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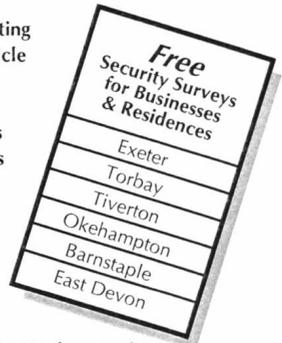
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# What's On In Whimble

## February

- 12th WI Monthly Meeting 7.00 for 7.30pm. Victory Hall – speaker is Luc Vandamme ‘MAF Flying Medics’.
- 12th Whimble Parish Council – Public Information Meeting at the Cricket Club about the proposed Air Ambulance Landing Site 7.30pm. Details page 46.
- 21st The Whimbletons present ‘Once upon a time in Whimble’ 7.30pm.
- 22nd The Whimbletons present ‘Once upon a time in Whimble’ 7.30pm.
- 23rd The Whimbletons present ‘Once upon a time in Whimble’ – **Matinee** 2.00pm.
- 23rd The Whimbletons present ‘Once upon a time in Whimble’ 7.30pm. Details page 30.
- 25th Whimble Parish Council Meeting Victory Hall 7.00pm.

## March

- 4th Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting – Victory Hall 7.00pm.
- 12th WI Monthly Meeting – 7.00 for 7.30pm. Victory Hall- Open Evening –Speaker is Michael Cotterill – ‘Estate planning, Taxes and Wills’.
- 14th Rotary Quiz – New Fountain 8.00pm. Details page 8.
- 15th VPA Talk – Victory Hall – 7.30pm. Leigh Edwards and ‘The genetic modification of crop plants’.
- 16th 1st Whimble Scouts – Mammoth Jumble Sale at the Scout Hut. Details page 36
- 18th Whimble Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm.
- 22nd Whimble History Society, AGM Victory Hall, 7.30pm.
- 23rd Church Tidy Up. Details page 55.
- 29th Fashumble with Dulcie and Mya at the Victory Hall. Details page 9.
- 30th Soup’n’Sarnie , Victory Hall, 12.00noon -1.30pm.

## April

- 1st Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting, Victory Hall 7.00pm.
- 5th Parish Council, Defibrillator Training, Victory Hall. Details page 46.
- 9th WI Monthly Meeting – 7.00 for 7.30pm. Victory Hall – speaker is Dr Peter Marsden – ‘Archaeology of Cesspits, Cemeteries etc’.
- 15th Whimble Annual Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall 7.00pm.

## May

- 11th VPA Annual Spring Plant Sale, Victory Hall.
- 13th Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting, Victory Hall 7.00pm.
- 14th WI AGM - 7.00 for 7.30pm. Victory Hall.
- 20th Whimble Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall 7.00pm, AGM and Re-election of Members.

## June

- 3rd Whimble Parish Council Planning Meeting, Victory Hall 7.00pm.
- 17th Whimble Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall 7.00pm.

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# Ed the Ed

Our cover photo continues the publicity given to a poor police driver who made a mistake in the Victory Hall car park, and he has had to put up with a lot of mickey-taking, and I believe that such exploits are normally a 'cake-able' offence in the local police station. This was upgraded from doughnuts to cream cakes as the publicity machine went into overdrive! He joins a small but select band who have done that particular deed. I can only own up to making my car slimmer a couple of years ago when I managed to grind past the metal post on the left of the exit from the same car park!

As I write, I am gazing out at the first snow of the year, and wondering if I will make it down the hill to attend to my retail duties in the shop this afternoon. I cannot let the mighty Whimble Stores organisation down, so will don all my Arctic gear as recommended by our village expert, Ann Daniels, and will set out a couple of hours earlier than normal. And grateful thanks to Bob Scanlan for braving the snow and the cold on that Thursday evening to deliver the proof reading copies of this edition. You will see that we have a couple of letters to the Editor in this issue, one which left me bemused, and a second with a far more serious intent of attempting to 'scam' me – read it and avoid all such invitations!

