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**April/May 2021**

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# Welcome to the April edition of Whimble News

April is with us, the clocks have changed and spring is in the air. Not only that, the easing of restrictions and even the end of lockdown are in sight. Life may not quite be back to normal yet but at least village life can start again, and this is the theme of our latest issue.

In the pages that follow, two of our local pubs tell us about their plans for re-opening. The Thirsty Farmer will be serving drinks in the garden from the beginning of May and the Jack in the Green will be opening its doors on 19th. We will have to wait a little longer to know what is to become of the New Fountain.

The Victory Hall, will open its doors again on 17th May. It may not be back to normal until the end of April - but at least it's a start. It is good to see that the Hall is nearing its centenary fund-raising target. The Hall had great plans to celebrate its centenary last year but lockdown put paid to most of that. However, we will soon have another centenary to celebrate when the Thirsty Farmer reaches the same milestone.

Talking of celebrations, it is great to see that the Village Week Team are steaming ahead with preparations for Village Week. Less than a fortnight after we emerge from lockdown, Village Week will be under way. We can look forward to enjoying Village Day together on Saturday 10th July. The team are going to need lots of help but what better way to mark the end of lockdown. Let's make it a day to remember!

There is also good news from the Coleridge Medical Centre. Having done a magnificent job with vaccinations, they will soon be re-starting their routine medical services. What a great job they have done! We should also remember the sterling work done by others who throughout this pandemic have kept working for the benefit of us all. I am thinking of the Primary School, the Pre-school, Jenny and Mark at the shop, the postmen and women and so many more. We thank them all.

Change is afoot in the horticultural world. You will see that the VPA is changing its name to 'The Whimble and District Gardening Club'. Only time will tell whether the 'the WDGC' will roll off the tongue as easily as 'the VPA' used to.

I cannot finish without drawing attention to Paul Sharkey's superb photograph, on our front cover. Paul has posted several of his wildlife photographs on 'Whimble Whats On'. If you too are a keen photographer, or perhaps a beginner who wants a pick up a few tips, why not join the Whimble Photography Group Facebook Group on [https://bit.ly/Whimble Photography Group](https://bit.ly/Whimble%20Photography%20Group) or click on the link on our website.

If you would like to contribute to our June edition we would love to hear from you. You can email me at [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk), by 12th May please, or drop a note through either my door. (Albecq, The Green) or Sally's (32, Whiteway Close, opposite the Thirsty Farmer) ... and let me know about any events you are planning so they can go in a revived 'What's on in Whimble'.

Now where did I put the charcoal?

**Bob Scanlan**

# WHIMPLE STORES



Just a reminder of our opening hours – weekdays 8.00am to 6.00pm – weekends 9.00am to midday.

Most of you know that the shop has been for sale since July 2018. The only real offer we have had was early on from someone who wanted to change it into a cookery school. We have had interest and have current interest but no firm offers.

This puts us in a difficult situation because we need to see an end date to running the shop. So we will be looking at other options such as leasing. Either way we will be carrying as normal for the time being and will keep you all informed of any new ideas that are put to us.

We have been running the shop with generally one person as it has been pretty quiet during the last few months. We have found this to work well so far but we will change things if trading settles back into a routine. At the moment the busy times vary but generally late morning and early afternoon is busy so we have two people working between noon and 1.00pm to help with this. Generally two people are also there from 5.00pm to close also. Sometimes the queue looks enormous but if people are outside of the shop and are distancing correctly, that may mean that only 2 - 3 people are waiting.

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## Mad March news

Spring is in the air and the vaccination programme continues apace. Primary care has issued 80% of the vaccinations nationally thus far and risen to the challenge with enthusiasm and dedication. Staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly at our local sites at evenings and weekends and we are grateful to them for their service. The vaccinations for the under-50s will likely be offered at mass vaccination sites as we are beginning to see our usual work pushed to the side and need to attend to core business! To this end lots of you in the community will have received invitations to come in for your annual checks on your long-term conditions and we will make the surgery a safe and welcoming place for you to attend. We are excited and looking forward to some restoration of services. We are exploring innovative and sustainable ways of working and providing access to services across our patch with our neighbouring practices in Honiton and Sidmouth. We are part of a Primary Care Network with them and will be looking at the positives as well as the less positive lessons learnt from the pandemic.

Since January we have had several key new members of the team join us. I hope you will check out and welcome the new doctors and nurses on our website or when you check in for treatment. We have had an excellent round of recruitment and are very fortunate to have some talented new members of staff who bring additional skills and competencies from as far afield as the Channel Islands! We also have a new registrar, Dr Harriet Roberts. Harriet is a qualified doctor who is specialising in General Practice and will be with us we hope for over a year. She is passionate about environmental issues and a keen cyclist and runner. We continue to offer placements to medical students and are grateful for your support in helping these young undergraduates gain some experience in the profession they are joining. Finally, may we wish you a very happy Easter and a cautious welcome to some increased social interaction in April, May and June with continued caution and diligence as advised.

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We are currently undertaking initial investigations on the fabric of the hall and will report in a later edition of Whimble News how we are getting on.

We have managed to remain open for the School and Pre-School throughout the last year having undertaken extensive steps to ensure a Covid secure environment and undertaking additional cleaning.

We are delighted that we will be able to open up to a small number of regular exercise groups from 17th May whilst still following Government regulations; the rule of six or two households, social distancing, hand washing and face masks with full adherence to our 'Covid Risk Assessment'.

Full relaxation of Government rules on 21st June will enable us to fully re-open for hire and to hold events such as Soup and Sarnie, but this will depend on confirmation nearer that date.

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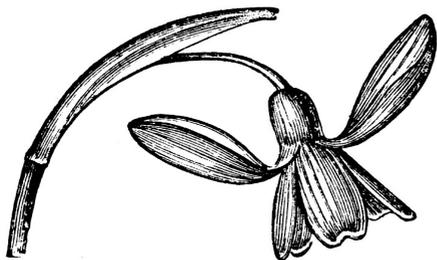


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**The Easter Bunny is hiding somewhere in the village! Can you find it?**

Keep your eyes peeled as there are many more things to spot!



