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June/July 2023

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: PRE BEAUTIFUL DAYS MINI-FEST
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH!

EDITORIAL FROM SARAH

Hi Everyone,

Well, we have been through a lot since the last edition - a Coronation (p16), local elections (p120), flooding, and an invasion by pirates! (p35). Whatever can follow all that you might ask? Just read on ...

As an avid sports fan, I tend to feel a little melancholy at the end of the football season. However, with the sun now shining (I am sitting in the garden writing this), it is a lovely time of year to look forward to long days, school holidays, BBQs, getting outside (it is National Walking Month), trips away and, of course, a huge range of village activities and events.

I'm a relative newbie to the area, so I am always so delighted that I chose Whimble as my home. Therefore, whether, you are a newbie like me, or a longstanding member of the community, please DO support our local events this summer. Most are organised by volunteers and many are semi-funded by small local businesses.

The 'Biggie' is WHIMBLE FEST 2023 (Our new Village Day) on Saturday July 8th. SO much for everyone (see centre pages). It is really exciting, so join in the fun and spread the word.

The upcoming Flower & Craft Show on 12th August will most certainly be fabulous, so get your entries in. I'm loving the news that our church now has WIFI - as well as Saturday coffee and cakes of course ☺. We have two great pubs to visit, and the Heritage Centre is open regularly. For my sports fixation there is even a tennis open day and BBQ. There IS more, just take a read.

So get out and enjoy our wonderful Whimble this summer, with a spring in your step and your sun cream.

Sarah Thackeray

P.S. Don't forget to buy your WHIMBLE FEST raffle tickets (instructions p34). There are prizes totalling over £1000

If you have anything for our next Whimble News, please get it to us by July 20th via email to bob@bobscanlan.co.uk, or post into 32, Whiteway Close

We are still looking for help putting the magazine together. Great for the CV of a budding journalist!

THE THIRSTY

MESSAGE FROM JOE AT THE FARMER



FARMER WHIMPLE

In February I got a phone call from Ann saying “can you pop to a pub with me?”

We were originally asked to just oversee the pub, to stop it from closing.

I think it’s fair to say that both myself and Ann have fallen in love with The Farmer, and all the locals who have supported us so far.

Ann had a plan in February, which was completely spun round when the call about The Farmer became an option, but it’s a step I’m glad she took.

Although the future of us staying at The Farmer is unknown, we are looking to be staying and would like to thank every single one of you who has made us so welcome and supported us along this adventure so far. You’re all an amazing bunch and you have made us feel at home in your community. Here’s to many more drinks for us all in The Farmer

THE NIGHT BEFORE
Beautiful Days
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What's On In Whimble

JUNE

- Friday 9th Egg Catching Competition at the Cricket Club. 7.30pm (page 30)
Tues 13th WI talk. Sarah Pepper, Country Cutting Garden. 2pm in The Hub
Sat 17th Model Railway Show at the Victory Hall 10am-4pm
Sat 24th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon
Sun 25th Whimble Gardening Club trip to RHS Rosemoor

JULY

- Sun 2nd Tale Valley Choir in Whimble Church 2.30pm
Tues 4th Music by The Wyndham Singers & Blackdown Acapella (page 10)
Sat 7th WHIMBLE FEST! 12am - 5.30pm (Fun Run 11.30am)
Tues 11th Paul Rendell Dartmoor Tracks, Roads and Railways.2pm in the Hub
Sat 15th Whimble Tennis Open Day and BBQ 10-2pm
Sat 29th Whimble Gardening Club trip to Bishop's Garden, Wells.
Sat 29th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon

AUGUST

- Tues 8th WI Garden party 12 for 12.30pm
Weds 16th Pre- Beautiful Days mini-festival. Thirsty Farmer

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Late in 2022, as part of the plan to replace some of the Post Office facilities with our own services, we applied to several companies for a parcel service. Whimble is deemed too small for the likes of Evri but we persisted with the Post Office's Drop and Collect service and have just received verbal confirmation that we will be getting this service (subject to contract etc.,). The service allows for your postage paid parcels to be dropped off at the Stores ready for collection by different couriers including Royal Mail and for online shopping parcels to be sent to the Stores ready for your collection. This benefits the community that have online access to parcel services and we are discussing, as a team, how we can also make this work for Whimble residents that do not use online services.

We will let you know when this service is in operation but we were told it takes nine weeks to set up, so potentially by August.

We are pleased to be stocking large and small Ice cream tubs from Langage Farm in Devon. We also have greek yogurt, natural yogurt and flavoured yogurts from them. The ice cream is delicious and the large tubs retail for under £5 which is important to support our policy of good customer value. Please try their ice cream by buying a small tub first. You will be instantly converted! We still also hold a limited range of Salcombe Dairy ice cream and can order in specific flavours from their range if required. Please ask.

A few months ago, Courtneys launched their Devon Dimpsey Cider which we now sell. It is cloudy, slightly sweeter than other cloudy ciders and is perfect for sitting outdoors with friends after watching the sunset over Exeter!

