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MEET AGAIN.

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OWN FACEBOOK PAGE, FOR ANY NEWS AND UPDATES.

*Marc and Donna*



# No longer Ed the Ed

It is more than 18 years since Ed Hitchcock penned his first 'Ed the Ed' editorial. Having joined the team in 1999, he took over as editor in 2002 and ever since then has welcomed you to the latest edition of Whimble News in his own unique way. But, alas, no more - Ed and Nicky have left us and moved away to the big city - we wish them well. Ed will be a very hard act to follow.

He cannot go without us taking this opportunity to thank him, not just for his leadership of the News Team, but his wider contribution to the life of the village – his cheerful voice helping Jenny and Mark in the shop, a leading light and favourite panto dame in the Whimbletons and so much more. Thank you Ed.

Ed is not the only one 'stepping down' from his role in village life. You will see on page 20 that Kevin Finch is leaving his position as Parish Clerk. Thank you Kevin, you have done a great job and we very much appreciate it.

In contrast you will see, on page 10, that our curate, Marc Kerslake, is 'stepping up' to become our Priest in Charge. Congratulations Marc, that is really good news. You have a daunting task ahead of you in creating a much enlarged Mission Community.

Congratulations also go to Emma Palmer and the singers and musicians of both Whimble and Talaton who came together online to create the 'Virtual Christmas Carols' as an alternative to our annual 'Carols in the Square'. It was good to see the enthusiasm of everyone involved in doing this in such a novel and effective way.

Emma went on to team up with Jim Causley to ensure that our Wassailing tradition would still take place, albeit online. Their pictures\* grace the cover of this edition and their performance is still available on YouTube. Well done to both of them.

In these uncertain times it is far from clear whether we will be able to have Village Week in July and, if we can, what form it will take. Nevertheless, it is good to see that the Village Week team are keeping busy raising money for the Victory Hall and for the next Village Day, whenever that might be. The details are on page 27.

At the moment the village is abuzz with reaction to the planning application for the New Fountain. This is clearly unpopular and the 'Save Whimble's New Fountain Inn Group' are spearheading the campaign to save this cherished pub, and protect the Heritage Centre, with support from CAMRA, the CPRE and POW&R groups as well as the rest of us. We await developments.

While on the subject of planning applications, Alan Lascelles reminds us on page 31 that we must not lose sight of Persimmon's plans for Cranbrook which appear to encroach on our village and the promised 'Green Wedge'.

Despite the lockdown, we also have articles from our regular contributors so there is much to read in the pages that follow. If you would like to contribute to our next edition in April we would love to hear from you. You can email me at bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 12th March or drop a note through either my door. (Albecq, The Green) or Sally's (32 Whiteway Close, opposite the Thirsty Farmer).

**Bob Scanlan**

\*don't worry: the background is a picture of last year's wassail before social distancing.



Thank you to everyone who gave us such lovely cards and gifts over the Christmas period. It has been very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Just a reminder of our opening hours – weekdays 8am-6pm – weekends 9am-midday. We hope to be able to carry on with our regular hours during this latest lockdown.

We have split ourselves into two teams so that if any one of us catches covid we will be able to keep the shop open although we would need, at that point, to reduce the hours to mornings only. Hopefully that won't happen and we would ask you to help us stay safe by wearing a mask, sanitising your hands once your mask is attached, avoid touching your face again whilst in the shop and if possible please pay using a contactless card.

Stock during this lockdown is much more consistent and easier to source. Our local milk and egg suppliers are still providing as much stock as the fresh veg and freshly baked bread suppliers. If you need something in particular that we don't stock in the shop, please ask and if we can get it for you we will try.

Most of you will have noticed that it is much quieter in the shop this time. There are less queues and it feels much quieter. Bearing this in mind we may have to adjust our staffing levels so there may be only one person serving in the shop and Post Office.

## **Post Office**

The Post Office is open the same hours as the shop.

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# Coleridge Medical Centre

Firstly, a very Happy New Year from all of us at the surgery and we sincerely hope that your Christmases were not too disrupted by the evolving Covid situation. We sadly bade our farewells to Practice Nurse Helen Wakelin and Doctor Craig Thompson over the festive season. We have welcomed Dr Sarah Lort and will be welcoming Dr Harriet Roberts in February. Dr Thompson's and Dr Stuart's patients are being distributed amongst the partners going forwards and I do hope you have received your notification.

The surgery continues to strive to offer its usual range of services both at Coleridge and Whimple sites. The demand has been high and sometimes we have struggled to find appointments in an acceptable time frame but with increased staff capacity we hope that will improve. The bigger 'flu vaccination campaign involving younger patients this year has largely been achieved with a great deal of commitment from our staff during the week and at weekends.

The Covid 19 vaccination programme is picking up pace and we are offering our older mobile patients slots at Exmouth Tennis Centre. All the staff have been involved during the week and on Saturdays. It is an enormous undertaking and particularly as the Pfizer vaccine comes with its cold chain complications. We had the unfortunate government turnaround involving second vaccine appointments which resulted in a lot of disappointment and administrative burden. A wider cohort however will now get the first vaccine which confers good protection if not 100%.

Please note that our staff will be contacting patients who have been identified as priority to be offered the vaccine first. Please do not call us to book.

Dr de Sousa returned to work in December and is building up his hours. We have been delighted to welcome him back as have his patients.

