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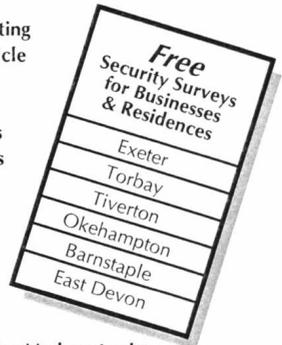
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MUSIC DATES

December 15th – from 5pm, Village Christmas Party

December 22nd - Jess Clarke

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What's On In Whimble

December

- 2nd Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 7th Front Row Club – 7.00 for 7.30pm – details on website/posters – Christmas Special
- 7th History Society Xmas Lunch – Cricket Club 12.00noon
- 10th Whimble Youth Club – Victory Hall 5.15 - 6.30pm
- 10th WI Christmas Party at Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm.
- 14th Coffee Morning in aid of the Children's Society - St Mary's Church – 10.15 - 12.00pm. Details page 59
- 14th Activity Day for Children at The Hub Willow View
- 14th Soup'n'Sarnie Christmas Special Lunch – Victory Hall – 12.00noon for 12.30. Details page 9
- 14th Front Row Club Foreign Film Night Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 24th Carols in the Square - 7.00pm - details page 26
- 27th VPA AGM 7.30pm at Victory Hall Committee Room – details page 16
- 31st New Year's Eve in the Square – details page 17

January

- 11th Table Top Sale Victory Hall – 11.00am-1.00pm - Details page 45
- 14th WI Monthly Meeting at Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm – Speaker is Natalie Andrews: 'The cleverness of scarves'
- 17th Wassailing starting at the New Fountain at 6.30pm. See page 21 for details
- 25th Breakfast - Victory Hall 8.30 - 9.30am Victory Hall, Speaker Mark Richardson, Exeter Foodbank
- 25th Soup'n'Sarnie Lunch – Victory Hall – 12.00noon - 1.30pm.
- 25th Pre School Quiz and Curry Victory Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm – details page 53
- 27th VPA AGM Victory Hall 7.30pm

February

- 6th Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, St Mary's Church 7.30pm – details page 31
- 7th Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, St Mary's Church – 7.30pm
- 8th Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, St Mary's Church - 2.30pm and 7.30pm
- 11th WI Monthly Meeting at Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm – Speaker is Paula Steer 'Being a shepherd'
- 20th The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella 7.30pm details page 39
- 21th The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella 7.30pm
- 22nd The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella **Matinee** 2.00pm
- 22nd The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella 7.30pm
- 29th Soup'n'Sarnie Lunch – Victory Hall – 12.00noon - 1.30pm.

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Ed the Ed

Yes – I'm still here! Our first advert for a new editor did not produce the long list of applicants that we hoped for, so the News team will put their thinking hats on – one very creative idea that was discussed was having a guest editor for each edition. The background work to create the magazine would be done by others but we would invite the various organisations in the village to provide a guest editor for one each of the six editions in the year. We will fine tune that idea so that we have a cunning plan for the first edition in 2020. Potential editors may well find themselves accosted and offered an opportunity that they cannot resist!

This edition has a variety of village news/events etc but for me the big one is about Rev Chris Martin moving on from Whimble in late January – see my article on pages 28 and 29. Chris has made a valuable contribution to Whimble and the surrounding parishes, and we wish him and Tina the very best in Charmouth and his new parish.

The Whimbletons are girding their loins to dazzle you all with another pantomaniac production 'Cinder Fella' in February and without wanting to scare you, yours truly has been invited back for a supporting role (at first I thought that they just needed someone to hold up the stage) but it appears they are looking for a proficient actor to bring quality and stability to the production. 'Why you' I hear you cry? Basically, I make the rest of them look good as I totter around with absolutely no idea of what I have to say next despite being so confident whilst waiting in the wings to make my entrance!

Last year's Wassail produced a bumper harvest that is still being picked as I write, so come along on 17th January to help us wake up the trees and keep a village tradition alive! (See page 21)

Thanks to Kathy Mclauchlan for updating us with progress on the Speed Watch initiative that was raised in the last edition. It is great to see concerns being picked up and villagers getting involved in matters that are important to them. There are also updates from the Parish Council and the 'Protect our Whimble and Rockbears Group', also asking for support and involvement to maintain momentum in creating a Neighbourhood Plan, and the campaign against the Cranbrook expansion. Again, it comes down to my favourite mantra 'Ask not what your village can do for you but what you can do for your village'.

Well done to the Cricket Club for a brilliant fireworks evening on 2nd November – James Woollam has penned an excellent review of the evening. A great display of fireworks – and safe! Thanks to Donna and Marc in the Farmer for their sponsorship of this event. Put next year's date in your diaries...7th November!! Dulcie and Maya have written a 'thank you' to the village for all the support they received for their expedition to Tanzania and it is wonderful to read of the impact that the experience gave them. It sounds like they made full use of this unique opportunity, and hopefully it will stay with them for a long time!

If you would like to contribute to the first edition of this wonderful magazine in 2020, then please either send it to me or Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 13th January please.

On behalf of the Whimble News team, have a happy and safe Christmas, and a happy New Year!



Order sheets are now in store if you want to order your Christmas fruit, veg, milk, etc. Pop in Christmas Eve and everything will be ready for you and you can join us for a mulled wine and mince pie.