Maps will be in Whimple Stores from Good Friday for a suggested donation of £3. All donations go to Whimple Primary School to enrich our children's education.

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SUPPORT THEM ALL AGAIN.

## THE JACK IN THE GREEN

The Jack is delighted to be reopening on the 19th May which, coincidentally, is just as we begin our 29th year here in Rockbeare. As a team we can't wait to get back to serving guests again..... we have now survived three recessions and a pandemic so must be doing something right! During this latest lockdown we've been busy giving the kitchen an overhaul, sprucing the pub up and writing new menus. We are also reopening with some exciting new developments.

'Friday Night Fizz' at the Jack is a great way to start the weekend. Between 5.00pm and 6.30pm enjoy a delicious selection of complimentary canapes on us when you order a bottle of Prosecco or Champagne. There's also a new 'Saturday Brunch' menu available between 9.00am and 11.30am with plenty of veggie and vegan options as well as a choice of breakfast baps and sandwiches. The pub will now be open all-day Friday, Saturday and Sunday and we'll also be serving coffee, tea and homemade cakes every morning to enjoy inside or out.

To see all our new menus please visit: [www.jackinthegreen.uk.com](http://www.jackinthegreen.uk.com) .



# THE THIRSTY FARMER

Welcome Back To The Farmer

From the 1st May we will be welcoming back our guests to the garden of The Thirsty Farmer, for the first time this year.

We will be serving hog roasts and wood-fired pizzas from the garden.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to this year, including our Whimble Supper Club on the first Wednesday of each month, Breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays, our Dolly Parton and Micheal Buble Tribute nights as well as our regular band nights - hopefully starting on Friday 25th June with Phish Taco.

As well as our regular band nights we will also be hosting a monthly quiz and providing all your favourites, such a live sport, steak nights and somewhere for you to meet up with your friends and family.

**2021 is a very exciting year for The Thirsty Farmer as the pub has been in its current location for 100 years, to celebrate we will be hosting several events to commemorate the centenary, including our 'Prohibition Flapper and Jazz' party.**

We are looking forward to seeing you all back at The Thirsty Farmer and enjoying life together and making The Thirsty Farmer a pub Whimble can be proud of.

*Archive pics of the pub during it's 100 year history*





## SAVE THE NEW FOUNTAIN INN UPDATE

Many villagers have been asking what the latest is with the 'New Fountain Inn' planning application, so here is an update of the current situation.

Over 300 'objections' were registered with East Devon District Council, to the planning application and no 'supporters' came forward. The 'applicant' subsequently submitted a response, to which many villagers re-iterated their objections

There are now several routes that the application can take and we will keep you in the picture as and when developments happen.

If the application goes to 'Committee' then this will be in April at the earliest, due to Easter it is more likely to be May

In the meantime, our plans are continuing to look at financing the purchase of The New Fountain Inn as a Community Asset.

If anyone has any experience of community purchasing or would be interested in fundraising, please do let us know.

Thanks everyone for your continued enthusiasm, energy and commitment to saving our 'New Fountain Inn'

**Gill Wilson** – *on behalf of Save Whimple's New Fountain Inn Group*





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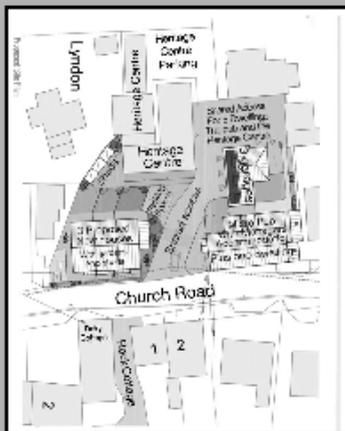
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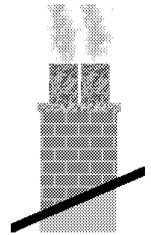
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We have had a busy Spring Term at Pre-school, we had our new outdoor shelter built in the garden by local builder Neal Ward and Billy Bloomfield which we funded using money raised from previous Quiz & Curry events. This is a fantastic asset to pre-school as it means we can take more of the children's play and learning outside in all weathers, which is even more important in current times. We are lucky to have such a great garden space for the children to enjoy.

During the recent wet spell, the children brought their puddle suits and had lots of fun exploring the muddy puddles and being creative in our mud kitchen.

The children have been observing the signs of spring, we planted more daffodil bulbs in the Autumn which are now all in bloom in the garden.

We were pleased to find we had some tadpoles in our little pond, so the children are able to watch them grow and change. The children are going to be busy planting seeds, learning about pollinators and mini-beasts over the next few weeks.

We are now taking bookings for September and next year, please email Jo Sibley at [admin@whimplepreschool.com](mailto:admin@whimplepreschool.com) to register your child's place. Places get booked up quickly, so, if you have a child under three and you would like them to attend preschool, please contact us to reserve a place.

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## Station Gates - Part Two

Part two of the story of the gates at the end of our station platform comes in the form of an email from the helpful lady at Network Rail to whom I had spoken previously. She had received a written answer and in turn had forwarded it on to me. Interestingly it originates from someone in 'Community Relations' by the name of Megan! (forgive me - it's Megan Hayward).

*"I have spoken to our team who are working in the area in order to find out some more information for you. The team have confirmed that these platform end gates are being installed at every station in the area as an anti-trespass measure. These gates won't impact the local residents but have been introduced as a deterrent measure to potential trespassers. I hope this information has been helpful. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.*

*Kind regards*

*Megan*

*Community Relations"*

So my walks over time revealed the busy scene of men working and the end result. So a deterrent to trespassers? An informed local source tells me that a very prolific blackberry bush grows not far beyond. Is that now protected? Or is it the cat I see, poised with a paw on the rail as if to detect the merest vibration that might indicate the approach of a train before crossing? Another source thinks it is Health & Safety gone mad again. I think it brutalizes an otherwise rural scene along with several CCTV cameras, which in any case could alert to trespass if required?