On the theme of buying local, we are selling beetroot and lettuce leaves from one of our Apple Juice suppliers in Whimble and last year we sold courgettes, tromboncinos and other vegetables, grown by a Whimble resident. We love to do this as the carbon footprint is zero, it supports local growers and provides fresh produce for our customers. We also stock, when available, Devon honey and Whimble honey, both locally sourced. Please watch out for these lovely products when they are available.

In early May, two thunderstorms on the same day created a tidal wave down Church Road and caused the stream in The Square to overflow onto the road. After the storm had ceased, water started to creep into the shop from the back wall and quickly became a serious issue when the levels flooded the floor and started to rise. We were able to control the level by sweeping the water from the back of the shop to the front door and we are extremely grateful to Mark and Jenny for their help in keeping the water levels low and for a sack load of towels to help dry the floor. We are also grateful for the many offers of assistance from our customers. Fortunately, no stock was damaged but a couple of cardboard display units got a bit soggy. We think that the pressure of water under the ground pushed its way up through the cob walls.

Whimble, its lovely and supportive community and of course the marvellous Whimble Stores was put on the map by a reporter from Devon Live (www.devonlive.com). A video interview from our own Sabrina as well as Jenny Sanders showed how active the village is and how supportive the community are towards each other.

We always support local events by placing posters in our windows and by selling tickets and we are currently collecting goods for the food hamper prize at Whimble Fest on 8th July. All you have to do is buy something (non perishable) from the shop and pop it into the fest basket. If you wish to donate a perishable product, we will create a voucher for the winner to exchange. Your purchase supports both our shop and the Whimble Fest. We are also selling the Fest's raffle tickets.

Finally, a reminder if you have any 1st or 2nd class postage stamps that don't have the new barcode on the side, that these will expire on 31st July. Use them or get them swapped. We can tell you how to arrange a swap out if you need.

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Rory, Sharon, Sabrina and Team.



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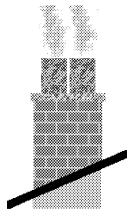
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Whimple Church now has Wi-Fi !

Voneus have recently installed Wi-Fi in Whimple Church. This will allow us more opportunities to serve our congregation and community in new and innovative ways. It will make it easier to incorporate media into some of our services (songs, videos, etc) and will make livestreaming of weddings and funerals possible.

There is also potential for an online guide to the church's history for visitors.

One immediate benefit is that we can now take cashless donations and payments. This will help greatly with our regular coffee mornings as well as the Christmas Fayre etc. We also have a Payaz donation machine at the back of the church where you can use your card or phone to make a donation of your choice. Why not pop in and give it a go!

Coffee and Cake

Our popular Saturday morning Coffee and Cake is now back in St Mary's Church, from 10.15am until 12. Come and meet up with friends while you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a piece of delicious home-made cake. Slices of cake etc are also available to take away.

Everyone Welcome!



DOUBLE MUSICAL TREAT

I have news of a wonderful musical double bill on Tuesday 4th July as part of Cullompton Arts Festival at The Walronds, Fore St., Cullompton.

The Wyndham Singers and Blackdown Acapella will both be performing (doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start).

Tickets @ £10 are available online from <https://www.wegotickets.com>

or from Lord Fudgies Fudge or Little Cully Café in Fore Street.

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Introducing our new District Councillor

Todd Olive. His thoughts on his new job, his academic studies and what makes him happy,



1. How do you feel after your recent success in the East Devon District Council Elections? To be frank and honest, I'm mostly tired from walking around Rockbeare and Whimble!! But no, seriously, I think that it's hard as a young person to be taken seriously sometimes, so I am thrilled and delighted that the village has chosen to put its trust in me. I think that I have a lot to offer and I'm excited to get started.

2. Have you always had a desire/dream of getting into politics? No actually, I've always wanted to be a teacher. From an early age I was going to teach English. Politics for me is not an ambition. I don't sit here and think '*Yes I want to be involved in politics*'. It's more about doing the best for the places that I care about, and giving something back, as well as bringing my skills and expertise to try and make a difference.

3. Tell me about the young Todd. What was your childhood like? I was born in Hammersmith, London and lived there until I was about 10yrs old. It was obviously very different moving to Devon, having spent half my childhood in the big city. But Whimble is great, so much quieter. I love it.

4. What are the challenges you see as a young councillor? There are three young councillors in East Devon, which is the most there ever has been at one time. I think it is fantastic that there are three of us and I look forward to 'banging the drum.' I don't think the challenges in politics are unique to young people though, it's a question of people thinking '*Well it doesn't make any difference anyway, so what's the point?*' Especially with local council politics. It is very different to Westminster and people aren't always aware of what the local council does.

5. What are your first thoughts on the sort of councillor you want to be? Being open and accessible are important. So I'll be running surgeries once or twice a month here in Whimble. I intend to be up front about what the council is doing and relating that to our day to day life. At present, there is no parish council in Rockbeare so I shall be following procedures to get that back up and running as soon as possible. I see the role as championing and listening to what the community wants, then following up to try and get these things done, rather than just putting my stamp on what I want, or imposing my priorities.

