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**Aug/Sept 2025**

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# Dear Whimble News Readers,

Oh go on then - let's talk about the weather, shall we? Because what kind of Brit would I be if I didn't sneak a weather chat into every issue? And what a corker of a summer it's been! The butterflies are out in force, fluttering their fabulous little wings around the orchards like it's fashion week. I swear, nature's showing off this year - and honestly, I'm here for it.

Maybe it's something about creeping into middle age (I said creeping, not sprinting, thank you very much) but I find myself falling more and more in love with the fields, trees, and footpaths around our village.

This issue is a special one for me - because on the 2nd of September, I'll be celebrating the big 4-0. I know, I know... I only blinked and was 25 just a moment ago! To mark the occasion, I'm jetting off to Vegas and Ibiza (because what's age without a little glitter and mischief?). But before the sequins and sunshine, I must say what a privilege it is to be part of something as delightfully wholesome and important as *Whimble News*.

Huge thanks to Bob and the team for letting me wear the Editor's crown - though it's less diamonds, more deadlines - but still a total honour. We're working hard behind the scenes to bring you a magazine that makes you smile, keeps you informed, and stays true to our village spirit.

Now, onto a slightly more serious note... We're in need of reinforcements! A couple of our lovely volunteers are ready to pass the publishing baton. If no one steps up, we risk losing this treasured little newsletter - and what a crying shame that would be. It's our 'old school' paper lifeline to news, local businesses, and village vibes in a world that increasingly wants us to doomscroll and disconnect. So if you've got publishing skills - or just boundless enthusiasm - *please* come forward. Whimble News needs you!

On the advertising front, we've freshened things up and welcomed some new businesses to our pages. If you'd like to promote your venture to 800+ residents and beyond, give Jenny a shout at [whimplenews@gmail.com](mailto:whimplenews@gmail.com) with the subject line "FAO Jenny - Advertising Request".

For those eager to know the latest on housing developments, skip straight to pages 14 & 15 for Todd's scoop. Had something to say at the last meeting? Don't miss the follow-up committee on 2nd September. Chat to Cllr. Olive for more info - and public speaking registration's open until late August, so go on, have your say!

A few village highlights to shout from the rooftops:



*Whimble Garden Safari Team raised a brilliant £2000 for the Victory Hall Extension Fund! Bravo!*



*Twenty years ago on the Trafalgar Way—turn to pages 26 & 27 for a cracking tale of British history.*



*Whimble Fest raised nearly £3800! What a day of music, laughter, and the kind of community spirit that makes you want to hug everyone (and maybe cry happy tears).*

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Coming from outside Devon, let me tell you - this level of village magic is a rare thing.

We need volunteers to keep Whimble Fest alive for next year - page 38 has the details. Pop it in your diary: *Saturday 4th July*. Be there or be square.

And finally... School's out for summer! Flip to page 43 for Whimble School's letter. Looks like places are still available for the next batch of rug rats - email the pre-school pronto! And to our Year 6 leavers: we wish you mountains of luck in your next adventures. You've got this.

✂️ That's a wrap, folks! Soak up those summer rays, smile at your neighbours (yes, even the grumpy ones), and remember: kindness is the true SPF - protects everything!

As for me? I'll be sipping a suspiciously strong Mojito somewhere fabulous, clinging to the wildly reasonable belief that 40 is the new 30 with better skincare and worse hangovers.

Right... RIGHT?!!

Sam x 🤝🐼☀️

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## Beyond Proud ....

A very big thank you to everyone who has supported the **Whimble Community Choir**; from participating, cheering us on or passing on comments when I see you in and around the village. It is a true community choir, everyone is welcome regardless of age, ability or experience.

We are taking a rest now until November - yes I know it's a long rest, but I am involved in a production of Calendar Girls the Musical in Sidmouth in October - more on that for another time!

We meet again on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 7pm in the Church. We are going to be singing Christmas Music and look forward to spreading the Christmas love around Whimble in December.

New members are always welcome - the door is always open!