**Roger Algate**



It is with great sadness that we report the death of two of our long standing and much loved members.

Firstly, Sonia Benton who passed away at the end of January. Sonia had lived in the village for some years and enjoyed her membership of the WI, but moved to a care home in 2017.

Secondly, Rosemarie Burrows who died on the 21st March this year in Exeter, having only recently moved into a care home due to ill health. Rosemarie will be fondly remembered by all our ladies, not least by Ann Bowden who now lives in Australia. Ann recalls that she was her first friend in Whimble and persuaded her to join the WI and later to become secretary (and then president). Rosemarie had herself been secretary and president of our institute, also serving on our committee for many years afterwards. One of her other main interests (along with her husband Ken) was Hospiscare and we all remember the coffee mornings she organised at Victory Hall in collaboration with the WI. Sadly, that didn't happen last year, but hopefully the event will be resumed in her memory sometime in the future. Rosemarie had so many skills, not least of which was cane work (she had quite a business going years ago repairing chairs for people!). She was a keen gardener and very knowledgeable on plants, she provided flowers and greenery for the church, made cakes for Village Day and other events; and of course we all admired her exquisite embroidery and quilt making. She enjoyed all aspects of her WI membership from our lunches, to outings and occasionally playing skittles. She made a great contribution to our institute and we send our thanks and condolences to her family.

Spring is now upon us and our cherry tree will soon burst into life with blossom. In the meantime some of our ladies are keeping in touch via occasional social 'Zoom' meetings. Well done to you all, who says we are not in the 21st century! Hopefully most of us have now had our first vaccinations and fingers crossed we can hopefully start WI meetings again when all restrictions are lifted.

### **Barbara Ackland**

For more information on Whimble WI, please contact Marilyn Mills on 821860.

# Sonia Benton 1928 – 2021

Sonia and her late husband Cliff moved to Whimble some 35 years ago following careers in education, living firstly at Strete Raleigh and then in West View Close. Cliff died in 2010 and eighteen months later she moved briefly to the USA to live with one of her sons but returned to live in The Square. When she felt unable to continue living alone, she moved to Sundial Nursing Home in Tipton St John and then to King's Manor Care Home in Ottery where she died peacefully on 19th January having tested positive for Covid-19 a few days previously.

In Devon Sonia was area organiser for the WRVS. When she retired from that role, she became more active in village life, becoming (along with Cliff) a Whimble School Governor and joining the WI and the History Society. They were both active church members, serving on the PCC, undertaking various roles and being involved with fund raising. Sonia was also a member of the Mothers' Union and of one of the Home Groups.

Sonia had planned for her body to be used for medical research but Covid prevented this and so a brief celebration of her life and committal took place at East Devon Crematorium on 9th February. Lockdown rules meant that only a few people could attend the service which was conducted by her friend the Rev. Geoffrey Gardner, but members of the Home Group and other long time friends were able to be there to remember her. She is sadly missed.

Avril Ellingham

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# Whimble History Society



Unfortunately, the Heritage Centre remains closed at the moment but hopefully the hugely successful impact of the vaccination programme will continue and we will be able to open later this year. The AGM will also take place as soon as it can safely happen.

The new Whimble Heritage Centre/History Society website is now up and running at <https://www.whimble.org>. Do look out for some detailed information on some of the artefacts we look after. Those chosen are particularly appropriate to the close relationship we all have to masks at the moment!

It's also worth having a look at some of the recent research on the Roman Road and Tithe Map of 1836. Meanwhile, something on the Holy Well and the medieval church mural is in the pipeline.

There are also links you might find useful for your own local or family research. Do let us know your thoughts particularly if there is anything you would like added to the site. You can contact us via the website.

The Whimbletons have kindly agreed that we can put last year's pantomime up on the Heritage Centre YouTube channel once all the appropriate authorisations have been covered. It's certainly great fun and an escape for anyone who has now watched everything on Netflix. Watch out for the advert on 'Whimble What's On' or on the website.

Some of you may have heard about the new initiative being organized by Rim Adkins to improve aspects of the station. There could be a historical aspect to this by including some information about the history of Whimble at the station. If any of our members would be interested in representing the History Society at these meetings, we would be delighted if you would get in touch via the website.

If anyone would like to join the History Society, contact us on the above email or via the new website. If you feel you would like to get more involved, we are always keen to have new members join us on the committee or volunteer help with fundraising or stewarding.

**Louise Walmsley**



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## POW+R News

There is much talk about unity, working together for the common good. There is national unity, but there is also unity of flying the Devon Flag of Saint Petroc – the relatively new flag with a green base with black cross with white edge.

However, there is also the unity of the people of Whimble, which has come alive with the threat of the New Fountain being closed and the car park becoming a building site, all within our precious conservation area. It was clear, in the first public consultation period that the opposition was vehement, immense, deep felt, passionate and angry. East Devon District Council, according to their website had 68 letters of objections, which is a significant number. The agents then submitted a detailed letter trying to counter the objections, one by one. This instigated another batch of correspondence to the Planning Department, including from the POW+R Group. This was submitted on the 8th March 2021 refuting the comments made by the agent, with meaningful and accurate evidence, in a detailed 20 page report.

The New Fountain application is now awaiting decisions by our local authority. Let's hope for a positive outcome for Whimble.

At the same time, the East Devon District Council has put out to consultation the New 'Local Plan' for the district. It forms the framework/blueprint for development in the District Council Area for the next 10 years. Planning applications are guided by the principles laid out in the Local Plan, both cartographic and written policies and procedures.

After the NDF (National Development Framework), which sits above the Local Plan, this is the most important document for the Planning Department in each five year period. Under the Local Plan are a host of Neighbourhood Plans, developed by parishes and town councils. However, the Local Plan should be guided by the decisions taken and the democratic process of individual parishes.