Thank you all for your continued support and patience during these uncertain times and we hope we are seeing a light at the end of this rather long and gloomy tunnel.

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## THANK YOU !!

**Thank you so much to everyone who completed our survey online, or via the paper leaflets, distributed around the village by lovely members of our team.**

We included all the results in our survey regarding potential use of the New Fountain Inn, which we are submitting on the EDDC portal. Over 300 submissions in total! Additionally, I took 45 of the leaflets (from those who had not already posted their views directly to their portal) to EDDC's Blackdown House and posted them through the letterbox.

These have all counted as objections.

We have been busy putting up posters and placards, too!



The love and support for the Fountain and Heritage Centre has been very moving to read, and reflects how vital they both are to so many of us in the community of Whimble.

***Sal*** - on behalf of Save Whimble's New Fountain Group



Sarah and Queenie out delivering leaflets



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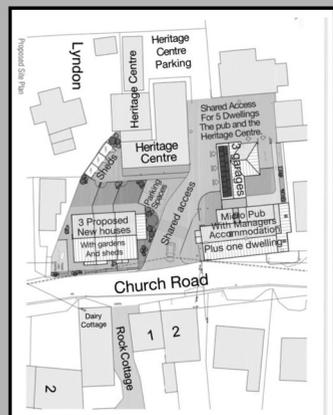
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*From: Save Whimble's New Fountain Inn Group*

Please note the update on the email contact, which is  
[planningwest@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:planningwest@eastdevon.gov.uk)



# WHIMPLE CHURCH

<http://churches4all.org/>

Hello my friends,

I am sitting writing this on the 20th January in a room piled high with boxes, our house in in total chaos and a trip from one room to another feels like an obstacle course. Why? Well because in less than two days we are moving and so we are in full 'packing mode'. Maybe I should back up a bit and explain.

Angie, the boys and I have now been part of the Churches4all Mission Community for five years, we first came here before I was ordained and, in my training, at that point we were living just down the road at Crannaford, then just over two years ago the Diocese found a house for us in Whimple and we moved to The Old Goods Yard, in Station Road. Since then, our family has grown to include our two dogs: Thor and Lola; and a few weeks ago, Angie's Mum, 'Nanny'.

In February last year my boss, Rev Chris Martin moved on to a new role in another Diocese and I finished my training that summer. It is usually at this point during a priest's 'curacy' they start looking for a new post in another set of parishes. That is what I had always imagined I would be doing as in this diocese it is generally not encouraged for curates to stay to lead parishes they have trained in.

However, God it seems had other plans!

As many of you will no doubt know our parish is part of four in the Churches4all Mission Community. We are currently consulting on this group increasing to nine; the others being Cranbrook, Broadclyst, Rockbeare, Clyst Honiton and Sowton. If the consultation goes favourably this new 'mission community' will probably become a legal entity in March or April of this year. The process of amalgamating the groups is complex and will probably take a while; each parish is unique and will have its own particular style of church, challenges and opportunities. Part of the time required to make this work is simply getting to know each of the churches, congregations and parochial church councils. For a new priest in charge to be selected to oversee this process would require them beginning this process of familiarisation from scratch.

However, I have already been working with our existing four parishes for five years and before that spent several years based across the other parishes which are about to join us. I also know both of the other ministers in those parishes; in light of this the senior leadership team at the diocese felt I was well placed to oversee the formation of the new group and I was asked if I wished to apply for the vacant role of priest in charge.

So, in mid-January I had the rather odd experience of being interviewed by, among others, the wardens of the churches I have served for five years for the post along with Bishop Jackie and Archdeacon Andrew. I am delighted to say they agreed I was the right person for the job and last week I was officially 'licensed'.

In effect this means you are all stuck with me for another few years!

On the 22nd of January, Angie, Nanny, the boys, the dogs, and I will be moving about one hundred and fifty yards from our current home to the Rectory in Grove Road.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all of our family to say a huge 'thankyou' to all of you. Our time here so far has certainly been a roller coaster ride and finishing my training as the sole full-time priest in the community whilst we entered this pandemic has been 'challenging' to say the least. It is you, the people of this parish and my other parishes, who have made it a positive and uplifting experience. It is all of you, who during the darkest times have helped inspire and encourage us to keep moving forward with the acts of random kindness, the outpouring of compassion and the simple but amazing selflessness. You have been inspirational! It is because of the people in these parishes that our family decided we wanted to stay here to make this new project work.

You may come to church or you may not, you may have a faith, or you may not, but whoever you are I am here to serve you as best I can. I have no idea what the next few years will bring but I look forward to the honour and privilege of continuing to serve you all as your parish priest whoever you are and whatever you believe.

God bless my friends.

Rev Marc.

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Dear Residents of Whimble,

I have been informed that it is once again time to drop you a line in the Whimble News about what is or isn't happening at East Devon District Council (EDDC). Before I do, I want to wish you all a better 2021 than 2020, please be careful and stay well. The vaccine for this awful virus is being rolled out and let us all hope and pray that it does its job and we can once again enjoy the company of family and friends.

In the meantime, our villagers continue to help those who need a little support at this time and the church continues to collect food, please try to help if you can by donating something.