**Julia Green**

Director Whimble Community Choir



# What's On In Whimble

## August

- Sun 3rd: Open Mic Night. New Fountain. From 7pm.  
Mon 4th: Surgery with District Councillor Todd Olive at the Hive, opp TF, 4-7pm.  
Mon 4th: HS volunteers' get-together at the New Fountain 11am-12noon  
Wed 6th: All entries for Flower and Craft Show must be handed in today. Entry forms available in Whimble Stores.  
Thurs 7th: Quiz Night at the Thirsty Farmer. 8-10pm.  
Sat 9th: Whimble and District Gardening Club Flower Show. Show schedule available in Whimble Stores. 14.15pm  
Sun 10th: Cash Bingo. New Fountain. 7.30pm  
Tue 12th: Wl. Yellands Farm. Garden Party  
Sun 17th: Quiz Night. New Fountain. 7.30pm  
Sat 23rd: Live Music at THE NEW FOUNTAIN INN with Rhiannon  
Mon 25th: Whiteways Cup T20 Tournament at the Cricket Club.  
Sat 30th: Final league games and end-of-season social at the Cricket Club.

## September

- Mon 1st: HS volunteers' get-together at the New Fountain 11am-12noon  
Mon 1st: Whimble Parish Council meeting. Victory Hall. 7pm. All welcome.  
Mon 1st: Surgery with District Councillor Todd Olive at the Hive, opp TF, 4-7pm.  
Tue 2nd: meeting EDDC Strategic Planning Comm including consideration of changes to Whim08 and Whim11. Meetings can be viewed on EDDC YouTube channel.  
Thurs 4th: Quiz Night at the Thirsty Farmer. 8-10pm.  
Sat 6th: Whimble Gardening Club trip to Cotehele. Forms available in Whimble Stores.  
Sun 7th: Open Mic Night. New Fountain. From 7pm.  
Mon 8th: Whimble Victory Hall AGM at 7pm in the Hall.  
Tue 9th: Wl at The Hub: A short history of Gin - Michael Rendell 2pm  
Thurs 11th: Wl outing to Fursdon House.  
Sat 13th: Front Row Club restarts at the Hall with 'The Penguin Lessons'. The film starts 7.30pm. Subscriptions are due.  
Sun 14th: Cash Bingo. New Fountain. 7.30pm  
Sat 20 – 21st: Courtneys of Whimble Open Orchard 'Big Pick'. Music, Food and Fun. 11-5. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-pick-2025-orchard-days-apple-picking-pressing-cider-and-music-tickets-1258196703209?aff=ALLEVENTS>  
Sun 21st: Quiz Night. New Fountain. 7.30pm

## October

- Thurs 2nd: Quiz Night at the Thirsty Farmer. 8-10pm.  
Sun 5th: Open Mic Night. New Fountain. From 7pm.  
Mon 6th: HS volunteers' get-together at the New Fountain 11am-12noon  
Mon 6th: Surgery with District Councillor Todd Olive at the Hive, opp TF, 4-7pm.  
Fri 10th: HS talk *A bottled History of Whiteways and it's Advertising* by Jo Yarwood at the Victory Hall. 7.30pm  
Sat 11th: Front Row Club. Film begins at 7.30pm.  
Sun 12Th: Cash Bingo. New Fountain. 7.30pm  
Tue 14th: WI at thr Hub The end of Romanov Russia - Stewart Raine. 2pm  
Sat 18th: Live Music at the New Fountain Inn with Roger Styles  
Sun 19th: Quiz Night. New Fountain. 7.30pm  
Fri 24th: Talk arranged by Whimble Gardening Club at the Hall. Caradoc Doy on *How to fit gardening into a busy lifestyle*.

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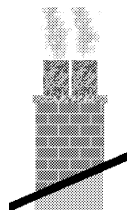
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# Whimble Parish Council

## East Devon District Council Local Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee at EDDC met on 8th July 2025 to consider a report giving high level feedback on the Regulation 19 consultation. Cllr Yarwood spoke on behalf of the Parish Council, and two local residents also spoke at the meeting.

The Appendix to that report, titled 'Regulation 19 Stage 1 feedback report', will form part of the evidence base for the Local Plan. All consultation comments will be published in full (without personal information), but there is no information as to when this will happen and where it will be published. When we know, this information will be shared on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

EDDC face the challenge that if too many changes are made to the plan (including the removal of housing site allocations) this may result in having to meet new, much higher housing targets set by Government. This could potentially mean a 25% increase in the number of homes (approximately 5,200) in addition to the numbers currently in the Plan.

