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A new booking system is now in place - please only phone on the day you need help. You will not be able to book in advance without speaking to a clinician first.

From now on Whimple surgery will be closed to the public.

Our plan is to maintain access to doctors and nurses to help those who are medically unwell. We can only do this by putting measures in place to keep you and all the staff here as safe as possible.

Not on Facebook?

'Whimple What's On' is a very useful resource for keeping up to date with matters that effect our village. It is likely to become even more useful in the days, weeks and months ahead.

It is understandable that some people do not like, or want, to sign up to Facebook. However you don't need to. Simply google 'Whimple What's On' and let's all stay in touch.

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What's On In Whimble

With the restrictions on social gatherings in force, and to ensure the safety of those children still attending the school, the Victory Hall will be closed for all other purposes until it is deemed safe again.

This means that the following events advertised elsewhere in this magazine have been cancelled - or postponed:

Front Row Club, WI Meetings, Soup'n Sarnies

History Society and VPA Meetings,

The Annual Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

The Big Quiz for Hospiscare, Table Tennis Club

CommunityTheatre4All events - '4 Quartets', Bach Pilgrimage' and YCTFA

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Ed the Ed

This edition of the Whimble News is testament to the stamina and positive attitudes of both Bob and Sally in putting it together in an ever-changing world – one that we have never met before in all the years of this magazine – and I want to say ‘Thank you and well done’ to them for completing such a challenging task. ‘What’s on in Whimble’ is a blank sheet of paper so very easy to read this time! It is very sad to realise that all the well-planned meetings and events that would normally be so well attended in this great village of ours, are now destined to be cancelled or rescheduled for happier times.

It has been heart-warming to see how the village has pulled together in these unique times – times that none of us have experienced before; we had a tremendous team effort in creating the village contact list – both in the work to start it, and then to ensure all the village is covered with a blanket of help. People keep saying how they love this village and how it has coped with all these new demands that the coronavirus has put on us all. I would just add my favourite mantra which is only too true in these strange times – ‘Ask not what your village can do for you, but what you can do for your village’ and we have seen that in great quantities over the last few weeks – well done Whimble!

We have a wonderful writing challenge in this edition, started by Richard and Julia Green – see page 14 – what a great opportunity for all budding wordsmiths. I think that I might enter several of my editorials under the title of ‘General fiction based on a strange and different view of the world’ sponsored by red wine and local cider.

On page 40, we have an invitation to sing which is another great opportunity to do something very different to boost our spirits in these times.

We are sending this edition to the printers with a minimum of proofreading as that would have caused potential exposures to the virus and for the sake of speed – we know that there will be some typos in here but are we worried? This is Whimble!

With forced closure of the village pubs, and the church, the shop is now the centre of the village, thanks to Jenny and Mark. I will continue to exhibit the very best of my customer care skills until such time as the situation becomes vulnerable for a silly old man. Until then, please continue to care for each other, offer help where you can, and I look forward to celebrating a clean bill of health for the UK with you in a few weeks. Take care and ask for help if you need it.

What we will be doing with the News, as we won’t be able to distribute a paper copy to households, will be to create a link to the ‘What’s on in Whimble’ Facebook page and have a website for News-like pages. We will have a reduced print run and will ask Jenny and Mark if we can leave some copies at the shop.

If you would like to contribute to whatever we will have in the next few months, then please direct your articles to either me or Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 12th May – thank you!

EdH



It is difficult to predict what will happen with the Coronavirus. We intend to stay open for as long as possible. We have worked very hard to keep a good stock of produce and we will continue to try to keep supplies going and to keep our staff and customers as safe as possible.

If you don't normally use the Village shop, we welcome you and hope to see you back in the future. If you are a regular user we thank you for your support.

Looking forward, we are still working hard to improve things at the shop and, in the near future, we are hoping to replace the shop floor as there are currently some areas of damage that are becoming increasingly harder to cover.

To allow us to do this the shop will need to be closed for a week and, as soon as a date has been agreed, we will let you know.

The book-cycle in the shop is still going well, with good donations being forwarded onto Whimple Scouts. The aim of this is to allow people to swap books or to take a book to read. We try to keep the area tidy by keeping books in crates, in single layers, for easy access. We would politely ask people not to deposit lots of books as this makes the area messy and unusable.

Post Office

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Mark, Jenny and team

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Coronavirus explained

There is a short youtube video that explains coronavirus and its effects very clearly. Search youtube for 'coronavirus explained' and look for this video.

With thanks to Kathy McLauchlan



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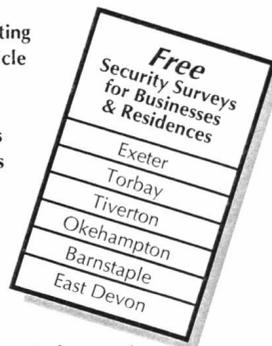
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Village Week

Important Announcement

Sadly, we could think of no sensible way to go ahead with Village Week or Village day in its usual form this July. So we have decided to **cancel** Whimple Village Week this year. Here's hoping we can have a magnificent Village party when this is all over.