The council website has plenty of advice on Covid 19 issues and continues to offer financial support where it is needed, please go to the EDDC site for information. The other place to get information is the Parish council website, Kevin the Parish clerk does a sterling job of keeping the site updated. If you don't have access to a computer and need any advice or help you can always ring me for East Devon issues or Kevin for Parish issues.



## CRANBROOK TOWN CENTRE

After a lot of negotiations and rejection of 2 proposals from the consortium that are developing a town centre for Cranbrook, the strategic development committee have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which in simple terms means that the town centre will begin to be developed this year and should be completed by 2024. I am well aware that the growth of Cranbrook causes a great deal of angst for many but to have good facilities near us may be regarded by some as a bonus. There will be a Morrisons (obviously our own wonderful village shop will continue to be a jewel in our village crown) library, extra care facility, cafes, a range of small shops and a town square for farmers' markets. The Ingrams sports area will get a purpose built sports pavilion which will be moved forward by the Cranbrook Town Council and as we live so close we will be able to make full use of these facilities.

## OTTER VALLEY PROJECT

For those of you who are interested in environmental issues, on Wednesday the 6th of January after seven years of public consultation, the planning committee approved a pioneering project to allow the lower Otter estuary to return to a more natural condition. 50 hectares of the area will become intertidal mudflats, salt marsh and other estuarine habitats. This will be achieved by breaching the embankment which will mean that at high tide the original flood plain will flood and then drain on the outgoing tide.

# your District Councillor

The £15 million project, mainly funded by the EU, is a pilot project, one of two in Europe. The other is in Normandy, France which aims to demonstrate that the early adaptation to climate change will bring better outcomes than delayed response or inaction. To read more please go to the project website:

[www.lowerotterrestorationproject.co.uk](http://www.lowerotterrestorationproject.co.uk)

Committee meetings of East Devon District Council can be watched live on YouTube. They are always recorded so can be viewed anytime if you are not around when the meetings are taking place. If there is anything that you are interested in it may be worth taking a look.

As always just to say I am here if you need any help so email or phone if you need me.

Take care of yourselves,

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the Devon Air Ambulance Trust

There's still time to watch the carols and donate.

Search **YouTube** for

**Whimble Talaton Virtual Carols**

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Many thanks to Bob for putting the videos on the Whimble News Website - a great way to share them!

Emma Palmer





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## A QUIZ TO STIMULATE YOUR SENSES

With February being the month of St Valentine's Day, here is a little quiz to arouse your senses. If you've ever been enchanted by the aroma of a pine forest, been tempted by the sweet smell of a rose, or been uplifted by the tangy scent of a fresh cut lemon, then you have experienced the amazing benefits of aromatic essential oils. Derived from nature, these aromatic molecules give plants their distinct aroma.

Because our sense of smell is so closely tied to the centres of the brain that deal with emotions, inhaling an essential oil is one of the most powerful ways to affect our emotions. So, for a bit of fun, see if you can match these 8 plants on the left (A-H), associated with love and emotion, with their correct descriptions (1-8).

	OIL/FRAGRANCE		DESCRIPTION
A	SANDALWOOD (Calming)	1	A sweet and floral fragrance, uplifting. The wild flowers have been used to cover the beds of newly weds on their wedding night!
B	ROSE (Loved)	2	According to well known aromatherapist & author, Roberta Wilson, if you anoint yourself with this green and spicy oil at bedtime you might dream of your future mate! (or at least it helps promote sleep 😊)
C	JASMINE (Trust/Intimacy)	3	A sweet aroma that is uplifting for the emotions. A very expensive oil that is beautiful for the skin with a romantic, personal fragrance. It is used in the perfume industry.
D	NEROLI (Commitment)	4	In ancient times, this was used to promote fertility, as well as heal any ailments concerning the heart & emotions. It has a delicate, delightful lemony scent.
E	MARJORAM (Sweet Dreams)	5	Cherished for its many skin-benefitting properties, it also has the ability to promote emotional wellbeing and dissipate tense feelings
F	YLANG YLANG (Playful)	6	With an uplifting fragrance that is floral, citrusy and woody, this oil stimulates the mind, supports memory and gladdens the heart.
G	MELISSA (Balancing Emotions)	7	Known in India as the 'Queen of the Night' and 'Moonlight of the Grove', this flower has been treasured for centuries because of its beautiful aphrodisiac-like fragrance
H	PETITGRAIN (Happy Heart)	8	Regarded traditionally by the Egyptian people for its great attributes for healing the mind, body and spirit. Extracted from flowers of a tree with a sweet yet citrus scent.



The answers can be found on the following pages

**Sarah Thackeray**

reviveguernsey@gmail.com

# Whimble Parish Council

As the search for a new Parish Clerk draws to a conclusion this may be my last post as the Parish Clerk. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Residents, Councillors, Sue Calver and the fabulous Whimble News team who have helped and supported me in the role. I hope I have helped you all in some small way! I wish my successor all the very best in his/her new role and I will continue to support the village in any way that I can.

- **East Devon District Council Launch A New Local Plan for East Devon Issues and Options Report Consultation**

EDDC are producing a new local plan for East Devon. To commence the process, they have produced an Issues and Options consultation report. This report highlights some of the major planning issues and challenges that they see for East Devon over the years ahead and some of the potential responses. EDDC would welcome your views on the matters we raise or any additional considerations. The Issues and Options report can be viewed at [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/newlocalplan) and EDDC has also produced an online questionnaire that I would encourage you to fill out. EDDC need to receive any comments by 12:00 noon on Monday 15th March 2021. Their preference is for responses to be made electronically but paper copies of the questionnaire can be made available, on request, for those without access to the internet. Responses received to the consultation, along with ongoing work, will be used to help EDDC produce a draft version of the local plan that they hope will go out for consultation in early 2022.