6. Your degrees are in Global Sustainable Development. Can you describe this simply? GSD is about the buzz phrase at the moment - 'Global Challenges'. So it's along the lines of the United Nation's Three Pillars of Sustainability -

(with my10 questions)

The Economic, the Social, and the Environmental Sustainability. Looking at what causes those problems, how they manifest, how we understand them and what we do about them. Then consideration of how these all interact in the complexities of policymaking.

7. As a teacher myself, I was interested in the aspect of the 'Academia-Society Gap' you mention in your PhD Study. Has your research brought up anything interesting? I'm only in my first year! So ask me again in four years. But basically, quite frequently sat within the university there is a self-awareness, a self-consciousness that the academic community is often really separate and quite detached from how we see things in the real world. This is one of the things my PhD project is specifically looking at with regards to Sustainability. How these high academic, political concepts of sustainability are actually understood, and how big the gap in perceptions is between the person on the street and the academy.

8. You are juggling several balls at the moment - Councillor, PhD student, and your job in a consultancy company. How do you manage your time? I've always enjoyed juggling! Since I was much younger I had my fingers in loads of pies, and always had lots of things going on. So, I'm not worried about it, I'm used to being busy. When you are that busy you're forced to be hyper-organised to keep on top of everything.

9. On a lighter side, tell me about Todd outside of all this. What makes you happy? Our dog Pablo makes me happy, even though he wakes me up barking at 6.30am! I do a bit of behind the scenes theatre stuff - such as lighting design at university. I also do a lot of climate activism and campaigning. I'm a Climate Reality Leader, which involves going into communities and community groups and building awareness. I'm involved in several things, but they're not work, they are my leisure time, really. **What makes you laugh?** All sorts of things make me laugh. My own idiocy, sometimes. It's really important, not taking yourself too seriously, isn't it?

And how do you relax? That's a difficult one! One of the problems with studying sustainability is that there is SO much to worry about, it's actually very difficult to relax!

10. You are obviously ambitious, where do you see yourself in 5 years time? The honest answer is: I'll probably still be finishing my PhD in 5 years' time. But, ultimately, I'd still like to go into teaching. Teaching and making a difference have always been important to me. I can't see myself sitting on the green benches, heckling. It's not me.

Thank you Todd, and on behalf of Whimble News, congratulations and good luck for the next four years as councillor. If you want to contact Todd can get in touch with him - todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/cllrtdollive.

Sarah Thackeray

EARLY DAYS

The D.Day Landings took place on the 6th. June 1944. At that time I was 6 years old
In 1979 I wrote my tale concerning my memories of that time in W.W. II.

I do not know the day I was born.
I am told it was April thirteenth of nineteen thirty-eight.
My first thoughts of life are
of tanks and planes, guns and men
who were off to fight the war again.
I sat on the wall and saw these men
preparing to fight and die
that I may live my life.
What are they doing now these men?

I remember rabbits in cages.
They were all colours shapes and ages.
My father kept them as pets for me.
I never slept in a bed at night.
We slept together in an iron shelter.
It was covered in green in our living room.
We ate and slept and played and wept
in this cold dark shelter in that room.
Would it have saved us? I wonder now
But here I am to tell this tale.

For part of my life, I lived in London.
Just dad and me in a little house.
When bombs fell, we lived in fear
under the stairs all cold and damp.
In the day when doodle bugs came
we stood in the garden and watched them fall.
There was nowhere for us to run at all.
My dad would say
“We cannot run my son for they will fall
And if we stand and watch will know it all”

My dad was a butcher in the war.
There was a small shop where I would go.
It had no windows just boards and wire
because of bombs and mines out it would blow.
I would often sit in this little shop
and draw and paint in pen and ink.
He kept those pictures while I was small
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CORONATION EVENTS AT THE HALL

Broadclyst Young Farmers

On the 8th May Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers put on a Family Fun Day to celebrate the King's Coronation. We can't thank the local community enough for their support and attendance.

Throughout the day there were many different activities for everyone to take part in from a silent auction, cream teas, children's games and of course a BBQ and bar. One of our chosen charities for the year FORCE Cancer Charity attended along side us raising just under £300 on their stand alone, which was amazing!

Overall, the whole day made just under £1200 which is an excellent amount of money that will be split between our two charities at the end of the year. Please look out for more events coming up in the future and everyone is welcome.



Jo and Jess

Jo, Jess and all their helpers excelled themselves again, with a lovely free event for all. Fabulous live music, cream teas, cakes and more. Donations made will go towards funding their next Christmas lunch. Well done!



MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The Exeter Gauge 0 Group (known in Whimble as 'The Train Group') are holding an EXHIBITION in THE VICTORY HALL on SATURDAY JUNE 17th, from 10.00 to 4.00pm. Come along and see what we get up to!

