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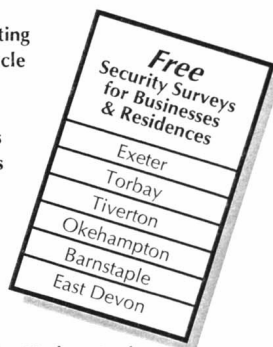


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What's On In Whimble

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- 8th Church Breakfast and talk, Victory Hall 8.30
- 8th Front Row Club, Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm – Details on posters and online
- 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 9
- 21st The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella 7.30pm
- 22nd The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella **Matinee** 2.00pm
- 22nd The Whimbletons present Cinder Fella 7.30pm
- 28th History Society Talk, Victory Hall 7.00pm - Speaker John Smith on 'The Battle of Britain over Devon'
- 29th Soup'nSarnie lunch, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm. A special event to raise funds for the Victory Hall

March

- 1st VPA trip to Forde Abbey near Chard – details page 46. Pick up in The Square 9.15am
- 7th Front Row Club, Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm. Details on posters and online
- 8th Talk at the Victory Hall – Hilary Nowill and her African adventures on a car rally to Dakar this year.
- 10th WI Monthly Meeting at Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm – Open meeting Speaker Louise Walmsley on 'The origins of fuchsias'
- 13th VPA Talk – 7.30pm Victory Hall – Brian Carlson on 'All aspects of fuchsias'
- 21st Church spring clean 9.30am
- 24th History Society AGM, Victory Hall 7.00pm; Talk to follow TBA
- 28th Soup'nSarnie lunch, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm

April

- 4th Over 60s Coffee Morning in the Victory Hall. A special event to raise funds for the Hall
- 11th Front Row Club, Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm – Details on posters and online
- 14th WI Monthly Meeting at Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm – Speaker Dr Peter Marsden on 'Life as a police surgeon'
- 25th Soup'nSarnie lunch, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm

May

- 2nd VPA trip to Coletton Fishacre
- 8th Victory Hall – Victory in Europe – World War 2 themed event – details pages 20 and 21
- 9th Front Row Club, Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm – Details on posters and online
- 17th VPA Annual Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, Victory Hall 10.00am - 12.00noon - details page 46.

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Ed the Ed

Our cover picture and page 15 of this illustrious magazine show scenes from the 2020 Wassail – thanks to Sue Ayres for the photos. It was good to see so many people coming out to support this wonderful and very ‘strange’ event in our village calendar. I always challenge anyone joining us for the first time to try and describe what goes on, to their relatives and friends without being looked at askance (good word)!

I would like to thank our splendid team of deliverers who battle through all weathers to get this magazine to the village. You will see on page 37 that we are looking for someone to pick up one of our more ‘far-flung’ delivery rounds covering the Cobden Lane area – but only to 13 dwellings. If you can help, Cathy Sharkey (822939) would love to hear from you. Thanks to Hugh Roberts for his sterling work over the past few years with this round.

Whilst in a “Thank you” mode, I would like to pay tribute to the hard working committee of this great magazine for all their efforts in producing this valuable resource for our wonderful village.

Pages 32 and 33 show details of a wonderful opportunity for creativity and fun from Hilary Nowill. It sounds very well organised and will be a chance for like-minded souls to meet up and have a great time.

I am really looking forward to Hilary’s talk in the Victory Hall on Sunday 8th March about taking a convoy of cars to Africa, and all the adventures connected with that. We are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic and creative person in our village – and of course husband Julian who is the organiser of this African rally that has been so brilliant for supporting various charities.

We have published photos of the WI pantomime on page 51 and it would appear that they have challenged the very fabric of our society by having ladies dressed as men, on the stage of the Victory Hall. I apologise to our readers for such disregard to our sensitivities – you would never find a pantomime group copying that!

And as for admitting to some ‘forgetting of lines’ - again, you will not see that in any other pantomime in the village....er...um...er. By the time this magazine is distributed, the Whimbletons will have assaulted the eyes and ears of the village with Cinder Fella. Support groups will be available after that dramatic fiasco. See you on the other side!

If you would like to contribute to this great periodical, then please direct your articles to either me or Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 10th March – thank you!

EdH

Mark, Jenny and Team



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District Councillor's report

Dear Residents of Whimble I am now into my 8th month of being your councillor and I must say that there continues to be high and low points in equal measure.

I am still learning so much from the hard-working officers at East Devon District Council, they are very patient and kind. The hardest part of this job for me are the very long committee meetings which can sometimes mean eight hours of sitting, I find sitting still for five minutes a challenge.

