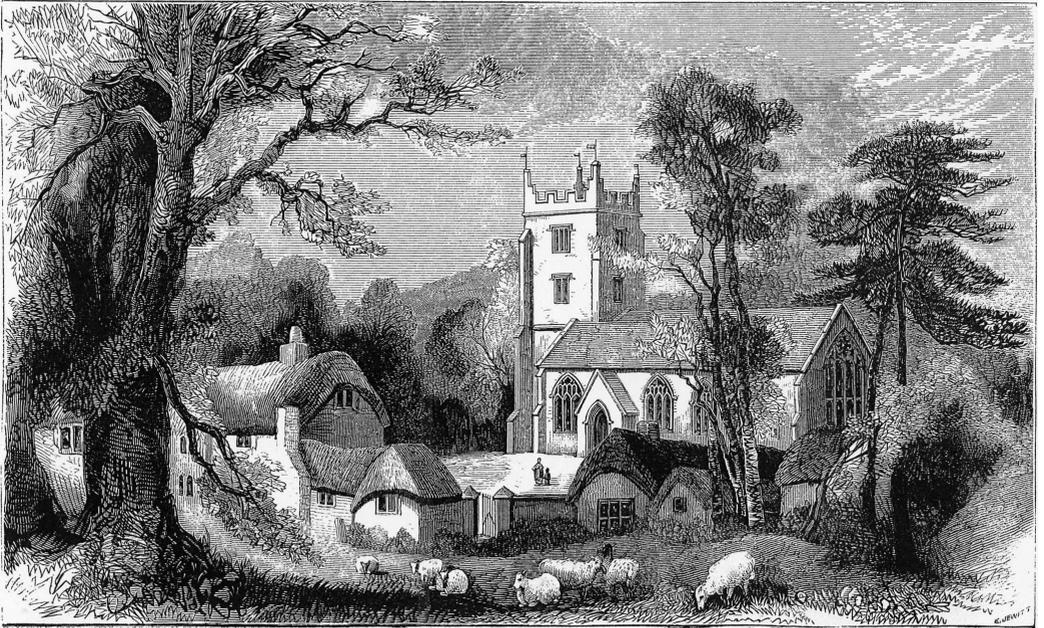


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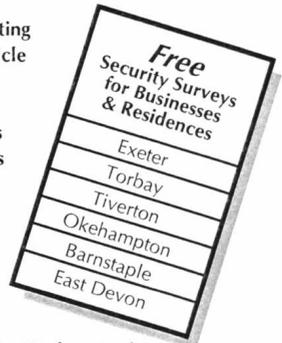
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What's On In Whimble

October

- 7th Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00
- 8th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm – Open meeting – Devon Ghosts with Robert Hesketh
- 8th Whimble Youth Club – Victory Hall 5.15 - 6.30pm – details page 37
- 10th Dinner with Alan Dodds and 'The beginnings of David Bowie', Victory Hall – 7.30pm - details page 12
- 12th Front Row Club – 7.00 for 7.30pm – details on website/posters
- 21st Whimble Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 24th VPA talk – Graham White on 'Herbaceous perennials and borders' – 7.30pm Victory Hall
- 25th 30th Anniversary Celebrations of the formation of Whimble History Society, 7.30pm at the Victory Hall
- 26th Soup'n'Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm
- 27th Apple Pressing at the Heritage Centre from 11.00 am to 2.00pm
- 29th Whimble Youth Club – Victory Hall 5.15-6.30pm – details page 37

November

- 2nd Front Row Club – 7.00 for 7.30pm – details on website/posters
- 2nd Fireworks Display – Whimble Cricket Club, sponsored by The Thirsty Farmer 5.30 - 8.30pm. Tickets from The Farmer/Shop
- 3rd Young Farmers Big Breakfast Victory Hall 8.00am - 12noon, details page 29
- 4th Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 8th VPA Quiz Night - 7.30pm Victory Hall
- 10th Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church at 10.50am
- 11th MacMillan Coffee Afternoon Victory Hall 2.00pm organised by Whimble School children
- 12th Whimble Youth Club – Victory Hall 5.15 - 6.30pm – details page 37
- 12th WI Monthly Meeting at Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm. Open meeting – 'New tricks for old gardeners' by Katherine Crouch
- 18th Whimble Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 22nd Whimble History Society talk – Victory Hall- 7.30pm. Details TBA
- 26th Whimble Youth Club – Victory Hall 5.15 - 6.30pm – details page 37
- 30th Soup'n'Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm

December

- 2nd Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00
- 7th Front Row Club – 7.00 for 7.30pm – details on website/posters –Christmas Special
- 7th History Society Christmas Lunch - Cricket Club - 12.00noon
- 10th Whimble Youth Club – Victory Hall 5.15 - 6.30pm – details page 37
- 10th WI Christmas Party at Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm.
- 14th Soup'n'Sarnie Christmas Special Lunch, Victory Hall 12.00noon

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Ed the Ed

Welcome to your October/November edition of the Whimble News...and suddenly we will be preparing the Christmas edition and 2019 will be done and dusted! We are pleased to offer an article from Kathy Mclauchlan who has picked up on concerns about the speed of cars through the village and is looking for interested volunteers – please contact Kathy if you would like to offer some help here.

We also have the results of the Village Hall Survey on pages 32 and 33 – it is clear that national funding is not a viable route to go, and it looks like we will have to fund any refurbishment using local council budgets and reserves from the hall funds. More professional advice will be sought to clarify what needs to be done first. Watch this space!

Congratulations to Karen Hall-Williams for her 53.8 mile cycle ride on behalf of the Devon Historic Churches Cycle Ride which she completed recently. Karen writes very fondly of the opportunity for ‘me time’ as you cycle which is always an extra bonus to the keeping physically fit aspect. We have some lovely countryside round here to cycle in, and I have been out and about more this year than any other, and recently broke the 1000 mile barrier for 2019 which is a personal best for an old man!

