm rattled through, cancelling many summer events in its wake. Other notable wet, cool days were on the 4th, 10th, 22nd and 26th. Even Village Day was impacted on the 8th with some heavy showers early afternoon. The only brief ridge of high pressure was between the 17th and 21st with the temperature reaching 24.6°C on the 19th (which was the *average* temperature reached through flaming June!). There were also a couple of unusually cool nights for July, on the 26th down to 6.1°C at Cobden – outside the ‘heat island’ of Whimble!

**August** – The unsettled theme continued into early August, with two storms crossing quickly from the west during the 2nd and 5th, the latter named Antoni, giving Whimble's windiest day of the month, with gusts to 46 km/h. At last on the 6th the sun began to shine again and on the 9th it also began to get warmer. It stayed reasonably warm, but not hot, until the 25th when temperatures dropped markedly. In that mid-month spell it was often humid with sunshine at times, but also a wet and windy day on the 18th with storm Betty. The last week of the month was noticeably cooler and fresher, and the final day very soggy! Overall, not as wet or cool as July, but still not that summery.

2023	July	Date	August	Date
<b>Warmest Day</b>	24.6 °C	19/07/2023	25.9 °C	22/08/2023
<b>Coollest Night</b>	7.1 °C	26/07/2023	7.7 °C	25/08/2023
<b>Windiest 24hrs</b>	34.6 km/h	15/07/2023	35.6 km/h	05/08/2023
<b>Wettest 24hrs</b>	26.7 mm	14/07/2023	17.0 mm	31/08/2023
<b>Av. Maximum</b>	20.8 °C	N/A	21.7 °C	N/A
<b>Av. Minimum</b>	12.3 °C	N/A	12.3 °C	N/A
<b>Total Rain</b>	109.5 mm	N/A	67.1 mm	N/A
<b>Total Sunshine</b>	112.3 kWh/kW	97.6% of Av.	106.1 kWh/kW	95.8% of Av.

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We now have a presence on both Twitter and Instagram as well as posting regularly on the Whimble Past and Present Facebook page, so do look us up to find out about all the latest news and happenings at the Heritage Centre.

We have added a section to our website about Whiteway's Cyder, so please take a look. It includes a short history of the company and digitised copies of Whiteway's staff magazines. If you are able to let us have any of the missing copies then please get in touch.

Our programme of talks for the autumn/winter period kicks off again on Friday 27th October 2023 with a talk from archivist, Brian Carpenter. He will be talking about the work done at the Devon Archives to preserve Devon's records for future generations. It promises to be a fascinating evening, and we look forward to seeing you there. Entry is free to History Society members and £3 for non-members. Tea, coffee and biscuits and will be available, although a small donation to cover costs is always appreciated!

Do you love history? Do you have time to spare? If the answer to those questions is yes, then please consider joining the Heritage Centre as a volunteer. We are desperately short of help. If you look at our website you will see that several of our trustees and officers have multiple jobs, and some do stewarding duties as well. Whatever your background, whatever your skills, we are sure that we can find a role for you! Please contact us through our website at [www.whimble.org](http://www.whimble.org).

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# WhimbleFest

## A note from our Treasurer



The Whimble Fest committee would like to thank all those village groups that helped make Whimble Fest 2023 such a huge success. We raised almost £3000. Donations of £300 each were made to:

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Whimble Football Club  
Whimble WI  
Whimble Church

Cranbrook Scouts and Whimble News both received £100.

The balance of funds has been retained towards Whimble Fest 2024 when we hope to put on even more entertainment for both the youngsters and adults of Whimble and local communities

Put the date in your diaries now .... Saturday 29th June 2024.

The committee are very keen for either new members, or offers of help nearer the time. Please get in touch if you can spare time, or even ideas for Whimble Fest Finally a big thank to all of our helpers last year (especially Ruth Stansfield who organised our fantastic raffle) and also to all of you who came and supported us.