The Whimbletons are now revving up (more like slowly chugging!) for the panto in February – tickets are starting to roll out of the shop so get yours now! On pages 40-41 we have details of more dramatic activity in Talaton, and if it is anything like the recent production in the Victory Hall of the Victorian Melodramas, then it should be excellent entertainment! Be bold and cross the boundary line!

Victory Hall has provided years of excellent service to the village, and on page 23, Bob Scanlan outlines some facts about its future, and the start of a debate on what the village wants of this facility. We will keep you up to date with progress on this very important project which will affect many of us in the village – plus people from outside Whimble who come in to use the facility as well.

The Parish Council are offering free Defibrillator training on April 5th – a very valuable skill to have – please email Kevin Finch (details on page 46) if you would like to be able to competently operate this very important resource.

The next edition of this wonderful magazine will cover April and May, and if you would like to contribute an article for inclusion, please either send it direct to Bob on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) or leave it in our post box at Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain, by 5th March. Thank you!

**EdH**



Thank you to all who kindly donated fabrics and made bags to help us start trying to be plastic free.

We have fabric bread and produce bags available for you to use. We try to have our fruit and veg delivered to us loose and the boxes used to deliver them to us are returned for reuse.

We still have a few reusable bamboo coffee cups left. They can be bought separately or with a coffee for a special price of £5. Due to increasing prices we have raised the price for a regular coffee to £1.80 but if you bring a reusable cup we will give you a 30p discount.

We also have a few remaining large soya wax wraps. We are selling 50x50cm wraps for £5.20 which is a very competitive price. Wax wraps can be used instead of cling film. They should be washed in warm water and can be recharged by ironing between greaseproof paper. They can also be made at home with cotton and the wax of your choice.

## Post Office

Just a reminder of our collection times. Weekdays are 11.45am and 4.45pm. Saturday collection is 11.45am. To ensure your post or banking goes that day, please make sure you bring it in at least 10-15 minutes before collection time, as paperwork needs to go with end of day collection and we have to give this priority to make sure it goes every day.

Banking services are constantly being improved, with many high street banks extending what we can do in branch including cash deposits being possible with a card. Banking services are free and available every day the Shop is open (except bank holidays).

We are always happy to give advice on pricing parcels mail so feel free to come in and talk to us.

On Thursday 14th March, the New Fountain will be hosting the Rotary Quiz.

These are run twice a year all over East Devon, and the proceeds go towards charities. It will start at 08.00 p.m.

There will be three rounds; the event will be run as one big team representing the pub, and all participants are asked to contribute £3.00 to enter.

All are welcome



# Fashumble

Dulcie and Mya will be holding a Fashumble on:

**Friday 29th March 2019 in the Victory Hall.**

Before you put your unwanted clothes on internet selling sites, why not try to sell it in the village.

Seller packs will be available from the shop. This will allow you to price up your clothing and list what items you have to sell. We will take clothing and display it in the Victory Hall as well as organising a Fashion Show for some of the clothing.

If you have nothing to sell you may prefer to come along to enjoy the show and hopefully buy something wonderful that will be new to you. Tickets will also be available from the shop.

We will take a commission on any clothes sold but there will be no other seller fees.

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Thanks to Paddy at the Fountain for opening early, Margaret Burrough for supplying the Wassail Cup, the Wassail Royalty in the shape of Rosie Davis and Ella Bayley, who did a wonderful job for us, the stewards, the Gun Crew and the team up at the Cricket Club doing splendid work with supplying bread, apple cake, soup and liquid refreshments at the bar...and with local cider from Courtney's! Thanks to the orchard owners - Margaret Burrough and Jim and Mary Chard.

I am sure that the 2019 harvest will be a great success thanks to our efforts!

Ed H

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## Healthy meal in a rush...

Life is pretty hectic for most of us these days so I thought it would be nice to share a healthy “Go To” meal that is simple, inexpensive and nutritious. It’s full of vegetables, herbs and spices so you’ll easily top-up your 5-a-day with this dish. It’s from food writers, Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley and is a favourite for many clients. Another bonus is you can buy most ingredients from the Village Shop.