It is envisaged that a new local plan will guide future development and contain the full range of planning policies needed for the Council to undertake its development management functions and determine planning applications. To support local plan production, EDDC are undertaking a call for sites as part of a new Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). If landowners wish to promote any sites or areas of land in East Devon for development, they can find more information on our HELAA web page [www.eastdevon.gov.uk/callforsites](http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/callforsites). Submissions need to be received by 12:00noon on Monday 15th March 2021. Submission of land to the HELAA does not mean that it will be allocated for development.

- **Be a part of Census 2021**

## **Census day is 21st March 2021.**

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# Station Gates

Living quite near to the station we cannot help but hear any works being undertaken. Perhaps because recently the night was disturbed by some heavy screeching of metal on metal associated with track maintenance we were especially attuned. This morning there was more activity on the station. I decided to take my daily exercise that way and see what was going on. Sure enough a gang of about five or six Hi-Viz clad workmen were busy around some very heavy duty metal gates at either end of the platform - presumably to prevent access to the track ultimately. Does anybody know about this? If you saw it you might agree with me that it seems rather excessive. I wonder if all stations in the countryside will be so equipped?



Being inquisitive and having nothing better in mind I telephoned South Western Railway but they didn't really know and suggested Network Rail. Reaching them (NR) on the telephone was a lot easier than I had anticipated. A very helpful voice said they would look into it and get back to me. So the story has yet to have an ending; but may have by the next edition? Might this be the first serial in WN?

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Greetings one and all – I am not usually lost for words and can be relied upon to dig deep for something interesting to impart on behalf of our members, but it has become almost impossible with no meetings held and very little contact with our ladies. However, our ever resourceful Secretary Marilyn Mills did again provide each member with a goody bag just before Christmas so that no one felt forgotten. It was such a lovely gesture, so well done Marilyn for taking the time to put the bags together and hand deliver (with the kind assistance of her husband John). It was also an opportunity to wish each member a socially distanced Happy Christmas and check they were ok. We hope they all enjoyed the contents, which included another poem composed by our President Di Eden.

Christmas was almost upon us  
Such a magical, memory making season  
But this year it was different  
We could find little rhyme or reason

Religious and secular celebrations  
Prayers, presents, mince pies, mulled wine  
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In these most trying times

No chance to see the grandchildren  
Dressed as angels in the nativity play  
No uplifting candlelit carol service  
Confirming Christmas was on its way

Our lives have changed so much in a year  
Families apart, friends at arms-length  
We know that resilience is again needed  
To embrace patience and, find inner strength

Christmas is not joyful for everyone  
Through separation, or loss, or war  
It's the promise of better times to come  
That unites us, wherever we are

We must now look forward to spring, when we hope our cherry tree will burst into life and we can hopefully start WI meetings again when restrictions allow.

**Barbara Ackland**

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## WHIMPLE VILLAGE WEEK

The Village Week Team launched **I Spy Whimble** – a walking picture quiz, just as the November lockdown started. The aim was to raise funds for Village Day 2021. A really big thank you to everyone who took part because £306.70 was raised. A big, big thank you also to Marianne Randall who did the printing. In total 23 entries were correct and a winner was drawn.

Vicky Day and her family won the Christmas Gift Hamper containing lots of goodies including a Christmas cake made by Suzanne Rothwell. Sarah Connor and Alice Walsh won the other two prizes. Look out for the next walking picture quiz in the summer. Many thanks again.

The draw for **The Village Week Raffle** took place outside the Victory Hall on 19th December. Sale of the raffle tickets, distributed with the previous edition of Whimble News, started off slowly. In fact, at one stage, I had more prizes donated than tickets sold. However, as Whimble always does, the village rallied round and, in the end, almost 1,000 tickets were bought.

In addition to buying tickets, villagers made cash donations to the raffle and contributed prizes to supplement the prizes contributed by various committee members; in total, I had 11 prizes at the draw.

Prize winners were:-

Maria Wallis, Heather Owen, Penny Wells, Kevin Linklater, Julie Chidley,  
Marianne Randall, Su & Den Calver, Helen Holborow, Roger Smith,  
Adrian Rushworth and Pru McNulty.

The draw and the subsequent distribution of prizes were all filmed by Bob Scanlan. Unedited, this would have been a long and dreary piece. A magnificent piece of editing and post production produced a film that, had there been a better presenter, could have been a 'popcorn moment' when it was pinned on Whimble What's On.

A huge thank you from the Village Week committee to Margaret for the loan of her milk churn (again), all those who bought tickets, made donations and contributed prizes together with the Whimble News team who distributed the tickets with Whimble News and a special thank you to Bob Scanlan who filmed and edited the whole thing and pinned the final version on Whimble What's On

The raffle, after expenses, raised £860.66 for the Hall and, as Maria contributed all her winnings to the Hall, it benefitted in total by over £1,000.

A magnificent contribution to a much-loved village institution.