However, that doesn't mean we are just going to put our feet up this summer. Social distancing/isolation and lockdown may keep us apart from family and friends any is could cause significant distress. There are already fantastic efforts going on to make sure people are supported in their homes. Our focus will be on maintaining good mental health and doing what we can to make sure we all still feel socially connected.

On Easter Sunday at 11.00am, we are organising a whole village sing-a-long. More information and a song sheet is available on pages 40 and 41.

Some of you will have seen Hilary Nowill's craft video posted on Whimple What's On. More will be coming. Let's decorate the Village!

I'm busily planting seeds to grow tomatoes, herbs, veg and a few flowers which can be collected, when circumstances permitt, by anyone who would like to have a go at growing them on.

Keep an eye on Whimple What's On - more ideas are in the pipeline. In due course, quizzes, puzzles and Treasure hunts by foot, cycle and car would be good.

We would love others to join in with their ideas. Get in touch (**Louise 371433**) or add your ideas to WWO. Let's think outside the box and keep ourselves sane.

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Louise Walmsley

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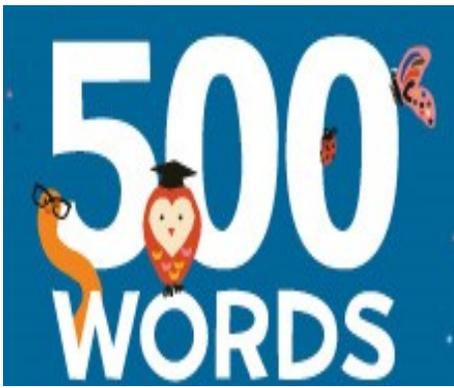
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Richard and Julia Green are launching a short story writing competition in line with BBC Radio 2 500 words. This initiative is a response to the current situation and a challenge for both young and not so young alike to keep creative juices flowing!

There will three categories:

- Category A - Under 10 (on 01/09/2020)
- Category B - Under 14 (on 01/09/2020)
- Category C - Over 14 (on 01/09/2020) - including adult entries

Learning pack and judging criteria can be found on the BBC 500 Word 2020 website. This will particularly provide brilliant resources for younger entrants. There will be an impartial judging panel (already booked).

Closing Date: Thursday 30th April 2020

Whimpe Victory Hall



Sadly, due to current circumstances, the Victory Hall Trustees voted unanimously at a meeting held on 23rd March that:

'Whimpe Victory Hall be closed to all regular and occasional users, with the exception of School and Preschool (due to the need to support Key Workers), this will include the hire of the outside areas except for car parking. The Hall will be available if required for emergency use by the community. That the officers of the Trustee committee ensure the cleanliness and maintenance of the Hall for the foreseeable future with full (telephone) meetings with all Hall trustees if significant decisions are needed.'

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Whimble Neighbourhood Plan - Update

What is a neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood plans are led by authorised local community organisations (Parish or Town Councils) rather than the local council's planning department. This means that community representatives write the plan themselves (or ask others to assist in the writing of the plan, but under their control).

Parish/town councils preparing plans have the opportunity to engage properly with the wider community right from the beginning of the plan preparation process, to make sure it genuinely represents the range of wants and needs in the local area.

A neighbourhood plan is a planning framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It is about the use and development of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, heritage and transport and green wedges).

There are three main stages to producing a neighbourhood plan

Stage 1 (which has been completed for the Whimble NP) – Getting established

The first step for parish/town councils or prospective neighbourhood forums wishing to prepare a neighbourhood plan is to submit their proposed neighbourhood area to the local planning authority for designation. Due to legislative changes it was possible to change the NP boundary to be the full Whimble Parish Boundary. This was previously declined by EDDC when making the original NP boundary application. A revised request was therefore made by the clerk to EDDC in 2020 to change to the full Parish Boundary for the NP boundary and this has now been accepted.

Cllr S Randall Johnson is the lead for the Whimble NP supported by Cllr A McArthur as her deputy lead. Sara will head up the Overview NP Committee and the other members of the committee will be the Chairs of each of the four steering groups (see below).

Stage 2 – Preparing the plan

Preparing to write a neighbourhood plan includes publicity, development of local partnerships, community consultation and engagement and the building of an evidence base. This will inform the development of a vision and/or aims for the plan. These in turn will inform the formulation of policy and, where appropriate, site allocations. Community engagement and consultation will be necessary at all stages of the plan-making process.

The Parish Councillors held a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) committee meeting on Monday 2nd March. Councillors were pleased to see the level of support and

agreed to increase the number of members of public and the POW+R in each of the steering groups to include all those who expressed an interest. This will ensure the process can move forward more quickly. The Terms of Reference for the NP will be amended by resolution in the next Parish Meeting.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of each of the Steering Groups are shown below. For clarity the numbers of MOP shown below includes some POW+R members.