### Ingredients:

8 - 12 eggs	2 large garlic clove, minced
2 large pinches of sea salt	1 tsp dried oregano
A large pinch of black pepper	2 tsp ground cumin
3 courgettes or carrots, roughly grated (or a mix of both)	1 tsp ground turmeric
A handful of veg - try chopped red pepper, spinach, kale or peas	A handful of fresh parsley and/or coriander
1 onion or leek, or some spring onions or fresh chives (dice, chop or snip them finely as you won't be frying them)	A large handful of grated hard cheese, such as Cheddar, Gruyere or Parmesan

### Method:

Preheat oven to 200°C/190°C fan/Gas mark 6. Grease a muffin tray with butter/oil or use paper cases or parchment paper.

Beat eggs in a large bowl. Add salt & pepper, grated and chopped vegetables, finely chopped onion/leek, garlic and any spices or herbs. You are looking for a ratio of 50% egg to 50% raw veg. Pour mixture into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for 12 minutes, then crumble the cheese on top and turn on the grill. Grill for about a minute until the tops are golden brown. Alternatively, you could stir the cheese into the egg mix, not bother with the grill and just cook in the oven for 14 minutes. The frittatas should be just set in the middle. Remove from the tray and leave to cool on a wire rack. Left-overs can be wrapped in baking or greaseproof paper or pop them in your lunch box for a great snack on the go. Serve with a green salad, cherry tomatoes and some sliced avocado. Recipe adapted from Hemsley & Hemsley’s ‘Good + Simple’ cookbook. Makes 12.

If you have questions about nutrition, health and well-being or you just want to get your energy levels back on track, get in touch with me on my mobile: 07747755659, my email: debmmac@gmail.com or you can find me on my facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/rootstolivewell/>. I also offer free 15 minute consultations to see if I can help you with your health issues.

Note: February 13th at 6.30 I am giving a talk on Naturopathic Nutrition at WildHeart Chiropractic in Marsh Barton where I will also share a few health tips and fast and healthy ‘Go To Recipes’. Details are on my Facebook page.

Correction: In the December issue, I made an error. I stated “98% of the population is dehydrated” when actually it’s “89%”. Many apologies. Here’s to your health! **Deb**



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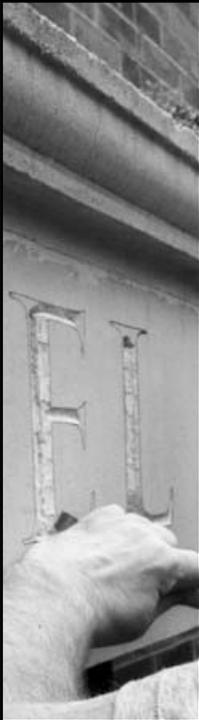
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So, the History Society brings to you the first edition of....

## WHIMBLE Q.I

The Oxford Dictionary of Place Names suggests the name "Whimble" derived from the stream running through the village and was a compound of Celtic words "gwyn" (white) and "pwll" (pool).

Not all scholars agree with this theory but, if it is correct, Whimble is one of only four East Devon place names that appear to have Celtic origins, the others being Crook, Hemyock and Aunk.

Whimble is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Harry Lamacraft was the lamp lighter in Whimble in the early 1900s.

Ghost stories told by Whimble residents: -

"At Higher Slewton at midnight a ghost sometimes appears at the Shrubbery Door"

"At Holly Ball the Devil is chained up. A courting couple heard the chains rattling." (There was speculation later that the rattling could have been a gin trap.)

A Whimble man, Alfie S (*name withheld!*), was let out of prison and was said to have committed a small crime to get back in.

According to research carried out by Mrs Frances Pratt, who used to live at Sandfords, the population of Whimble in the following years was:-

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At the time of writing this we haven't yet hosted it so I can't say how much we will have raised but the fantastic funds that this event always creates really does keep the preschool going.

Over the last year we have used it to buy lots of great resources to enhance the children's learning such as a pirate ship, driving bench for the garden and some lovely wooden toys. We have just replaced the garden fencing and gate to make the garden more secure.

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# The future of the Victory Hall

In 2020 the Victory Hall will be celebrating its centenary. The original building, previously a wooden NAAFI hut, was given to the village in 1920 to commemorate victory in the Great War.