Well done to the Football Club Committee for rescuing the Sunday League – it is one thing to run the village team but totally another to get involved at a higher level. It is a great example of doing something valuable for the community.

It looks like the WI had a cracking afternoon for their Garden Party and the photos show a well supported event! I like the idea of the Open Meetings that they run, and plan to attend the meeting with the guest speaker on ‘Ghosts’.

I think that Paul Wilson must be lying down in a darkened room with a damp towel round his head after his heroic reports from the VPA Annual Show – another well supported event in this wonderful village.

At the time of writing this editorial, it is a day after the Honiton event ‘From gate to plate’, which was brilliant – there were many stalls with a wide variety of foods on offer. We came away with some fine pies, vegetables and a goat curry and a joint of goat (from Talaton!). Other more liquid exhibits were tried and tested immediately – flavoured gins, rum with spicy ginger beer, cider from Ventons in Clyst St Lawrence and Otter beer...and then when we got off the train in the afternoon, we sampled some tapas and wine in the Farmer as we were passing the door - it would be rude to walk on by!

You will see later in the magazine that I am hanging up my Editor’s Quill, but will continue with articles and looking after the advertising with Miles. I feel that it is time for some fresh thinking to lead this great magazine, so the team are looking for my replacement – see the advert on page 15, and please contact Cathy Sharkey for more details. I have had a great time looking after this mighty missive but after some 20 years we need some new thinking – could that be you?

If you would like to contribute an article for the Christmas edition then please either send it to me or Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by November 8th..thank you!

EdH

WHIMPLE STORES



Looking forward to the festive period and we know some of you like to start your cards and wrapping early. We will have our Christmas stock in by the end of September but it may not be on display. Please feel free to ask and we will happily show you the stock we have.

We are now using a unit in the shop for products that are kinder to the environment. These include reusable cups, face cloths and scrubbies and a wider range of soap bars. We try to buy local produce wherever possible and also we try to buy unpackaged goods, so that you can buy loose goods without the need to use a single use bag.

We look forward to stocking some local apples and produce over the autumn period. As you know, we stock delicious homemade cakes – made by a lady in Rockbeare – palm oil free. Her cakes are wonderful and she delivers fresh ones to us now on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Post Office

Christmas delivery time leaflets will be available in store from 23rd September. If you are sending parcels overseas and wish to use the economy services the last posting date can be as early as 5th October.

For general mail the last day for posting 2nd class mail will be Wednesday 18th December and for 1st class mail Friday 20th December.

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District Councillor's report

Another busy couple of months assisting residents of Rockbeare and Whimble. Feeling a little overwhelmed at times but remain positively passionate about why I chose to represent you all.

Vehicle Speeds on Whimble Roads/Lanes

Recently I have noticed that the speed vehicles are travelling in and around Whimble has increased. This is of great concern to many residents who use our roads (we have few pavements) to access our wonderful facilities and who amble for pleasure. There are reports of pets being hit by cars/vans, this is so very sad and with lower speeds may have been preventable. In a worst-case scenario and not meaning to sensationalise this, these beloved pets could well have been our children.

So to action, I put a piece on the Whimble What's on (WWO) site and have had some response. For those of you who do not have access to WWO, I am going to explore the possibility of forming a community speed watch group. If you would be interested in finding out more please contact me via email and I shall add you to my list of interested parties.



Green waste fortnightly collection service

East Devon has introduced a district-wide chargeable green waste collection service.

The council is working with partners SUEZ UK to provide a fortnightly chargeable green waste collection service for its residents who have been asking for a reliable district-wide service of this kind for some time.

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The service is provided for eleven months of the year with a six-week break at Christmas each year. The Christmas break period will be notified to residents with our usual Christmas/New Year collection calendar.

Only those properties that we can access with our full-sized vehicles are able to subscribe. If you are interested there is a page on the EDDC website; properties could always share a bin if that would be more economical.

UPDATE ON CRANBROOK



THIS ARTICLE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY EDDC ON 16TH AUGUST 2019

The Cranbrook plan, together with its supporting evidence and the public comments received can be found on the East Devon web site:

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/cranbrook-plan/cranbrook-plan-consultation-responses-and-submission/#article-content>

Community engagement has been a key part of production of the plan and the many comments received have helped to shape its content. The council believes it represents the best way forward for the development of Cranbrook, which is already a bustling town with over 4000 residents, schools, shops, a community centre, GP practice and railway station, as well as a very attractive country park among its many features.

The comments received will be reviewed by a Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State, who will consider the plan. The inspector is likely to hold a series of hearing sessions in public in the autumn to hear from parties who have made representations. These sessions will be publicised when they have been arranged.

Following these sessions, the inspector will prepare a report which the council hopes to receive early in 2020.

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Firstly, a big “thank you” to all those who helped with the Church Saturday Morning Coffee sessions throughout the Summer.

We are also grateful for the support that we receive from our ‘customers’ who appreciate the opportunity to meet up and make these so happy and successful. There is an extra Coffee Morning being held on 5th October. This is being hosted by Jane and Hannah Clements and all funds raised will go to the Devon Historic Churches Trust. Many of you have generously supported Jane and others in the past when they have taken part in the Ride and Stride sponsored bike ride. Half of the money raised by a church is returned to the church for use in projects.

Our Harvest Service this year was held at the end of September. If you missed our special Harvest Lunch there are still lots of Harvest events taking place at other churches in our Mission Community. Full details can be found in the Link or on the website.

Our main event this Autumn is a Dinner with Alan Dodds. Alan came to a breakfast back in January and talked about his experiences as a member of the Konrads who included David Bowie in their line up. He was only able to give a flavour of his time with the group and other work he has done. Many people wanted to hear more so we have invited him back. The dinner will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th October in Whimple Victory Hall. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Whimple Stores or from Phil Dominy. dominypr@hotmail.com.