The outcome of the meeting was that the Strategic Planning Committee will consider a report at the September meeting covering any potential changes, including whether any sites should be removed and the implications for doing so, as well as alternative sites. Whim\_08a and Whim\_11 will be considered as part of this report due to the level of public objection.

Currently the next scheduled meeting dates for the EDDC Strategic Planning Committee are 2nd September and 4th November 2025. However, more meetings may be added so please keep an eye on the EDDC website or subscribe to updates so that you are notified about meetings. You are also able to watch the meetings via the EDDC YouTube channel.

## Grant and donation applications

The Parish Council is happy to receive applications from local community and voluntary organisations with a maximum limit of £300 and one application per year. Applications are subject to the criteria set out in the Council's Policy (which is available on the website).

Applications are considered three times a year, as follows:

November – applications must be received by 31st October

March – applications must be received by 28th February

July – applications must be received by 30th June

If you would like more information, please get in touch.



## **Next Parish Council meeting**

The next Full Council meeting takes place on Monday 15th September 2025, due to the summer recess in August.

If any planning applications are received from EDDC, planning meetings will take place on Monday 4th August and Monday 1st September. However, if no applications are received the meetings will be cancelled.

## **Congratulations and thank you**

The Parish Council wishes to say a big thank you to the WhimbleFest volunteers for all their hard work for this year's event. It was a great day for the village, and it went really well.

Also, congratulations to the 'Whimble Dads' who recently did the three peaks challenge. They raised £10k for village groups and charities.

## **Councillor vacancies**

Cllr Richard Lawrence has resigned from the Council, so we currently have three vacancies. If you are interested in joining the Council, please get in touch.

## **Community Speed Watch Initiative**

Following Cllr Lawrence's resignation and information from the Police, we need to start again with getting volunteers and a new co-ordinator for the Community Speed Watch (CSW) Initiative. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch.

## **Contacting the Council**

If you have any questions on any of the above information or anything else, please do get in touch.

## **Amy Tregellas**

Whimble Parish Clerk

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The first item for my piece this month is a *mea culpa* for what has turned out to be an inaccuracy in my update last month: the Cranbrook Community Governance Review, looking at the boundary of the Town Council area, did not in fact get put out for consultation in June. I am assured by officers that they are just resolving some logistical issues and that the consultation itself is expected any day now (at the time of writing) – so my hope is that by the time you read this in early August it will have been released.



On a similar timeline, I am expecting news about steps that East Devon District is taking to safeguard and improve our leisure services (currently provided by Leisure East Devon, or LED) and recycling/waste collection services to be out by the time you read this. The team at East Devon – led by the Lib Dems but with cross-party support – has put many hours of work into coming up with the right solution for both of these services. We've worked to secure the quality of these services for many years to come, in spite of any changes the government makes to the structure of local government in Devon, while keeping the cost to taxpayers down and dealing with new government requirements for recycling. I will be watching closely to make sure residents notice this change as little as possible, and that an exemplary service continues for both services.

I'm also pleased to have recently supported funding several major infrastructure projects in our area which have now been funded – most notably an expansion to Pinhoe Surgery which will help reduce pressure on Coleridge Surgery in Ottery from Cranbrook. I also hope to have news on Cranbrook Health Centre and Leisure Centre in the next few months, as well as on long-awaited progress towards a new stretch of double-track railway between here and Exeter to enable an improved service frequency.

One consultation I *do* know will be open in August – though only until August 26th – is the public vote on the name of East Devon's second new community, between the A30 and A3052 just to the west of Farringdon. East Devon is asking the public to rank four options for the name – and all the details are available at [www.bit.ly/NamingEastDevonsNewCommunity](http://www.bit.ly/NamingEastDevonsNewCommunity) (or scan the QR code). More detail will also soon be out about the extensive



steps we are taking to prevent this new town becoming a second Cranbrook – including a comprehensive masterplan of the site which will govern what can be built and where; a delivery plan and requirements for infrastructure up-front and alongside houses; and the steps we intend to take to deliver genuinely affordable social housing throughout. My team and I are also actively pursuing the possibility of government funding and support to help us deliver up-front infrastructure and maximise the delivery of that affordable housing.