It may be timely to remind the students waiting in The Square each weekday morning for the coach to Clyst Vale, that they are 'queuing' along the church wall and putting themselves in potential danger from passing cars, especially in icy conditions. It would be less dangerous if they could wait closer to the church steps please. Could parents remind their children to keep them safe. Thanks!

I think that the climate emergency we are facing has focused the minds of many and the recycling efforts by all East Devon residents over the Christmas period are to be applauded as you will see the article on the page opposite. I think we should be proud of our efforts and keep up the good work. Also can I remind you to get in touch if I can help in any way. My contact details are below.

Happy New Year.

Kathy

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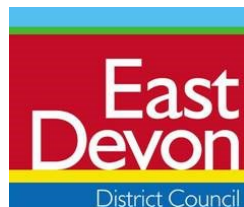
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East Devon residents recycle a whopping 1,200 tonnes of recycling and food waste in 12 days over Christmas and the New Year

The best town in East Devon for recycling was Cranbrook, with Exmouth following close behind

East Devon residents have been recycling huge amounts over the Christmas and New Year period.

Across the district, residents have put out a total of almost 1,200 tonnes of recycling and food waste between 27th December and 7th January for our crews to collect.



This is the peak time of year for our crews who have had to work long hours to collect all this material. But it means we have recovered valuable resources which will be used to manufacture new products, generate energy or make fertilisers for the South West's farms, helping our environment and our economy.

The league leader for recycling was Cranbrook with the residents of our new town and surrounding areas recycling a whopping 180 tonnes on a single day on 30 December.

Close behind was Exmouth with the residents of our biggest town recycling a total of 300 tonnes on the two collections days of 28 December and 4 January.

During December, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs issued the national recycling statistics and East Devon is now 15th in the league table of more than 300 English local authorities with a recycling rate of 59% in 2018/2019.

Even better than this is that East Devon is now number one in the league table for the least amount of refuse thrown away by each household.

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WASSAIL 2020

We had a great crowd come on the Wassail when we set out on Friday 17th January from the New Fountain – I estimated some 150 good people joined us in the annual tour of the village and the orchards. I believe that we had a number of ‘new’ Wassailers joining the existing stalwarts – I know that a few people in the shop commented on my Wassail tee shirt during the week – comments from both new and ‘old’ villagers, some of whom had not shared the fun in the past! It was great to have Jim Causley supporting us, as he does every year – and he brings a band that walks round with us and also provides the music up at the cricket club. It was a dry night – thank goodness after a week of wet! But the orchards were a little soggy underfoot and wellies were the footwear of choice that night. It was also a little cold on our walk round. The next morning gave us the proof of some white roofs!! Thank goodness for the raging bonfires created by the village pyromaniac, Ray Horn, in the Woodhayes and Chard’s orchards.

Thanks to Paddy at the Fountain for opening early, Margaret Burrough for supplying the Wassail Cup, the Wassail Royalty in the shape of Freya Bayley and Katie Parker, who did a wonderful job for us (especially Katie who stepped in that day to cover for sickness, so well done to her!), the stewards, the Gun Crew and the team up at the cricket club doing splendid work with supplying bread, pasties and homity pies, apple cake, soup and liquid refreshments at the bar...and with local cider from Courtneys!

We did our usual route, and stopped off at The Square to remember John Shepherd, the founding Secretary/Chair of the early History Society and to remember Brian Spry who passed away in mid December – he was a long term supporter of the Whimble Wassail, and was a cider maker in his own right.

I am sure that the 2020 harvest will be a great success thanks to our efforts!

Ed H

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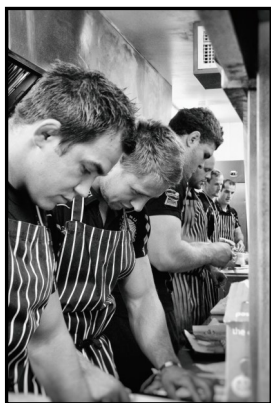
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At the Jack in the Green we've met some great people over the last 27 years; many customers have become good friends - suppliers and journalists too. Then of course there's the pub's very close and long-standing relationship with Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club and their ravenous players - the 2017 Premiership Champions take some filling up!

We've been sponsoring 'Man of the Match' at Sandy Park since 2004 and it's a privilege to be part of the extended Chiefs family. Matthew has taught several of the players how to cook as they mull over their post-playing careers and often shares a stage with them at food festivals and county shows. From meticulous preparation to

all the concealed graft, the attention to detail and teamwork, there are a number of strong parallels between the Jack and the club, dating back to the very early years. "Continually striving to improve" could easily be a motto for both establishments.