We can get hold of a wide range of provisions so feel free to ask if we can get something particular in.

We have new pies and pasties from Moores in Exmouth which are proving popular and we can get cocktail pasties but will only order these in if requested.

We will still stock Chunk pies and pasties and can order in larger pies.

We will also have some gift packs from Courtneys cider and Exe gin and Black Cat rum.

Post Office

Christmas delivery time leaflets are available in store. Some deadlines for overseas parcels have already passed so please come in and ask advice.

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

We are always happy to give advice on postage prices and services. Generally, a small parcel should measure not larger than 45cm x 35cm x 16cm. If it is under 2kg this parcel size can cost as little as £3.00 for second-class postage. If your parcel weighs more than 2kg then the price jumps up considerably and sometimes it is better value to split a parcel. If you are unsure bring your package in unsealed and check before you send.

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District Councillor's report



Speed Watch

Since the publication of the last magazine we have a volunteer group ready and willing to research the possibility of forming a community speed watch team.

I have been in touch with our local police (several times) and the lead member of the community speed watch team (CSW) in West Hill for advice. The West Hill leader was very helpful and would be willing to talk to us about how they run their CSW, unfortunately I was not so lucky with the police. The local community police officer is organising a Cranbrook speed watch team at present and therefore we will have to wait.

I am presently investigating the possibility of a moveable flashing speed sign so that we could alternate it between the three roads that lead into the heart of the village. As you can imagine none of this is straight forward and perseverance is the key, I shall continue to persevere.

Just a reminder, **PLEASE KEEP SPEEDS DOWN, and if you're out and about in the dark, please wear some reflective clothing, it could safeguard you, your children and the dog.**

For the Techies out there

East Devon District Council (EDDC) have developed an app to work with the Alexa echo. The app lets you ask Alexa all sorts of questions regarding waste and recycling and I have tried it myself so I know it works.

You can find some example questions and how to set it up on the EDDC website under Waste and Recycling (I got the team to move it to the top of the page to make it easier to find).

Considering the desperate need for recycling and particularly waste reduction, some may find this useful and of course some, like me, may find it novel.

here are, of course, people who do not have access to a computer or an Alexa so to reassure you EDDC should be able and willing to answer any queries, just give them a call. The collection times for Christmas will be hung on your bin in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me,

Wishing you all a warm and magical Christmas.

Kathy Mclauchlan

POPPY APPEAL 2019

On behalf of the British Legion I sincerely thank all the people of Whimble for their generous donations. I have just paid in £1311.09 which is the total for Whimble.

This is down on last year due to the lack of door to door collections. Supermarkets are now the main collectors.

My thanks also goes to the bugler who played the last post at the remembrance service.

Apologies to anyone who did not get a visit but it is difficult after dark when people are at home.

Thanks to all.

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Thank you to everyone for all your support during 2019. Saturday Morning Coffee has continued to be a popular event, providing an opportunity for friendship. Once again St. Mary's Church is indebted to the ladies of Whimple who have kindly made cakes for, and served at, the Saturday morning coffee and cakes in church from May to September. Needless to say that without our customers the whole venture would be pointless, so it is a big thank you to everybody for their support. If you would like to help next year please contact Rosie Davies or Maggie Spicer.

We held an extremely popular breakfast in January at which the Rev Alan Dodds came to give an brief insight into his early career as a member of the Konrads, who also had a young David Bowie as one of their members. Alan returned in October to speak at a Supper event, which again was well supported.

Thank you also for the support given to our Church Fete in June.

December is a very busy time for the Church. This year many organisations seem to be finishing even earlier to give their staff a break. Please spare a thought for all those people who have to work over this busy period to help you enjoy the festive season, especially those working in the emergency services.

As usual there are lots of activities taking place:

On Saturday 14th December there will be a Coffee Morning in the Church from 10.15am until 12.00noon in aid of the Children's Society.

We are once again holding a special Activity Day for Primary School children on Saturday 14th December. Please note that this year it will be at the HUB, at Willowview. If you want a place for your child then booking is essential. Please contact Jenny Love on 822006 or email brnl734@aol.com.

We are also holding Advent Quiet Space on two more Thursdays in Advent. Please note that this is a different day to previous years.

Please welcome our Carol Singers again this year as they sing in part of the village. Please meet in the Square at 6.30pm on Monday 16th December. If you would like to join them to sing or play a musical instrument please contact Gerri Turner on 822587. We would also welcome non singers to help us with the collection.



Our Christingle Service will be on Sunday 15th December at 4pm and a special Celebration Service will be held on Sunday 22nd December at Cotley Barn from 9am

There will be a Midnight Communion service at 11pm on Christmas Eve, (please note the earlier time) and on Christmas Day at 11.00am we have our Family Service with Carols.

There are also a variety of other services at Talaton and Clyst St Lawrence. The Link (Churches 4 All magazine) and Christmas cards distributed around the village list the full details.

Looking further ahead, on 25th January we are holding a Breakfast in the Victory Hall from 8.30am until 9.30am. Our guest speaker is Mark Richardson from Exeter Foodbank .

Further details of how to book will be available on the website and in The Link.

Details of all the services and various activities can be found on our website www.churches4all.org.

The Parochial Church Council on behalf of Whimble Church wish you a joyful Christmas and New Year.