**Sue Ayres and David Myers**

Whimble Village Week Team

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

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# Protect our Whimble & Rockbeare Group

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As a group, we need to look outside our village to the wider world around us. The decisions made in Westminster, County Hall and at Heathpark, Honiton affect our village, just as much as the ever-expanding Cranbrook or the potential loss of our local pub.

POW+R group, as always, have been busy since Christmas, with one of our first tasks being to respond to the Regional Clyst Valley Park proposals. Each committee member wrote, providing feedback for the new park.

The Regional Park has merit and the principles of open countryside access are beneficial to the natural environment, social well-being and general recreation. However, we must not lose the protection of some of the finest landscapes in East Devon and must ensure the total avoidance of coalescence between communities in the valley. e.g. development east of Cobden Lane. There are also pressures on SANGS (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces) as they are seen by developers as more land to develop down the line. Furthermore, a re-evaluation of population growth is also required in both Cranbrook and Exeter. In our points we wanted to ensure that under the National Planning Policy Framework, the Regional Park met the challenges of climate change and flooding, including 'The Green' in Whimble.

POW+R have submitted more letters of objection on 'Land West of Gribble Lane', Rockbeare, as amended plans. This was for the construction of up to 200 dwellings and associated infrastructure, with all matters reserved apart from access. The residents of Rockbeare, Whimble and Broadclyst have a 'legitimate expectation' that, as previous plans were made public, these extra developments should not take place. It is absolutely clear that this incursion is opposed by a large group of residents, especially developing into SANGS areas. This site is also a historic park, but that does not seem to worry developers. According to the PM, it's build, build, build!

Following the final Public Hearing session on the proposed expansion of Cranbrook back in November, we are still awaiting the outcome from the Inspector's findings. We are aware that she has been unwell and so her feedback to East Devon District Council has been delayed, but we are told that a letter is due from her outlining the next steps towards the end of January. There were considerable issues left unresolved at the end of the hearings regarding the financial viability of the expansion in general, so it will be interesting to see what the Inspector suggests as a way forward. We continue to 'watch this space!'

Many households in Whimble will by now have received the leaflet from Persimmon regarding their pitiful excuse for a public hearing on their plans for the Cobden development. This development proposal is the main focus of POW+R's attention as it includes the triangle of land at the top of Cobden Lane that is currently designated for Gypsy & Traveller provision. This land is also still within Whimble Parish. The alterations to the access of Cobden Lane are also a key feature that POW+R are keeping a keen eye on. Persimmon is under no obligation to carry out a public consultation of their plans and they will have only decided to do so if they can see a benefit to them from undertaking one. They will extract any positive comments from residents' responses, no matter how tenuous, and will use these to bolster their full planning application to EDDC when they submit this. No doubt many residents will have made their voices heard loud and clear via Persimmon's website, and well done for submitting your thoughts on this proposal. Please just be aware that you will also need to shout very loudly once again when the official planning application is made to EDDC. This is the official channel for representations to be made. This smoke-screen of 'community engagement' from Persimmon is one that they will most certainly seek to use to their own advantage. We must all be ready to respond with our objections when Persimmon submits the main application to EDDC.

It seems to be very clear that the **New Fountain Inn Planning Application** and the risk of losing our 'local pub' has really got villagers angry. The people of Whimble have moved into action mode and are proclaiming deep opposition to this scheme. POW+R has sent individual letters of objection and a major detailed report, with considerable evidence why this should be refused in its entirety – no compromises, not in a Conservation Area, not building on the Car Park, not jeopardising the Heritage Centre, not pretending to keep a bit of the pub open. No, No, No. The simple solution is to get new owners that actually care about running a pub and the villagers it serves, not those that appear to be deliberately running the pub down. The current owners of the New Fountain Inn have already been made a decent offer. Virtually all research shows that food sales are the life blood of running a village pub, so it's complete lunacy to take away the profit element of running a pub.

In addition, identifying key features and amenities within a village are fundamental to the construction of the Neighbourhood Plan for our Village, which adds a layer of protection to these facilities – the Plan is urgent...

If you want a challenge, we need a new Chair and would welcome any input and assistance from members of the wider Whimble/Rockbeare communities. If you would be willing and able to give up some of your free time in order to help protect our village and Rockbeare from the ever-expanding Cranbrook urban mass, and any other large-scale developments that are proposed, we'd love to hear from you!

Please email us at [contact@powr.live](mailto:contact@powr.live).

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

**Alan Lascelles** - Press and Publicity, POW&R Group      16th January 2021



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# A Window on Whimple's Weather

Some of you may recall Ken Burrows, and later Simon Foulds, used to write a brief summary in each issue about Whimple's recent weather, Ken using his 'old school' Stevenson Screen observations from Lilypond Lane. Sadly they have moved now on, but there are now at least two weather observers in Whimple making use of new technology to stream live weather readings onto the internet: one from Slewton Crescent and another from Cobden Lane. Please feedback any comments or questions!

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

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Our readings generally agree very well on temperature despite being a mile away from each other, and reasonably well on rainfall. However, wind is about 50% less in Slewton due to obstruction from surrounding houses! Cobden Lane site is much more exposed.

**November** - was a relatively settled month, with sunshine slightly above average and rainfall below. The month began very mild at 16.3°C on the first 2 days, while the sunniest days were between the 2nd and 6th as high pressure dominated. However wet and windy weather moved in mid-month; windiest on the 11th and 14th, with heavy rain on much of the 14th. It quietened down again after that, with sunnier and drier days in the final week. This led to some clear nights and a couple of frosts.