We currently sponsor Scotland International Sam Skinner and before that it was James Hanks. Our guests love seeing the players in the restaurant and, like us, they're amazed at what they pack away. A typical 'feed' usually starts with a Scotch egg appetiser, then a chicken liver parfait starter, quickly followed by a specially cut 20oz 'Big Boy' rib eye with a sticky toffee pudding to finish things off!

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It's been a busy time; Christmas, with parties, friends and relations, shopping, carol concerts and festive fun. Then quickly comes the New Year, the new decade, then comes twelfth night – clear away the old and look forward to the new.

Life goes on – members of POW&R Group, have been finalising their submissions to the Government Inspector on the latest Cranbrook Master Plan. The deadline was the 8th January 2020 for the matters, issues and questions for the examination stage.

Clearly, this is a significant moment to our village. The Cobden development is proposed to be in our parish and the Grange Development closer to the Hand and Pen and the border of the Parish. In our documents we are advocating that the Cranbrook Plan does not conform to the National Planning Policy Framework and the East Devon Local Plan. In some cases it goes against the well-meaning aims of the proposed Clyst Valley Regional Park, which comes right up to Church Road. You may not know much about this park, because it has had very little publicity and I was unable to trace any reference to it in the Cranbrook Plan.

In 2020 the POW&R Group are now beginning to work with the Parish Council, as in many cases we have the same views about Cranbrook. Like a lot of things, aims and objectives can be achieved in different ways. The year has started, now the Parish Council, your elected representatives must get our Neighbourhood Plan started, completed, finished, signed and sealed by the 31st December 2020.

The POW&R Group wishes all villagers a Happy New Year.

Alan Lascelles

Press and Publicity, POW&R Group

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Friday 8th May 2020

marks the 75th anniversary of that great day which we too will commemorate. So be sure put the date in your diary and come and join in as Whimble celebrates the:

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE 75)

The event will be held at Whimble Village Hall from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

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There will be live music – sing along with the war time favourites and a tea dance – give it a go.

There will also be a Pay Bar and a BBQ.

If you can think of anything else to mark the day, let us know.

Maria Wallis 823992 or Karen Hall-Williams.



Friday 8th May 2020

This year the May bank holiday has been moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Sir Andrew Gregory, chief executive of SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, said "It is our duty to keep the events of the past alive in collective memory, including future generations - this is how we ensure that such a conflict never happens again".

"It is our hope that the nation takes a moment to reflect on the significance of this date, as a milestone that changed the course of history for the whole world," he added.

Exeter, like many other cities, towns and villages throughout the UK, is joining in with its own street party on Cathedral Green

The May Day bank holiday has been moved once before. It was changed from 1st May to 8th May in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day.



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WHIMPLE Q.I.

This edition of 'Whimble Q.I.' focuses on extracts from the History Society's archives about various properties in Whimble.

- Rose Cottage, Church Road. A research note states "There is a large chimney in this house, too large for a "Cottage". Mr Eric Whiteway suggested it was probably a "smoking area" for hams etc." The Cottage was once owned by Whiteway's Cyder Company and in September 1939 it was occupied by Mr W.H.E. Buckingham, Chief Engineer.
- Extract from a book 'Devon Leather':- "The Cypresses, previously known as Lower Fordton, was the site of Whimble Tannery. The former water-powered bark mill – fed by a leat from the Cranny – has been converted into a modern private residence. The Cypresses is now known as The White House and was bought in the 1890s by Henry Whiteway, the founder of the cider company. A second – horse-powered – bark mill may be indicated by the round structure near The Cypresses".
- Dince Hill House, known at the time as Dince Hill Fruit Farm and Nurseries, was offered for sale by auction in five lots on 6th November 1953 at The Rougemont Hotel, Exeter. The auction catalogue describes "A medium sized Georgian Country House, a modern workman's flat, excellent range of farm buildings, about 6,000 square feet of glasshouses and frames, valuable orcharding and rich enclosures land, now mostly used for market gardening" Part of Lot 1, Dince Hill House: "By the drive there is an underground petrol tank with semi-rotary pump, petrol thus being obtained 4d a gallon cheaper. (Licence 10/- per annum.)"
- The Hearth Tax of 1662 created a charge in England and Wales of two shillings for every hearth, payable in two equal instalments at Lady Day and Michaelmas. The tax was payable by the occupant, not the landlord. The "Hearth Tax" list for Whimble shows the number of hearths for which tax had to be paid by various people, ranging from one to four hearths.