Hope to see many of you at Race Night

Sue Turner



## WHIMBLE NEWS TEAM HELP WANTED!

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# Whimble Cricket Club

## 2nd XI Promotion Caps a Successful Summer of Cricket

The outdoor cricket season has finished for another year, and we can look back on what was a bumper summer. Any season where both league sides were vying for a promotion place can be called a success. So it was that going into the last game of the year the 1st XI needed a 20 point win away at Upottery and the 2nd XI needed to beat Feniton's 2nd XI at home. In the end, the defensive approach of the Upottery batters meant that the 1st XI did not secure the points needed to take a promotion spot. Feniton conceded the game at Whimble, securing the 2nd XI 2nd place in the league and promotion back up to F Division. Congratulations to both sides for a great season, and the hard fought 2nd XI promotion.

We had a great Whiteways Cup day on the August bank holiday. Whimble were able to win their semi-final against a strong Bradnich/Kentisbeare side. We came up against Ottery St. Mary in the final who were just too strong on the day. The day was very well supported with sponsors, club Vice Presidents, and life members enjoying an afternoon cream tea.

It has been a busy summer for junior cricket with All Stars and our junior training program and age-level games. Some brilliant cricket has been played, with particular congratulations going to the Under 10s hardball and softball teams who won their respective leagues. It's been great to see many of our older juniors start to play adult cricket for our Saturday and Sunday sides.

This year has also been a first for two new cricket groups. Earlier in the season we ran a series of disability cricket training sessions which were really well received and enjoyed by the participants and coaches. We have subsequently learned that Whimble was the only club in the county to initiate and run disability cricket without central county involvement. In another new development, it became clear through the season that there was interest in starting a women's softball group. This has got off the ground with training sessions in September and the potential of winter indoor league cricket before playing outdoors from the start of the 2024 season.

## Cricket Tour to Cornwall

In the third week of August, over 50 members and their families travelled to Cornwall for a three day cricket tour. The enthusiasm for the tour and the great time we had is a fantastic reflection of the atmosphere and camaraderie at the club. Our base was just outside St Austell and we played games at Roche, Falmouth, and Newquay, as well as finding time for a bit of beach cricket. It really was a fantastic trip and we are already planning a repeat for 2024.

## 12th Man Music Festival:

For some time we have finished the season with a band night, now the 12th Man Music Festival, and this year didn't disappoint.

In truth, we were worried about early ticket sales, but as the weather forecast became clear these picked up. In the end, it was a fantastic day in the sunshine with five live bands, a silent disco, Ben the Juggler show and workshop, bouncy castles, hair braiding and face painting, and food and drink stalls. We are grateful to Courtney's Cider and Porter Dodson Solicitors for their support of this event. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Coming Up this Winter - Bonfire and Fireworks and more

The club does get quieter over the winter, but not before we have Bonfire and Fireworks night on Saturday 4th November. Tickets are currently on sale, and we will anticipate another busy night. We know that we ask a lot of the village on this night, with the inevitable parking, noise, and disturbance that it can cause. We put in place as much as we can to mitigate this, and thank-you in advance for your patience.

A reminder that the club can be booked for private hire, either daytime or evening events. Please keep an eye on our social media channels for other dates, events, and winter openings. These all help us tick over in the quiet winter months. Members have already seen the details of our junior winter training program, running from October to December and February to April 2024, when we hope to be back outside again.

Thank you for the 2023 season

We have a lot going on at the club, particularly from April to September. We can only make it happen with the many volunteers who support the cricket, coaching, and events that we run. We owe them all a huge debt of gratitude. Thank-you also to the junior parents and to all the players who have been available to play and travelled around the county for our games.

There are too many to single out individually, but two club members were recognised by the Devon Cricket Board for their contribution to cricket this summer. Nathan Bright won the Inspired to Play award for his work running All Stars and junior cricket and leading our disability cricket coaching. Holly Walsh was awarded 'Inspirational Volunteer 11-16' at the Devon Women and Girl's awards. Holly has coached, umpired, and scored cricket for the club all summer and this is just recognition for all her efforts.

Finally, thank-you to all of you who have been at the club to watch games and attend our events. We appreciate your support.

**James Woollam**, Chairman, Whimpe Cricket Club



Photo: Mike Searle (left) and Jon Burnell after scoring a record 311-0 for the 2nd XI earlier in the season.

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'Tis the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness - or something like that! Grungy green tomato chutney and runny plum jam all made by him indoors, carefully stored in a cupboard, so I know autumn is on its way.

Back in July, for our monthly meeting, we were transported (not literally) to the tracks, roads and railways of Dartmoor by Paul Randell. His talk was fascinating, so much so that we hope to invite him back next year for another of his vast array of topics.