Advent Quiet Space

Waiting is not something many of us do well these days. As a society, we are becoming used to instant gratification and find it hard to wait for anything. But 'waiting' is an important part of Christian history and experience and, as the saying goes, 'good things come to those who wait'. 'Advent' is the time traditionally spent 'waiting' for the arrival of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

So, on Thursday evenings during Advent, from 7.30pm until 8.30pm, why not come to sit in Whimble Church, enjoy some quiet space in the sacred surroundings of this beautiful village church and simply wait? Nothing will be expected of you other than to sit quietly. We might light some candles; we might listen to the odd piece of soft music; we might hear a short poem or a verse or two from the Bible. But mostly, we'll be quiet. And, in doing so, my hope is that we'll come home to ourselves and find some joy and peace in simply 'being' and waiting.

Thursdays in Advent:
12th and 19th December 2019
7.30pm in Whimble Church



Whimple Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Neighbourhood planning is a way for communities to take a proactive approach to deciding the future of the places where they live and work. Communities can use a neighbourhood plan to help shape the future development and use of land in their neighbourhood. This includes the development of homes, shops, offices and infrastructure.

How can I get involved?

The Parish Council is now looking for volunteers with skills/interest to help in one of the four steering groups:-

- i) Natural Environment and Boundary (Protection Policies/Green Wedge, Building line, Development within the Parish Boundary, Flood risk and prevention)
- ii) Infrastructure (Parking, School, Speeding, Bus and Rail services)
- iii) Climate, Health and Leisure (Sports clubs, Play Areas, Climate/Green Policies, Fuel Poverty, Ex Service personnel provision, Dr Surgery/health provision/needs, Cycle Routes)
- iv) Economy (Local Business, Church, Victory Hall)

Some residents have already expressed an interest in helping and the Parish Council is grateful of these offers of support. If you have already expressed a general interest or are now keen to get involved in one of the specific steering groups please email (or post) your details, including which steering group you would like to assist with to Kevin Finch, Parish Clerk, whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com. **Responses by 30th December 2019 please .**

Individuals will be contacted by the Chair of the specific steering group. Further information and the Terms of Reference for the steering groups can be found on the Parish Website www.whimpleparishcouncil.weebly.com

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The Parish Council is very grateful to the Whimple News and Whimple what's on Facebook site for the opportunity to post key messages. The Parish Council does not, at present, have its own Facebook site and the updates seen are posted individually by the clerk, Kevin Finch. However, following posts in the Whimple what's on Facebook page there have been instances of messages being incorrectly sent direct to Kevin via online messenger. These messages do not go to the Parish Council but to a personal mobile phone and therefore are not read or responded to.

Should you wish to contact the Parish Council please email Kevin Finch, Parish Clerk at whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com or by post or the parish phone number. More information can be found in the Parish Notice Boards and on the Parish webpage. Details can also be found in the 'Organisations in Whimple list' in the back of Whimple News. Please be aware that the clerk is a part time post and therefore responses will be made as quickly as possible during the working week.

Dates for the 2020 Parish Meetings have been posted in the notice boards and on the parish website. We look forward to welcoming you to the Parish Meetings in 2020.

The Parish Councillors would like to thank residents for their help and support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Kevin Finch, Parish Clerk



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After the Editor's comments in the last edition of the Whimple News, I am pleased to report that I have successfully emerged from my darkened room just in time to bash out another missive for this edition of the News. Thankfully, there is not so much to report on and no long term damage to my typing finger!

Following our very successful Flower and Craft Show in August, there was a very enjoyable trip to The Garden House at Buckland Monachorum on Sunday 29th September. The trip also included a visit to the Endsleigh Garden Centre on the return journey. The coach was full and from the comments that came back it appears that they could have done with more time there as there was so much to see, so maybe a return visit is on the cards!

Our final talk of the year was on Thursday 24th October. This was given by Graham White and it was very well attended. Graham gave a very well-illustrated talk on Herbaceous Perennials and Borders. Clearly those who were there went away with a whole host of ideas for their own gardens, so there should be even more colourful displays in the village next year!

Our final event of the year was the Quiz Night on Friday 8th November. Following the great success of previous two years, it is good to report on yet another hugely entertaining evening. Members and friends thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of the Gardening and General Knowledge questions. Our thanks to Brian Nelson and Doreen Staddon for providing the very challenging questions which had the little grey cells working overtime! All in all another excellent evening.

Our first meeting in the new year will be our Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Victory Hall. As always, all are very welcome to attend especially anyone who would like to join our Committee – we are always pleased to have new faces with fresh ideas!

Information on all our trips and the Flower and Craft Show can be seen on our website. So to check these out go to www.whimple-vpa.co.uk to find all the information and photographs.

Paul Wilson, Chairman, Whimple VPA.

Fish and Chip van in The Square

Graham will NOT be in The Square on
Friday 27th December 2019 and 3rd January 2020.

New Year's Eve 2019

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There is always some pressure on the rural environment that affects our way of life, like a bad harvest, lack of skilled workforce, floods, loss of public services and amenities to village and rural communities. There is one threat that is very apparent and it is just over the horizon. The growth of Cranbrook is not what was originally proposed:- a Garden New Town with high quality design and with strong eco credentials, but what has occurred? Now East Devon District Council wants to extend Cranbrook eastwards with their Cranbrook Master Plan.