2023 marks the 30th Anniversary of ExeGOG, and 13 years meeting in Whimble.

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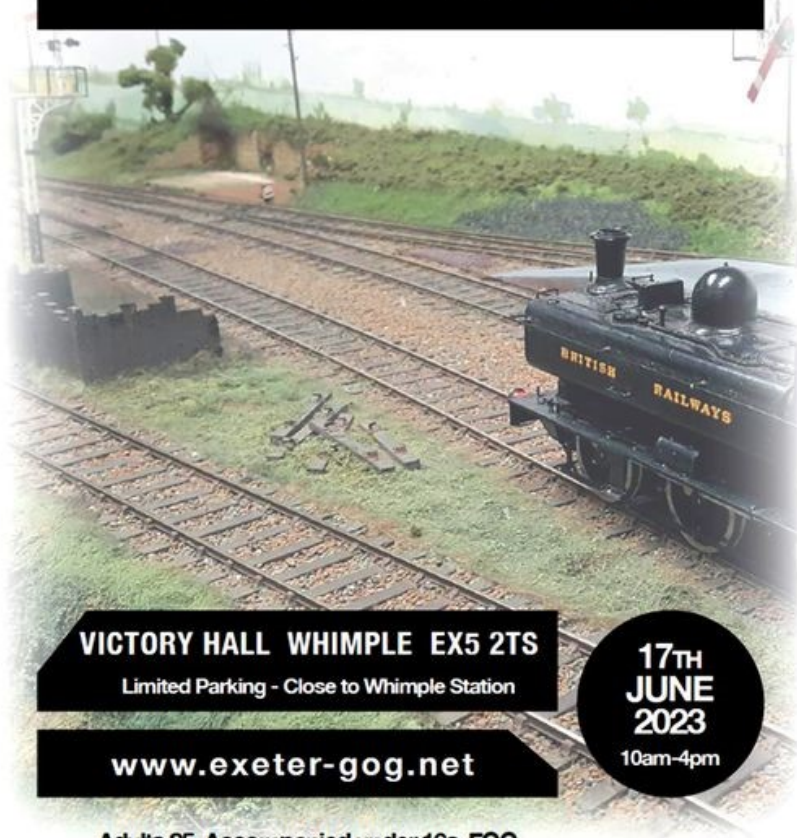
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A Window on Whimple's Weather – March/April 2023

Well, what a wet spring Whimple had! But thankfully, we needed the rain for our green fields.

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

Live and historical data sets are available for each station, through the links above.

After the dry summer last year and some dry spells over the autumn and winter, especially February, our reservoirs needed refilling, a very wet March and fairly wet April came to the rescue.

March – The month started dry but cold, with a couple of sharp frosts. Pressure then fell heralding an exceptional period of rain between the 8th and 31st; there were only 2 dry days. The 8th was particularly wet with almost an inch of rain, while a deep depression crossed on the 9th followed by strong and blustery winds, with gusts to 60km/h in the small hours of the 10th. With all the wind and rain, sunshine was well below average, but at least temperatures remained on the mild side, especially the final 3 days of March in strong south-westerly winds.

April – After 4 drier days of high pressure, the unsettled theme continued. Unusually, night-time temperatures were lower in April than March, resulting in 3 air frosts and a number of ground frosts. The long Easter weekend started with a sunny Good Friday and Saturday was fine too, though thereafter typical bank holiday weather prevailed! Storm Noa crossed the country on the 12th with gale force winds and gusts to 62km/h causing some damage. The next day though was very sunny and 18.2C was reached on the 15th. While Spain basked in a heatwave we had a deluge of rain on the 27th. After one of the dullest Aprils on record, let's hope for a sunnier May and summer!

2023	March	Date	April	Date
Warmest Day	16.1 °C	18/03/2023	18.2 °C	15/04/2023
Coollest Night	-2.4 °C	03/03/2023	-1.2 °C	04/04/2023
Windiest 24hrs	47.2 km/h	10/03/2023	53.3 km/h	12/04/2023
Wettest 24hrs	21.3 mm	08/03/2023	18.3 mm	27/04/2023
Av. Maximum	11.2 °C	N/A	13.9 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	5.3 °C	N/A	4.3 °C	N/A
Total Rain	133.9 mm	N/A	74.5 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	78.0 kWh/kW	92.3% of Av.	89.1 kWh/kW	86.1% of Av.

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Phil Dominy & David Brewer.

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The New Fountain Inn

Thanks to the team for the opportunity to put something into Whimble News.

It's difficult to know where to start with this whirlwind of an adventure.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone that has been involved and supported us right back to September, when my Dad Kevin Wheaton purchased the New Fountain Inn.

Right from the start of the process of bringing the New Fountain Inn back to it's former glory, we wanted to maximise the potential of the building but keeping its traditional feel.

We also felt that we would try and make it a destination for everyone, young and old, with different options to cater for their needs.

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We would also like to thank all the thousands of customers who have come through the doors and said such nice words.