Natural Environment and Boundary (Protection Policies/Green Wedge, Building line, Development within the Parish Boundary, Flood risk and prevention), Community Resilience	Infrastructure (Parking, School, Speeding, Bus and Rail services, Broadband, Utilities)	Climate, Health and Leisure (Sports clubs, Play Areas, Climate/Green Policies, Fuel Poverty, Ex Service personnel provision, Dr Surgery/health provision/needs, Cycle Routes)	Economy (Local Business, Church, Victory Hall)
Chaired by Cllr P Sibley and supported by Cllr S Randall Johnson and 4 MOP	Chaired by Cllr J Griffiths and supported by Cllr A McArthur and four MOP.	Chaired by Cllr R Lawrence and supported by Cllr Mrs S Walker/Cllr P Walsh and four MOP	Chaired by Cllr Mrs D Dearden and supported by Cllr B Bloomfield and three MOP

It is planned that a meeting is held in late March where Councillors and members of the Steering Groups will be invited to attend a launch Meeting. This will include an overview of the NP process and a ‘where we are to date’ session and allow members of the steering groups to meet with each other. After the overview the Chairs of each steering Group will gather their group members together to develop and move forward the thinking and planning process that has been undertaken to-date

Resident involvement

Once the steering groups are established there will be many events and opportunities for all residents to feed into the NP process to ensure as many views are captured as possible. Any resident who would like to feed information in advance of the open meetings can email the Parish Clerk, Kevin Finch, at whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com who will pass any comments onto the respective steering groups. The NP survey results from last year, which are also on the Parish Website for all to see (www.whimpleparishcouncil@weely.com), will also help the steering groups understand the views of those residents who responded.

Feedback from the various meetings and events will help to lead up to the first draft of the Whimple NP. This will be openly shared and from further comments and feedback a final Whimple NP will be ready to move into stage 3

Stage 3 – Bringing the plan into force

The proposed neighbourhood plan will be submitted to the local planning authority, which will check that proper procedures have been followed in its preparation and that any necessary assessments accompany the plan. Following a period of publicity, the local planning authority will arrange for an independent examination. It will also organise the public referendum, subject to the plan meeting legal requirements.

Continued overleaf

By when?

The Councillors would like to see the NP brought to completion as soon as it is possible. It would be good to see the plan completed by the 31 December 2020, or at the very least be at referendum stage and be finalized within the current financial year ending 31 March 2021. The timescales will very much depend on the speed and efficiency of the respective steering groups but there is an appetite to 'get the job done'.

The Parish Councillors thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions at this stage please do not hesitate to contact
Kevin Finch, Whimble Parish Council Clerk

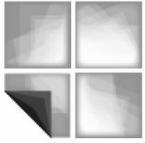
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To make things worse, we cannot go to see those we love and to hold them, and we cannot even kiss them goodbye.

How did we come to this? Over the last decade I have read several articles and watched TV shows where various diseases had been predicted to cause this sort of pandemic but, like most of us, I had thought it impossible. Those sort of threats, like the giant asteroid or the super volcano, seemed like mildly entertaining TV, but nothing I ever lost sleep over. Yet, here we are - the unthinkable has become a new and awful reality. As I watch the drama unfold, it seems this virus has the power not just to harm or kill us, but to bring out both the best and the worst of humanity: selflessness or selfishness, fear or courage, anger or love.

A country which six months ago was in the grip of an epidemic of obesity is now in turmoil because of the fear of food shortages. A continent which six months ago was desperately trying to remain united is now full of countries shutting their borders and, here within the UK, we have anger towards British people who have become unwanted migrants in their own country.

As a church we also face a terrible crisis. Many of our congregation fall within the groups that are most vulnerable, many are lonely or isolated - yet a big part of the support and fellowship we were able to offer, we have been compelled to stop. No amount of phone calls or emails make up for our lost services and coffee mornings etc., and the warmth of real human contact. When we are perhaps needed the most, we feel helpless. Meanwhile, this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the turmoil and suffering this virus seems able to inflict.

But here we are, there is no turning back the clock. We cannot change where we find ourselves, but we can change what happens from now on. We are now all history makers; we can shape the way this village looks back on this crisis.

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 that 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.

But it will end. We can see from China that a peak will be reached, after which, things will improve and a vaccine will eventually be found. Until then we will only ride out this storm if we work together.

For now, we can start small in our own communities, by finding creative ways to love our neighbours so that not one person feels abandoned or forgotten.

Wake every morning and think 'today I will make a difference', and then carry that through in whatever way you can, no matter how small.

This is a defining point for our country. This is something historians will teach for many generations and we will be judged by how we reacted. I wonder what their verdict will be: selflessness or selfishness, fear or courage, anger or love.

For now, do not feel embarrassed to admit you are afraid. There are volunteer groups who can deliver essential supplies and collect medicines, our wonderful village shop, our pubs, the team at the Cranbrook Pharmacy and so many others are working hard to keep the community safe and well.

See you soon, God bless you

Rev Marc (01404 822104 marckerslake@hotmail.co.uk)



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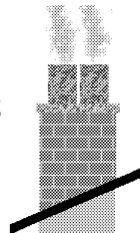
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‘An apple a day keeps the doctor away’. We all should be OK in Whimble, as there are plenty of orchards about, but if only it could be that easy? At the time of writing,, at the beginning of March, there is a lot of concern about the coronavirus. We have our own village surgery and, down the road, the Coleridge Medical Centre. However, you could argue that, in these times, it would be useful to have beds available in Ottery St Mary Hospital, to have 100,000 Doctors and Nurses nationwide (which are already needed), especially with issues of bed blocking, which would free up space at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. In addition, there is clearly much need for more cash in the social care budget as a result of drastically reduced funding by the Government since 2010.