Nearly 500 villagers submitted their comments in what was a considerable response, indicating a significant concern about the developments.

For clarification, our group supports new decent housing developments within a sustainable framework, carefully considered infrastructure that also protects our environment. It is the process; the developer led, profit seeking house builders, the district council that need to be challenged.

Our group is acutely aware of the 'Localism Act 2011' which is an **Act of Parliament** that changes the powers of local government in England and came into effect in **April 2012**. This is a major change in the democratic process that affects every single parish in the land. It is relevant to us all as it is a law that facilitates the devolution of decision-making powers from central government control to individuals and communities.

According to The Department for Communities and Local Government "*local communities should have genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live. Neighbourhood planning will allow communities, both residents, employees and business, to come together through a local parish council or neighbourhood forum and say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go - and what they should look like. These plans can be very simple and concise, or go into considerable detail*".

It will affect the way our corner of Devon is developed now and in the future. **It is a very important document.**

It is disappointing that the Whimble Parish Council 'ceded' / relinquished a large number of acres to Cranbrook Town Council. This land has augmented the land available to Cranbrook to develop eastwards up to Cobden Lane and in the case of a Travellers and Gypsy Site, over the boundary into Whimble Parish.

Rockbeare now has a 'signed and sealed' **Neighbourhood plan**, which in accordance with the legislation protects the Parish from the expansion of Cranbrook. It certainly has made a difference to how Rockbeare Parish can effectively fight against major developments.

If only Whimble had a **Neighbourhood Plan** in place it would have shaped the future expansion of Cranbrook.

Now the big problem – the latest Cranbrook Plan submitted to the Government Inspector by East Devon District Council, is materially different from the plan which went out to consultation. This includes a new estate of houses within the boundary of Whimble Parish, plus a large Travellers/Gypsy site east of Cobden Lane up to Bodley Bridge. Clearly if this was known, then there could have been vigorous objections and castigation of EDDC and its councillors. Our argument includes, concern about, what appears to be, a hidden agenda. More transparency, more openness could have alleviated much of the distrust that we feel.

A survey of residents was undertaken by the Parish in February last year, but it appears no tangible results followed. The pace of creating the **Neighbourhood Plan** by our Parish Council is of great concern to many in the village, since the legislation was 'up and running' in 2012!!

The POW&R Group's key remit is:-

1. **To protect our villages** from inappropriate expansion of Cranbrook.
2. To work with all concerned to establish as a **matter of urgency**, a Neighbourhood Plan that is robust, realistic, time bound and legally binding.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** is ultimately the legal responsibility of the Parish Council, but can be conducted by a **Neighbourhood Forum**. We have continually indicated our Group's support in achieving this, but it would appear the Parish Council seems reticent to our proposals. As a group we want to protect our green space surrounding the village and create the right environment that meets the needs of the village for the long term. It may not be known that once the **Neighbourhood Plan** is in place, it will inform key decision making of Planning Applications and other processes in the village. In addition, there are Government Grants of up to £17,000 to help the process along.

Let's set a target of one year from the first of December 2019 to get this sorted – it can be done if there is the will. It is your village, your community, your plan. "We can achieve more by working together than we achieve alone.

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Friday 17th January 2020

Wassailing

This year's wassailing will start at the New Fountain Inn at about 6.30pm for the usual 'rehearsal'. The assembled company will then move off at about 7.00pm. to 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 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.

FIRST TWO VERSES OF THE WASSAIL SONG FOR FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

(We always sing the first two verses of the Wassail song, copies of which are handed out on the night. Here is your very own copy to bring with you! You can now practice your singing over the next few weeks!)

A-Wassail, a-wassail! The Moon she shines down;
Our apple s are ripe and our nuts they are brown,
Whence thou mayest bud, dear old apple tree,
And whence thou mayest bear, we sing unto thee.

Chorus.....

With our wassail, wassail, wassail!
And joy come to our jolly wassail!

O apple tree prosper, bud, bloom and bear,
So we may have plenty of cider next year.
And where there's a barrel, we hope there'll be ten,
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Events which took place in Whimble at one time:-

Whimble Fair - held annually in The Square with stalls manned by locals and travellers and Maypole dancing by schoolchildren.

The Winter Carnival - went from Station Yard to Hand & Pen with an organ grinder and monkey; a horse-drawn wagon, open at the back, selling saucepans, tin-ware, gipsy clothes- pegs, shoe laces and lace. There were also French Onion men and a fortune teller.

Lady Hughes of Larkbeare was known as Lady Quick-Quick as she was always in a hurry.

Thackeray wrote ‘Pendennis’ whilst at Larkbeare Court. He sometimes stayed at Larkbeare House and on a bedroom window is believed to have inscribed the verse of the hymn ‘Teach Me My God and King:- A man who look glass / Or through it may stay his eye / Or if he wish it through it pass / And so the heaven espy’.

When the Second World War was over, Whimble started a ‘Welcome Home’ fund for returning servicemen. Each one was given a tin of biscuits. These would have been an expensive luxury at that time.

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REVD CHRIS MARTIN



We have copied the formal announcement that came out in early November regarding Chris Martin and the news that he has obtained another position in a Dorset parish, and will be leaving us at the end of January. Chris has been our vicar for seven years and has made a great contribution to our village. He will be missed very much but we should congratulate him and wish him every success in this new post...