Our group has made submissions to EDDC, as part of the consultation process for the latest Local Plan 2021. This will shape the future of East Devon for another 10 years, especially in respect to housing needs and other planning issues. In business this would be the Strategic Plan.

One of the issues flagged up in this, was the line being drawn to the expansion of Cranbrook eastward, which should stop at Cobden Lane. As a group we are awaiting the response from the Government Inspector. Comments have been made on the less than satisfactory design standards of new housing developments. Cranbrook still has no Town Centre after 11 years, together with poor infrastructure, in a 'developer led' scheme, which has more recently been deemed a failure, as too much power is held by the developers not by the local people.

One other matter that has been questioned is the need for good outdoor spaces for recreation and physical well-being, which has been heightened during the pandemic.

When researching to provide meaningful feedback on the new Local Plan, it was very evident, that some of the parishes in East Devon have developed and written some outstanding neighbourhood plans. These have already influenced planning decisions for unwanted development. So far 18 have been completed in East Devon.

It is regrettable that Whimble is still some way from completing this task, which is unfortunate as it has great impact on the emerging District Local Plan.

Once again residents will be aware that POW+R group is working for a better future for Whimble and Rockbeare. If you want a challenge, we need a new Chair and would welcome any input and assistance from members of the wider communities. If you would be willing and able to give up some of your free time in order to help protect our village and Rockbeare from the ever expanding of Cranbrook urban sprawl, and any other developments that are proposed, we'd love to hear from you! Please email us at [contact@powr.live](mailto:contact@powr.live).

Don't forget to vote in the Local Elections on Thursday 6th May, for Police and Crime Commissioner and Devon County Council. A large turnout is good for democracy and gives a strong message that here in Whimble and Rockbeare, local issues matter.

### **Why is the Devon flag 'green'**

Green is said to be the colour that is most associated with Devon because it is the colour of the county's rugby team, the official colour of Exeter University, and is the colour of Plymouth Argyle FC. Green also for the hills, black for the Dartmoor sky and white for the salt sea that laps our shores.

It became official in October 2006 when Devon County Council raised the flag outside County Hall in Exeter.

We wish all villagers well, good health, contentment and a vaccine jab.

**Alan Lascelles** - Press and Publicity, POW&R Group

16th March 2021

# Whimble Week 2021

## calling all musicians

Hi - I am helping to coordinate musical activities as part of this year's event. We are still waiting to see exactly what will be possible but I am keen to involve local musicians of different ages and styles. If you think that you may like to be involved please email me with contact details and a brief description of what you do musically. I am sure many people will be looking forward to hearing live music again !

Thanks

**Tim Adkins** [tadkinshome@hotmail.com](mailto:tadkinshome@hotmail.com)

# Village Week Fun Run

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IT'S VILLAGE DAY FUN RUN

Just to remind you all that The Whimble Day Fun Run WILL be going ahead again this year on SATURDAY 10th JULY.

The race is 1.25miles long, starting and finishing on the Parish Field.

It is suitable for ALL,

Registration will be from 9.30am and the fun begins with a Warm-Up at 11.30am

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Further details to follow in the next Whimble News or contact Sarah at [sarahthackeray9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahthackeray9@gmail.com)

**So, dust off your trainers and join in the fun**



Well, we are an optimistic bunch who like nothing better than a get-together with our friends and so we have decided to plan hopefully for Village Week which can go ahead once we emerge from Lockdown, starting on 4th July and with Village Day itself on Sat 10th July.

This year will, however, present extra challenges for the Village Week Team, both logistical and financial. As we emerge from lockdown it is likely that many people will, understandably, remain cautious. Lockdown may have ended but Covid will not have entirely gone away so we intend to ensure that Village Day remains Covid secure and are making our plans accordingly.

Some events, such as the arena shows can go ahead, some like the Ponyhoppers will demand extra sanitisation and some, like the Tug of War will have to be missed. Any on-going government recommendations will be adhered to. However, we hope that we can still put together an event that people can be confident in and that will delight everyone.

Village Day is made up of a mix of activities that raise money, with every penny of profit we make being returned to organisations within the village. The cost of setting up, running the day, providing entertainment and activities for the kids are offset by profits made from the Village Raffle and by selling food and drink. We know that this year there will be extra costs and much greater financial risk. If the end of lockdown gets delayed, our plans will be disrupted and there is a very real danger that we could make a loss.

Nevertheless, we feel that it is important to have something the whole village can look forward to. Hopefully, the weather will be fine, lockdown will be over and we will all have a great time.

This year, more than ever, we need your help:

Please be generous with your support for the Village Raffle in late June.

We need volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare an hour or so to help please let me know on 01404 371433. We desperately need you.

And most important of all, make sure to come along on Village Day to make it a celebration to remember.

**Louise Walmsley**



# Whimble Cricket Club

All being well, there will have been no changes to the lockdown roadmap by the time this is published, and we can look forward to the season getting started. We have been busy planning and there is a lot to communicate. Firstly, a reminder of some key dates:

- Saturday April 17th: Pre-season warm-up game, bar open from 2pm (outdoor service, in line with national guidelines)
- Friday April 23rd: Junior coaching begins (6pm start)
- Sat 1st May: League cricket fixtures begin
- Fri May 7th: All-Stars coaching begins (5pm start)
- Sunday August 1st: Ben Moon testimonial cricket: Exeter Chiefs v Exeter City
- Saturday 11th September: End of season music festival
- Saturday 6th November: Bonfire and Fireworks

Whimble teams of all ages will compete in over 100 games of cricket this summer, with over 70 of these at home. We have a fixture poster you can download on our website for the full season dates. Do look out for our Devon representative games too. On the 1st June, 22nd July and 13th August we host Devon U18 and U15 ladies, and on the 16th and 20th June we host Devon over 50s.