Special thanks to Kevin Wheaton for making this all possible, our staff Bruce (chef), Kaya and Jules for making the dream happen, and now with others starting to join Team Fountain.

I would also add a thank you to Paul Parnell and the Jack In The Green team. They have been very supportive and have so many times put my mind at ease about many different things

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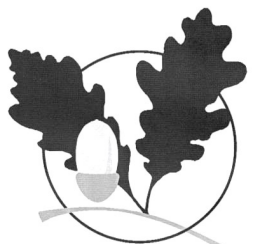
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Our first outing for the year was a very successful trip to Trebah Gardens at Mawnan Smith near Falmouth. On a lovely sunny day, a full coach of members and friends were able to enjoy these magnificent sub-tropical gardens in all their Spring glory.

At the time of writing, we were busy preparing for our annual plant sale which was on Sunday 14th May. This year has been very challenging for those of us growing the plants with such a mix of weather, not least the very cold days in March when we like to try and get a lot of plants started. Although some of the plants were not quite as well advanced as we would have hoped this year, we still had a fairly good selection for everyone. Without the benefit of heated greenhouses, we have to hope the elements would be kind to us, which eventually they were, at the start of May. As in previous years, all proceeds from the sale go to the running of our annual Flower and Craft Show in August. Also, we take any surplus plants to the Ottery St. Mary Plant Sale where the proceeds go to the Hospice.

The next event after our Plant Sale will be a trip to RHS Rosemoor for their annual Rose Weekend with their Craft and Food Fair. The trip will be on Sunday 25th June 2023 and a booking form is included with this edition. This event is becoming more successful with each year it is held and early booking is advisable. We will also be running another coach trip in July and this will be to the wonderful Bishop's Gardens in Wells. It will also be an opportunity to visit the very popular Wells Market. This trip is on Sunday 29th July 2023 and again, there is a booking form with this edition.

This brings us to the annual Flower and Craft Show which this year is on Saturday 12th August 2023. The Show Schedules have now been printed and copies together with entry forms can be obtained from the Whimble Stores and many thanks to Rory and his team for facilitating this. It will be good to build on the success of last year where we had a very good entry with many new exhibitors. We are very much looking forward to seeing the usual wonderful, skilful and creative exhibits!

Details of all our activities are on our website, together with reports and photographs. So, visit us at www.whimble-vpa.co.uk to get further information.

Paul Wilson,
Chairman,
Whimble & District GC

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It is suitable for ALL.

Registration will be from 9.30am and the fun begins with a Warm-Up at 11.30am. **PRIZES/MEDALS** will be awarded for different categories and all runners get a certificate.

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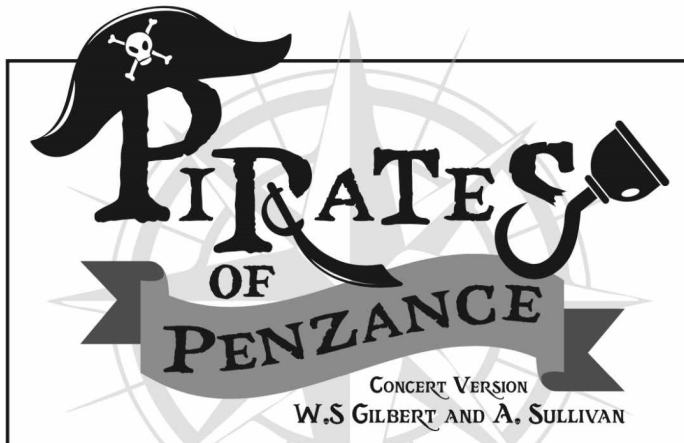
Once I found out that the UK was hosting Eurovision on behalf of Ukraine, I knew that a party was needed to watch this years contest!

On the 13th May we hosted a night to remember with fantastic costumes, pizza, and of course music at the cricket club. The aim of the event was to raise money for British-Ukraine aid who are still very much helping those impacted by the current war.

Due to all the kind financial donations and raffle prizes from locals we managed to raise £236! I have been blown away by the generosity of others and really felt the village spirit whilst arranging this event.

A huge thank you to all involved! Whimble is standing with you Ukraine.

Gemma Mathison



Thank you Whimble, for supporting the show. I was confident that you would, Whimble loves to be entertained. Good ticket sales and two enthusiastic audiences made it hugely enjoyable for all who took part too. There will be more, after a suitable gap. Watch this space for details of how to be involved or email me empalmusic@gmail.com
Emma Palmer - Musical Director

Whimble History Society



We are now open for the summer season until 30th September, so if you have not already visited us then please do so. We are open on Wednesdays 1-3pm, and Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays 10.30am-4pm.

Our secretary, Roger Smith, and committee member, Alan Smith (no relation) held a very successful visit for the Cranbrook Cubs on 24th April.

Our last talk of the season, 'The History of Whimble Congregational Church' was held on 28th April and attracted a good crowd.