Another social event in October that may be of interest is an Evening with Ball and Socket which is being held in Clyst Hydon Village Hall on Friday 25th October. Ball and Socket are ‘Two chaps with a piano, who sing satirical and comedy songs’. Full details are in The Link.

Please join us for our **Remembrance Service** on November 10th at 10.50am when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

As I write this I know that Christmas is still three months away but there are a few events in early December that you might like to be aware of. Firstly our Advent Service will be on Sunday 1st December. There are also plans to repeat the Advent Quiet Space evenings that were held last year. Details will be available in due course

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimple Church as well as other interesting articles can be found in The Link magazine. Copies can be obtained from the back of church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged - please contact **Dianne Goodwin** 823476 for further details. There is also lots of information on our website www.churches4all.org

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Hello everyone,

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We are sadly lacking musicians this year and I am reaching out to all of you for your help.

We are looking for musicians to join our merry band of folks, anyone who can play a keyboard or guitar, or anything else.

We begin our rehearsals on Monday nights in December, continuing through January and part way through February. We have also been known to pop down to the pub for a quick drink and a chat after rehearsals! It would be lovely to bring in some new and exciting talent to join our extended family. I can promise you that you will love the camaraderie.

So, if you are looking for some fun, laughter, and all-round frivolity or you know of someone who might be interested, please contact either Neil Walker or myself as soon as possible.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Cathy Bartlett-Horwood

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Whimble News is looking for a new Editor!

(Surely this is Fake News?!)

No!! After over 20 years of editing Whimble News, Ed the Ed is stepping down and we are looking for someone interested to take the role on.

Thank you Ed, for all the giggles on our 'Page 7' over the years.

Please contact **Cathy Sharkey** on cpisharkey@gmail.com or 822939 if you are interested in finding out more.

Another year and another Show has been successfully staged and here I am writing up an account of the 2019 Show. First of all, we have to apologise for a couple of hiccups this year which we will learn from and sort out for next year but, overall, it was another colourful event with many outstanding exhibits. The weather on the Friday before the Show did give us cause for concern as with all the rain and wind we did wonder what effect it would have on the exhibits for the main hall. Clearly several exhibitors had been out rescuing their exhibits as we must have had a record number being staged on the Friday evening. For the record, we had 52 exhibitors this year which was some 18 less than last year. However, the overall number of exhibits was only down by 12 at 491 compared to 503 last year. As in previous years, the village hall was full of amazing exhibits from the many talented exhibitors who support the Show. The main hall was its usual mass of colour with all the many exhibits in the vegetable, flower, pot plants and flower arranging classes and these were complemented by the skilful exhibits on display in the billiard room. The Judges were again very impressed with the high standard in all the classes.

The judges again commented on the standard of the exhibits in the Children's Classes which gave them a hard task selecting the winners. Although the number of entries was slightly down on last year, the exhibits were still of a very high standard. In the youngest class for the under fives, Dexter Edwards won The Owen Cup and Beth Tancock and Reuben Salter shared the Basildon Award for the five to eight years age classes. In the nine to eleven age classes it was Hannah Logan who won The Fletcher Cup. It was good to have more entries in the oldest age classes this year and the winner of The Children's Challenge Cup was Eve Logan. There was another excellent entry for the photography section, with another outstanding entry of photographs, some 81 in total. As in previous years, the Judge had a difficult task in determining the winners in the ten classes. The standard maintained a very high level from previous years and again there were some very imaginative entries. The overall winner in this section winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup was Gilly Curtis. The Arts and Crafts Classes had another wonderful display of skills. In this section, there were joint winners with Helen Webber and Gilly Curtis sharing the Len Rose Memorial Cup. Helen Webber was also awarded the Whimble Craft Cup for the best exhibit in the section.

Although the number of entries in the flower arranging was a little disappointing, the quality of the exhibits was excellent and the judge was meticulous over her deliberations. In this section there were joint winners of the Frances Pratt Memorial Cup; Doreen Staddon and Julie Hosgood. There were also joint winners of the Roy Horsburgh Trophy; Margaret Drew and Brian Nelson. The winner of The Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in the Flower arrangement which was voted for by everyone who came to see the Show, was awarded to Doreen Staddon. The Sandfords Cup, which is awarded to the gentleman who gains the most points in the combined Men Only Classes of a floral arrangement and a cake, was awarded jointly to Brian Nelson and Tom Palmer.

And so, to the mouth-watering Homecraft Section where we had another year with a wonderful display of culinary excellence! As usual, the judge had a difficult task in selecting the best exhibits with a total of 41 exhibits in all the classes. This year there were joint winners of the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup for the most points in this section and they were Margaret Burrough and Emma Palmer.

Finally, we come to all the exhibits in the main hall and it was a relief to see such a good number in these Sections, particularly the flower and vegetable classes. Despite the weather the day before the Show, there was an increase of some 54 exhibits in these two sections. There were 33 exhibits in the Pot Plant Section this year, all of a very high standard.

Again, staging all these exhibits was a bit of a logistical nightmare, but we somehow managed to get them all in! Once again, the exhibitor with the most points in this section and the winner of The Briar Shield was Colin Northcott. So to the Vegetable and Flower Classes where there were a total of 272 exhibits this year. It was so good to see so many exhibits in all these classes which gave the judges plenty of work to do! Of the 43 classes there was only one Class with no entries. There were many individual class winners in this section but The Slewton Cup for the most points in the vegetable section was won by Mike Hawkins. The runner up in this section winning the Cranny Brook Cup was Graham Bidgood. In the Flower Classes, the winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points in this section was Graham Bidgood. The runner up, winning the President's Cup, was Mike Hawkins. Finally, in this section, the winner of the Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl for the best exhibit in the Flower Classes was Paul Wilson for his prize-winning large Gladioli. However, when the results for both sections were combined and the points in both sections were added together, the winner of The Whimble Folk Cup for the fourth-year running was Mike Hawkins, so many congratulations to him on winning this magnificent trophy. Mike was very complimentary about the Show saying that the standard had gone up each year he had entered and this year was the highest standard yet.