## Club Membership and Junior Cricket

Emails are being sent to members from previous years, and information on membership can be found on our website. Our insurance policies and bar license require us to be a membership club and we are asking for all members - Playing, Junior and Social - to sign-up and pay online. Our website has details of fees and links to this. We offer discounts for families with several members.

Cricket nets are now available to book and the link to book these can be found on our website.

## Bar Opening

The bar will be open on Saturday 17th April at 2pm; From Friday 23rd April, it will then open every Friday from 5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 2pm. Initially this will be in line with the guidelines and outdoor service only. Members receive 10% off bar prices and we will be distributing membership cards. New for this year, we will be selling Oggy Oggy pasties, sausage rolls and more. What more could you ask for than a drink and pasty in the sun, while watching a bit of cricket!?

## Events

We have three big event dates and tickets will shortly be going on sale. These events are really important to club funds and will be great days for the community and a release for all of us from the past 12 months. We will take full advantage of the outside space we have, so please look out for tickets going on sale and come and join us.

## Sponsorship and Marketing

With the number of games and events planned, more than 5,000 local players, families, and friends will visit the club this summer. Now is a great time to consider sponsoring the club. We have options for match day sponsorship from just £25, boundary signage pricing, and many more deals. A full price list is available online.

## Get Involved!

The cricket club has something for everyone. For those interested in the game, we have teams at all levels and ages, opportunities to umpire and score, or just to come and watch. The club can be a great social space, in a safe environment with plentiful outside space. It is available for hire at competitive rates. We are always looking for additional junior coaches and for help with scoring and umpiring. The club is happy to pay for training and courses.

We look forward to welcoming everyone up to the club in the coming weeks. More information on all of the above can be found at:

[www.whimple.play-cricket.com](http://www.whimple.play-cricket.com),

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## A PLACE OF EXECUTION.

In Latin the word 'furcus' means a gibbet or a gallows; the English translation is 'forches'. Whilst reading recently an article about the origins of Barnstaple I was interested in a reference to Forches Field and another to Forches Cross near Newton Abbot, both of which were known sites of execution. Death by hanging was introduced to Britain by the Anglo-Saxons as early as the fifth century, gallows being an important part of Germanic culture. Executions were a very popular form of public entertainment, drawing large crowds including thieves and prostitutes.



"Executions are intended to draw spectators. If they don't draw spectators, they don't answer their purpose." Samuel Johnson (1709-1784).

On the road between Whimble and Broadclyst there is a place called Forches Head and I wondered if this was a possible place of execution as it is on a spur of high ground overlooking a relatively flat area, ideal for a gibbet or a gallows.

I have checked with John Allan, who is extremely knowledgeable on all matters archaeological and historical. He is the archaeologist for both Exeter Cathedral and Glastonbury Abbey, and he confirms that it is highly probable that it was an execution site. There are several similarly named places throughout Devon associated with execution.

Gallows were used to hang the victim by the neck until death whereas on a gibbet the victim was either hung in chains or a purpose made iron cage dying some days later mainly of thirst. The body would remain hanging in full view for several weeks or months to deter other possible criminals. The last public hanging was in 1868.

As it was forbidden for the bodies of executed criminals to be buried in Consecrated ground, maybe there is a cemetery near Forches Head.

**Martin Horrell.**



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# Understanding Autism

It was 'World Autism Awareness Week' from 29th March to 4th April 2021.

Autism is not an illness. ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), ASC (Autism Spectrum Condition), AS (Aspergers Syndrome) and ND (Neuro Diversity) are all on the autistic spectrum. It means that, from birth, an individual's brain is wired differently to most of us. 'Neuro Diversity' is the most appropriate term.

A person with Autism is processing information in a different way. Their 'wiring' may cause them to have physical limitations as well as processing differences which is why Autism is assessed on a spectrum. Someone may have physical and neurological limitations and another may have neurological capacity in excess. For people in the middle to top end of the spectrum it is not always immediately obvious. For a lot of people they may have other health issues too.

There are day-to-day challenges, particularly for children. Hyper-sensitivity is common and smells, tastes, sounds, touch and light can overload the senses. Imagine a child with autism sitting in a noisy classroom with the sun streaming in and being asked to process information. It's not that the information can't be processed but there is so much noise and light that his or her brain is trying to process first. Or imagine sitting in a classroom day after day that isn't stimulating because you have already understood what you are being taught. Many ND children can be obsessive and their brains allow them to memorise and list vast quantities of information. Imagine being a child that can't catch a ball - with no spatial awareness. They aren't chosen to be in teams, they aren't asked out to play. Frustration mean that Autistic children are three times more likely to be excluded from mainstream school.

So living with this condition is difficult and even more challenges are inflicted by how we live right now. Getting a diagnosis is painfully slow - Devon (DAANA) are currently assessing 2017 referrals. So a child aged four who was referred pre-school will now be in primary education. A child aged eight will now be at secondary school and a child aged 21 will now be classed as an adult. After diagnosis there is a fight to get the support your child needs to find the right services for them. Getting the right support helps not only the child but also the school. The majority of schools are amazingly supportive and helpful and for many of us the suggestion to seek diagnosis came from school in the first place. But schools have to abide by guidelines and they have little resources to accommodate differences. A child that is overwhelmed can have a meltdown or shutdown which can be seen as being disruptive behaviour. It is just an overload of the senses and with the right set up and options for relieving those overloads the problems can be kept to a minimum.

For ND children the safe haven is home. A safe haven allows the child to be themselves but inevitably home is where the frustrations of the day get released so this can be often tense and tiring. Equally, it can also be hugely rewarding to see how well your child has done but it can also be hugely frustrating that they have had to face so many unnecessary challenges.

Given there are many challenges but why do parents of ND children feel so passionately about changing their world?

We see a uniqueness in our children that gives them so much potential in a world that they cannot easily access. They think differently, they are creative and honest. If they love something they give it 100% of their attention so they have great focus and attention to detail. All of these traits should make them very employable and an asset to any business but only 22% of autistic people are in employment.