The POW&R group has other issues. The health of our village and how our village is going to feel, to look like, to maintain its own identity. Five of our team have been giving evidence to the Planning Inspector at the hearing stage of the Cranbrook Local plan. This is important, because of the housing estate being proposed east of Cobden’s Lane, within our parish, and a huge estate of houses near to Hand and Pen. All of this is contrary to the wishes and desires of villagers, and that of Rockbeare and the Cranbrook Town Council members.

We have all put our case to the Inspector, including citing the importance of the Localism Act 2011. It has been stated, *“That any scheme protects surrounding villages from development and that life can remain distinct and be separate sustainable communities, in accordance with the principles of good Town and Country Planning and the will of its ‘local’ people. This places ‘localism’ at the heart of developing neighbourhood and master plans”*. POW&R group is really making its presence felt at these hearings.

It was agreed by Cabinet, of East Devon District Council at their meeting on 8th January 2020, that the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan Area should be extended to cover the whole Parish. This is good news, although time is against us in protecting the western flank of a Parish against the developer’s powerful influence on Cranbrook New Town. It was created on the principle of being a ‘developer led’ New Town.

POW&R has learnt that there will now be a significant delay to the decision-making of the Cranbrook Plan, owing to some issues regarding the viability of the development. According to POW&R Group Secretary, Helen Badley; *“It would appear that there are some quite fundamental discrepancies regarding viability between the Developers and EDDC.*

Of the 60 points that were raised as issues at a meeting between the parties on 2nd Feb 2020, they only managed to reach agreement on ONE of them. Consequently, the Inspector decided to postpone the hearing session on viability and has requested more work to be undertaken to iron out the areas where there is disagreement”

POW+R Group Campaigning

POW+R Group has also conducted a major leaflet campaign on a proposed development of **land west of Gribble Lane for 200 homes**, adjacent to the Grange Hotel (Planning Application Reference 19/1798/MOUT). This land was designated as Open Countryside in the Rockbeare Neighbourhood Plan. Part of this site is designated as SANGS (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces) land, contrary to the written policy of the Cranbrook Master Plan. The idea of this land classification is to, not only provide recreational space and open agricultural land, but, more significantly, also to provide a buffer-zone between surrounding villages, linked to the natural landscape. It is very clear that the developers are endeavouring to build on this land, which is totally unacceptable behaviour from the developers. Critically, of 104 comments/letters made to EDDC, none supported the applications.

I think this spells out categorically that the local people have said “NO”.

This appears to be a significant setback for the Cranbrook developers and could take a minimum of 6 months to resolve. It looks as though this will delay any decision-making on the Gypsy and Travellers site, for which there is another hearing date planned. The good news is that this delay gives us more time to develop our strategy of objection down the line.

The Parish Council is in the process of formulating the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committees. It is my understanding that each of the four groups has a member of the POW&R Group, which should make a significant presence and be able to move the process forward. The target date for completion is the 3rd December 2020.

Please let us know what matters to you, so that we can more effectively represent your views. Our key remit is to maintain a three-way communication flow between villagers, the Parish Council and the POW&R Group.

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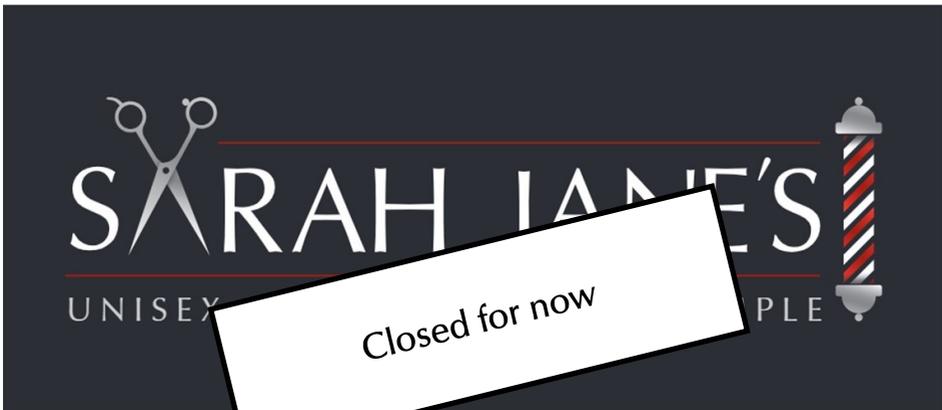


To protect our village, as a sustainable community and fight to halt the potential coalescence between Rockbeare and Whimble, from the ever expanding Cranbrook New Town /Exeter Suburb.

We also need funds to keep our group being a vital part of the community.

Lastly, we need to protect our heritage, especially our orchards – we may well need them as the year pans out.

Alan Lascelles - Press and Publicity, POW&R Group



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It brings me great sadness to announce that Sarah Jane's has closed her doors. I've tried my very best to implement extra measures to keep every one safe but it's come to a stage now that the safest thing to do is to close my doors for a short while. I'll be back stronger than ever once all this is over as we all will. We all need to stick together help one another and do our very best to try and fight this awful virus once and for all. The sooner we do this the sooner our world can go back to normal.