Sadly, there were no entries for the Village Challenge this year so the cups for this section were not awarded.

This year we were delighted to have Maria Wallis to give out all the prizes. Maria is a great supporter of the VPA and we were very pleased she agreed to do this. She was presented with a bouquet by Hannah Logan and in return Hannah was also presented with a posy. A full list of all the trophy winners is included in this edition of the News. All the cup winners and Class winners have been posted on our website so they can all be seen there.

We would like to thank and congratulate all of you who made the effort to enter the Show for without you there would be no Show! We are also extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to do this difficult task with such quality exhibits. The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the Hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. It is quite amazing that at 5.30pm we were still in the throes of prize giving but by 6.30pm the hall had been completely cleared and you would not have known the Show had taken place! For those of you who were entering for the first time we hope you enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing you at next year's show. If there any ideas that any of you have for the various classes, we will be more than willing to consider them for the 2020 Show. For those who like to look forward, the Show next year will be on Saturday 8th August 2020

Our next event is on Sunday 29th September when there is a coach trip to The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum. This trip will have taken place by the time this edition of the News comes out so a report will be in the next edition. It will be followed by a talk from Graham White on 'Herbaceous Perennials and Borders' on Thursday 24th October in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Our final event of the year will be another Quiz Night. After the huge success of the previous two years, we will be having another one on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The format will be much the same as the previous years as this proved to be very popular. So, for an entertaining evening, join us on the night.

Reports on all our activities over the past year, together with the Flower Show results, are all on our website. So please go to www.whimble-vpa.co.uk to find all our information.

Paul Wilson, Chairman, Whimble & District VPA

WHIMBLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2019 TROPHY WINNERS

SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers

The Whimble Folk Cup	Mike Hawkins
The Slewton Cup	Mike Hawkins
The Cranny Brook Cup	Graham Bidgood
The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup	Graham Bidgood
The President's Cup	Mike Hawkins
The Novice Cup	NO ENTRIES
The Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl	Paul Wilson

SECTION 2 – Pot Plants

The Briar Shield	Colin Northcott
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SECTION 3 - Homecraft

The Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup	Emma Palmer & Margaret Burrough
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SECTION 4 – The Village Challenge

The Village Challenge Cup	NO ENTRIES
Whimble Challenge Runners Up Cup	NO ENTRIES

SECTION 5 – Floral Arrangement

The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup	Doreen Staddon & Julie Hosgood
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Margaret Drew & Brian Nelson
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Doreen Staddon

SECTION 6 – Arts and Crafts

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Helen Webber & Gilly Curtis
The Whimble Craft Cup	Helen Webber

SECTION 7 - Photography

The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup

Gilly Curtis

SECTION 8 – Children under 5

The Owen Cup

Dexter Edwards

SECTION 9 – Children aged 5 to 8

The Basildon Award

Beth Tancock & Reuben Salter

SECTION 10 – Children aged 9 to 11

The Fletcher Cup

Hannah Logan

SECTION 11 – Children aged 12 to 15

The Children's Challenge Cup

Eve Logan

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A Foresters Journey from Honiton to Windsor

I am not sure that I will become Mum-in-Law of the year after this article but feel that it is interesting and important to share this journey, especially in the present 'climate', of someone who has lived in Whimble for several years now.

Daniel Williams, (Taffy to many) left School at the age of 16 with few qualifications but an interest and love of trees.

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Not only does his work take him around Devon but at times all over the country.

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Taff has always been a huge Queen fan and so one of the highlights of his career so far has been the designing and planting of May's Woods, land owned by the Brian May! He has also been a part of the planting of a 1000 acre Oak Forest owned by a member of the Royal family and recently found himself planting trees in the grounds of Windsor Castle!

What prompted this article was the fact that he reaches the great age of 40 this year and so as a proud follower of all his Projects I just wanted to say:

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Liz Silk

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Recollections of Victor Albert Stone born in Slewton Cottage March 1916: - "There were three Bakers in the village - J. Grant & Son; Lippy Read & Son and Albert Beer. One of them (*who shall be nameless!*) used to finish his round at The New Inn, Talaton and spend all his takings. At turn-out the Landlord used to sit him up in his pony & trap and Tom, the old pony, used to come straight home in the yard. I can remember when we used to deliver bread down around Southbrook, Rockbeare area and we have had times when the old pony stopped in the middle of the flood water. Bill Grant (Baker) used to light a paper bag and climb on his back and touch him with it to make him move out of the flood water".

On 30th November 1942, when all the other workers at Whiteways Cyder Co were at lunch, Henry Allen, an engineer, was standing in the doorway of the engine house when a lone German fighter bomber swooped overhead and directed a burst of shell-fire at the factory. Mr Allen was hit several times by shrapnel, including a piece that penetrated about two inches into his brain. At the Burden Neurological Institute in Bristol, Mr Lambert-Rogers, one of the country's most skilful brain surgeons, employed a fairly new technique of a high-powered magnet to remove a jagged piece of shrapnel, which was about the size of a 20 pence coin. After many months Mr Allen regained his full mental capacity. He continued to work for Whiteways until his retirement in 1975.

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Chris Beer

Cycle Pilgrimage

I was delighted when asked to take part in the Devon Historic Churches Day 'Ride + Stride' event on 14th September 2019 for my local church St Mary's Whimble.

A few days before the event I studied the East Devon map and looked at the villages and the churches that I had seen whilst living in the area. Easy I thought, right let's do a 'round about trip'!