We see amazing art work, read fantastical stories. We see loving, kind children just trying to be themselves in a society that wants them to 'fit in' quietly. So if you see a child 'kicking off' don't judge them. Don't judge the parents for letting it happen and if you are a parent – don't apologise for letting it happen. With very minimal changes the education system and society could make the lives of ND people much easier and we can all start with kindness and tolerance of difference.

Here are five things that challenge autistic brains – they look minor but if you think about them you will realise how current society excludes those with neuro diversity:

1. They feel anxiety about changes or unexpected events
2. They can be under or over sensitive to sound, smells, light, taste and touch (this is called sensory sensitivity)
3. They need time to process information, like questions or instructions
4. They face high levels of anxiety in social situations
5. They have difficulties communicating and interacting with others

Some amazing parents in Whimble have set up a support group called 'Cuppa and Chat'. If they can help, or you just want to talk things over, or perhaps join the group, contact **Jenny Walkers Sanders** on Facebook.



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# SPRING INTO YOUR SPRING CLEANING

I could never call myself a domestic goddess, particularly when it comes to cleaning. However, I don't know about you, but when the daffodils are blooming, the days are getting longer and I can open the windows and let the fresh air fill the house, then I'm up for a bit of Spring Cleaning.

Also, being a creative and resourceful soul who wants to live as naturally, and economically, as possible, making my own cleaning products is a no-brainer.

I started a few years ago when my teenage son was suffering from itchy skin and I seemed to have a stuffy nose and sore throat. After reading several articles concerning the dangers we have in our own homes regarding commercial household products, I began to create my own. For example, here are a few facts to get you thinking -

- *Household cleaning products are as bad for lung function as smoking, a recent study has shown. Øistein Svanes of the University of Bergen, Norway, carried out the research on more than 6,000 cleaners over 20 years. He found that women who worked as cleaners, or regularly used cleaning sprays, for 20 years were found to have lung decline equivalent to smoking 20 cigarettes a day over the same period. They were also 40 per cent more likely to develop asthma.*
- *An average home has 62 toxic chemicals. Many are in cleaning products such as laundry detergents, cleaning sprays, spray polish, fabric softener, dishwasher tablets, rinse aid etc.*
- *Since WW2, 72,000 synthetic chemicals have been produced. Obviously, these can be very useful. However, we are now discovering that many of these can be harmful to the environment and ourselves.*
- *Common damaging ingredients in our homes are - Chlorine, Detergents, Formaldehyde, Synthetic Fragrances, Triclosan, VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).*

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- 1-2 tbs of Liquid Castile Soap
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- 10 drops of Lemon Essential Oil/Onguard blend oil
- 5 drops of Grapefruit Essential Oil

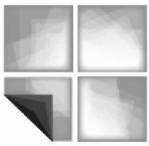
**METHOD** Simply add your ingredients to a 500ml glass spray bottle and shake heavily to evenly combine before using.

**Note\*** Take out the vinegar if you have granite countertops as it can cause etching or pitting. You can use 70% isopropyl alcohol or vodka instead if you'd like.

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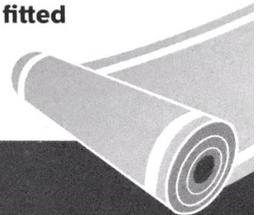
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# A Window on Whimble's Weather – January/February

Welcome to the second weather summary compiled from Whimble's two weather stations, one from Slewtton Crescent and the other from Cobden Lane, live streaming local weather data;

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

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

Historical data sets are also available through the same links.

**January** – Taking over from the warmest decade on record, 2021 started with 10 days of bitterly cold weather – the coldest being -5.6°C on 1st January. Although not as affected as much of the UK, Storm Christoph brought wet and windy weather to Whimble with over 22mm of rain on the 20th and sustained South Westerly winds of 55kph and gusts of 75kph on the same night. Christoph gave way to clearer, colder weather, before milder and wet again from the 26th. Total rainfall for January was 108mm, well above the South West average of 74mm, and temperatures were below normal.

**February** – Started mild, with daytime temperatures mostly over 10°C, but was transformed abruptly by storm Darcy (popularly referred to as “The Beast from the East 2”) bringing cold and snowy weather to much of the Country on the 7th. Fortunately, the storm was not as severe or prolonged as its 2018 predecessor, however, there was some disruption in the East of the UK. Whimble saw its lowest February temperatures of -2.8°C on the 9th and 11th and wettest day on the 14th with 13.7mm of rain, as mild air returned. Total rainfall for the month was 72.4mm, slightly above average. February ended with a period of dry stable weather with clear skies and cold nights. Recording sub-zero temperatures for the last three days of the month bringing heavy ground frosts but sunny, mild days and coinciding with a spectacular full **Snow** moon on the 27th.

2021	January	Date	February	Date
Warmest Day	13.7 °C	28/01/2021	14.2 °C	27/02/2021
Coolest Night	-5.6 °C	01/01/2021	-2.8 °C	09/02/2021
Windiest 24hrs	55 km/h	20/01/2021	43.5 km/h	18/02/2021
Wettest 24hrs	22.1 mm	20/01/2021	13.7 mm	14/02/2021
Av. Maximum	7.6 °C	N/A	9.7 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	1.6 °C	N/A	2.9 °C	N/A
Total Rain	107.7 mm	N/A	72.4 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	30.2 kWh/kW	80.3% of Av.	55.4 kWh/kW	105.0% of Av.

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

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2021 started with a flurry of calls from members in East Devon asking for our help with a variety of planning applications in their local area - including yours!

To support our charity in this core work, we use an experienced, independent consultant, who lives locally. In recent years, she has been instrumental in helping Devon CPRE become a respected consultee in the Planning process by producing strong objections to unsuitable development proposals - a service we offer free of charge to our members and member organisations.