Dear All,

For those of you who weren't in church yesterday please see the following announcement that was made at all the services in our Mission Community:

Announcement

Friends, I have an announcement that I need to make. It is with some sadness that I have to report that my time as the Vicar here is to come to a close at the end of January. Tina and I shall be moving on to pastures new and across the border into the Diocese of Salisbury. I am required to read to you the announcement that is being read out today in a group of churches called The Golden Cap Benefice in that Diocese.

"We are pleased to announce that the Bishop of Sherborne, on behalf of the Bishop of Salisbury, in conjunction with the Patrons, has appointed the Revd Chris Martin as Team Rector for the Golden Cap. Chris is currently the Vicar of the Churches 4All Mission Community, a group of four rural parishes in East Devon within the Diocese of Exeter. We believe Chris to be the right fit for us here and in the deanery and we are looking forward to welcoming him, his wife Tina, and pet Labrador Welly, sometime in the New Year and to a licensing towards Lent."

This has come about rather unexpectedly for us, but we do believe that God has placed us on this particular path and we are now choosing to follow where it leads. We are glad that as Revd Marc sees out the rest of his curacy here, he will be available to help the parishes begin the transition to whatever is next for them. It is not yet time for 'Goodbyes'. But please do pray for us at this time of change, as we shall be praying sincerely for you all.

If you feel you would like to speak to someone about the announcement please feel free to contact your Churchwardens, Ian and myself, or Revd Marc.

Best wishes, Gerri

I wanted to write an article about Chris for this edition as he has done so much for Whimple and the surrounding parishes and we met up to have that conversation. I was interested as to how he had made an application for this position, knowing nothing of the way the Church of England works and we had a lovely relaxed chat during the afternoon of my visit. Earlier in the year he had been on a sabbatical break and that had provided him with valuable thinking time about his future, and what was happening with his family circumstances as his daughter came to her final year of university, potentially leaving him and his wife, Tina, by themselves.

'Was it the time to move on?' was the question he was asking himself as he was aware of the Dorset vacancy. Initially he had no interest but he found that this opportunity kept coming up in conversations with his church colleagues. So he obtained more details of the Dorset opportunity, and spoke to the Archdeacon who would be his immediate 'boss'. He was aware of lots of threads appearing in his daily life about this position and that had to have some meaning. Chris told me that God had put his feet on this new path – now he had the choice of whether he followed it. He applied and was interviewed – and was offered the position. Currently Chris has four parishes – in this new job he will have 12! He is both excited and daunted by this prospect as it means he will have to look at working differently in the new church set up.

One of the things that he will take away from our parish is how he hopes that he has helped to develop the skills of valuable lay people who provide wonderful support to him. The old days of 'one parish, one vicar' will never return and the Church is learning how to recognise and deal with the new world of multiple parishes, and declining numbers of new vicars joining.

I asked Chris about particular highlights from his stay with us, and he mentioned the production of 'Godspell' in St Mary's Church that was directed by Tom Samson from Talaton. From that experience, Chris learned about trusting people and giving them the opportunity – and said that he was at the first night of this production and felt enormous pride at his, albeit, small role in its coming to Whimble with such a committed and motivated team of people. He also felt that the Alpha course that he set up in 2015 was another highlight – he advertised the course and was delighted to find that some 60 people from all four parishes expressed interest and it went on to be a very successful series of events. At the end, some people wanted to carry on and established their own groups to continue with discussions and support to each other. This theme of people taking responsibility and achieving much is another highlight for Chris – the Church has to operate in a different way in this 'new world' and if you can offer help to lay-people then they will rise to the occasion and delight you – and themselves! Several people have offered to lead services and that has certainly helped with the workload.

Chris is very aware that his stay here with us has been a 'two way street' in that he has worked with many people to develop their confidence and skills and will take these lessons to his new position. And Chris himself has learned from these experiences, and says that he has changed for the better, having been influenced by so many good people in this part of East Devon.

We thank Chris and Tina for all their work in the Churches4All Mission Community and wish them every success in their new home in Charmouth.