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Moving on

As you may be aware, the Rev. Chris Martin left our parish at the end of January to take up a new post with the Golden Cap Benefice based in Charmouth. As your churchwardens, we thought it would be a good idea to give some explanation of what happens next, now we are without a vicar. From one or two conversations we have had, there seems to be an assumption that the Bishop has a handy supply of vicars that can just be parachuted into the position. The reality is that, like any job, the vacancy needs to be advertised and interviewed for. Also, while we are very fortunate to have our curate Rev Marc Kerslake with us, Marc is in the final stages of his training. His priority over the coming months will be to concentrate on completing his studies and training modules. Marc will still lead some services along with Ruth Heeley (retired vicar), members of the congregations and visiting clergy. During a vacancy it is the role of the churchwardens, assisted by the PCCs (Parochial Church Council), to ensure that the life, worship and day to day running of the church continues.

There are four churches in our mission community: Whimple, Talaton, Clyst St Lawrence and Clyst Hydon. All the churchwardens have met with the Archdeacon to discuss in detail the next steps of the appointment process. An essential stage of this will be to review and refresh our parish profiles which form a key part of the job advert. The PCCs will also meet to discuss the qualities we would look for in a new vicar and how they can fit in with our vision. From this a job specification will be drawn up and advertised on line and in the Church Times. This is not a quick process and experience has shown that vacancies can last for nine months or more.

We are praying for Gods' guidance during this time of change, and we are trusting that God knows who he will call to the Churches 4 All Mission Community. Why not join us on our journey? Details of our services and prayer meetings can be found on our website. <http://churches4all.org/>

Ian Spicer and Gerri Turner. Churchwardens

Thank you all for your support in 2019. Hopefully this will continue in 2020. The first event was the CommunityTheatre4All production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat performed in the Church. At the time of writing tickets were selling fast. Also on Saturday 8th February, there a Breakfast was held in the Victory Hall.

Sunday 22nd March is Mothering Sunday. Once again we will be holding a special service in the church at 3.30pm which will be followed by Afternoon Tea.

Lent starts on 26th February and our Lent Course starts on Thursday 5th March 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 Coffee Mornings and weddings. If you can spare a few hours on Saturday 21st 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. Please put 13th June in your diaries now. If you are able to help with this event, then please speak to Dianne Goodwin or one of the Churchwardens

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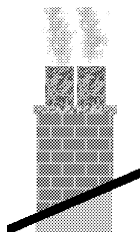
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VILLAGE WEEK - THE PROCEEDS

There are lots of myths and rumours surrounding what happens to the proceeds from Village Week. These range from :- “it all goes to the Victory Hall”, via “I really don’t know” through “the committee have a slap up meal” to “Myers uses it to fund his wine cellar”. All, particularly the last one, (regrettably) are wrong.

In view of the disinformation doing the rounds, I thought it would be a good idea to set out what actually happens to the money.

There is a small, elected, sub-committee, drawn from the main Village Week committee, who meet after Village Week is over and all the revenue has been collected and costs paid, to decide on the distribution.

This distribution is split into two parts

- The amount retained by Village Week to pre-fund Village Day for the following year. Things like the bouncy castles, raffle tickets, first aid, entertainment - like Dan the Hat, children’s games, etc. need to be bought and paid for in advance.
- The amount distributed to organizations/good causes in the village. Most of the organizations that receive money from Village Week contribute directly to the Village Day in one way or another. It is important to note that the distribution each organization gets is not directly linked to the amount of money their particular activity raises. For example, pre-school supervise the bouncy castles. These generally make little or no money but, as long as the children are on the bouncy castles, the parents are buying food and drink. Thus, the organizations that run the food and drink operations receive less than they make and preschool gets more. Equally, without the other parts of Village Day, there would be no-one on the field to buy any food or drink. The same is true of things like egg catching, tug-of-war, space hoppers, etc.

Whilst there is no direct link between the amount an organization raises and the amount it receives, obviously the greater the total amount raised, the greater the distribution to all the organizations involved.

Thus, all the money raised by the raffle, by the various activities during the week which give their proceeds to Village Week (e.g. darts) and by Village Day itself is ploughed back into the village. Beneficiaries in the past have included:- the church, the school, pre-school, History society, Whimble News, Scouts, Tennis club, WI, Victory Hall, Football club, Cricket club, Whimbletons, Front Row club, Hospiscare and SENSE.

So, support Village Week, buy raffle tickets, come along to Village Day and help raise funds for organisations/activities in the village.