The building is now old and in a poor state of repair. There are serious problems with the roof, the main hall floor and the heating. There are also many other less serious problems that need to be addressed

As trustees we now need to take some important decisions about the future of the hall if it is to meet the needs of the village in the years to come. Those decisions must, and will, be guided by the users of the hall and the wider community.

We need to ask questions such as: Is the Hall fully meeting the needs of the village and, if not, what more should be done? Should we be thinking of replacing the building on the same site or moving elsewhere? Or would it be better to remain where it is and renovate it?

Our view has been that it benefits the village for the hall to remain in its central location where it can support the school, pre-school and a variety of other users in a way that a hall elsewhere in the village would be unable to do.

Ten years ago we started to raise funds for a 'war chest' to be used either to develop detailed plans for a new building or to be used to refurbish the existing building. So far we have raised £90,000 towards a target of £100,000 by 2020. We have also demonstrated good governance by achieving the quality assurance certification 'Hallmark'.

Having spoken at length to the various funding agencies it has become clear that we are unlikely to get a major grant. We are not in an area of significant deprivation and the village already has good facilities for sport. Although small grants are available any major future funding would need to come from within the village.

So we need to decide whether to embark on an ambitious scheme to build a new hall, on the same site or elsewhere, which may mean several years of further fundraising while the building continues to deteriorate, or do we use the money we have raised to renovate the existing hall where it stands.

We have started consulting regular users of the hall. Once we have done that, we will let you know what they say and provide an opportunity for everyone to add their views. We will explain how you can do that in the next edition of the News.

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Hospiscare provide such an incredible service to individuals and families and we know close friends and family who either have received, or are currently receiving this amazing end of life support.

Hospiscare funding comes from us all via various fundraising events and we feel passionately that we can and should help. The simple truth is that most families will receive the help and service that Hospiscare can provide at some stage.

Please help us to reach our target of £4000 (£2000 each) by giving what you can. We will also be holding various events that you are all invited to enjoy. Silent Disco, Mega Pub Quiz, 80's disco night, School talks and Mental Health Awareness training sessions, are just some of the events we will organise. Keep an eye out for dates and times.

If your business or work need any training events around Mental Health Awareness, Safeguarding or Leadership, then let me know. I will donate my fee to Hospiscare.

**Nick Jarrold**



Our last event for 2018 was the Quiz Night on Friday 9th November. Unfortunately, the weather conspired against us and prevented a number of people getting to the hall but nonetheless, it was still another very enjoyable evening. Our thanks to Brian Nelson and Roy Clark for the Gardening Questions and to Doreen Staddon for the General Knowledge Questions.

Last year was a very busy one for the VPA and it was good to see all our events so well supported. We are naturally looking forward to another very enjoyable year.

The first event we are planning for 2019 is a talk by Michael Hawkins entitled 'Growing for the Show Bench'. This is an ideal opportunity for everyone who enters the flower and vegetable classes to hear from someone who has had great success at our and other annual flower shows. This will be a chance to find out how to improve your exhibits for this year's show. It will be followed by another talk on Friday 15th March by Leigh Edwards entitled 'The Genetic Modification of Crop Plants'. The talk will highlight the pros and cons of Genetically Modified Organisms with the emphasis on crop plants while keeping the science understandable. This should be an ideal opportunity to find out some facts about this controversial technology.

Our Annual Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 11th May** in the Victory Hall. This is now a well-established annual event and, hopefully, we will have the same support this year. We aim to provide a wide range of plants, wishing that the weather will be a lot kinder to us than it was last year, especially for those of us who do their best to grow the plants. We aim to have something for everyone! The money raised enables us to fully cover the cost of the Annual Flower Show which is a great help to ensure the success of the Show.

The Annual Flower and Craft Show will be held on **Saturday 10th August**. Details of the Photography Classes were published in the last edition of the News, but for the benefit of those of you who missed them, here they are again 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: 'Cobwebs'; 'Birds or Animals Behaving Badly'; 'Butterflies or Moths'; 'Trees in Winter'; 'Spring Lambs'; 'A Host of Golden Daffodils'; 'A Flowering Clematis'; 'A Seascape'; 'Whimble Village Day'; 'A Mode of Transport'. Hopefully there are some suitable titles for all the keen photographers we have in the village! We hope to have the full schedules available with details of all the Classes by the plant sale in May.