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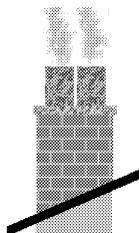
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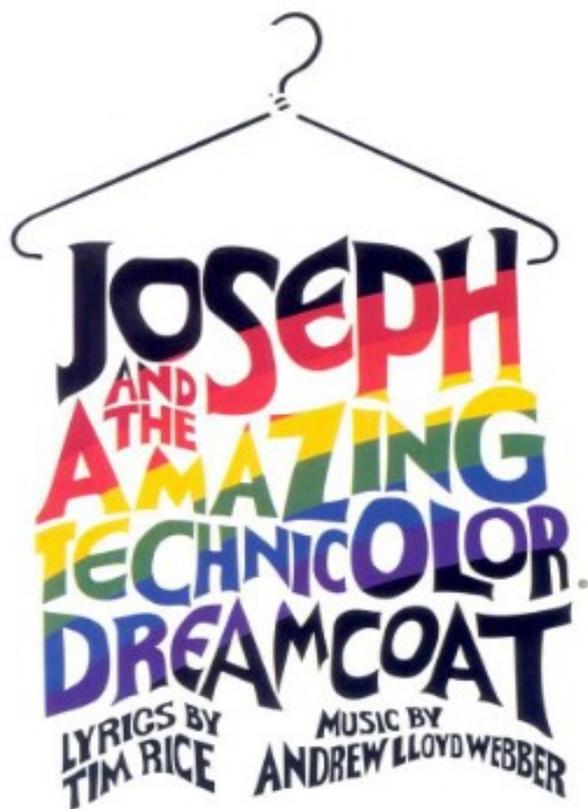
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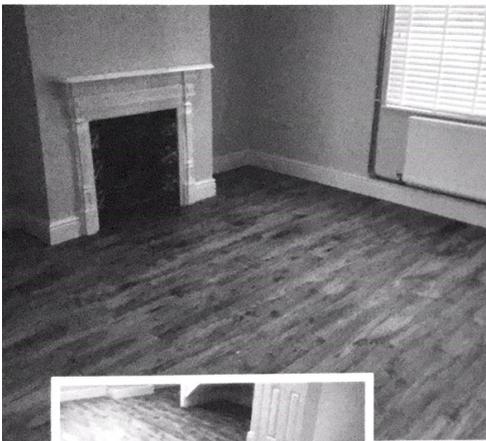
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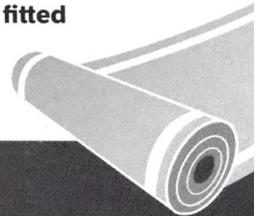
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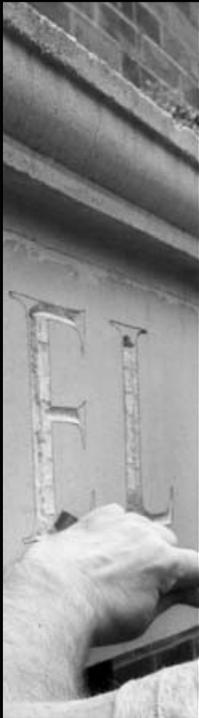
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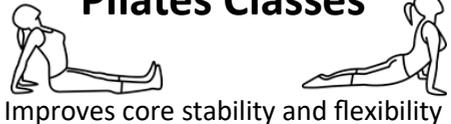


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		6.00pm - 10.30pm (no food)	noon - late food noon - 9.00pm	6.00am - 9.00pm
Closed	Closed	Closed	noon - 6.00pm (no food)	8.00am - 9.00pm
		Closed	noon - 2.30pm 5.00pm - 11.30pm	

Whimble News Team



The 'Wonders of Whimple' are an ordinary group of women achieving extraordinary things. Promoting body positivity and diversity, fun and kindness is what they do well.

They have been fundraising for just over two years now and in that time they have raised an incredible

£7500 for 'Breast Cancer Now' 'Breast Cancer Care' and 'The Body Image Movement'. The ladies, who all come from Whimple, came together after watching a film called 'Embrace' which raises awareness and discussion around body image and the impact it has on us all.

Last year they created a set of ten different Christmas cards and wrapping paper in their fun 'Calendar Girls' style. They had a large amount printed to reduce the costs, and so to give everyone an opportunity to get some, as you may have missed out last year, they will be on sale again this year. The cards and gift wrap will be going on sale on 1st November 2019 and will be sold in their online shop thewondersofwhimple.bigcartel.com They will also be selling at Whimple Stores, who have been very supportive throughout their fundraising. This year the ladies are fund raising for 'Breast Cancer Now' and 'Embrace Kids' which is raising funds to produce a second film focusing on the issues surrounding body image that is starting at a worrying younger age than ever.

They would love to reach £10,000 total for their fund raising by the end of this year so please support them as much as you can by buying your cards and gift wrap from them. The cards are a bargain price of £2 for a pack of 10 and the gift wrap is £1.50. As the printing costs were all covered last year whatever money is raised this year is PURE PROFIT! Please help the 'Wonders' to achieve this by buying their cards and gift wrap and putting a smile on someone's face this Christmas!

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Weather-wise, we couldn't have had a more difficult build-up. Heavy rain and high winds had other local displays cancelling, parking plans ruined and site plans for the marquee and stalls all had to be changed. With the help of a brilliant team of volunteers, we managed to overcome various obstacles. Temporary flooring was ordered, free buses came back and forth from Cranbrook train station, visitors parked around the village and the Scouts helped to marshall a safe passage up to the club.

Saturday afternoon had seen a Build-a-Guy competition featuring two Donald Trumps. It was tough to pick a winner with the O'Dell's just scraping it in the end. The firework display itself was launched by Ellis and Erin Badley, winners of the raffle to press the big red launch button after the countdown. With the bonfire and display completed, New Hero's frontman Phil played on in the clubhouse to complete the night.

As with any event like this, we owe thanks to many volunteers. To the bonfire committee and those from the club who ran food and drink stalls, you know how much we appreciate your help. Thanks to the Scouts for marshalling, John Male for the hired toilets and lighting, FOWS for their support and Courtney's Cider, Oggy Oggy Pasties and Wilbur's Gourmet Hot Dogs for working with us. Thanks also to the many friends of the club who worked behind the bar, to Ian Brown and Steve Povey for building and running the bonfire, ably assisted by James Baker.

Finally, we are immensely grateful to The Thirsty Farmer for sponsoring the night and to Mark Fenner and partner-in-crime Richard Knee for being the driving force behind making it happen.