Sunshine and showers was the order of the day for our members' summer garden party in August, held in the lovely setting of Sarah's garden. Sarah, her husband Alan and grandson Charlie, with amazing forethought, erected a small marquee in their garden for our use. It was greatly appreciated as a torrential downpour passed overhead! We had a sumptuous bring and share lunch and enjoyed convivial company in our temporary tented home. Sincere thanks to Sarah and her family for hosting the event and for their generous hospitality. Sarah, in July, met with Toni from Hospiscare, in Honiton, to pose for a photo opportunity with an oversized copy of the cheque delivered to Hospiscare earlier in the year.

Also in July, for WhimbleFest, together with several church members, we organised and ran the refreshment tent, with just enough cake to last for the afternoon. Phew! Grateful thanks to those helpers and cake bakers.

Our September meeting was entitled 'Use it or Lose it'. Ann Kirby explained the importance of exercise, especially as we age, even if arm chair exertion is all that can be managed. There was much hilarity in following Ann's moves and her choice of well known upbeat tracks encouraged members to join in and sing along. Such was the enjoyment that there might even be a call for such an event to become a regular occurrence. Who knows?

Our annual summer outing was to Montacute this year. A National Trust property where our members, plus friends and family, were able to view the house and wander around the estate with the usual opportunities that the NT has to offer.

We also planned a late September social lunch where members met in a local hostelry to enjoy lunch, laughter and each other's company. We are grateful to Jane for continuing to organise these events, they are greatly appreciated.

Our October meeting will feature John Lowe who will speak about the RNLI Arctic Challenge. John's previous talk was so well received that we have asked him back again.

In November, Graham Hurley will speak to us about his adventures in the 'writing game' and we look forward to sharing these tales with him.

In December we have our members' Christmas party. Fun, frolics and fabulous food! This year members will also have the opportunity to make a small table decoration to take home and display over the festive period. So that's 2023 done and dusted!

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In Rwanda, where my husband and I lived for two years, the morning of the last Saturday of every month is nationally assigned to community service, called Umuganda. This activity is mandatory for everyone and you need to show the Rwanda National Police a special pass if you want to travel anywhere during Umuganda!



Drawing on this example, at the Tennis Club, we have a placeholder to do maintenance at the club on the first Saturday of every month. Nearer the time we review what we might need to do and if the weather will be suitable - if the answers are both yes, a merry band of volunteers get together to trim hedges, weed paths and fix anything that needs mending. With a group of people, it's remarkable what can be achieved in a couple of hours.

Thank you to everyone who took part on 2nd September - and especially to one of the court's lovely neighbours who provided a tray of refreshments for the team.

We're a friendly local club and keen to welcome new members. To join or for more details, please contact the club's Secretary, Viv Brown on 07876653264 or [whimbletennis@gmail.com](mailto:whimbletennis@gmail.com).

**Becky Venton**, Welfare Officer, Whimble Tennis Club

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## Planning History

Sometimes it is best to look back at issues to gain a deeper understanding of the present situation. People do say, we have seen it all before, but nobody does anything about it. Since the beginning of the 20th Century some of the greatest minds in planning new towns have created some outstanding settlements to live and work in. The first two new towns were Letchworth and Welwyn Garden City, in Hertfordshire, which owes a great deal to the Arts and Crafts movement. Both towns had a mixture of private and social housing with a full range of schools, shops, factories, public amenities and transport infrastructure. The towns were designed to be self-contained, sustainable communities, with houses built to high standards with tree lined boulevards. It was created as a Utopian vision of planning by Ebenezer Howard. Today, Letchworth is still owned and operated according to Howard's initial intentions, by a direct successor to FGC Ltd, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.



Letchworth Town Centre

Towards the end of the Second World War, attention was directed to the post-war reconstruction of Britain's towns and communities. The 1946 New Towns Act established an ambitious programme for building new towns. It gave the government power to designate areas of land for new town development. A series of 'development corporations' set up under the Act were each responsible for one of the projected towns.

Stevenage, in Hertfordshire, was the first new town created by the post-war Labour government in 1946. Ten others followed in the next decade, including: Harlow, Basildon, Hemel Hempstead, Bracknell and Crawley. Most were intended to accommodate the overspill of population from London and other major urban centres. Other new towns have followed including the city of Milton Keynes which was set out on a grid pattern with a network of footpaths and cycle ways. The development corporation engaged with some of the top architects of the day and insisted on planting one million trees.