Speaking of planning: I know very many residents continue to be concerned about allocations 'Whim\_08' and 'Whim\_11' in the upcoming new Local Plan. I was delighted that several residents and a representative of the Parish Council came along to the Strategic Planning Committee in July to reiterate those views and help support the case for reviewing not only sites in Exmouth, which some of you may have seen featured in the local press, but also sites in Whimble too. Committee accepted my request that both Whimble sites be reviewed on the strength of the number of public responses to the consultation earlier this year, to give residents another chance to have their views heard and considered by committee. That review is expected to be heard at the meeting scheduled for 2nd September, for which the agenda will be available and public speaking registrations open in late August – keep an eye on the East Devon website for this.

I should be clear: there is no guarantee that committee will choose to take out either site. As I have explained in previous editions, the pressure on East Devon to find sites for housing is such that we have *extremely* limited choice about where those houses can go – and if we dither or change too much at this stage, the government may well force us to find sites for an *extra* 5,000 - 6,000 new homes before 2042. That's more than double the 2,500 homes previous plans have sought to put in Whimble – and it would significantly increase the pressure to allocate even worse sites in Whimble than are already on the table. If anyone wishes to make representations to the 2nd September meeting – in writing or by speaking at the meeting – my door is open to offer any advice or support I can to help make your case as strong as possible, and I will be supporting the Parish Council to do the same.

As always, you can find me at my Monday evening surgeries, 4pm to 7pm on the first Monday of every month at The Hive, by email at [todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:todd.olive@eastdevon.gov.uk), or on 07925 847933. It'd be great to hear from you.

**Cllr Todd Olive**

Ward Member for Whimble & Rockbeare

Portfolio Holder for Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning  
East Devon District Council

# Whimble Garden Safari: A Blooming Success

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us make Whimble's very first Garden Safari such a success. Together, we raised an incredible **£2,000** towards the **Victory Hall Extension Fund**—a blooming testament to the generosity and community spirit in our village.

A special thank you to **Barry and Carole Goodman, Sue Bellamy, Jerry and Sue Ayres** for their dedication and organisation; to the gardeners who welcomed us into their beautiful green spaces; to all who donated or raised funds; and to the helpers who supported in countless ways, we are grateful. Your time, effort and enthusiasm made this event not only a fundraising success, but a celebration of Whimble at its very best.

Let's not forget those who bought maps and visited sixteen gardens over the Safari weekend—**thank you** for your support. The hall trustees are truly grateful, and your contribution towards the Victory Hall Extension Fund is very much appreciated.







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I love our little country churches. Perhaps, that comes as no surprise as I am the rector of a group of churches which are mainly rural but that is not why I love them. I loved them long before I even considered becoming a 'professional god-botherer'; in fact, I loved them even when I was a committed atheist. My memories of time spent in those little ancient places often feel somewhere between a dream and waking.

There is just something about them which calms and soothes me and I can't really define why that is, what it is about a country church that quiets the spirit? Unless you are a student of architecture the building itself has little to recommend it other than its simplicity. Country churches are often small, as are their congregations. In these rural communities, a few faithful worshipers still attend according to the pattern set by parents and grandparents.

The churchyard itself is likely to be a mixture of areas kept shorn and neat with those sections just beyond the reach of the strained budget to maintain, gone wild with bramble, nettle and wildflowers. Assorted monuments and headstones like the teeth of ancient stone dragons poking up from grass and undergrowth.

When you tentatively try the great wooden doors and quietly enter the church, you smell the musty books and maybe the polish applied to the pews. Your eyes are drawn to the tile floor, worn down by many feet and maybe the carpet down the centre aisle is tattered and torn; there will almost certainly be the odd garland of cobwebs hanging somewhere, defying the best efforts of the small teams who struggle to keep them clean.

Often the pews are worn by generations of uncomfortable fidgeting individuals; some now also nurture families of woodworm. The sturdy walls still stand firm, but cracks show their age and some probably have been painted far too many times. In hidden cupboards and dark corners, cups and saucers, books and papers wait "too good to throw out!", but unused for decades.

Maybe the door of the vestry squeaks open and a stalwart volunteer emerges to loyally polish the brass or 'spruce-up' the flowers. You look out the window at the graveyard and maybe remember the words of hope and resurrection etched on graves buried also in your memory from the funeral of a friend or family member. Perhaps those buried there once worshiped here too and sang the same hymns the congregation sing today. Maybe they too drank coffee after the service and just for their brief span on this earth shared fellowship in this place which seems almost immortal. Or, more commonly now, at the end of a life little connected to the place

they were drawn back by a hope of something to come.