If you would like to present a talk next winter then please get in touch with us. Maybe there is an aspect of Whimble history which you would like to research, or perhaps there is a topic of more general historical interest that you have always wanted to know more about. If you are retired then researching and presenting a talk can be a great way of keeping your brain active, and for younger people it can be a way to develop skills in a friendly and supportive environment which will help you in the workplace. Either way we would love to hear from you, and we can provide technical help if required.

If presenting a talk is not for you, then you can still get involved as a volunteer. It is a great way of meeting people and making new friends. Our stewarding manager, Sarah, is always looking for more front of house volunteers. If you are a friendly person and feel confident dealing with cash and general enquiries, then this could be for you. Even if you can only spare a few hours per year, every little helps.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with marketing and fundraising/events. If you are good with social media then you might enjoy the marketing role, and if you have great organisational skills then you might like to take responsibility for, or assist with, arranging fund-raising events. Please see our website for further details. www.whimble.org

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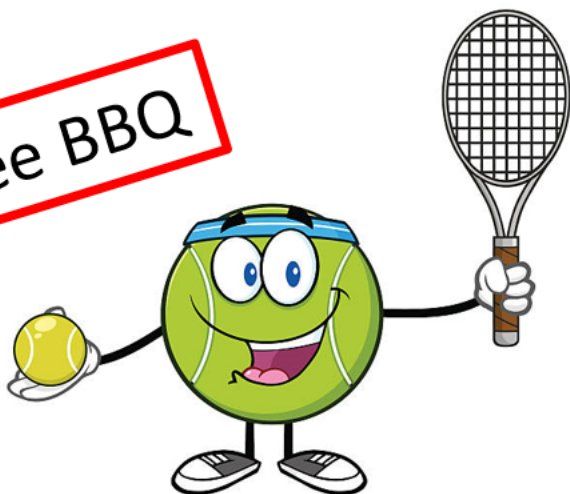
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A few reminders of our opening hours, and ways you can use the club: Through the summer, we are open on Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2pm when cricket is being played. We open the bar and sell Oggy Oggy pasties and sausage rolls. Everyone is welcome to come up, support your local team, or drop in on your afternoon walk around the village.

We have events running through the year, including our monthly open mic night.

Two dates for later this year to put in your diaries now are:

Saturday 9th September: 12th Man Festival

Saturday 4th November: Bonfire and Fireworks Night

We host county age cricket fixtures and these are usually midweek daytime games. This a great chance to come and watch county cricket on your doorstep.

The ground is always open to walkers and dog walkers, we just ask you to take any dog waste home, and appreciate your help in keeping the club clean and tidy. The club car park can be used for easy access to the Parish field pump track

The pavilion building is available to hire. Dates are more difficult to arrange throughout the summer, but we have plenty of availability from September to March.

The best way to keep on top of everything we have going on is to follow us on social media. Better still, sign up as a social member for the season and you will receive all our email updates covering what's on.

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I usually start my article with a weather update and today is rather overcast with showers at times as it was on that special day last weekend. My flags were out for the coronation but the weather was not set fair although it was a splendid occasion and many wonderful memories will have been made.

Such events draw communities together and bring out the best in people. This feeling of community lives within the WI movement. Women who would not normally meet in their everyday lives, are brought together with a sense of purpose and friendship.

In March the weather was set fair as we travelled across SW America with Angela White sampling various b&bs on the way.

On 22nd April we held our WI/Hospiscare coffee morning in the Victory Hall. We are grateful to everyone who worked tirelessly in preparation for the event and those who gave of their time to help on the day. We also thank everyone who came on the morning in support. A community coming together.

On 26th April six members attended the Spring Council meeting in Torquay. Even though we did not realise it at the time, one of the speakers, Dame Floella Benjamin, was to play a part in the coronation ceremony as she carried the sceptre with dove in the procession in Westminster Abbey. I remember her with affection from Playschool and Playaway days when my children were young. Happy memories.



On the 9th May, our annual meeting was held, with the president elected and a new committee established for the coming year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On 13th June we welcome Sarah Pepper, local floral artiste extraordinaire. Always entertaining, she will be speaking about a country cutting garden.

11th July, Paul Rendell will address the topic of tracks, roads and railways on Dartmoor. Sounds fascinating.

8th August will be our garden party, always an enjoyable afternoon with a bring and share lunch in a member's garden. As ever, we hope for good weather.

12th September we will be joining Ann Kirby from FABS in learning how to use it or lose it. It sounds energetic (and I hope to be proved wrong!)

14th September may well see us travel to Montacute for this year's educational visit. Another NT property where members will learn about the history of the house and have a hopefully sunny amble around the grounds. Usually a delicious lunch is on offer with the bonus of a well stocked gift shop. What's not to like?

I think that's enough crystal ball gazing for now but if you would like more info then please contact Marilyn on 821860. Here's to a wonderful summer with lots of sunshine and rain, at all the right times and in all the right places!