We've already met to start planning next year, so put Saturday 7th November 2020 in the diary now so you don't miss out!

James Woollam

Chair, Whimple Cricket Club



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Whimble Victory Hall



First and foremost, can I say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who responded to our survey on the future of the Victory Hall. You resoundingly told us that the Hall should remain where it is and we should set about refurbishing it. We have already made a start.

The main hall floor has been replaced and the kitchen has been upgraded. More recently the entrance hall and corridor have been painted – thank you Barbara Hall Williams – and the Main Hall redecorated – thank you Vicky Kendrew.

I must also thank Lee and John Farmer who not only have redecorated the school cupboard but have kindly paid for a new hob.

The Hall's building and maintenance sub-committee are now addressing some of the challenges we face. The roof, walls, heating and drainage all need attention and the first step will be to seek the advice of building professionals to help us draw up an action plan. In the meantime, we will get on with more straightforward improvements.

All this takes money and, despite managing to raise over £100,000 over the last ten years, we already know that it will cost significantly more than that to fully refurbish the hall.

The Young Farmers have agreed to help by holding a Big Breakfast to raise funds for us and have also kindly chosen the Hall as one of their two charities for next year. This is wonderful news and we are so grateful.

At the beginning of December the Thirsty Farmer held a quiz for our benefit. Thank you very much.

We too will be arranging events in our centenary year, some to raise money and others simply to celebrate.

The first of these will be a table-top sale on 11th January. The hall will be open between 10.00am and 11.00am to receive any items you would like to donate. The sale will start at 11.00am and run to 1.00pm. All profits will go towards renovating the hall.

On 8th May we will be celebrating VE Day with a World War II themed event. We are planning a community tea dance for all ages. There will be WW II vehicles, uniforms and music: perhaps singing and dancing as well. We will be laying on some WW II food – maybe even Spam! There will be entertainment for young people and for the not so young. So please make a date in your diary and come and join us.

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see again -
the sparkle from the Christmas
tree.

by Pauline Rodgers



Reflections about Bells over Christmas.

I know that it may be a distant memory but where did you spend Christmas last year? Or even New Year come to that. Did your family come to you for Christmas? Did you go to friends to celebrate New Year, or to some away break to see in the New Year in style? In our family, Christmas is a gathering time, but where that happens is fluid and the question seems to resolve itself over the weeks leading up to the great day. Similarly the New Year and with whom we celebrate it. Always enjoyable whoever we're with and where ever we are.

For the first time I can remember there were only three bellringers in Whimple over the 2018 Christmas/New Year period. Ringers were all spending Christmas with family away or otherwise not available. That underlines how fragile is our position, even having nine skilled ringers on our strength. Consequently, there were no bells rung for the Christmas Day service, nor to ring in the New Year. A regrettable 'first' in recent memory.

We were with my sister-in-law so I rang at her church. I have rung there before and they knew we were coming so I had an invitation. For New Year they do as we do here, but they were under strength too so again I helped to keep the numbers up and the tradition alive. It set me thinking. Perhaps you had a house guest who is a ringer. Would you know? If this year you do, please tell them they are welcome to make themselves known and ring with us. Why can Whimple not benefit from visitors as well? Can you help keep the bells ringing at Christmas? Or, indeed at any time of year.

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Autumn has arrived with darker nights and less holidays, so where is there a better place to be than with friends in the WI listening to an entertaining speaker. In September, Paula Steer came from "Lily Warne Wool". Lily was her great-great-grandmother who lived just outside Chagford and was a sheep farmer on Dartmoor at the turn of the 20th century.

Paula described her family history in great detail, with amusing stories on how the business was started and what it has become today. You may also have seen her on TV, once in Dragons Den and a number of times on Countryfile with Adam Henson. A hilarious lady, who entertained us throughout, causing much laughter when she described Topping (when the girls have a visit from the ram - look it up if you need more detail!). We will be asking Paula to speak again next year, when she will describe more of her own role in the business and her time as a shepherdess with her much loved grey-faced Dartmoor sheep.

Our next speaker on the 8th October was Robert Hesketh, a writer and photographer who has spoken to us before. This time Robert intrigued us with an illustrated tour of some of Devon's most haunted places and their stories, focussing on those that can be visited by (living members of) the public! Devon claims to have many ghosts and supernatural phenomena in houses, castles and churches, and especially on Dartmoor - do you believe it, or are you a sceptic like me? He is a good story teller though.

On the 9th we played in the first round of the DF County Skittles competition against Bradninch and guess what, **we won** and by a good margin. To be fair this was the first time Bradninch had entered the competition, so they were not quite as experienced as we were (not!). It was a great evening however and they were very good company, wishing us luck in the next round. We are waiting to hear who our next opponents will be.

Several of our ladies attended a WI Christmas evening on the 16th at the John Lewis store in Exeter and reported a most enjoyable event.

The Devon Federation reinstated their Autumn Meeting this year and 4 of us travelled to Bideford on the 23rd. The journey was in beautiful sunny autumn colour and we arrived at Bideford College on time after only a minor detour (don't you just love sat navs!). We sang Jerusalem of course, listened to the usual business and enjoyed two speakers; firstly Edward Stephenson who worked for the Queen's Messenger Service transporting diplomatic material around the world, followed by Eleanor Stewart, a former Nun and midwife, who entertained us with very funny tales of her former career. During the lunch break we listened to a group of WI members playing in a steel band - they were great! A most enjoyable day out.