Another benefit of becoming a member is access to our regular Planning Workshops, which we tailor to the needs of town and parish councils. For obvious reasons, in 2020 these had to be delivered virtually, but in 2021 we hope we will once again be able to get members together to discuss key Planning issues and how they can influence the outcome of individual proposals in their neighbourhood.

In recent years we have also commissioned two independent reports to assess Devon's real housing need - as opposed to the number of new homes the Government tells us we need to build here to meet national housing targets.

Our charity takes an active role in all matters relating to the environment and the countryside in Devon - collaborating with communities, holding the Government to account, taking part in consultations around proposed new planning reforms, and working in close partnership with other organisations with similar interests. As a charity, we rely solely on memberships, donations and legacies - as well as individual and family members, we now have over 60 town/parish councils and other organisations throughout Devon who are members and who can benefit from our planning advice.

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## **now the Whimple and District Gardening Club**

As mentioned in the last edition of the News, we would normally have started the year with our AGM. Due to the lockdown that was imposed at the beginning of January, this clearly was not possible. However, we did manage to hold a virtual AGM by circulating the relevant documents for agreement and hopefully we will be able to have a conventional meeting in 2022!

After the disappointments of last year, the Committee have agreed that it would not be fair on members who paid their subscriptions for 2020 to ask them to pay another for 2021. Therefore, for those of you who renewed your membership last year, we have agreed that this payment will be carried forward for 2021. However, if anyone feels they would like to make a donation to the Association, then it will be very gratefully received!

In this issue of the News, we would normally be promoting our Annual Plant Sale. As I am sure you will all appreciate, once again we will not be able to do this year. However, some of our members will be having some plants available so do look out to see what is available. Clearly, we will not have the quantity or variety of plants that we usually have, but there I am sure that whatever is available will be of the usual quality!

We are hoping that we will be able to stage our annual Flower and Craft Show this year which we are planning to hold on Saturday 14th August 2021. Fortunately, we have a schedule ready for printing and are now just waiting to see how things develop to see if this will be able to happen. Hopefully those of you who won cups at the 2019 Show have enjoyed admiring them for an extra year and are possibly looking forward to winning them again this year!

We do have plans for other events this year, but these will obviously depend on what venues will be open and when. It is unlikely that we will be able to organise anything before the end of June so we will be waiting to see what will be possible after that.

Finally, due to a problem we have had with our bank, we are have had to rethink the name of our organisation as our bank apparently has no information about us! As you can see we now have a new name. From henceforth we will be known as the Whimple and District Gardening Club. I will explain in the next issue.

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Hello my friends,

As I sit to write this we are days away from a sobering anniversary, one year to the day to our first lockdown. It is hard to believe how naïve most of us were back then as the virus gradually took hold of our country. Recently I came across an email I sent out to those on our churches email list as the situation spiralled towards the unthinkable. Here is an extract:

*'I write to you in the midst of a crisis, because, let's be honest, that is what it is.*

*As our prime minister pointed out this is the worst health threat in a generation, none of us have experienced anything like this before. In a very real sense, we are off the map. This virus poses a real danger to many of the most vulnerable people in our country and many other countries. New updates from local and national government and in our case the Church of England are coming out so fast it is hard to keep track of what is going on and how one should react, but it seems certain that things are going to get a lot worse before they get better.*

*Families are going to lose loved ones to this pandemic; an event that has been predicted for decades has arrived and, it seems, we are not prepared. We cannot change where we find ourselves, but we can change what happens from now on.*

*So, what can we do? To be honest, I can't give you an exact idea of how things are going to play out in the coming weeks and months, but here are a few of my thoughts: This virus reminds us of our shared humanity with all of God's people, it doesn't respect national boundaries, skin colour, gender, sexuality, class or religion. We truly are all in this together.*

*It also reminds us we are not immortal; life is a fragile and wonderful gift we should not take for granted and, we are not all powerful, this tiny organism is wreaking havoc around the globe and for all our ingenuity and science, at the moment at least, we seem powerless to stop it.*

*For now, we can start small in our own communities, ring our elderly neighbours regularly to make sure they are ok, help out that family whose breadwinner will have to work extra hours due to staff shortages, collect provisions for someone who has had to self-isolate, find creative ways to help the self-employed in our community who face financial hardships. Give what we have to spare and sometimes that which we do not.*

*Do not give in to fear. We can be a face of love and compassion and hope.*

*Eventually some sort of normal service will resume, it is not clear now how long that will take, but the disease will reduce, in all likelihood a vaccine will be developed and life will start to look more like it used to. The challenge will then be to not forget what we felt like right now!*

*If we hold on to this feeling and channel it, when this is over we can vow to change the world. What if this event became known in history as the year the human race woke up? What if this event helped us understand what it felt like to be frightened and helpless in the face of something we cannot control, an experience so many millions around the globe live with most of their lives - and we vowed to make it stop, not just here but everywhere. Around the globe, every day, thousands die from diseases and conditions for which cheap and simple cures exist and much of the world turns a blind eye because it is happening somewhere else. Well not today. Today, we are all vulnerable to this pandemic'*

Looking back on those words written hastily to try and reassure folks I am struck by many things:

1. I had no idea how bad things were going to get and for how long. Although we have been affected by the virus in this part of rural east Devon we have escaped relatively lightly compared to many inner cities where the death toll has been staggering.
2. I had no idea how awful the effect would be on so many people's mental health, this will be one of the things which lingers on for a long time when we have finally tamed this virus.

But also:

3. How amazingly the virus would redefine this village and parish, how remarkably people would rise to the occasion, how lights would be lit in the darkness by so many acts of simple human kindness. How folks would give and give and give and how many would benefit from that.

For me, as someone who believes in the defining power of love as the most powerful force in the universe, this has been the defining aspect of the last twelve months. As I pause on the anniversary of the first lockdown to remember in prayer those who have died, those who have been damaged and those who have struggled, I shall also give thanks for the rekindling of the power of communities to love their neighbour as themselves.