If it is morning, the sun beams through the stained glass of the East Window and tiny moats of dust spin in a dance to the unheard music of the universe, the shapes cast by the stained-glass windows rainbowing across the flag stone floor.

The interior encourages quietness, whispers and a strong temptation to sit a while in this place which has been soaked in the joy, tears, laughter, hopes and dreams of half a dozen centuries of the lives of thousands. This strange building, so out of step with the twenty-first century seems to somehow be a reservoir of all the emotions which make us human.

What is it about a country church? It's more than dust, dampness, and polished pews. It's more than coffee with outdated furnishings. What is it about a country church? To be honest, I can't really say. Perhaps it is the spirit of place that follows me between the gravestones as I think. The quiet invites me to ponder the years spent and the years ahead, what is this life and what of the 'after?' I peer down the hill and out over the farmland, at the weekend, folks will be walking up the path to the church and I wonder what they think about this silent sentinel, this stone time traveller.

What is it about a country church? Maybe the answer lies somewhere between sleepiness and wakefulness. Many country churches are closing their doors. But I hope not all. I would like to think there will always be wonderful guardians who keep opening the rural churches to turn on the lights and allow others to ponder.

But maybe, just maybe, you can help me find the answer. I dare you, go on, take a quiet walk down to your local parish church and sit awhile in one of those worn pews, let the moats of dust dance for you and the silence envelope you, see what happens in those moments between sleepiness and wakefulness.

God bless. **Rev Marc .**



The club has been resting over the summer but will be back for a new season of films on Saturday 13th September. Coming up in the Autumn we have a great programme that includes 'The Penguin Lessons', 'September 5' and 'Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning'.

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# Twenty Years ago in Whimble

## THE TRAFALGAR WAY CELEBRATIONS



In August 2005 the re-enactment of the Trafalgar briefly passed through Whimble.

Here is the story.

The **New Trafalgar Dispatch** was part of the bicentenary celebrations of Lord Nelson's famous and momentous victory at the Battle of Trafalgar, in 1805. The ceremony took place between July and September 2005 and was a modern-day celebration of historical significance.

The New Trafalgar Dispatch recreated the dramatic sea voyage and journey on land by post chaise of Lieutenant Lapenotiere, as he delivered Vice Admiral Collingwood's Dispatch of 1805 – bringing the news of victory at the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Admiral Lord Nelson - to the Admiralty in London. It started with the delivery of the copies of the New Trafalgar Dispatch to Spain and France and then involved enthusiasts from towns and villages in seven counties across the South of England.

On 4th August 2005 'Lieutenant Lapenotiere', portrayed by actor Alex Price, landed at Fish Strand Quay in Falmouth, from the Lord Nelson, and started the re-enactment of the journey taken 200 years before, in a specially-built post-chaise. The specially built replica post chaise visited various points, between Falmouth and London, many of them on the original route – including along the route of old A30 between the Jack in the Green and Hand and Pen. Individual ceremonies were re-enacted with the post chaise at a series of 'stops' along the route where the specially drafted message was read, emphasising the sacrifice and courage of the participants of both sides, in that famous battle

The journey took five weeks and stopped in towns and villages along the original route taken (named The Trafalgar Way) for a series of presentations and other celebrations. He stopped in Exeter on 17th August where there was a ceremony to mark the occasion. On the 18th August, ceremonies started at Clyst Honiton at the Exeter Inn and the Duke of York, then the post-chaise and convoy followed the route of the old A30 to Fairmile with presentations at the Jack in The Green and The Oriental Promise (now the Golden Pond).

The Chinese restaurant featured not only because it is a hostelry on the Trafalgar Way but highlighted the multi-national nature of Nelson's men that is still reflected in our society today. One of those in his fleet was 34-year old Hampoo Hang from Canton who served at Trafalgar as an ordinary seaman on Collingwood's flagship the Royal Sovereign.

Shortly after this, the post chaise passed by Hand and Pen on its way to the Escot Estate where more presentations were made followed by The Greyhound at Fenny Bridges and the Otter Inn at Buckerell.