**December** - was much more unsettled across the country, with a lot of wind and rain, and flooding in places. However, in between the bands of rain there were some sunnier days, such as the 6th to the 8th, with clear skies and frosts by night. The month as a whole was 3°C cooler than November. Mild weather returned on the 13th and temperatures climbed to 14.4°C by the shortest day. The 23rd was a very wet day, Christmas Eve and Day were sunny and cool, but Storm Bella followed overnight 26th/27th with gusts to 73 km/h. The next day it became a lot colder for the final few days of 2020, with a minimum of -4.2°C early on New Year's Eve.

2020	November	Date	December	Date
Warmest Day	16.3°C	01/11/2020	14.4°C	21/12/2020
Coollest Night	-1.5°C	27/11/2020	-4.2°C	31/12/2020
Windiest 24hrs	43.1 km/h	11/11/2020	50.4 km/h	26/12/2020
Wettest 24hrs	16.5 mm	14/11/2020	22.1 mm	23/12/2020
Av. Maximum	12.7	N/A	9.3°C	N/A
Av. Minimum	5.5	N/A	2.7°C	N/A
Total Rain	65.0 mm	N/A	138.2 mm	N/A

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



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# Cooking with Kids

Over the years I have spent many happy hours in the kitchen with my grandchildren. Can there be a better time to do some home-schooling with your little ones in the kitchen than during lockdown? Here are some tried and tested recipes that are fun to do with the kids.

## Cheese and bacon scone pizza

All kids like pizza but who wants to be waiting around for the pizza dough to prove? Kids want it now! You can alter the topping to your own or the children's choice.

Serves 4, takes 15 minutes to prepare and 15 minutes to cook.

### Ingredients

250g plain flour, 1tbsp olive oil, 1 teasp salt,  
1 pepper de-seeded and thinly sliced  
2 teasp baking powder, 4 rashers streaky bacon (chopped)  
50g butter (chopped), 5 spring onions (thinly sliced), 2 eggs  
2 tbsp tomato ketchup mixed with 2 tbsp tomato puree  
3 tbsp milk, 6 - 8 cherry tomatoes (halved), 85g grated cheddar

### Method

Heat the oven to 200/200°C fan/gas 7. Mix the flour, salt, baking powder and butter together in a bowl and mix to form breadcrumbs. Mix the eggs and the milk together, then stir into the dry ingredients to make a soft dough. Shape into a round on a lightly floured surface, lift onto a non-stick baking tray, press out into a circle about 24cm across to make the pizza base.

Heat the oil in a frying pan, stir-fry the peppers and the bacon until the pepper is soft. Take off the heat, stir in the spring onions.

Spread the ketchup over the pizza base, then evenly tip over the pepper and bacon mixture. Scatter over the tomatoes, followed by the cheese. Bake for 15 minutes till golden.

## Baked dippy eggs

Who doesn't like a dippy egg?

Makes 4, preparation time 15 minutes. Cooking time 20 minutes.

### Ingredients

1 large slice of ham, 8 spinach leaves, 8 cherry tomatoes, 4 eggs  
1 matchbox-sized piece of cheddar (grated)

### Method

Set the oven to 180/160°C fan/gas 4. Have 4 ramekins ready. Cut the ham and spinach into strips with scissors and place some in each ramekin.

Squash the cherry tomatoes into a bowl using your fingers. Spoon 2 tomatoes and some juice into each ramekin.

Break one egg into each of the ramekins, top with the grated cheese. Place the ramekins on a baking tray and bake for 15-18 minutes until the egg white has set. Serve with toasty soldiers.

## Banana and chocolate chip muffins.

Makes 12 - these disappear very quickly.

### Ingredients:

100g softened butter, 1 teasp baking powder, 2 eggs, 3 tblsp milk  
175g caster sugar, 2 very ripe bananas (mashed), 225g self raising flour,  
50g chocolate chips, 50g dark chocolate

### Method

Preheat the oven to 180/160°C fan/gas 4.

Line a 12 hole muffin tin with paper cases.

Put the butter, eggs, caster sugar, flour, baking powder, milk and bananas into a bowl and beat together until smooth. Mix in the chocolate chips.

Spoon the mixture into the paper cases and bake for 25 mins until golden brown and shrinking away from the cases. Set aside to cool.

Melt the chocolate for the icing and using a small piping bag or a teaspoon decorate the cakes in a zigzag pattern.

## Rocky road cookies what's not to like??

Makes 14, preparation time 10 mins, cooking time 11 mins

### Ingredients

125g butter (softened) , 125g plain flour, 125g soft brown sugar,  
1 tbsp cocoa powder, 1 egg (beaten), 1/2 tsp baking powder, 2 tbsp milk,  
50g white chocolate chips, 50g milk chocolate chips, 25g mini marshmallows.

### Method

Preheat the oven to 180/160°C fan/gas 4.

Line two baking sheets with baking paper.

Cream the butter and the sugar together in a bowl until fluffy. Beat in the egg and the milk. Using a metal spoon stir in the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and half of the white and milk chocolate chips.

Place dessert spoons full of the mixture onto the baking sheets, spacing them well apart, flatten slightly and bake for 5 minutes.