Saturday came around and I packed a pannier full of essential items and I was off.

I clocked in at St Mary's Whimble and having signed the sponsor form was away with a cheery wave from Jane.

The weather was glorious.

I headed up the first hill to Clyst St Lawrence and it dawned on me that this was a minor incline compared to some I would face that day.

It was this that started me thinking about the day and what it meant to me and many others who would be facing their first hill.

As I approached the church I thought how beautiful it looked nestled down with the blue sky above. I lent my bike against the wall and entered to another warm welcome with offers of tea and biscuits plus a donation toward the sponsorship. A quick chat and then off again.

And so my journey continued through beautiful East Devon country lanes – every corner turned another stunning view.

It was at this point I thought of pilgrims who in the past had walked many miles visiting religious sites & what they must have thought as they travelled. Many had nothing, poorly clothed reliant upon gifts of food and shelter from others as they travelled. Had they like me, entered a church to a warm welcome and offers of refreshment?

I continued on – the hills were somewhat relentless. Every church visited was a delight. Many were empty but as I entered I left a small slip of paper with details of the event. I found refuge in the cool porch to have a drink and enjoy the beauty of the surroundings.

I thought of 'how life' is a pilgrimage. We travel a path – some 'flower' filled with happy days full of laughter some not always a good path – many hills to climb but as we enter our church (physically or in our mind) we find that quiet spot of beauty to refresh.

I continued on and at Cullompton rode past a chapel I had not seen before – something made me go inside. I asked if the building had a name plate as I was photographing the buildings I visited. "Ah" he said "another job I must get to!". We both laughed. As I turned I bumped into a friend I had not seen for many months – both surprised, she said that she had only that day decided to visit the chapel – a strange coincidence.

Another pilgrim I thought – well may be.

I checked the map – surely the next stop had no hills – my prayer was answered Bradnich via Hele – not too bad!

I remembered that my mother had told me of our family having lived in Bradnich 70 years ago - going back to my roots. I arrived at St Denis and went inside – it was beautiful. Had my family sat here 70 years ago – I wonder which pew?

I sat in the warmth of the porch and opened my sandwiches – glorious. Is that what the pilgrims may have thought as they enjoyed some sustenance?

Away again, directions given by the friendliest of locals - Killerton bound.

Many, many hills and to be truthful getting tired as the temperature began to rise.

In the distance Poltimore - my heart sang – surely this is what the pilgrims felt as they viewed their destination after an arduous journey.

I carried on to the churches I had listed. As I approached Ottery St Mary, seeing a country wedding, I was relieved to see that I was nearly homeward bound - only two more churches to go and then a hot shower and a meal.

Again, I thought of those pilgrims. Did they have a meal and a bed to look forward to or did they take each day as a blessing pushed on by faith and prayer?

And so I reached home – a sense of achievement 53.8 miles – not bad!

I have since reflected - life is indeed a pilgrimage – perhaps the cycle ride did more for me than I knew. It gave me time to think of the good life I have – my family, my friends and the village I live in.

Perhaps (I thought) we should all get on our bike and ride a ‘pilgrimage’ and give thanks.

Karen Hall-Williams

Route taken:

Whimble, Clyst St Lawrence, Clyst Hydon, Plymtree, Cullompton, Bradnich, Killerton, Poltimore, Broadclyst, Rockbeare, Ottery St Mary, Escot, Feniton, Talaton, Whimble.

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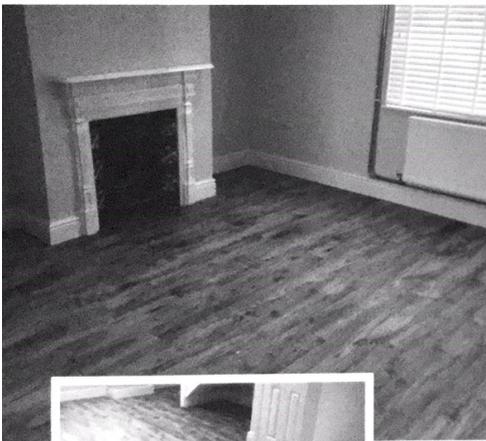
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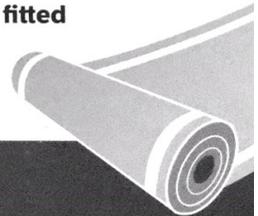
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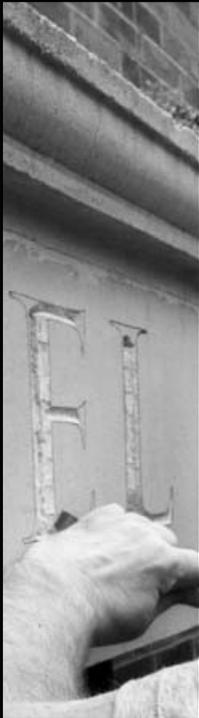
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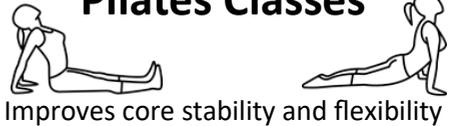


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Victory Hall - Survey Results



The Victory Hall will be celebrating its centenary next year. As well as putting on some special events we intend to invest in the hall. Before doing so we felt it important to consider two key questions:

- Is the hall in the right place, or should we move to a new one elsewhere?
- If it stays where it is, should we refurbish it or knock it down and rebuild it?