The key issue is that all these new towns were led by Corporations, which acted in the interests of the people that lived and worked in the towns to maintain certain standards. Cranbrook was a totally different concept, as a developer-led new town, where developers take the major role of planning decision making, in consultation with other stakeholders. Developers' key motivation, first and foremost is profit. Cranbrook was started in 2011 and although there is a small neighbourhood shopping area, there is still no town centre, which looks to be delayed till 2024. There is a large Morrison's under construction, which looks like an industrial warehouse. There are still narrow roads, there is still a lack of amenities and it is a high density urban development of basic architecture. It seems that lessons from history have not been learnt, especially building a sustainable community.

Looking from a historic perspective, the original plan for Crawley was to create a town capable of growing to accommodate a population of 50,000 within 15 years. By the time building began on the new neighbourhoods, the population target had increased to 60,000. It is now 120,000. The POW+R Group will continue to be ever watchful on each stage of the Cranbrook development.

## **Latest Government Policy**

There are new changes to national planning policy with regard to onshore wind which take forward the proposals which were put out to consultation. This includes amending the planning tests for proposed onshore wind developments to make clear that suitable locations can be identified. Local authorities can more flexibly address the planning impact of onshore wind projects as identified by local communities. The basis of these changes is that it will now be important that local decision makers are able to take a more balanced approach, considering the views of communities as a whole.

## **Whimble Neighbourhood Plan**

A report has been written on the feedback on the draft East Devon Local Plan Consultation in relation to Whimble. This will form part of our Neighbourhood Plan.

POW+R Group is appreciating that the last lap is taking more time to complete than anticipated. We have redistributed some of the final sections of the Plan amongst our team. We have now to complete: Transport, Agriculture, Renewable Energy, Power and Climate Change, Potential Use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Monies, and to finish Natural Environment. In addition much more has been achieved on developing the WNP Policy Statements, born out of the evidence gained from 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 WNP Team

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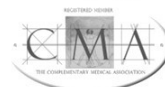
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As the calendar turned to August, that could only mean one thing, our annual Flower and Craft Show. Although this year's show will not go down as a record breaking show, the quality of the exhibits was certainly as good as they have ever been. This was endorsed by the judges after they had completed their deliberations. For the record, we had 26 exhibitors in the adult classes and 7 in the Junior Classes giving a total of 33 exhibitors. This was only five less than the total from our show last year. This then resulted in a total of 334 exhibits altogether. Although this was less than the number of exhibits last year, it was still a very good number despite the difficult weather conditions for the exhibitors in the vegetable and flower classes.

Unfortunately, we only had entries in two of the Junior classes but as usual these were their usual array of imaginative and colourful exhibits. In the classes for the five to eight year olds, it was Alice Shaw who won The Basildon Award. Not to be outdone by her sister, it was Emily Shaw who won The Fletcher Cup for the nine to eleven age group. Hopefully next year we will be able to have entries in the youngest and oldest classes!

The Photography classes always produce some excellent exhibits and the judges once again commented on the very high standard. The quality of the photographs gave the judges a very difficult task but eventually Margaret Burrough came out as the overall winner in this section winning the Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup. This year there was one photograph that stood out for the judges and they awarded a Certificate of Merit to Donna Baker for her entry in the class for "Sunset", so congratulations to Donna for that. The Arts and Crafts section once again demonstrated what skilful residents we have in the village. The overall winner in this section was Gilly Curtis who won The Len Rose Memorial Cup. The Whimple Craft Cup for the best exhibit in this section was awarded to Sarah Dunster-Ashworth. The Homecraft section never fails to deliver a wonderful display of mouth watering exhibits giving the judge the unenviable task of deciding which exhibits were the best. However, after much sampling it was Sarah Dunster-Ashworth who was the overall winner in this section and received the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup. The judge was so impressed with her Millionaires Shortbread, that Sarah was awarded a Certificate of Merit for this, so many congratulations to her for that.