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We all know walking in natural surroundings is good for our body and soul. But, sometimes, we just need a reminder to get out and do it! The wonderful months of late spring and early summer are an ideal time to pull on your walking boots. To my mind, it really is the best time of the year with new life in abundance all around us. The emerging leaves and fresh grasses are the most vivid shade of green, while meadows, hedgerows and woodland are studded with wildflowers.

Devon CPRE is the local branch of the countryside charity. We campaign to protect the countryside for the benefit of all and to preserve it for future generations. Part and parcel of that is encouraging people to appreciate the landscapes and green spaces on their doorstep, and walking is one of the best ways to experience the countryside and the coastline up close and personal, whether you live here year-round or are just visiting.

Here in Devon, we're lucky to have a wonderful network of walking routes that allow us to explore the whole of Devon's varied shoreline, the rugged terrain of Dartmoor and even venture from one side of the county to the next along the 99-mile Devon Coast to Coast walk. There are many flatter and accessible sections of footpath too for those with limited mobility, like the Tarka Trail in North Devon and the Granite Way near Okehampton.

My husband, Paul, and I like a good hike, often around Belstone or Meldon on Dartmoor as they're not far from where we live. Fortunately, a section of footpath called the Ruby Way - a former railway line - passes close to my home in north-west Devon, and it's my regular haunt with my dog, Merlin.

I know not everyone has a footpath on their doorstep, but many of the most popular walking routes in the county can be reached by public transport and many double as cycle paths too. Leaving your car behind for a day benefits the environment. It also makes you see the landscape from a new perspective.

A few words of caution though if you're taking a canine companion walking with you. Lots of popular beaches have a dog ban from the beginning of May to September so please leave your dog at home, not in a hot car. Also, keep in mind that livestock roam free on Dartmoor so your dog needs to be kept under control and on a leash near sheep, cattle and horses. And, of course, no one wants to walk in dog mess so make sure you have bags with you and pick up anything your dog leaves behind! As they say, take only memories, leave only footprints.

Wherever your feet take you, I hope you have a happy summer exploring Devon.

Penny Mills

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Local Plan for East Devon

The EDDC has been examining the implication of the Government's change of policy on housing quotas and a shift in emphasis, giving greater flexibility to local councils. This emanated from considerable opposition to building in open countryside in politically sensitive areas.

On the 23rd May, the Neighbourhood Plan Team for Whimble received an update from EDDC regarding the consultation on the draft East Devon Local Plan. This report provided a succinct overview of some initial observations on themes coming through in the feedback and some data drawn from the online consultation. It also included the response to the programme of face-to-face exhibitions at various venues around the district, which included Whimble Victory Hall. Approximately 200 people attended, which was greater than previous events of this type.

The EDDC has a lot of work to undertake now analysing of all information received. One key fact which has been revealed was that residents were not in favour of building a second New Town south of the A30. In addition, concerns were raised regarding the ability of infrastructure to cope with additional housing. There were also concerns that the percentage of affordable housing on 'qualifying sites' is too low and what constitutes 'affordable'? There were many concerns relating to the environment impact of developments and the push for development away from designated AONB (Area of outstanding Natural Beauty).

EDDC has indicated that the new Local Plan, *"will set out the housing provision requirements for designated neighbourhood areas in East Devon"*. It went on to identify the designated neighbourhood areas that this would apply to, of which there are 40 in East Devon, including Whimble and Rockbeare.

According to the information received by EDDC, and in view of the sensitivities and evidence gathered, it is of the utmost importance for the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan core team to spell out our desires, aspirations and wants to avoid wholly inappropriate large-scale development in Whimble. Whilst we appreciate the desires of EDDC, we strongly believe in the principles of localism. The knowledge/data gained from our recent village survey, the Whimble element of the 'Common Place' Local Plan survey, and the face-to-face consultation, gives the greatest insight into village feelings.

Neighbourhood Plan

POW+R Group and WPC held a project management meeting on the 25th May to evaluate the achievement so far of completing, in draft form, approximately 75% of the Neighbourhood Plan. There are a few further sections to complete plus creating policy statements which will inform planners to make appropriate professional decisions.

The policies will be born out of the evidence gained across the Whimble Parish. . Once it is all pulled together, we then go out to a six-week consultation on the final draft. It is estimated to be completed during late summer.

New Fountain Public House

We at POW+R Group wish, Kevin Wheaton, Lee Wheaton and Kaya Taylor and their team well. The planning application claimed that the pub was unviable - well, have we got some news for you!! A further point of interest is that the New Fountain was recorded in the CAMRA, Good Bear Guide in 1976, which was one of the early editions, and has been until 2018.

The Thirsty Farmer

POW+R Group recognises that the vibrancy of the village is the importance of maintaining and patronising both our village pubs. Both are assets to our village and we hope they will maintain the high standards of the previous tenants. We wish them well.