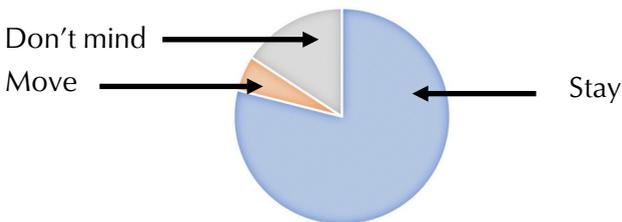
We felt these questions were so important that we should ask the village:

- first, we sought the views of groups who regularly use the hall
- then, we sought views from the wider community

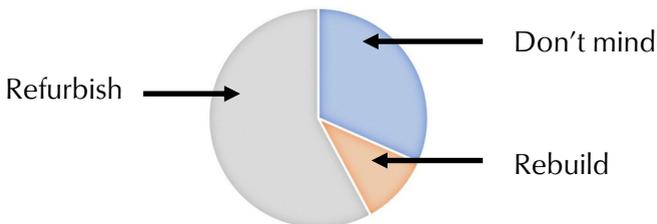
Here are the results of our surveys.

Survey of users

Of the 20 groups that regularly use the hall, 19 responded. The majority view (15 out of 19) wanted the Hall to stay where it is, with the Primary School considering it essential. One organisation wanted to move elsewhere.



Of those that expressed a view, there was a marginal preference (6 out of 19) for the existing hall to be refurbished rather than rebuilt (2 out of 19).



There were a number of other issues raised in replies from users with the most immediate being the urgent need to repair or replace the main hall floor.

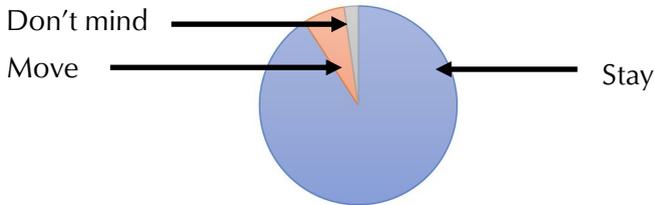
Survey of the wider community

A short questionnaire was sent to every home in the village and open days were held at the hall as well as articles in earlier editions of this magazine. Residents were also encouraged to complete the survey at various village events.

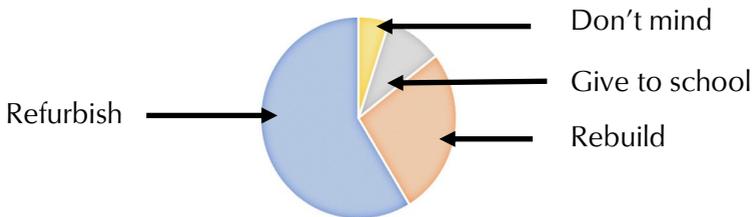
134 survey forms were returned which is about 10% of over 18s in the village.

Of those that expressed a view:

119 wanted us to stay where we are and 9 wanted to move elsewhere.



81 favoured refurbishment, 37 wanted a new building and 7 wanted us to give the hall to the school.



We also asked what was good about the hall, what needed improving and what were we not providing or doing?

The top three answers to the question 'What is good about the Hall?' were 'its central location, its proximity to the school, and its size'

The top three answers to the question 'What needs improving?' were 'replace the main hall floor, improve the kitchen, and redecorate'

The top three answers to the question 'What are we not providing or doing?' were 'Providing fitness classes, adult education, and sports facilities'.

In the light of the issues raised the trustees have decided that the hall will remain where it is for the foreseeable future and it will be refurbished.

As a first step £15,000 has been spent on replacing the main hall floor and work has been done to improve the kitchen. Redecoration will be done between bookings and at half term.

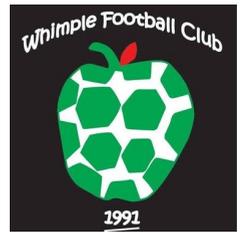
We also intend seeking professional advice on the condition of the roof, the walls and their foundations before deciding whether they need renovation or should be replaced.

Bob Scanlan

Whimble Football Club

Whimble Football Club is alive and kicking after nearly closing due to the Exeter and District Sunday League declaring they were not going to run the League this season.

The Team was founded in 1991 by Geoff Delves, aided by his wife Karen. Many of the villagers will have been a part of the Team over the years and have remained as loyal supporters.



Following much hard work from Whimble FC's new Committee; bringing the Leagues Teams together and creating new Teams, the Exeter and District Sunday League have agreed to carry on. We are working alongside the FA to make Whimble FC's future both secure and bright.

The Sunday League is being rebranded by Devon FA and we already have a Saturday side who have joined us. Although the League has always been competitive and shown great players, we would like the quality of play to be highlighted, the language toned down and to attract new Teams and players who might not have considered a Sunday Team or League before.

Anyone from 16 upwards can join the Sunday League side so please contact us if you are interested in becoming part of our growing Team and Club.

This Season we will have an additional Team for the first time in the form of the 'Vets'. Although most of the team members already signed on would be more suited to caring for household pets, it does in fact stand for veterans, which scarily enough ranges from 38 years up to, but not including death!

So, dust off your boots chaps and join in the fun, whilst supporting your local Club.

Anyone who is thinking..... after our World Cup performance - what about the women? Well, we hope to have a team up and running this season. With a few friendlies and training, we could be have a full squad next year ready to enter the League.

Ladies, please, even if you have never kicked a ball before, consider joining and seeing what you are capable of! Those who have played before, we really need you to support and help grow our Team and Club.

As per last Season there will be breakfast rolls and tea/coffee on sale during the home matches and the clubhouse and bar will be open throughout the match and after. Gazebos will be put up for protection from the rain and if we get an Indian Summer like last Year, the bar-b-q will be on.

To honour the work of 28 Years we are making Geoff and Karen Delves the rightful Presidents of Whimble Football Club. They will be on hand to present the end of season trophies and no doubt make any social events - more social. Our thanks go out to them both for their dedication and hard work over the years.

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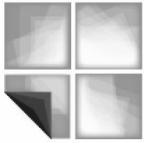
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We still have packs of cards and wrapping paper left and now all our costs have been covered, whatever we make is 100% profit. In order to maximize our profits we have decided to sell the cards for a bargain price of just £2 for a pack of 10 cards and £1.50 for four sheets of giftwrap and matching tags.