Remove from the oven and quickly sprinkle over the remaining chocolate chips and the marshmallows (being careful of little fingers) press them down into the cookies.

Return to the oven for a further 5 - 6 minutes until slightly soft to the touch. Cool for 5 minutes then transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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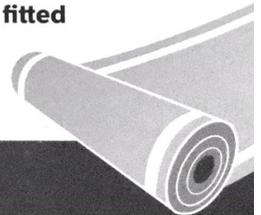
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## School Orchard and Garden Project Update



We have been astounded by the support received to implement the school orchard and garden enhancement and restoration project. Our crowdfunder campaign hit target and raised an amazing £3,525.00, which, with additional funding from Whimple Parish and East Devon District Council (£1000 each) as well as an additional £100 from a private donor, makes a total of **£5,625.00**. We will now be able to undertake all the work proposed within these spaces. Thanks so much for donating and for sharing the link. Now the hard work begins!

Please contact us at the PTA email address if you are able to help out in any way with restoring the garden and orchard space. We'll keep you updated as work progresses, and hopefully you'll soon be able to see the results for yourselves!

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## "Bee Positive" – Easter Pot



We anticipate that we are still going to be socially distancing over Easter so have decided to create another "*Whimple Walk*" for the Easter break. The theme is "*Bee Positive*"!

We will be inviting the primary school children (with support from their grown-ups) to create a bee-friendly planter to be displayed in the front garden. As with the Scarecrow festival we encourage anyone in the village to join in and create a display!

You can use any kind of planter...plant pot, wooden box, wheel-barrow, old bucket... to contain plants that you have grown or sourced, preferably ones that the bees like. Please interpret the theme as you wish, you could even add a little spring creature hidden within your display. Here is a link to a video of how to create a small planter if you need some help. [www.rhs.org.uk/Advice/Beginners-Guide/Plant-containers](http://www.rhs.org.uk/Advice/Beginners-Guide/Plant-containers)

Hopefully we have announced this with plenty of time for the children and you to get planting! Pots should be placed out in front gardens on **Friday 2nd April** and be on display until at least **Sunday 18th April 2021**. We will create a map of displays which will be available for a donation of £2. Please email your name/child's name and address to the PTA email ([whimple.pta@gmail.com](mailto:whimple.pta@gmail.com)) by **Friday 12th February 2021** so we can put you on the map (please note that there won't be any names on the map – this is just for our use).

## Bags2School

If one of your New Year lockdown activities is having a bit of a clear out, this is the information for you! We have arranged a Bag2School collection on **Thursday 4th March**. This is a free service that pays the PTA per kilo of items received. Items are then sold for reuse. You can find out more information here: [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)

Please bag up any of the following items and take your bags to the primary school on the morning of 4th March. We will remind you of the details closer to the time via social media and posters.

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# Whimble History Society



The Heritage Centre remains closed for the foreseeable future but we are planning new displays for when we are able to open again. We have recently received the wonderful Nudinit dolls knitted by various ladies in the village and these will be on display soon.

It was disappointing not to have our usual Wassail on 17th January but many thanks to Emma Palmer and Jim Causley for their fantastic virtual Wassail that is still available on YouTube for those who missed it. If anyone did do their own home Wassail, we would love to see some photos which can be emailed to [info@whimble.org](mailto:info@whimble.org).

The Whimble Heritage Centre website is in the process of being revamped and will be online very soon. Look out for it being advertised on Whimble What's On or google Whimble Heritage Centre. As there are no events to advertise at the moment, you will find more detailed information on interesting artefacts in the Heritage Centre, some of the ongoing research we are involved in and a variety of links to sites you might find useful for your own local or family research.

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

**Louise Walmsley**

Thank you to all the kind people for their help during this awful year. People who did my shopping, brought me meals, or just rang to see if I was alright. With special thanks to the gentleman who made a special trip to get food for my budgie.

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After all the disappointments of 2020, we had all hoped that the new year would bring a fresh start to enable us to do more. Sadly, as we all know, that was not to be! We would normally start our year with the AGM, but that will now have to be conducted virtually, as all meetings are now. We are very fortunate in having an excellent Committee to see us through these difficult times.

Last year we put together what we thought was a very interesting programme of events and we will be trying to stage some of them this year, depending on how things work out. Therefore, we do at least have an idea of what events we would like to try and organise this year.

One of our key events is our Annual Spring Plant Sale. This year we are looking to hold the event on Saturday 15th May and hopefully it will be in the Village Hall. At the time of writing, there is clearly some doubt as to whether this will be possible but we are looking to have a plant sale of some description even if the Hall is not available by then. We will know more as the weeks go by and will get more information out as and when we can.

The Annual Flower and Craft Show is provisionally being planned for Saturday 14th August 2021 and hopefully it will take place this year. However, it is very early days and who knows what the situation will be in August. Nevertheless, we have a schedule all ready from last year and for the benefit of the photographers, we haven't changed the classes. Therefore, the classes for this year will be the same as the ones we had planned for last year. All the classes are for a coloured or black and white print, maximum size being 6" x 8", or 150mm x 200mm. The titles for this year are: 'Springtime Blossom'; 'Sporting Action'; 'Making Music'; 'Agriculture Past or Present'; 'Childsplay'; 'Historical Devon'; 'A Religious Building'; 'A Flowering Orchid'; 'My Garden' and finally 'A Non-Domesticated Animal'. There will be a photography class for the two older children's classes and the subject for that will be 'My Pet'. Hopefully there are some suitable titles for all those keen photographers we have in the village! We also plan to have the full schedules available with details of all the Classes ready for the plant sale in May.