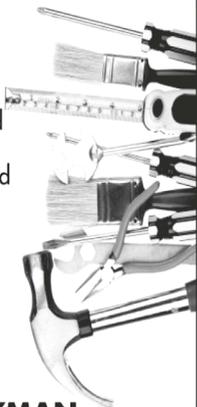
We look forward to seeing you at the above events as well as any others we can arrange during the year. Details of all our activities are on our website, [www.whimble-vpa.co.uk](http://www.whimble-vpa.co.uk) so do take a look there. **Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary**

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We are also holding our annual Wayfarers Lunch again this year. It will be in the British legion Hall, West Hill, on Saturday March 9th at 12.00pm and costs £12. As ever, all the food will be home made, with a choice of main courses and lots of delicious desserts. Tickets in advance - buy early, as they sell out quickly.

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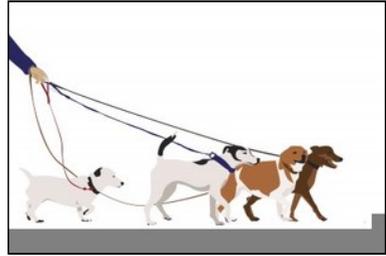
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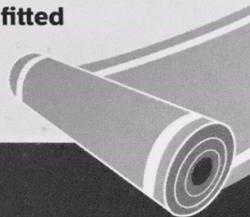
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Ed H



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Sir

I am writing on behalf of a group of senior gentlemen of the village who have been labouring for some months to produce an entertainment for their fellow villagers and, as Publicity Officer, I am writing to your esteemed organ to spread the word.

This group was formed from a number of other organisations such as the Petanque Club, the Cockatoo Appreciation Club and the Gentleman's Bend and Stretch Group. We are a like-minded number of gentlemen who felt that the Village Week events needed some 'cut and thrust' and to this end, we have met quietly in the Scout Hut to devise a Movement routine to music. We would meet weekly and had made great progress with assembling a very smart 'uniform' that consisted of white see-through vests and black tights purchased from Poundland. Some of us had gone to the expense of purchasing trainers, as plimsolls do not appear to be readily available these days. Others have made do with their slippers. With the help of some 1970's recordings of exercise classes, we had devised a free-flowing set of gentle movements to music. This had progressed well until the needle went on Nobby's portable gramophone and we had to resort to borrowing Charlie's piano from home which meant that we had to push said instrument from his house to the Scout Hut. Unfortunately this pushing took its toll and we were unable to complete our exercise regime due to exhaustion, and had to return the piano the next day. We have now resorted to using lighter instruments such as the spoons, and comb and toilet paper, but the overall effect is less than satisfactory - it has quite destroyed our version of Bohemian Rhapsody. This is a great loss to the village.

We are very grateful to the Pilates Class that follows us in the Scout Hut and some weeks we have had to ask for help when a couple of our dancers have physically 'locked up' and need freeing. Whilst getting 'loosened up' with the extra help, the rest of us would continue with brushing the Scout Hut floor ready for the next session; often the ones who were temporarily bent double provided useful resting places for the brooms and dusters. We now take preventative measures to maintain an upright position, and we are grateful to the village shop who found some bottles of 'Athlete's Liniment' dated 1930 which has proved useful. However, the downside is that the lingering aroma of said liniment has caused several of our members to feel very faint, with some having 'out of body' experiences similar to the effects of George's homemade scrumpy, with the result that they had to be sat in the Scout Equipment Store until the vapours had passed by. We feel that it would be potentially dangerous to continue with a public display whilst 'oiled up' with this liniment and so we have temporarily shelved our plans to pursue our Display Routines for village events.

Our meetings are now behind the History Society where we spend an interesting few hours finishing off the Wassail Cup, and some of the fermented apple juice from their Apple Pressing days, whilst we play 'Name that Tune' with Herbie on the spoons.