Sarah Jane



Friday 8th May 2020

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE 75)

The 8th May 1945 was VE day, the day that meant an end to nearly six years of war that had cost the lives of millions. When fighting with Germany came to an end, it was the beginning of the end of the conflict and cause for great celebration, albeit also a time for reflection.

We had planned to mark 75th anniversary of that great day with a celebration at the Victory Hall but, unfortunately those plans have had to be put on hold. We had arranged for original WW2 army vehicles and WW2 memorabilia, . Winston Churchill was also going to join us! For children there would have been costumes of the era (tin hats, uniform hats and jackets) to try on, courtesy of South West Airfield Heritage Trust. We intended serving authentic spam or jam sandwiches as served in the 1940's. There was to be live music, a bar and a BBQ. But all is not lost! We have postponed the event not cancelled it. Watch this space for a revised celebration at a later date.

Maria Wallis

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Hospiscare impacts and helps over 200 people every day throughout Exeter, East and Mid Devon. Day Centres and nurses caring for those in the last stages of their illness are visited in their own homes. It costs over £700/day for every person who stays in the Hospice. A new specialist bed costs over £5000.

We hope to raise £5000 this year so please be as generous as you can if you feel you can donate online. Go to either: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nick-jarrold3 or www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teresa-jarrold2 or call round to see us at Rumble Ridge in The Green, Whimble.

We will be holding various fundraising events, when circumstances permit, and will let you know via Social media and this page...come along and support us if you can.

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Nick Jarrold

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The Parish Council does not hold information on vulnerable or at risk residents in the Parish and under patient confidentiality policies this information cannot be shared with the Parish Council from other bodies. The best way of identifying and supporting residents who are at risk is by members of the public supporting their neighbours. The volunteer scheme that has been introduced in the village and widely published in social media and the local shop is a fantastic example of the community spirit in the village and will be supported by the Parish Clerk and Councillors.

The Parish Council will use social media, The Parish Website and the Parish Notice Board to keep residents updated as much as possible. However with the ever changing situation the best and most updated sources of information can be found at the:-

NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the

Gov.Uk website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Following Govt. advice, all Planning Meetings have been cancelled and the start Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings have been postponed until further notice. It is likely that full Parish Council meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting will also be cancelled. Any new planning applications received will be posted on the Parish website :

<https://whimpleparishcouncil.weebly.com/>

and Whimple What's On. Any resident wishing to make Councillors aware of comments can email the Parish Clerk but residents would still need to send their own comments/objection to EDDC planning in the usual manner.

This is clearly a very uncertain and ever-changing period. We are fortunate to have such a good community spirit in the Parish and with everyone pulling together, helping individuals at risk and supporting our excellent local business we will get through this difficult time.

The Parish clerk can still be contacted in all the usual ways shown below and will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible to any questions raised

Kevin Finch

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Website <https://whimpleparishcouncil.weebly.com/>

The Parish Clerk is part time and emails/telephone messages will normally be responded to within 72 hours of receipt Monday to Friday

From your District Coun

The guidance on coronavirus issued by central government has now been reinforced by strict instructions that are so important for the safety of all of us that they bear repeating:

For the next three weeks we all must stay at home except for shopping for basic necessities, daily exercise, any medical need and travelling to and from **essential** work.

Anyone who is over 70, and has an underlying health condition or is pregnant, must avoid face-to-face interaction with friends and family.



It is really important that everyone continues to protect themselves by washing their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Make sure you cough or sneeze into a tissue, put it in a bin and wash your hands.

Anyone who shows symptoms of a continuous cough and/or a high temperature is being asked to self-isolate for 7 days. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

- If you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started. See ending isolation for more information
- If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- If anyone else in the household starts showing symptoms, they can leave 7 days after their symptoms started. People who remain well can leave after 14 days.

14 days is the maximum incubation period for coronavirus; people who remain well after 14 days are unlikely to be infectious.

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees and above) – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

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Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible

Only if symptoms become worse should you use the NHS 111 service. To ensure the phone service is readily available to those who need it, where possible people should use the 111 website rather than calling.

If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111.

For a medical emergency dial 999.

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Waitrose: first hour of opening is for vulnerable people and those that look after them

Sainsbury's: Vulnerable- Monday Wednesday Friday 8.00am-9.00am

NHS and social care (ID required) - every morning mon - sat 7.30-8.00am

M&S: The first hour of every Monday and Thursday will be dedicated to older and vulnerable people.

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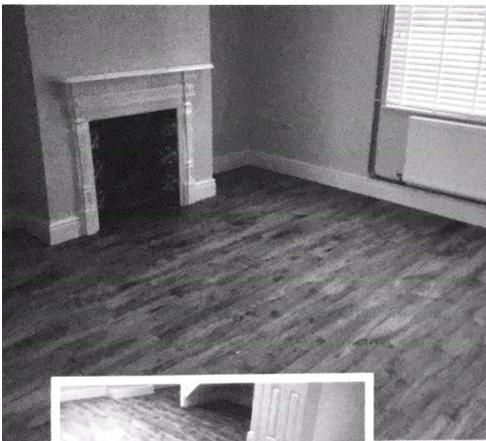
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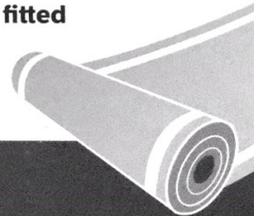
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The cricket ground is an open, community space in the village and is already used by dog walkers and runners throughout the year. We hope that people can take advantage of the space in the coming weeks while following the appropriate guidance on social distancing. We will do what we can to keep the outfield cut and maintained when the weather improves. We'll keep everyone updated on social media, so if you haven't done so already please follow us on Facebook.