And so to the flower arranging classes where, although not quite as many exhibits as previous years, the standard was as high as ever. The overall winner in this section was Sarah Dunster-Ashworth winning The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup and the runner up, winning The Roy Horsburgh Trophy, was Graham Edwards. With two outstanding exhibits in these classes, it was not surprising that the cup for the best exhibit voted for by everyone who came to the show, The Marie Louise Grout Cup, was shared by Sarah Dunster-Ashworth and Graham Edwards who got an equal number of votes.

Last, and by no means least, we have the Classes for the Vegetables, Flowers and Pot Plants. Despite another year of very testing growing conditions, we did have exhibits in nearly every class which was good to see. However, and perhaps not surprisingly, there were not as many exhibits as last year, but here again, what was on display, was according to the judges, of a very high standard. Somewhat surprisingly, and for the second year running, the winner of The Briar Shield for the most points in this section was Paul Wilson! In the Vegetable Classes, all but one of the classes had exhibits and there were some wonderful entries in these classes. The Flower Classes did not disappoint and there were certainly some outstanding exhibits to admire. As with last year, we had a number of new winners in these classes which was good to see. So to the winners in these two sections. The winner of the Slewtton Cup for the most points in the vegetable classes was once again Mike Hawkins. The runner up in this section, winning The Cranny Brook Cup was Donna Baker. In the Flower section, we had joint winners of The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points and these were Mike Hawkins and Sarah Dunster-Ashworth with the runner up, winning The President's Cup was Paul Wilson. The Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl for the best exhibit in the Flower Section went to Michael Hawkins for his wonderful cacti dahlias. Now, when all the points in these two sections were added together, we eventually came out with the winner of the Whimble Folk Cup and once again it was Mike Hawkins who took the honours, so many congratulations to him. A full list of cup winners is included with this edition of the News.

We were delighted that Rory and Sharon from the Whimble Stores very kindly agreed to present the prizes this year. After all the hard work they have put in, together with Sabrina, in supporting the Village since they took over the running of the Whimble Storers, we thought it would be a nice gesture to invite them to present all the prizes. So, a huge thank you to them. On behalf of the Show, Lucy and Alice Shaw presented them with a patio rose and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

We would like to congratulate all the cup winners but most of all everyone who took the trouble to enter the Show, especially those of you entering for the first time. We are, as always, extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to come to the show to judge all the classes. We would also like to thank all those people who so kindly helped to clear the Hall after show, it was very much appreciated. We hope you all enjoyed it, particularly those of you participating for the first time. After all, without your entries, there would be no show! For the record, next year's Show will be on Saturday 10th August 2024, make a note of it!

We have four more events to round off our year, the first of which will have taken place by the time this edition of the News goes out. That will be a talk by Caradoc Doy entitled "Plants to Grow for Winter Colour". This promises to be an excellent talk and a report will appear in the next edition. This will be followed with our last coach trip for the year which will be to the National Trust Dyrham Park near Bath on Wednesday 1st November. A booking form is included with this report. Once again we will be staging our ever popular Quiz night. This is on Friday 10th November and will be in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. This event is only £1.00 per person to enter and teams of up to six will be very welcome to join us for this very

entertaining evening! Our last event of the year will be an opportunity to make your own Christmas Wreath, apologies for using the “C” word so early! This will be on Friday 8th December from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The workshop will be run by Sarah Dunster-Ashworth and Katie Gentle who will be supplying all the material to enable those who come to make their own wreath to take away. The charge for this will be £24.00 for 1 or 2 people to make one wreath which they can take away. If anyone wants to come along just to observe, then this will be only £2.00 per person. Numbers will be limited for the wreath making and will be a ticket only event to be able us to manage the numbers and tickets will be available from the Whimple Stores. We hope to have some seasonal refreshments as well!

Finally, a plea for some help! Over the last 12 years we have run a number of very successful coach trips. The organisation for this has been carried out by Doreen Staddon and Brian Nelson. Doreen has informed us that she intends to stand down from our Committee at our next AGM in January and therefore we are looking for someone to take over her role working with Brian to plan and organise these trips. For more information, Doreen can be contacted by email at doreenstaddon@btinternet.com. Naturally we are very grateful to Doreen for undertaking this role for us and hopefully there is someone who is able to take this on as these have been proved to be very popular trips.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Chairman and Show Secretary, Whimple GC.