26/10/2018

Mr Edward Hitchcock  
Dairy Cottage  
Church Road  
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Exeter  
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Dear Mr Hitchcock,

My name is Kenneth Fei, I am a Manager at CTBC Bank here in Hong Kong. I hoping this meet you in good health. This letter is posted on my behalf by a friend who is travelling to United Kingdom. I contact you regarding the funds of a deceased client with surname of Hitchcock under our management. Please I ask that you keep the information in this letter confidential between both of us as I contact you independently and no one knows of my communication to you.

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I have access and control to his file so what I plan is that I insert documents that make you the beneficiary of these funds. Shengjing Bank will have to contact you because you are the legal beneficiary. On verification, which will be the details I make available to CTBC, Shengjing Bank will be instructed to make payments to you.

Please trust me, this is 100% achievable. What I proposing is that we split the money into half. The alternative is that the money will go to the government. Nobody gets hurt; this is a very good opportunity for us. I would like us to have communication by my above telephone and email.

Please I am a family man and I have taken risk to contact you but I know in life you have to take any available chance to succeed. If we can be in agreement, we should act quick on this. Please get back to me as soon possible.

I await reply, many thank you.

Ken

# Whimble Parish Council

## Grit Bins

The Parish Council was successful in obtaining a grant from DCC for the purchase of 5 additional grit bins for the village. These have been purchased and loaded with salt bags and are situated at

1. The Square next to the parish notice board.
2. The entrance to Dince Hill Close next to the BT junction box
3. The bottom end of Grove Road next to the railway bridge.
4. The Junction of Westview Close.
5. The bottom of Chard Avenue.

Residents are reminded that the salt in the bins is to be used only for the public pathways and roads and is not intended for Residential use.

## Emergency Plan/ Volunteers

Several residents expressed through the Neighbourhood Plan and during the heavy snow fall last year a willingness to assist Councillors during adverse weather conditions (snow clearing, flooding etc).

Kevin Finch, The Parish Clerk is looking to pull together a list of residents who are willing to offer assistance and create a more structured Emergency Plan for the village to maximise the use of available resources effectively. If you are interested in adding your name(s) to a volunteer list please email Kevin Finch at [whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com) for more information.

## New Year's resolution? What about an Allotment to burn off those calories!

There are currently 3 allotment plots vacant for immediate allocation. One allotment is in the Grove Road allotment site and the other two at Heberton Close site.

I would expect demand for the allotments will increase as we get into the spring months so why not take the opportunity now and beat the waiting list and apply for one of the vacant plots.

These are available to residents of Whimble and Rockbeare on a first come basis and for more information contact Kevin Finch [whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## Air Ambulance Landing site

The Parish Council is looking to support Devon Air Ambulance with a 24-hour landing site in the village and the Cricket Ground has been identified as a suitable site. A public information meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th February at the Cricket Ground Pavilion.

## Defibrillator Training

The Parish Council is to hold a free Defibrillator training event in the Victory Hall on Friday 5th April at 7.00pm.

Please email: Kevin Finch [whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com) to book a place.

**Kevin Finch**, Whimble Parish Clerk Tel 823385

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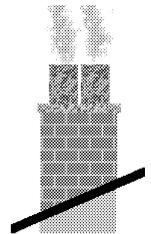
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Our speaker in November last year was Robert Hesketh, a local writer and photographer, who talked about Devon Churches and their many architectural features, from spires to decorative clocks, carved bench ends and gargoyles, all shown on slides and in the books he had written and brought for sale. Robert will be coming to talk to us again in November this year about some of the ghost stories associated with these churches (just right for Halloween!).

A number of us went to the Manor Theatre on the 16th November to see "Lost the Plot" and although all enjoyed the evening, they felt the play was a bit slow with just 2 actors on stage. Another trip has been organised for the 2nd March to see a play entitled "Dead on Arrival". Hopefully this will be more lively production, despite the ominous title!

At the Hospiscare Coffee Morning in Victory Hall on the 17th November, a number of our ladies made cakes for sale, served tea/coffees, sold raffle tickets and books, and took money on the door. Despite attendance numbers being down due to road closures, over £700 was made on the day and the organisers send their thanks to all who helped make it successful.