If you represent an organisation in the village which currently doesn’t benefit from Village Week funding get in touch with me and we will see if we can incorporate you into Village Week somehow.

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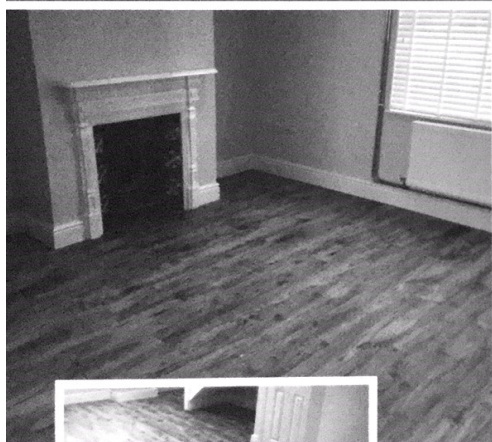
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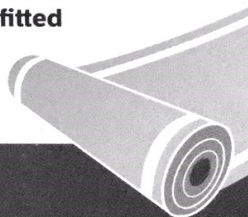
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Art Project for Village Week 2020

Everyone is welcome to get involved with making items from plastic and recyclable items to make wonderful artwork which will be displayed during Village Week in July 2020.

On the next page is a list of workshop dates and what we hope to create.

To get involved: Give your email and mobile number to Hilary Nowill tallulahmahoolah@btinternet.com or message 07941 313217. We will have a WhatsApp group and an email group for updates.

Come along to all or any of the workshops – all ages and abilities are welcome. Even if you can't do the whole workshop, pop along for an hour or so to help. You can bring a sandwich with you – hot drinks will be provided.

We have limited space for storage of materials so, for each workshop, try to bring as much as you can to create the artwork. Any queries, please contact Hilary.

Bring along a sense of fun!

Understand that this is a recycling project and it is not intended that any items should be bought, apart from perhaps Bostick type glue. We want you to bring items with you which would otherwise go into landfill or your recycling bins.

The artwork will be displayed in The Square, Churchyard, the green opposite the Hive/Thirsty Farmer and other places around the village. All artwork will be removed shortly after Village Week and disposed of.

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Making fish and jellyfish from plastic held at The Pea, The Square on Sunday 23 February 10am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic bottles (coke, lemonade, etc) • Other plastics • Spray paints / post paints / interior wall paint – any you have left over in your sheds • Small paintbrushes • Bubble wrap • Plastic bags • Wire coat hangers • Coloured plastic • String • Large beads
Making a bottle top frieze held at The Pea, The Square on Sunday 15 March 10am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any bottle tops of all colours (lids from any plastic container) • We also need a large sheet of marine ply if anyone has some in their garage or shed • Glue guns if anyone has one to lend
Making plastic milk bottle people held at a venue to be confirmed on Sunday 29 March 10am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any size plastic milk bottles • Buttons / big beads
Making a paper mâché peacock held at a venue to be confirmed on Wednesday 8 April AND Sunday 3 May AND Sunday 17 May AND Sunday 31 May AND Sunday 14 June 10am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers • Wallpaper paste • Chicken wire • Piece of drainpipe – about 1.5m • Old gloss paints
Friday 26 June 10am – 4pm	Collating artwork, fixing supports, finishing, etc
Sunday 12 July AND Monday 13 July	Take artwork down

Thank you very much for your interest.

Hilary Nowill

The Ottery St Mary Food Bank

Following a decision to operate a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' in our office at Build Consultants Ltd in the run up to Christmas 2019, we have decided to set up a regular collecting point for the Ottery St Mary Food Bank.

We would like to thank those in the village who donated to our 'Reverse Advent Calendar' initiative after reading about it on Facebook. The idea being that each day in Advent, we would add an item to the food bank box instead of opening a flap on an advent calendar to receive an item, such as chocolate, wine, cheese or even socks!

The Ottery St Mary Food Bank are very grateful for the three boxes of food that we delivered to them and have provided the following information regarding the scheme being operated in the town:

You will be aware that poverty is a very real issue in our society, especially in the current financial situation. Church leaders and representatives from statutory agencies in the town have commented on incidents of food crisis amongst individuals and families, and the need to establish some kind of emergency provision for these people. Members of Churches Together in Ottery (CTIO) decided to take the initiative and launch a food bank in the town. We operate as follows:

- The bank only deals in non-perishable food, but with a variety such that it will provide a balanced diet.
- Churches in the town host collection points. An additional box is located in Roberts Hardware. Members of the community are invited to deliver specific contributions to these points.
- Church leaders and representatives of agencies in the town will be provided with vouchers that entitle the bearer to food sufficient for their household for 3 days. They or their staff will give vouchers to people who they consider are in crisis with regard to food.
- The Food Bank will be open at The URC in Jesu Street, Ottery, on Friday afternoons from 1.30 to 2.30pm. *Voucher* holders will be able to redeem their vouchers between those times.
- We also provide vouchers to collect fresh fruit and vegetables from Otter Produce in the Square and Fuel Key top ups from McColls opposite the Church. This service depends on cash donations from the public.