We will be selling them at Whimple Stores and will be setting up our online shop again. We will add the link to the online shop and more information in the next edition of the Whimple News, but we just wanted to share this exciting news with our Whimple family first. Thank you for all your support over the last few years.

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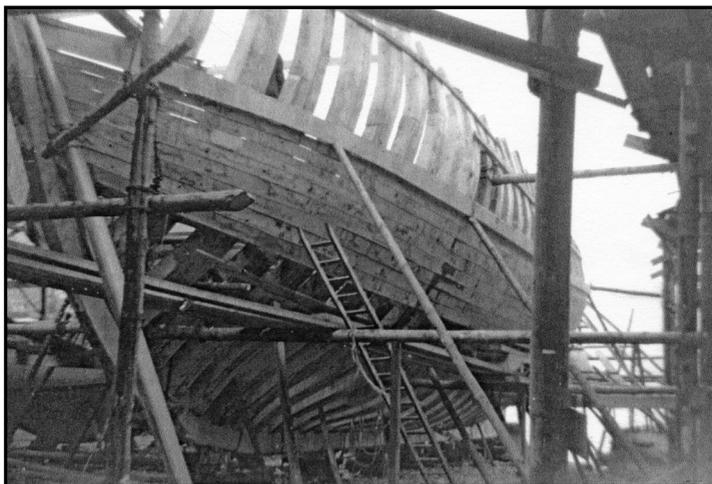
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DEVON MEMORIES..... THE MAYFLOWER II

This photo of the building of the Mayflower II at Appledore Shipyard was taken by my sister Sylvia aged eleven. We were a family of four children on holiday at Brixham in 1956. A rare event for a farming family living near Launceston! I was fifteen and about to leave school and look after a dairy herd. A lot of repair work has subsequently been done to these timbers by the Americans and the ship has been launched again.

Pene Smith



Mayflower II is a replica of the 17th-century ship Mayflower, celebrated for transporting the Pilgrims to the New World. The replica was built in Devon, during 1955–1956, in a collaboration between Englishman Warwick Charlton and Plimoth Plantation, an American museum.

Since 2016, the Mayflower II has been at Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut for a multimillion-dollar restoration effort. Shipwrights at the Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard have worked with staff from Plimoth Plantation, which normally exhibits the vessel in Plymouth Harbor at State Pier, to replace timbers, planking, structural frames and beams that have deteriorated from saltwater and exposure over the past six decades.

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Thank you for your generous support with Harvest Festival donations

Packaged Goods:

- * Sugar - granulated & castor
- * Instant coffee
- * Hot chocolate
- * Cup-a-soups
- * Long-life fruit juices
- * Fruit squash
- * Herbs/spices
- * Marmite/Vegemite
- * Stock cubes
- * Instant gravy mix
- * Mint/apple sauce
- * Stuffing mixes
- * Branston pickle
- * Mustards
- * Mayonnaise
- * Tomato ketchup
- * Brown sauce
- * Marmalade
- * Strawberry jam
- * Peanut butter

Packaged Goods:

- * Breakfast cereals
- * Pasta sauces
- * Jars of curry sauce
- * Custard powder
- * Biscuits (sweet)

Tinned Items:

- * Baked beans
- * Ravioli
- * Macaroni cheese
- * Tinned tomatoes
- * Tinned vegetables
- * Tinned fruits
- * Rice pudding
- * Tinned custard
- * Condensed milk
- * Evaporated milk
- * Tinned meats/meat pies
- * Corned beef
- * Tinned fish
- * Tinned curries

Cleaning Items:

- * Anti-bac hand soap
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Toiletries:

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Pet Items:

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- * Dog treats and biscuits

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For our summer outing in July, we visited the National Trust at Lanhydrock, near Bodmin. Almost a full coachload of members, plus family and friends, enjoyed a pleasant journey in the sunshine. The house itself is so interesting, with many rooms to view and several members in our group were invited into the archive room to peruse some fascinating documents relating to the house history - such a treat! Later, many of us enjoyed relaxing in the beautiful gardens, but in what seemed like no time at all, we had to board the coach and wend our way home. Our sincere thanks to Gerri for organising such a lovely day out.

We had hoped to hold a skittles evening on the 9th August, but as so many members were on holiday or busy elsewhere, and the weather was most foul, it was decided to cancel and rearrange perhaps in September or October. The Devon Federation skittles competition will also start in September and Whimble will be playing a team from Bradninch. Let's hope we can do better than last year when we were knocked out in the first round!

The trip to the Manor Pavilion on the 16th August to see 'A Perfect Wedding' was supported by 16 ladies. The play was hilarious and covered the story of a young man on his wedding morning awaking to find his best man's girlfriend in bed with him, following his stag night. A complete riot broke out when firstly the best man, then the bride-to-be, closely followed by the chambermaid and finally the bride's mother, discover the pair. Finally, the groom goes off on honeymoon with the best man's girlfriend and the best man and bride-to-be paired off - all sorted then! The ice cream was superb as per usual and our thanks to Avril for organising such a hilarious evening.

We held our Summer Garden Party on the 20th for the first time at Yellands Farm, kindly hosted by Sarah Hogg. The weather was perfect, with intermittent cloud and sunshine and the gardens were in full bloom. The ladies provided a delicious buffet lunch with amazing desserts; there was a table with various plants and produce for sale; a puzzle & book sale and a bring & buy stall, plus our usual raffle with some excellent prizes. With such a delightful setting, how could we not have a great afternoon? We thanked Sarah for her kind hospitality and hard work on our behalf, which was much appreciated by us all and we do hope she will perhaps agree to host again next year.