As Lieutenant Lapenotiere, according to the itinerary, would be passing Whimble on the old A30 late morning on the Thursday Nicky Hitchcock, one of the Whimble News team of the day, was sent with her journalists hat on and her camera to record the event for Whimble News.

Here is her report:

*Bob Roberts had done a great job decorating the bus shelter with union jacks and had written a blackboard welcoming the officer to Whimble. A small but enthusiastic band of villagers had gathered in the sunshine with their flags to witness this historic event. News filtered through that the dispatches were running late, this didn't matter, we were all willing to wait so as not to miss this one-off spectacle.*

*Suddenly we were told they were almost here, we listened for the sound of horses but there were none. Instead we were treated to the sight of the post-chaise driving past on a trailer being towed by a 4x4 and no sign of Lieutenant Lapenotiere. What a disappointment!! I really felt cheated and I was not the only one who felt this after all the publicity hype. A following car stopped and a naval officer gave out some replica dispatches to the children present, he advised that Lieutenant Lapenotiere would be riding in the post chaise up Honiton High Street if anyone wanted to go and see it.*

In Honiton the bells of St Paul's in the High Street rang out to announce the ceremonies in the church forecourt. Sparky's cab, Honiton's own licensed horse drawn taxi, delivered the mayor's guests, including the High Sheriff of Devon, Sir John Cave, to the ceremony. The town crier kept all informed. At 2 pm the RM buglers heralded the arrival of Lt Lapenotiere in his post chaise to deliver the New Trafalgar Dispatch to the then mayor, Councillor Sally Casson.

The Trafalgar Way plaque in the forecourt was unveiled before the mayor boarded Sparky's cab and lead Lt Lapenotiere in his chaise on a visit to the hostelries of the town where Landlords' dispatches were presented. After the departure of Lapenotiere the celebrations continued throughout the afternoon and evening.

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## WHIMPLE FEST 25 raises just under £3,800 for our Community

After the heat waves of June, it was fortuitous that the weather on 5th July was rather overcast with the threat of rain. Nobody appeared to go to the beach and it seemed you all came to Whimble Fest instead. THANK YOU. As organisers you do not always have the opportunity on the day to stand still, and take a moment to see that what you have been planning for the past twelve months has come to fruition. So, I was grateful to a colleague who made me actually do this at WF25. And I'm sure I speak for all the committee and volunteers, when I say that it was a proud moment for us all. Everywhere you looked there were people of all ages having fun, being entertained, involved in activities, learning, listening, buying, playing, eating & drinking, and relaxing. There was a joyous and busy buzz around the site.

As always, we had a super collection of musical acts. From the enthusiastic community choir, the creativity of soloist Sam Jones, and the unique folk qualities of The McCrory Brothers, to the energetic final set of The Upper Hand. Something for everyone's tastes. JW Dancers always delight us all and this year gave two stunning performances, drawing in a big crowd.

*Thank you Whimble Fest, it was awesome!* JW DANCE

The bar and food vendors were kept busy providing prosecco, wines, ciders & beers, cakes & teas in the church and WI tent, our own WF BBQ, veggie delights & pasties. Plus fresh pizzas and juices. Finally there were gelatos as big as a small child. We were all spoiled for choice. Talking of choice, there was a fantastic range of stalls including top quality gifts and artwork, wholesome foods & produce, and jewellery, as well as our own local craft and tradesmen.

*Just wanted to pop you a message to say thank you very much for Saturday! It was a fantastic day, so thank you very much for having us.*

UDDER STUFF

Despite the weather not being suitable for our bouncy castle, children were fully entertained by our regular Mr Bubbles, storytelling & art workshop with children's author Chloe Savage, traditional games, Yo- Yoga, table top stalls, face painting and hair braiding.

Our Community section grows each year and we were delighted to include a Whimble Treasure Hunt made by students of Whimble School and organised by The Heritage Centre. Tombolas, a Book Group Stall, Mission Community and Pre-School to name but a few all got involved and helped us raise money to go back into the community. Also, thank you to Whimble Scouts for monitoring our car parking and litter collection throughout the afternoon.