We held a social Skittles evening on the 23rd November. 12 ladies enjoyed an evening of exercise and companionship, plus a tasty supper! We will arrange another event once the weather gets warmer and the evenings lighter, and hopefully more of us will venture out?

Our Christmas Party on the 11th December at Victory Hall was a great evening and 34 ladies brought an array of delicious buffet food to share. We played team games and solved quizzes, and everyone said how much they had all enjoyed it. One of our ladies wore a very amusing festive hat, which produced a comment of "why are you wearing a w\*\*\*y on your head Marilyn" - she declined to comment!

On the 24th December, Anne Hardcastle passed away. She moved to Whimple in 1957 and was a member of Whimple WI for a great many years holding every office at some time or another. Anne apparently said that WI meant "Wild Indians", though no one can remember why! She will be fondly remembered by our current members for the things she organised or was involved in, from cream teas, crafts, entertainment and suppers, to helping keep the Institute alive during difficult times. A real gem!

Our January speaker was Al Pewsey from Dartmoor Search & Rescue and I will report on the evening in our next issue. Our Post-Christmas social lunch will be held at the Black Horse on 16th January and other events will be reported on in due course.

**For more information on Whimple WI, please contact Marilyn Mills on:  
821860**





# WHIMPLE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Happy New Year from us all at Whimple Primary School.

Throughout the autumn term, the children have been finding out about the history of the village, linked to remembrance and World War 1. Children visited the Heritage Centre to investigate key ideas and one of Whimple's oldest residents called Molly Power kindly came into Beech Class to talk to us about her memories and some of the key events in her life. The children then used this information to write a biography. Willow Class made representations of the trenches.

This term, the older children are learning more about the history and geography of the village, with particular reference to the development and use of the railway. If you have any interesting photos or stories to share, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

Our usual Christmas activities and events were a great success - making cards and gifts, sewing stockings, a Carol Service in the church, a Christmas fair and two performances of 'A Miracle in Town' by our younger children.



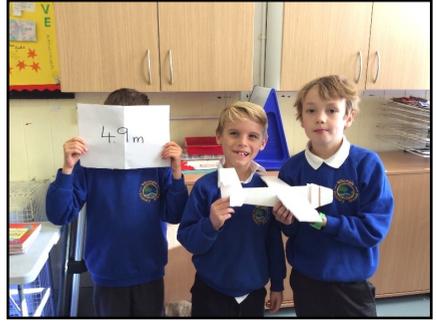
# The Glider Competition.

In December 2018, Beech Class entered a glider competition (sponsored by the R.A.F.). In the prototype competition, a group made up of three girls (Ellie, Miley and Evie) won with 5.4m.

Later on, the next week, Beech Class did the real competition with foam board and this time a group of boys (Arlo, Theo and Henry W) won.

Good luck boys!

By Lizzie Yendole and Sophie Parker



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For more information please contact the Chair of Governors, Linden Best on 07799257825 or [lbest@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:lbest@whimble-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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## **WHIMPLE CHURCH**

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Firstly a big thank you for all the support during 2018. It was good to see the Church packed for a number of special services during the last year especially the Christmas Services and the Christingle Service.

Also thank you for the support for our Breakfast in January. Almost 60 people listened to Alan Dodds who talked about his early experiences as a member of The Konrads, who included a young David Bowie in their lineup. Unfortunately there wasn't enough time for Alan to give us the full story and he has offered to come again, so watch this space for news of further events.

Now that Christmas is over we are looking forward to Easter. This year Easter Sunday is quite late, falling at the end of the school holiday break. Lent starts on Wednesday 6th March and our Lent course starts the following Tuesday and will be held at Talaton Village Hall. Full details will be in The Link and on the website. There will also be details of our regular Lent Lunches held in Clyst Hydon and Talaton.

In March, thoughts turn to Spring cleaning and the Church is no different. We want to try and tidy up the Church and grounds ready for a busy season of Morning Coffee and also weddings. If you can spare a few hours on Saturday 23rd March then please join us from 9.30am.

We are also starting to think about future events. One of our big fund raisers each year is the Church Fete. If you are able to help with the planning of this then please speak to Dianne or one of the Churchwardens.

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