If anyone has a use for the clubhouse or ground that would benefit the community during these times, please contact me at jameswoollam@gmail.com or on 07989 234372.

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James Woollam Chairman, Whimble Cricket Club.



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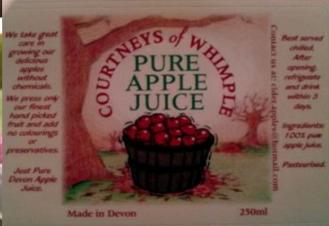
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Hopefully they are all tunes we know so no accompanying music needed.

Everyone is receiving this leaflet so you will not be alone. How wonderful if we were all to raise our voices as a community choir!

We hope this will make everyone in the village feel a bit lighter in these strange times and forge a sense of connection.

If one can't hold a note but will be singing in my tuneless warble so would encourage you to sing strong and loud – don't be shy.

Hilary Nowill



What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colours of the
rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking
hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
"I love you"

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll never know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world



You are my sunshine

You are my sunshine,
my only sunshine
You make me happy
when skies are grey
You'll never know
dear,
how much I love you
Please don't take my
sunshine away

The other night dear,
as I lay sleepin'
I dreamed, I held you
by my side

When I awoke dear, I
was mistaken
And I hung my head
and cried

You are my sunshine,
my only sunshine
You make me happy
when skies are grey
You'll never know
dear,
how much I love you
Please don't take my
sunshine away



Somewhere over the rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high,
There's a land that I heard of
Once in a lullaby.

Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue,
And the dreams that you dare
to dream
Really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds
are far
Behind me.

Where troubles melt like lemon
drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me.

Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly.

Birds fly over the rainbow.
Why then, oh why can't I?

If happy little bluebirds fly
Beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why
can't I?



Bring me Sunshine

Bring me sunshine in your smile, bring me laughter all a while
In this world where we live there should be more happiness
So much joy you can give to each brand new bright tomorrow
Make me happy through the years never bring me any tears
Let your arms be as warm as the sun from up above
Bring me fun bring me sunshine and bring me love



Here we are at the end of another term – the time sure does fly! Despite it being a rather wet one, we have still managed to fit an awful lot in.

We have had a number of visitors including:

- someone with a space dome to support the older children learning about earth and space;
- the local curate Marc, fielded and answered a number of questions from our year 3 and 4 children;
- and Beech and Willow Class visited Otterton Mill and walked to Budleigh Salterton to support their geography learning about rivers.

Our year 6 children are busying practising their drama production of 'Gold' to be performed in the last week of term.

The school continues to welcome and appreciate the time and dedication of a number of volunteers, from hearing readers, help run a science club and our popular 'Open the Book' assemblies, we value them all.

As you are aware, like all schools, Whimble closed its doors on 20th March for the majority of pupils. At present we are open to support parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response. (This may change in the future). These include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors.

It feels particularly strange at the moment not knowing when we will all be back together again. We will continue to be in contact with you all in various ways, just not in person.

Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

It is very important to remember why we are being asked to close schools - the greater the spread can be reduced the sooner everyone will be able to go back to our 'normal' routine.

Please limit the contact your children are having with others, no playing in large groups, particularly inside houses. Use our wide open spaces, chat to others but keep a distance apart. Just remember we have to all be responsible to ensure the transmission of the virus is reduced.

All the school staff wish you all the best. Take care, look after yourselves and your neighbours.

School Website:

There is a new page on the parents tab with general support with mental health, finance, etc and useful places to go for advice. I will add to this as information is sent through.

<https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/parents/266488>

Carole Shilston, Head Teacher

Dogs Trust Visit



Whimple School has just had a visit from Dogs Trust which is a company spread around the country. They dedicate their time to helping dogs find homes as well as providing helpful information for dog carers. They look after all sorts of dogs and provide them with all they care they need until they can find a suitable home for them.

In the assembly they talked about how to give your dogs the best care possible and about the essentials if you're planning to get a dog. Another thing they also focused on was stroking a dog in public and how you need to check with the owner if the dog is friendly. The lady who came enforced the children of Whimple School with useful information to help them care and know about the positives and negatives of dogs.

The assembly was led by a dog expert who first showed us a PowerPoint which explained what Dogs Trust does and what effect it has on the species of dogs. When the intriguing PowerPoint ended the lady learnt all about Whimple's dogs. She was surprised about how much we already knew and was greatly impressed. The assembly definitely got people thinking about dogs and that they are not just there to be cute and cuddly. At the end of the assembly the children were given a leaflet

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Beech and Willow class river trip

Beech and willow went on an educational school trip to Otterton River. First, we went into a class room and a lady called Kate told us about the new plans for the construction of the river. Next we went into the old Mill and learnt about the flour production project which has been running for around 1,000 years. A man called Chris who helped run the production lead us around the mill and told us about the creatures who lived in it. We found it very interesting and before we knew we were being given a speech about beavers where some of the children got to have the pleasure of eating and paddling with their hands like beavers.