We sincerely hope that we will be able to have some events this year and, as and when we have any details, they will appear in a future edition of the News. Details of all our activities are on our website, [www.whimble-vpa.co.uk](http://www.whimble-vpa.co.uk) so do take a look there.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Chairman





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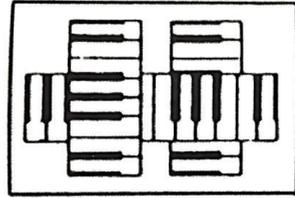
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Unfortunately, due to that which shall remain nameless we are not going to be able to put on a show for you this year - which is a shame as it would have been our 25th anniversary and what a show it would have been.

Looking forward, we are thinking of organising a 'Whimble's got Talent' for the Autumn. We would invite people to do a quick rendition (miming to a song if they prefer) or tell some jokes, do a dance etc. and we would have a panel of judges.

Please don't be nervous, it will be fun and most of all involve all of you. If you would like to get involved please email me at [Cathybh57@btinternet.com](mailto:Cathybh57@btinternet.com).

It is all very new and of course tentative at the moment but let's see if we can get this off the ground and kick Covid out of Whimble .

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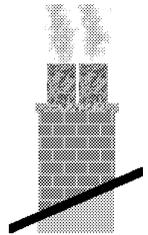
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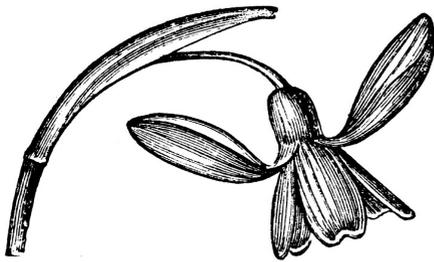


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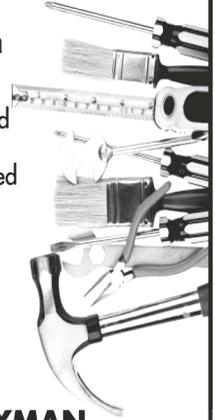
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It would be great if we had the same sort of weather as that we had last Spring. With that in mind, some key dates to put in your diary now are:

- Sunday 4th April: Club clean-up and preparation for the season
- Sunday 11th April: Community day and junior sign-on
- Friday 23rd April: Youth training starts
- Sat 1st May: League cricket fixtures begin
- Saturday 11th September: End of Season Festival
- Saturday 6th November: Bonfire and Fireworks

Plans are coming together for the season and will now start to build towards the Spring. You can stay up to date by visiting the news section of our website at [www.whimble.play-cricket.com/](http://www.whimble.play-cricket.com/).

Amongst other things, there are some changes to membership and membership fees for 2021, including the introduction of membership cards. We are also now open for sponsorship interest for 2021. There are many ways to support the club and the cost of this starts from just £25.

We are hopeful of a bumper summer of cricket and events at the club, including a more regular opening of the bar and clubhouse and the return of our popular events. If you are interested in getting involved as a player, umpire, scorer or parent of a potential junior cricketer, or if you might consider the club as a venue for your event then please get in touch at [jameswoollam@gmail.com](mailto:jameswoollam@gmail.com); 07989 234372.

**James Woollam**, Chairman

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Happy New Year!

Well what a difference a year makes - who would have thought twelve months ago we would be where we are now? After having a really productive staff training day on Monday 4th January we found out, only that evening, that children would again be learning at home. We currently have just under 50 children in school in four classes. Unlike the first lockdown, there is a much higher expectation on schools and parents to support their children's learning at home. Thankfully, I have a fantastic team of staff, who work very hard to not only teach the children in school but also support children by setting and marking work for those at home.

Despite all the regulations and restrictions, we managed to include a few Christmas items. Each class produced and recorded a couple of items to share with their families and had a Christmas party with a special visitor dropping by to deliver gifts.

Although the usual quilting project we do with Killerton was not running this year, with the support of some key individuals, the children in Willow Class managed to produce some Christmas themed quilting squares. Here are just a few:



Oak Class have been working hard on their painting skills and ensuring they take their time to delicately paint with detail. Here are some of their lovely Christmas canvases:



## Santa run

Beech and Willow went on an individual run to raise money for the charity ELF.

I personally tried extremely hard in this event to run as many laps as I could (around the MUGA). In the end I think I ran about 140 laps. We raised over 100 pounds for the charity.

By **Henry** (Year 6)

On the 13th of January 2021 our class was set a task to recreate a piece of artwork, a tiger in the jungle by Henri Rousseau. We started with the background and worked forward, we also added some texture to the sky. Next we will do the tiger and everything in front.

## Fleur

## Ash Class

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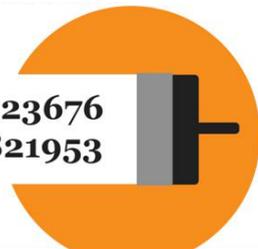
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New menus are also being written for the spring with the introduction of something a little bit different for breakfast.... more on that next time.

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