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# WHIMPLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2023 TROPHY WINNERS

## **SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers**

The Whimble Folk Cup	Michael Hawkins
The Slewton Cup	Michael Hawkins
The Cranny Brook Cup	Donna Baker
The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup	Michael Hawkins & Sarah Dunster-Ashworth
The President's Cup	Paul Wilson
The Novice Cup	Cathy Culshaw
The Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl	Michael Hawkins

## **SECTION 2 – Pot Plants**

The Briar Shield	Paul Wilson
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## **SECTION 3 - Homecraft**

The Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup	Sarah Dunster-Ashworth
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## **SECTION 4 – Floral Arrangement**

The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup	Sarah Dunster-Ashworth
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Graham Edwards
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Sarah Dunster-Ashworth & Graham Edwards

## **SECTION 5 – Arts and Crafts**

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Gilly Curtis
The Whimble Craft Cup	Sarah Dunster-Ashworth

## **SECTION 6 - Photography**

The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup	Margaret Burrough
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## **SECTION 7 – Children under 5**

The Owen Cup	NO ENTRIES
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## **SECTION 8 – Children aged 5 to 8**

The Basildon Award	Alice Shaw
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## **SECTION 9 – Children aged 9 to 11**

The Fletcher Cup	Emily Shaw
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## **SECTION 10 – Children aged 12 to 15**

The Children's Challenge Cup	NO ENTRIES
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## **FLOWER ARRANGING & CAKE (MEN ONLY)**

The Sandfords Cup	Noah Dunster-Ashworth
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# **WHIMPLE**

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## **GARDENING CLUB**

### **VISIT TO NT DYRHAM PARK** **NEAR BATH**

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

<b>National Trust members that are also members of the Club</b>	<b>£17.50</b>
<b>National Trust members that are not members of the Club</b>	<b>£19.50</b>
<b>Non-National Trust members that are members of the Club</b>	<b>£33.50</b>
<b>Non-National Trust members that are not members of the Club</b>	<b>£35.50</b>

**BOOKING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT  
THE WHIMPLE STORE AND ROBERTS  
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**Price includes coach and entry.  
Coach leaves Canaan Way Car Park Ottery at  
8.30am, The Square Whimble at 8.45am.**

**Contact for Whimble is Doreen Staddon Tel.01404  
823594 and for Ottery Brian Nelson Tel. 07929190078**



Where the end of the summer term was a bit soggy, the start of the new school year was a scorcher! We have welcomed a number of new children and their families into school - 19 children have started their learning journey joining in Reception whilst there are a number of others across the classes. Generally, most children have started well, settling into their new classes and getting used to school routines again.

Teachers have been busy planning their curriculum for the term and we have started to organise a variety of activities (we have even discussed the 'C.....s' word already!)

A number of people are coming back to volunteer again. If anyone is interested in volunteering in any way, gardening, hearing readers, supporting to run an after-school club - please contact the school office by email: [admin@whimbleprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@whimbleprimary.co.uk) or call 822584. **Mrs Carole Shilston, Headteacher**

## Back to school...

Since we've been back to school, the year 5s have been going into the library in the morning to do some maths. Year 4s have been doing maths in the classroom both doing similar things (such as times tables work) 1-4 digit numbers.

In science we have learned about solid, liquid and gas. Solid is like an ice cube and inside it has little particles. The particles are so close together it makes it so solid. When the particles spread apart it turns into water (liquid). When it turns into gas, all the particles are free. We brought a parachute into the classroom and poured balls onto it and they went onto the roof! These helped us to understand about particles to represent solids, liquids and gases. On the first day, we made our name tags for our trays where we keep things such as recent drawings, white boards and our books. Peg tags as well, where we will hang our PE bags, rucksacks and coats.

In PE we have been working on foot work walking around, running, walking, skipping or sidestepping or even crawling around cones! Also, we play warm up games such as sticky glue (stuck in the mud) and have been to the MUGA for PE too.

In art, we did mark making, we took our pencils for a walk and did patterns in the loops such as cross hatching, checkering, circles or smiley faces strips and even more! Then we all made weather monsters which included all the weathers.

In drama we acted out a story where there was a man at a stall in China and he was selling "dragon bones", they were actually found in a field and they were remaining parts of tortoise shells and cow bones!

Then we even competed in a handwriting competition and there were loads of winners WOO HOO!

Thanks for reading Whimble News all about back ...to....SCHOOL!

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