We held a social lunch at the Thirsty Farmer on the 3rd September, with 21 ladies enjoying the good food and catching up on holiday stories or family events during the summer. Our thanks to Jane for organising.

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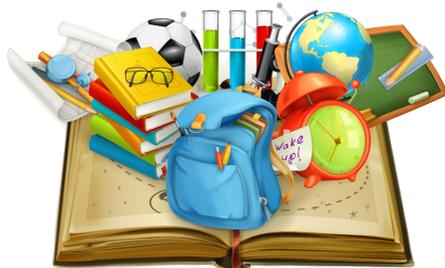
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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to the start of another school year. We currently have 142 children on roll, in five classes. We welcome a new part-time teacher, Miss Corwood to join our Reception/Year 1 Elm Class, working with Mrs Terrett. Miss Norton has Year 1/Year 2 Ash Class; Miss Dunsford Year 3/Year 4 Oak Class; Miss Clarke and Mrs Boyd job share Year 4 and Year 5 Beech Class and Mr Brown Year 5 and Year 6 Willow Class.

After a lovely summer break everyone is keen to get started. We have even had to mutter the word 'Christmas' already. Of course, we will be harvesting our apples prior to that, and Year 6 have already started their quilting project in association with Killerton and their Apple Day. Year 3 are going to collect acorns to start a two-year project 'Great Trees in the Clyst Valley' in association with East Devon District Council and the Woodland Trust.

We also welcome back many of our regular volunteers from the community, many come in to hear readers but others come in for little projects and share specific skills. If you have a skill or interest in something specific and have an hour or so to spare hearing readers or helping to organise and open our library, please get in touch by either ringing the school or dropping into the school office. (All volunteers have to go through safeguarding checks prior to starting).

Finally, on Friday 11th October we are holding a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. Our children will be busy baking before and then serving refreshments throughout the afternoon (from 2.00pm). We hope to hold a raffle to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Please come along and support us whilst having a tea and a cake. For more details, see posters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs **Carole Shilston**, Headteacher

Beech Class News

Play Ambassadors

This year (and also the previous year) Year 5 pupils have been given an option to become a play ambassador. Play ambassadors encourage children to keep busy in the playground and they also help to prevent people from feeling bored. They will organise the running of the Actvall, which is our new piece of equipment, and help get children active (the clue is in the name). Play ambassadors give up some of their lunchtime to do their job because they know a good lunchtime for everyone is important.

Romans

This term in KS2 our topic is about the Romans and we are focusing on the Roman invasions of Britain. So far, we have learnt about Julius Caesar and Caligula, one wacky leader who failed to conquer Britain and possibly ended up collecting seashells. He then told the Emperor in Rome that he had conquered the sea [this story may not be true as many Romans did not like Caligula]. As well as learning about the Roman Invasions, we have been studying Roman Numerals. Roman Numerals are very tricky to learn, especially when you can just use normal numbers usually! We now know among other things that I = 1, V = 5, X=10, L=50, C = 100, D=500 and M=1,000.

English

In English lessons, Beech Class have been studying a book called Ask Dr K. Fisher About Animals. It is written by Claire Llewellyn. The book is about animals writing letters about their problems and then Dr K. Fisher will reply with his helpful advice. We have been writing our own letters and making up problems and putting advice in the replies. Some of the animals with problems have been weaverbirds, giraffes, crocodiles and tadpoles. The book is colourful and the pictures are great too!

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The 2019 Wimpledon Championships

When I took over as Secretary from Roddy Bridge at the Whimble Tennis Club earlier in the year, he mentioned to me that there used to be an annual tournament with a cup awarded to the winner. It's been many years since Whimble Tennis Club hosted a knock-out tournament. I don't know why this stopped, but when I suggested the idea to the other Committee members I wondered if there would be any interest in reviving the tradition. It got the thumbs up, so I started thinking about how to get people interested.

I knocked-up a simple entry form and emailed out, what I hoped was, an exciting invitation to all the club members and awaited the response. I waited a few days, and then a few days more and then, at last, I got one person promising to return the entry form soon!

This was a disappointing start. I was originally hoping not too many people would enter, as I didn't want a massive competition to run, but a tournament with just one person just doesn't work!

Anyway, I felt another email was needed, or maybe I should ring everyone individually? As good as an email is, we all receive so many, and there is nothing like a personal call to make you feel needed and important. A good idea for sure, but what a lot of effort. Emailing is so much easier.... so after some deliberation, I finally concluded, surprise-surprise, that another email was actually a really excellent idea!

The second email was composed with the carrot and stick approach – don't worry about filling out the application form, just email me back if interested, and by the way, I'm about to cancel the tournament before it begins due to lack of interest...

Voila! People started responding! There's a lesson here – If you want to get people interested, don't ask them to fill out a form!

So, with a little cajoling, we ended up with a total of 20 people entering, just enough for the men's singles, the women's singles, the mixed and men's doubles – not enough for the ladies doubles though, but still enough for a decent tournament.

Two seeds were chosen for each competition based on hearsay and guesswork, then everyone else was slotted in randomly. After two months of playing 39 sets with 312 games, the tournament finally completed.

Many thanks to all the competitors who gave up their time and energy to make this tournament a success, I hope you'll enter again in the future.

The 2019 Wimpleton Champions:



Gill Rushworth saw off the other ladies without dropping a set to become the Ladies Champion. Lisa McArthur was the runner-up.

James Terrett cruised through the men's singles, dropping only six games to his three opponents to become the men's champion.

Shawn Jones was the runner-up.



David Stansfield and Joy Whiteley won the mixed doubles after a hotly contested final, winning the match with two tie breaks.

Viv Brown and Gill Rushworth were the runners-up.



Viv Brown and Shawn Jones just edged through as winners of the men's doubles after a couple of very close three set matches.

David Stansfield and Rob Davis were the runners-up.



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