God bless.

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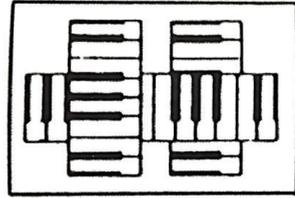
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In 2018 Exeter Historic Buildings Trust acquired the priory from Exeter City Council. With the assistance of the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the Trust repaired and reopened the buildings and established a busy programme of tours, performances and events.

Last summer we turned our attention to improving the garden, which we wanted to reflect the priory's history and monastic origins. Working with our dedicated team of garden volunteers, we decided to establish a modern medicinal garden, which would echo the both the monastic and Tudor history of the priory. Medicinal, or 'physick', gardens were common to monasteries for treating the ailments of the community, while Tudor gardens made extensive use of herbs for culinary, medicinal and decorative purposes. Once complete, it will be one of only two such gardens in Devon and Cornwall and we are excited about the new ways it will allow us to interpret medical, garden and monastic history. The Trust has secured a grant from the Finnis-Scott Foundation for the work, which will be starting as lockdown eases. We are always looking for new volunteers at the priory and we are especially keen encourage gardeners to join us.

We are also excited to welcome visitors back this Easter for outside tours of the priory and its environs. Our popular outside tours with resume on 4th April and will run every Sunday throughout the spring. All tours will of course be socially-distanced, with small tour groups of five people plus one of our knowledgeable guides. For more information about tours or to contact us about volunteering opportunities, visit our website at [www.nicholaspriory.com](http://www.nicholaspriory.com).

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So, after another national lockdown we happily welcomed all the children back to school on March 9th. Throughout the previous eight weeks of term, staff worked really hard to ensure children had access to lessons and activities. Teachers held Google Meets regularly with groups of children in their class alongside a range of supportive tasks. Online assemblies were not only held for children in school but also those at home.

Who would have believed what has happened in the last twelve months – it has definitely been a steep learning curve for us all! However, change can sometimes be for the better and I am sure that there are some things we will keep and continue with going into the future.

The building works taking place around the school have finally been completed and the buildings are looking much smarter now with new windows and cladding. We have also invested in some new interactive boards for the children in our younger classes – they are loving them. The PTA have been extremely busy organising apple tree pruning and the building of a willow structure over at our orchard site. They are also setting up a 'Bee Positive' walk around the village for the Easter holidays.

For the four weeks left of this term, we are focussing on social skills and supporting children emotionally as we acknowledge it has been a challenging time for them. All pupils will be involved in their own class Easter Egg hunts in the last week of term and on our final day all children will be dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate our World Book Day which we postponed so all children could participate and enjoy the thrill of reading.

We look forward to hopefully being able to hold some of our usual events and curriculum activities in the summer term – fingers crossed.

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# Election of Police Commissioner



On the 6th of May this year people will have the opportunity to vote for their choice of Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. This is an important post as it is the role for the provision of our policing.

The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2012 (all 116 pages of it) abolished the then Police Authorities and replaced them with a single Commissioner. Unlike Police Commissioners in the USA the holder of the post does not have any Policing powers and there are safeguards in the Act to ensure the operational independence of the Chief Constable in all matters in relation to the deployment of his or her resources and officers.

The Commissioner together with the Chief Constable has to draw up a Police and Crime Plan which reflects the Policing concerns of the public and on which the Chief Constable can be held to account. The Commissioner has to set the budget and determine the council tax precept. He or she has to appoint the Chief Constable and when necessary dismiss that person and also publish an annual report.

The Office of the Commissioner and those specific tasks are overseen by a Police and Crime Panel made up of local councillors. They have to approve the budget, the Police and Crime Plan and the appointment of a Chief Constable.

The Commissioner has to administer a separate fund designed for supporting victim support in all its forms together with safeguarding and some re-habilitation programmes. This requirement is laid out in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Code of Conduct.

The successful candidate will have to swear an oath of impartiality in the discharge of his or her stewardship of the role.

The vote itself on the day is based on the AV model (alternative vote) where a 2nd choice can be made. If a candidate doesn't get more than 50% in the first count the second choices of the lowest scoring candidate are also counted and so on until a candidate gets more than 50%.

To summarise the Police and Crime Commissioner is your directly elected representative regarding policing in your area and has a duty to ensure effective policing.

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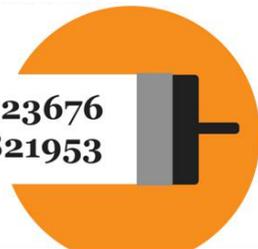
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750g New Potatoes  
300g Mushrooms [CUP]  
1kg Onions [WHITE]  
1 Red Pepper  
1 Yellow Pepper  
Spring Onion Bunch  
1kg Vine Tomatoes

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#### MEDIUM

2 Baby Gem Lettuce  
200g Beetroot Cooked  
500g Broccoli  
1kg Carrots [LOOSE]  
1 Cucumber  
1 Garlic Bulb [LARGE]  
200g Green Beans  
750g New Potatoes  
2 Jacket Potatoes  
300g Mushrooms [CUP]  
1kg Onions [WHITE]  
225g Mixed Salad Leaves  
1 Red Pepper  
1 Yellow Pepper  
Spring Onion Bunch  
1kg Vine Tomatoes  
1kg Bananas

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#### LARGE

1 Avocado  
2 Baby Gem Lettuce  
200g Beetroot Cooked  
500g Broccoli  
1kg Carrots [LOOSE]  
1 Cucumber  
1 Garlic Bulb [LARGE]  
200g Green Beans  
750g New Potatoes  
2 Jacket Potatoes  
300g Mushrooms [CUP]  
1kg Onions [WHITE]  
225g Mixed Salad Leaves  
1 Red Pepper  
1 Yellow Pepper  
Spring Onion Bunch  
1kg Vine Tomatoes  
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