Chris l'Anson for Churches Together in Ottery
osmfoodbank@gmail.com

If you would like to contribute towards the food bank, please drop your items in to Build Consultants Ltd at The Hive, School Hill, Whimble – opposite the doctor's surgery - during office hours. The following lists the items that they would be very grateful to receive:

Food Collected:

- **Tins:** meat, fish, soup, vegetables (garden peas, carrots, sweetcorn) potatoes, spaghetti, fruit, rice/sponge puddings, custard.
- **Cartons:** long life milk and fruit juice.
- **Packets:** rice, noodles, cereals, tea bags, sugar, biscuits. Instant: soup, mash, noodles/pasta in sauce, savoury rice, custard.
- **Jars:** coffee, pasta sauce

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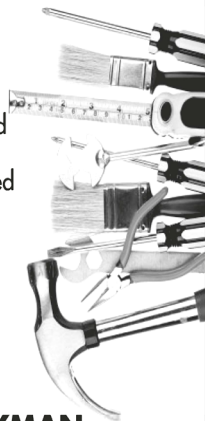


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NEW TREASURER REQUIRED!

Our current treasurer, Marianne Randall, wants to stand down, so we need a new person for the role. It's a small club with not many transactions, so it's not a big job and would suit someone with a little spare time who would like to help run the local community tennis club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be in late Feb/early March – all members are welcome and the date will be advised soon.

Viv Brown, Secretary.

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We are pleased to confirm the signature of a new overseas player for 2020 and will welcome Australian Braden Hickey to the club for the Summer. Braden is coming to Whimble with his partner and will be playing for the club and supporting junior coaching. Winter nets are planned for adults and juniors and these will begin from February. If you would like to get involved in these then please do contact me on the details below.

Finally, a reminder that the cricket club is available for hire throughout the year and is generally quiet during the winter months. Please contact me for information and pricing at jameswoollam@gmail.com or on 07989 234372.

James Woollam, Chair, Whimble Cricket Club

Whimble Victory Hall

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The fundraising has started!

In the last edition of Whimble News we told you about our plans to renovate the hall and how we had made a start by replacing the main hall floor, refurbishing the kitchen and redecorating.

Since then the floor in the entrance area to the hall has been re-tiled thanks to Gary and Craig who did the work for free. And the kitchen has a new hob kindly donated by Howdens of Honiton. Thank you again.

So now the greater challenge begins.

We know we need a new roof and must remedy the cracking that has appeared in the walls. Professional advice from the MACE group suggests that we will need at least £150,000 to bring the hall back into a good state of repair.

Over the last ten years we set aside £100,000 some of which we have now spent. Hopefully we will receive grants towards some of the work and are applying to DEFRA and others, but this still leaves us with a shortfall. Hence the target of raising an additional £12,000 this year.

So how is this target of £1,000 a month going?

Thanks to the Thirsty Farmer and a generous individual donation we have met January's target.

The table-top sale raised over £800, £250 of which was achieved by members of the church selling tea and cakes. The History Society raised money for the hall at wassailing by selling soups. Thank you to everyone involved. It looks like we will achieve the February target as well.

The Whimbletons have kindly agreed to the hall providing tea and cakes at their Saturday performances. The Soup'n'Sarnie crew are providing an extra event on the 29th of February solely to raise additional funds. Thank you everyone - the village is really rallying around to help.

However, we need more than just money - we need practical help.

In particular, we need expertise in major building work, project management as well as help from anyone with an architectural background. Do you have that expertise? If so please let me know. We would love to have you on our team.

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Margaret Bucknell with the Victory Hall thermometer rising

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Our last event for 2019 was the Quiz Night on Friday 8th November. This was our best attended quiz yet and was without a doubt another very enjoyable evening. We were pleased to welcome a team from Rockbeare who thoroughly enjoyed the evening and now they know the format they said they would be back for the next one! Our thanks to Brian Nelson and Roy Clark for the Gardening Questions and to Doreen Staddon for the General Knowledge Questions. Now this event is well established, those who attended are clearly looking forward to the next one!

