

# Whimble History Society

REG. CHARITY NO. 1051725

## NEWSLETTER



## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

### Recent Events

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – The talk by Barry Hamblin entitled ‘Remember, remember’ about the Gunpowder Plot was well attended and enjoyed by ~ 30members and friends. It was good to see so many members post lockdown.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – The attendance at The Annual Apple Pressing was a little disappointing but was understandable due to the inclement weather and the lack of apples. Could this be due to the fact that there was no Wassailing this year!

### Forthcoming Events

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - A talk by Ron Howell on the ‘Golden Wreck’ (found just off Salcombe) in the Victory hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

### Opening of the Heritage Centre for Christmas Shopping

Once again the Society has decided to open the Heritage Centre to allow members to do any last minute shopping from our shop on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00**

**p.m.** It will offer you a chance to buy **Wassailing Mugs and T-shirts** ready for January’s Wassailing in addition to many other ideas for Christmas Gifts. **Please note change of date**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - The Annual Christmas Lunch has been booked at the Cricket Club for from 12 noon to 4.00 p.m.

**The number of bookings has been growing steadily, but there are still plenty of seats left. It is a real opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas, with excellent entertainment of Christmas Carols and Songs as well as a chance to meet up with old friends after the confinement of lockdown. The event is not just confined to members, so you can bring along friends and guests to the Lunch.**

### Christmas Raffle

Over the years members have been very generous in providing prizes for the raffles held at the Society’s events throughout the year. Once more the Committee is making an appeal for prizes especially for our Christmas Raffle. If you have an item suitable as a prize please could you wrap it in Christmas paper and give it to a member of the Committee. The Society has been well provided with prizes in the past and has never had to buy any. Thank you to all who have given in the past, it is much appreciated.

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Wassailing**

- This year's wassailing will start at the Heritage Centre at about 6.30 p.m. for the usual 'rehearsal'. After some discussion it was agreed that the route should remain the same as in recent years. However, it was felt that in view of the risk of spreading Covid unnecessarily that the Wassail Cup will be ladled out before the start of the Procession at the Heritage Centre and again at the end outside the Cricket Pavilion. The assembled company will then move off at about 7.00 p.m., the first wassail ceremony, which will be around the Society's Whimple Wonder tree. The procession will then proceed up Church Road to Lower Woodhayes Orchard for the second wassail ceremony. The procession will then move back to the Square, via Dince Hill Close, where the procession will gather near the tethering stone to remember the Society's first Chairman, John Shepherd. The procession will then continue along Town Lane and Broadclyst Road to the orchard adjacent to Knowle Cross Farm for the third and final ceremony of the evening, courtesy of Jim and Mary Chard. The last port of call will be at the Cricket Club for traditional wassail refreshments. We would urge everyone to enter into the spirit of the evening by wearing traditional dress and bringing 'instruments' that will make sufficient noise to waken the trees and ward off the evil spirits in the apple trees. Wassailing Mugs and T-shirts will be on sale on the evening.

## **Society Website and e-mail address**

The Heritage Centre website has been revamped and can be found at <https://www.whimple.org> or google **Whimple Heritage Centre** and our e-mail address is [info@whimple.org](mailto:info@whimple.org). Obviously you can't visit the Centre at the moment so make sure to have a look at the News page where some artefacts from the Heritage Centre have been described in more detail. There is also information on our Ongoing Research page which you may be able to help with and on the Links page you'll find lots of useful websites to help you follow your own interests in local history.

**Christmas Buffet Lunch**  
**Saturday 11th December 2021**  
**at 12.00 noon for 12.30 p.m.**

**Name.....**

I/ We would like ..... tickets for the Christmas Buffet @ £20.00 per head.

I/We will / will not\* require transport on the day (\* please delete as appropriate).

I have (1) enclosed the sum of £..... For the cost of my .....tickets@ £20.00 per head

OR (2) paid on-line to the Society's Bank a/c :10865389, sort code 20-30-47

This form should be sent to: Roger Smith, Cornerstones, Dince Hill Close,  
Whimple.EX52TE.