Then the walk begun down the river where we walked to the mouth of Budleigh Salterton. It was an enjoyable walk and they were sad to see the coach because they knew the day was over, but they were still happy that they had had a good day.

By Sofia, Toby, Dulcie, Elliot and Martha

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Space Dome

Key Stage 2 had a visit from the space dome science lab this month for an interactive show on light and space. The children amazed us with their knowledge and questions. Great fun for everyone.



Ash Class

Children in Ash Class have been learning all about Chinese New Year. They have been learning many facts and information, like how each year is named after an animal and why and how Chinese people celebrate this festival. Activities included making masks, Chinese lanterns, learning how to use chopsticks and then actually getting to try some noodles with the chopsticks! They also produced a Chinese dance. All of this is helping the children to write a non-fiction report to bring all they have learned together.

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As mentioned in the last edition of the News, our AGM was held on Monday 27th January 2020 and was another very well attended meeting. Once again we were able to reflect on a very successful and very enjoyable year. The only changes to the principal Committee Officers was the position of Minute Secretary which now rests in the very capable hands of Donna Baker and the position of Membership Secretary has been taken on by Andy Bratt. We were also very pleased to welcome Linda Arscott as a Committee Member.

The VPA continues to flourish and our late Chairman, John Shepherd, would no doubt be delighted with its continuing success. With a number of interesting events planned, it looks like we are all set for another busy year!

Our first event this year was on Sunday 1st March which was a coach trip to the Forde Abbey Plant Fair and Gardens. Unfortunately due to the weather preceding the event, not all the areas of the gardens were accessible but, nevertheless, it was an enjoyable trip for those who were able to go.

This was followed on Friday 13th March with a talk from Brian Carlson on 'All Aspects of Fuchias'. This was a very well illustrated talk giving us valuable information on the propagation and growing of this very popular plant. No doubt we will see the results of this with some excellent examples in this year's flower show in August!

Our major fund raiser for the year, our Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, was planned for Saturday 16th May in the Village Hall but coronavirus has intervened.

There was a typo in the last edition of the News and this time I have made sure the typist had the correct information! This is a well established and well supported event on the Whimple calendar and hopefully we will have the same support this year. We aim to provide the usual wide range of plants so get there on time to get the best bargains! Hopefully the spring weather will arrive in time for us to bring on the large array of plants we try and have on offer. The funds raised from this event go towards the ever increasing cost of staging the Annual Flower and Craft Show.

Our annual Flower and Craft Show is still planned for Saturday 8th August 2020. We have now finalised all the Classes for this year's Show and we intend to have the Show Schedule available at the Plant Sale if not before. For the Village Challenge this year the subject will be any Model made from flower pots. This is a great opportunity to use up all those old plant pots. The sculpture should not exceed six foot in height and be reasonably robust. We hope that this will encourage some very creative exhibits!

We look forward to seeing you at all of our events and are keeping our fingers crossed that the coronavirus doesn't cause any problems.

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It is also my birthday as it happens, which I share year for year with that day. My mother never let me forget it, saying it meant she missed the best party ever!



Both anniversaries are reason enough to ring the bells, which we had planned do here in Whimble together with others across the country.

However circumstances have intervened.

“Bells in cathedrals, churches and other locations were due to ring out at 7pm in a collective celebration of peace. The sound of bells is deeply rooted in British culture, providing the soundtrack to historic moments – calling us to pray, to work, to arms, to celebrate and, in times of crisis, to come together. Perhaps this year they will ring when we are rid of Covid-19. Who knows?

On a personal note, if my birthday has to be postponed I shall just have to be 74 for a bit longer!

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The Ottery St Mary Food Bank

Following a decision to operate a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' in our office at Build Consultants Ltd in the run up to Christmas 2019, we have decided to set up a regular collecting point for the Ottery St Mary Food Bank.

We would like to thank those in the village who donated to our 'Reverse Advent Calendar' initiative after reading about it on Facebook. The idea being that each day in Advent, we would add an item to the food bank box instead of opening a flap on an advent calendar to receive an item, such as chocolate, wine, cheese or even socks!

The Ottery St Mary Food Bank are very grateful for the three boxes of food that we delivered to them and have provided the following information regarding the scheme being operated in the town:

You will be aware that poverty is a very real issue in our society, especially in the current financial situation. Church leaders and representatives from statutory agencies in the town have commented on incidents of food crisis amongst individuals and families, and the need to establish some kind of emergency provision for these people. Members of Churches Together in Ottery (CTIO) decided to take the initiative and launch a food bank in the town. We operate as follows:

- The bank only deals in non-perishable food, but with a variety such that it will provide a balanced diet.
- Churches in the town host collection points. An additional box is located in Roberts Hardware. Members of the community are invited to deliver specific contributions to these points.
- Church leaders and representatives of agencies in the town will be provided with vouchers that entitle the bearer to food sufficient for their household for 3 days. They or their staff will give vouchers to people who they consider are in crisis with regard to food.
- The Food Bank will be open at The URC in Jesu Street, Ottery, on Friday afternoons from 1.30 to 2.30pm. *Voucher* holders will be able to redeem their vouchers between those times.
- We also provide vouchers to collect fresh fruit and vegetables from Otter Produce in the Square and Fuel Key top ups from McColls opposite the Church. This service depends on cash donations from the public.