After another very full year, we have just about finalised our plans for 2020 and hopefully the events planned will appeal to many of you. By the time this edition of the News goes to print we will have started the year with our AGM which was held on Monday 27th January. Last year was a very busy year for the VPA and it was good to see all our events so well supported. A full report will be in the next edition. We are naturally looking forward to another very enjoyable year.

The first event after the AGM will be a trip to Forde Abbey near Chard to see the annual Plant Fair and Gardens. This will be on Sunday 1st March and a booking form for this trip is with this article or can be obtained from the Whimple Stores and our thanks to Mark and Jenny for this. This is the earliest of the Plant Fairs in the South West and coincides with the very popular Crocus Week at the Gardens. This historic house also contains the Mortlake Tapestries which were commissioned for the Sistine Chapel and were first woven in Brussels in about 1520. On Friday 13th March we have our first talk of the year and this will be given by Brian Carlson. His talk will be on 'All Aspects of Fuchsias'. This promises to be another very interesting talk for those of us who do grow fuchsias. On Saturday 2nd May we are planning a trip to Coletton Fishacre. This was the former home of the well known D'Oyly Carte family and the house and gardens make a very interesting visit.

Our Annual Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 17th May in the Village Hall. This event has now proved itself to be very popular and being a week later this year, we should have even better plants for everyone! We aim to provide a wide range of plants and judging by the large queue at 10.00am last year, arriving early is essential to get the best bargains and to avoid disappointment! The money the plant sale raises enables us to fully cover the cost of the Annual Flower Show which is a great help to ensure the success of the Show.

Following the Plant Sale, we have another outing planned and this will be to Hartland Abbey in North Devon. This historic Abbey was built in 1157 and consecrated by the Bishop of Exeter in 1160 as a monastery for the Regular Canons of the Order of St. Augustine of Hippo.

It was the last monastery to be dissolved by Henry VIII in 1539. More information on this trip in the next edition of the News.

The Annual Flower and Craft Show will, as usual, be on the second Saturday in August, and this year the date will be Saturday 8th August 2020. For the benefit of all the keen photographers in the village, here is the list of the Classes we have chosen for this 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'; 'Childs play'; 'Historical Devon'; 'A Religious Building'; 'A Flowering Orchid'; 'My Garden'; '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 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 so do take a look there.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Chairman

Whimble & District Village Produce Association

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At our Monthly Meeting on the 12th November our speaker was Katherine Crouch, a garden designer who won the first BBC Gardener of the Year competition in 1999 then went on to win BBC Gardener of the Decade in 2008 – obviously a lady who knows her stuff! She relayed some entertaining stories of her career so far and gave us numerous tips on how to garden more easily as we get older. She had brought along various garden tools and described how to use them to better effect, but suggested it was time now to sit cosy indoors and eat chocolate until the warmer weather comes – sound advice!!



The following Saturday several members assisted at the Hospiscare Christmas Coffee Morning in Victory Hall, something we do every year to help raise money for this worthy cause and approximately £600 was made on the day. We provided cakes for sale, took money on the door and manned stalls - our thanks to all who helped and baked. We also surprised Rosemarie Burrows, a long standing WI member and former organiser of this event, with a cake & candle to celebrate her birthday; and sang to her of course!

Our skittles match against Cullompton on the 19th was not the success we had hoped for. WE LOST and by a good margin. The alley was the longest we had played on and the surface not conducive to our style of play! That is our excuse anyway and at least we won't have to go out again in the cold and wet until next year's competition. It is always a pleasure however to meet other WI teams and we all enjoyed the evening and wished them success in the next round. I will organise a Social Skittles evening for us at The New Inn sometime in late January/early February, weather permitting.

The Exeter Cathedral WI Carol Service on 2nd December was an uplifting event and the Cathedral was packed. I noticed a considerable number of men in the audience – how did they become members of the WI? Oops, sexist remark! The choir was very good and we all did our best to sing, though as they used different music to a couple of the carols it threw me a bit! A quick stroll through the Christmas Market to warm up the legs afterwards and a cup of coffee for the insides, finished off the afternoon nicely.

Now to the Christmas Party with buffet food, a quiz and entertainment, or at least something resembling that! A number of us attempted an adaptation of Roald Dahl's poem 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' written by our secretary Marilyn (with copyright permission of course) and Avril Ellingham narrated expertly. We really had so much fun, mostly remembered our lines correctly, forgot the odd thing or two but all in all it went quite smoothly and was much appreciated by the audience – rave reviews in the press are expected. There were too many brilliant performances to mention here, but well done to all the cast. Guess who played the wicked Queen – you got it, me! No Whimbletons, don't worry I will not be joining you, one panto was enough.