Pithayes Farm, Church Road

Despite strong opposition from POW+R Group, submitting detailed objections to the proposed change of use from agriculture to four residential dwellings at Pithayes Farm Church Road, this application has been granted approval. The basis of our objection was that the development is outside the built-up area of the village and would therefore constitute to being in land designated as open countryside. It is acceptable to use farm buildings for family or agricultural workers, but not for additional residential housing. Regrettably the EDDC has granted approval, without reference to the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Cranbrook

The outline planning application for land at Cobdens, North of London Road, which is for 1435 homes and ancillary developments, has so far not been approved as there are issues with access. A detailed report was set before the Council on the 25th April 2023.

A reference was made within the report that Cranbrook Town Council remains of the view that the town should be administered by one local authority. This has a fundamental effect on the western parish boundary and loss of a significant number of hectares of land.

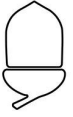
The report adds that the objections raised by POW+R group are very much shared by Whimble Parish Council. It states that, *“The expansion of the above provision, for this outline planning permission, far outweighs the last application made that included the traveller’s site, which encroaches on the Parish Boundary. The current application conflicts with the agreement laid out in 2016 to cede part of the Parish of Whimble to the new town of Cranbrook, this should remain legally binding.”*

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

Alan Lascelles – Press, Publicity and NP Team

POW+R Takes a wider view - The South West Coast Path

For 50 years the acorn has pointed the way. For each of us that live near or have walked, all or part of the South West Coast Path it will hold its own memories. It is a unique challenge to undertake this great coastal path, as it celebrates its 50th Birthday this year. At 1,014km (630 miles), the South West Coast Path is the longest waymarked hiking trail in England and Wales. It runs along the southwest coast of England, taking in beautiful coastal scenery and known for its famous acorn waymarker posts.



Having been created by coastguards on the lookout for smugglers, the route hugs the coast from Minehead in Somerset to Dorset's Studland Bay. It takes in some of the finest coastal scenery in the UK, including: Exmoor National Park, UNESCO Cornish Tin Mine scenery, Land's End and nearer to home, our own Jurassic Coast. It has gone on to become one of the most popular tourist draws in the south west.

High praise must go to the South West Coast Path Association who valiantly campaigned from 1973 to gradually open the path in sections before it was designated as a National Trail five years later. For many, it is a way to simply walk, breathe sea air, forget the demands of normal life and to connect with nature and recharge one's batteries. Its preservation and the people who care for this path have a passion for the great outdoors. The same passion is taken on by POW+R Group as we aim to protect our village and its orchard landscapes.

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Nikky and I are so grateful for the amazing support that's been given to us since Bob passed away on 8th April. We would like to thank Hilary Nowill (celebrant) for helping us to share memories of Bob and say our goodbyes to him last Friday. Thank you to all those who came to the funeral and to the Jack in the Green to help us celebrate his life. Bob loved living in Whimple and he would have so enjoyed that afternoon in the sun having a beer and chatting with you all.

Gayle Fearn



Betty Williams

John Williams and his family would like to thank everyone for the support that was given at the death of John's beloved wife Betty. The kindness has been overwhelming. Thank you all.

She was a wonderful mother and we will miss her terribly.

The retiring collection from her funeral raised £525.48 which has been given to Whimple Scouts.



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This term has been a strange one, with the extra bank holiday it feels that in May we have not been able to get into any routine and we have been constantly in a spin. At least as time has gone on the weather has improved which always helps. Our Year 6 children coped amazingly well for their Year 6 SATs – we are very proud of them.

Trips, sports and other events are being planned, making us appreciate how busy the diary gets for the rest of term. It never ceases to amaze me how much we all manage to fit in, it is a great credit to the teachers.

The School summer fayre is going to be held soon – look out for posters for more information.

King's Coronation



The Friday before the Coronation, the children all arrived in school either dressed in red, white and blue or as a King or Queen. In the afternoon, our Year 5 children performed in a special assembly (supported by Miss Clarke), so we now all know more about our Kings and Queens, past and present.





All the children then enjoyed a small tea party in their classes (unfortunately the weather did not allow us to all join together outside) and have been given their Coronation mug kindly donated by the Parish Council.

THE DANCE

Key stage 2 went to the MUGA to do a dance to celebrate the apple blossom on the trees, along with Emma Palmer and Jim Causley.

This is how we did it.

You needed 10 people, a partner each and to stand opposite to your partner.

Next, you need to get into a line. Then you hold hands with the person next to you so your partner is opposite to you. Walk four steps in front of you and then four steps behind you. Then one line goes four steps again and goes through the other line's arms which will be up like a bridge.

Then the people at the top of the line will go to the back and go through the tunnel the other people will make.

At one point the people opposite you grab you by the arm and you both spin around without letting go.



ORIENTEERING

Year 4,5 and 6 went on a coach to go to Killerton to do some orienteering.

We went on the 16th of May 2023. We were in groups of three to four people. Every group had a map and we tried to find controls with numbers and letters on it.

For the first part we were in a field next to a pink house, there were eight signs and everyone was trying their hardest to find them.

For the second part we went up a hill into the woods, the second part was much harder than the first because there were twelve controls to find and it was a lot more complicated. In the end we only found two controls but it was all fun and games.

Alfie and Kelsey (year 5)



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