Chris l'Anson for Churches Together in Ottery
osmfoodbank@gmail.com

If you would like to contribute towards the food bank, please drop your items in to Build Consultants Ltd at The Hive, School Hill, Whimble – opposite the doctor's surgery - during office hours. The following lists the items that they would be very grateful to receive:

Food Collected:

- **Tins:** meat, fish, soup, vegetables (garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn) potatoes, spaghetti, fruit, rice/sponge puddings, custard.
- **Cartons:** long life milk and fruit juice.
- **Packets:** rice, noodles, cereals, tea bags, sugar, biscuits. Instant: soup, mash, noodles/pasta in sauce, savoury rice, custard.
- **Jars:** coffee, pasta sauce

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For our meeting in January, Natalie Andrews from Exmouth showed us 'The Cleverness of Scarves'. She was a very pleasant and lively lady, who along with a friend, used three of our members as models and demonstrated how to match coloured scarves with what they were wearing. She also brought along numerous (but expensive!) scarves for sale, but I don't think anyone bought one!

Our post-Christmas lunch on the 22nd was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed as always. The food at the Blackhorse was excellent and very good value. As usual, our thanks go to Jane Clements for her very efficient organisation in getting 31 of us to select our menu in good time and giving us a reminder on the day.

At our February meeting, Paul Steer from 'Lily Warne Wood' described her 'Journey as a Shepherdess'. Paula once again entertained us with stories of her life with the sheep – it would seem some of them are more family friends than animals! She knows all of her flock of 60 rare breed Dartmoor Grey Face sheep by name and some of them have been producing lambs up to the age of 7 or 8! She said she wasn't a vegetarian but couldn't ever bring herself to eat lamb! No doubt she will come along to make us laugh again in the future.

We entered a team for the County Quiz on the 15th February, this time held at Clyst St Mary. We came 5th out of the 15 teams that entered so a very good effort – well done ladies, one day you never know we might win! Whimble provided and served the refreshments, so our thanks to all the ladies who made cakes and those that helped on the day.

We held a Social Skittles evening at the New Inn on 6th March. We decided it would be a good idea to start with a buffet supper at 6.30pm and play afterwards. This seemed to work much better, so perhaps will be the norm from now on. The evening provided 14 of us with much needed exercise after the winter and was great fun as always, if not quite professional! I will organise another one in perhaps a couple of months.

At our meeting in March, Louise Walmsley will describe to us 'The Origins of Whimble'. This is an 'Open' meeting, so hopefully a number of the local inhabitants will join us for this most interesting subject, followed by light refreshments - all proceeds going to the Victory Hall refurbishment fund.

As 2020 is Whimble WI's Centenary (WOW!) we will begin our celebrations at a special Garden Party at Yellands Farm on the 14th July, followed by a trip to tour Buckingham Palace in September. A commemorative tree planting will also be organised possibly for late October, and who knows what else! Watch this space.

For more information on Whimble WI, please contact **Marilyn Mills** on 01404 821860.

Barbara Ackland

Whimble History Society



SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU LAUGH!

Amongst the History Society Archives there are lots of items that can bring a smile to your face, or make you laugh out loud. One such item is a pamphlet by 'Jan Stewer' about the trials and tribulations of dairy farmers. An extract is reproduced below, with more to follow next time.

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All cowsheds mus' be furnished in a proper manner with aisy cheers and a sofa, so's the cows can rest comferable arter meals. A pianner or orgin shude be pervided if the varmer or eether of his chaps can play 'em. If not, there shude be a grannyfone or the wireless, as cows is very partial to music.

Ev'ry cow mus' be pervided with a looking-glass, to see if her horns is on straight. Powder puffs is not compulsory but is highly recommended.

All cowsheds mus' be pervided with bath-rumes with hot an' cold watter; wan bath-rume to every three cows. Vive pound vine fer every bath-rume not pervided.

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Information for Volunteers...

If someone phones you needing assistance please take their name and number so you can stay in regular contact with them.

With regards to payments for shopping/prescriptions etc. the options are: bank transfers, click and collect, cash on delivery of items* (please see the note below) and credit notes/goodwill. This will differ from house to house and is entirely up to you how you want to work it.

If people are struggling to pay for things, then please get in touch with Marc Kerslake with regards to the donation box at the church.

The most important thing to remember is that both parties must wash their hands before and after deliveries take place.

*Cash on delivery, rather than before, to hopefully stop scammers. It might be best to tell anyone that does ring you, that you do not accept cash upfront.

Please, please everyone, stick to the rules, at least 2 metres apart at all times, wash hands, then wash hands again and stay safe.

The response we've had in this village of people wanting to help out has been overwhelming. There is so much kindness happening, and it's important to remember that, at the moment, there is good happening in the world too.

Many Thanks to everyone who has volunteered.

Katie Williams 07967 374760

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping Posting mail

A friendly phone call Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. #VillageInNeed