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A huge thanks to the Over 60s group who kindly agreed to move to the committee room for their meeting which enabled us to increase.

We currently have 25 children on roll and spaces for the year ahead are filling up fast so please get in touch if you would like your child to attend.

We have just had our annual Quiz & Curry which was a fantastic night and proved to be a very successful fundraiser for us, thank you so much to everyone who supported us.

A special thanks to Marc at The Thirsty Farmer who cooked the delicious curries for us and to our legendary quiz master Tony Bickel. The money raised will be used to build an outdoor shelter and on improving outdoor resources as well as just keeping the preschool going due to insufficient government funding.

If you'd like to continue to support us you can do so by doing your online shopping through 'Easy Fundraising' or 'Amazon Smile' so every time you shop we get a donation at no extra cost to you.

Many thanks for all your help!

Jo Sibley



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WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone!

The start of a new term and a new decade (although there is some debate about that, especially if you are mathematical). Anyway, after a frantic end of term with nativity performances, Christmas dinner and hat competitions and our Carol Service we endeavour to start the year calmly and in a good place to learn. Hopefully, many of you visited the church and saw the felt and origami tree decorations produced by our Year 5 children as part of their Fantastic Fridays.

This term tends to be a 'heads down' term but as always, we will include a range of things to enrich our curriculum. We have already held our own wassail at the orchard and yes, the weather was kind to us. There are already plans for some for an outdoor trip linked to the children's learning on rivers and a possible space dome visit. All the best for 2020.

Carole Shilston, Headteacher

Mosaic Making

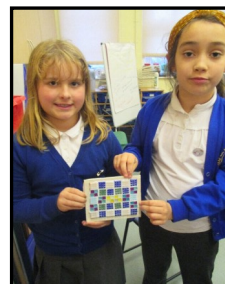
On Friday the 13th of December 2019, Beech Class and Oak Class came together to make mosaics. We were put into partners (one person from Oak was paired up with a Beech class member), then we started with a coloured piece of squared paper, to make our design. After that, we decided if we were going to use small tiles or big tiles or just a mixture of both. From all of that planning, we had an idea of what we were going to create. So then we had to place the tiles (not sticking them) on our small squared piece of paper so we could know where they go.



Everybody in the class had a wooden board to glue their tiles onto, but first we had to sandpaper it so it would be easier to stick the tile on it. Once we had done all of that, we started sticking on the tiles with a gap in between them.

Once dry, we had to push the grout between the tiles and smooth it off, then let it dry again. Lastly, we had to polish them to make them shine.

By **Sophie** (Year 5)



Roman Play

On Wednesday 4th December, the Year 4 pupils performed a short Roman play about two children who find the bronze head from a statue while playing by a river.



Then they go back in time and discover lots about the Roman Emperor called Claudius and his successful attempt at invading Britain when he defeated several Celtic tribes near Colchester.



Roman Chariots

This school year, Willow Class - like many others - are doing their topic as The Romans. As part of this work, we learnt about the different parts of a chariot and why they are essential in order for the finished product to work. Once we knew

what the chassis, axle and wheels were, we began to plan and build our chariots out of card paper and cotton reels.

When all the chariots were completed, we went up to the Village Hall and practised coding a Bee Bot to go to coloured pieces of paper.

Then Mr Brown set up the race track and we all had one turn of coding a Bee Bot, that was attached to chariots, around the course. It was the first person to make their Bee Bot touch the end table wins. Everyone had lots of fun and had a great time.

By **Ava** (Year 6)



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Funding raised from Band's 2019 Christmas Carolling held at IKEA Exeter Store on 2nd and 9th December 2019;



The photo above shows Trevor Heynes, Chairman East Devon Daytime Band with members of the band presenting £200 cheque to Claire Frost, the Alzheimer's Society Community Fundraiser Devon & Cornwall, at a recent rehearsal held at Tipton St John Community Hall bandroom; and below performing at IKEA Exeter Store.



Alzheimer's Society provides expert information and support for anyone affected by dementia as well as support and befriending services to help partners and families cope with the demands off caring.

In the South West area there are over 81,000 people with dementia.

There are support groups and local services which provide day care and home care for people with dementia.

Over 40,000 people under 65 in the UK have dementia;

East Devon Daytlme Band is an independent brass ensemble meeting every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00noon at Tipton St John Community Hall, Tipton St John, Sidmouth, EX10 0AF. New players are always welcome.

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