Our bi-monthly social lunch was held on 6th November at the New Inn in Broadclyst, and was very well attended and enjoyed as usual. Next year will be Whimble WI's Centenary, so put your thinking caps on for how we can celebrate it.

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

Barbara Ackland



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The children at Whimble Preschool are enjoying a lovely Autumn term. They have been for autumn walks in the village, collecting acorns, conkers and leaves. We had a harvest celebration in the church where the children sang some songs that they had learnt and did a collection for the Exeter Food Bank; they made bread rolls in the morning.

The children created some amazing firework paintings which they did to the sound of fireworks to inspire them. They have been learning about road safety and had a great drama session by 'Pyjama Drama' on how to keep safe by the roads.

On Remembrance Day the children made and painted poppies and learnt a little about this special day. We will soon be starting our Christmas activities and preparing the nativity.

17 of our children started school in September so we do have spaces available. We will now be open all day on Wednesdays from January. Please see our website or phone us for more information or to arrange a visit.

Unfortunately, Early Years Funding is not sufficient to cover the running costs of preschools so we are completely reliant on donations and fundraising to keep us going. We have set up *Easy Fundraising* where you can raise money for us at no extra cost whilst you shop online! If you would like to support us please visit this website:

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Thank you!

Jo Sibley



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WHIMPLE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Despite the recent wet weather, the children have managed to participate in the annual apple pick and have a go at some apple pressing. A big thank you to Mr Palmer for all his efforts. Although it is only November our thoughts have to start thinking towards Christmas and all the associated activities and performances.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee afternoon - the governors in the kitchen and the Year 6 children did a wonderful job of supplying you, our lovely customers, with some delicious cakes. Along with donations, we all raised a fantastic £250 - amazing!

Thank you for all your continued support – have a lovely Christmas and prosperous New Year – from all staff and pupils at Whimple Primary School.

Carole Shilston, Head Teacher

Persuasion about plastic

This term we are connecting science with English, we are writing a persuasive text to a family member. This will persuade them to cut down on their use of plastic. We will study how plastic is made, its uses and lots more. So far, we have started to fill in our planning sheets. In science, we have watched clips about where plastic comes from - we did you know it is made from parts of oil found under the ground. We have carried out an experiment to find out if there is plastic in face creams and socks!

Fantastic Friday

Each week the school has something called Fantastic Friday. Fantastic Friday is where every year group (except for Reception) has a different activity. This term Yr5 are making, designing and decorating their own Christmas decorations. These Christmas decorations will then hang on the tree in the church. It is up to us what sort of decoration we make. Once we have finished designing, we will create our decoration with felt.

The Roman Dance

For PE, Beech class has been learning about the special Roman dance moves they taught the soldiers to protect them from flying Celtic arrows. We have acted out being the British Celtic army circling the Romans and the Romans forming a turtle shell with their shields.

Visit to the Mandir at Diwali

As soon as you walked in to the Mandir the smell of the diva lamps, the incense and smoke hit you. We started to wash our hands and feet. Once you had washed yourself you could line up to ring a bell before entering the amazing main hall. We could go in and join the other people praying to the gods and goddesses. After fifteen minutes of praying to the gods and goddesses you could go and kneel next to the priest by the table full of candles. You knelt because it was rude to have your feet facing towards the gods and goddesses.

We role-played the ceremony that happens in the Mandir called Puja. In this ceremony the priest tips food and water over the gods and goddesses. They also sing and cleanse smoke over them. Later on the people line up to have Tilak from the priest put on their forehead.

We found it really interesting learning about what it would be like to visit a Mandir and be a Hindu!

By **Peggy, Chelsea and Toby**



Bike Ability

Bike Ability is where children get the chance to learn how to ride safely on roads. In Whimple Primary School, it is the Year 6's who get trained. Richard and Dave taught us in groups, the week before half term (14th - 18th October). We started off in the MUGA, where we checked our bikes were suitable for the course and then we covered the basics.

Everyone passed Level 1 and most people continued onto Level 2. Over the week we covered turning in and out of junctions, using roundabouts correctly, signalling and recognising signs. Once we completed the day's work, we would practise our skills. Everyone enjoyed the experience and hope to do Level 3 sometime in the future.

By **Alabama and Ava** (Year 6)



A massive Thank you

It is hard to believe that it has been three months since we returned from Tanzania.

It was a truly incredible trip with lots of hard work; but many amazing memories, an experience that will stay with us for life.

During the month away we were part of many projects in different communities across Tanzania. We levelled out school land on Kilimanjaro to prevent the school from falling away, we learnt how to make cement (lots of cement) and to make the floors and steps in two different schools.

As well as helping the people in Tanzania, we also engaged in tasks to help the wildlife such as rebuilding a watering hole for the animals.

Although we did a lot of work we had many opportunities to explore the culture from cooking traditional Tanzanian food, to going on two safaris, meeting the Massai tribe, getting the chance to go on a diving course, meeting many incredible school children and families and many other insightful experiences.

It is thanks to the fantastic support of the wonderful people of Whimble that we were able to make this trip. You made donations at the shop, bought cakes at the Pantomime, came to our Quiz, the Fashumble and helped us in many other ways

We would just like to say thank you very much

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