*I just wanted to say congratulations and Thank You, Whimble Fest! I wanted to extend a huge thank you for having us at Whimble Fest yesterday. It was a brilliant day—the weather behaved, the community was fantastic, and the entertainment was absolutely top-notch! We're so grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a vibrant and welcoming event*

HOSPICE CARE

The Wellbeing Zone welcomed a real variety of talks this year - Water Divining, Aromatherapy, Happiness, and Pain Management. You could experience a quick massage, facial, or reiki treatment. Yoga class, Tai Kwon-Do or actually just ... chill! Finally the now infamous WF Raffle never fails to delight. 30 Super prizes donated by local residents, companies and organisations, completed the day.

*Congratulations to all the Whimble Fest team for a brilliant event yesterday. So good I went twice! It had a lovely atmosphere, something for everyone and a real village celebration feel. It must have taken so much planning and bringing together. And pretty well perfect weather. And a cherry on the top for me - I won a raffle prize!*

*WHIMBLE RESIDENT*

The marquees are now packed away, the bunting is folded, the signs are stored and the BBQ has been cleaned. Disbursements will be announced in due course with a substantial amount to be allocated this year. The committee members are super pleased with the success, but absolutely exhausted. So finally, we just have to say **YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU. IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS AMAZING ANNUAL VILLAGE EVENT TO CONTINUE, WE MUST HAVE MORE PEOPLE TO SHARE THE LOAD.** It is great fun but, as it stands, it is too much for the small number of volunteers on the committee. PLEASE CHECK OUT THE ADVERT ON page 38 and join the team.

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# WHIMPLE FEST FUN RUN REPORT 2025

Although we had a small number of runners again this year, the enthusiasm was obvious. We were delighted to have our first Tyrannosaurus-Rex (aka Jack Doherty) running the full race!! The weather was perfect for running - Slightly overcast with a breeze, and our route of 2024 through the village seems to work at 2.5km. We were delighted to welcome Chris Bentley, our local ex Exeter Chief to start the race and award the winners' medals.

Competitors were cheered around the Parish Field and then were on their way. Sixteen volunteer marshals looked after the runners along the route. As ever, we are so grateful for this continued support. Also this year our wonderful bellringers led by Andrea Young rang out loud and clear from 11.30am. What a great way to kick off the day. Commentary from Julia Green as the runners returned to the field helped build the atmosphere and for his second year, our winner was **GEORGE HOUSE** with a time of 9M 13S. A big 'Thank You' to all other helpers behind the scenes with registration, and health & safety and for those of you who supported and cheered.

Finally, having organised the Fun Run for five years, I would like to hand over this responsibility. We have considered offering a longer route to encourage other runners. This will involve further organisation, and probably someone with Stage 8 qualification, so if you are interested in helping. Please contact me on [sarahthackeray9@gmail.com](mailto:sarahthackeray9@gmail.com) to discuss the way forward.

**Our 2025 results are as follows**

**Sarah Thackeray**



# Fun Run Results

NAME	CATEGORY	TIME
	<i>2024 winning time</i>	<i>8.49MINS</i>
GEORGE HOUSE	FASTEST RUNNER & YOUTH MALE	9.13 MINS
ERIN BADLEY	FASTEST YOUTH FEMALE	13.24MINS
MARK TURNER	FASTEST ADULT MALE	10.22 MINS
OSCAR KNOWLES	FASTEST 12YRS & UNDER (BOYS)	11.31 MINS
EVIE WALDRON	FASTEST 12YRS & UNDER (GIRLS)	11.30 MINS
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In the words of that old favourite 'It's too darned hot!' Not sure they performed that one at Glastonbury.

By 8.30am the dog had been walked and as we have been experiencing a rather warm doggie smell, he was treated to a bath. He was not impressed - not what he expected whilst enjoying a snooze in a shady spot.

Our June speaker's topic was not quite what we expected either. His talk was entitled 'Dancing through the war years'. It was actually a fascinating talk about his mother's early life and her career, delivered with a dry and wry sense of humour. Not exactly what it said on the tin but enjoyable all the same.

Our May visit to the Met Office was awe inspiring and eye opening. The grounds were expansive and eco friendly, a theme which continued inside the building itself. There are so many facets to this amazing organisation which are of global importance and relevance, in times of war and peace.

Our June charity coffee morning in support of the MS society enjoyed favourable weather and the support of members and friends. A goodly sum (as yet not complete) was raised and our sincere thanks to Sarah and Alan for their generous hospitality.

5 July was WhimbleFest and the WI and ladies from the church ran the refreshment tent, as always. WhimbleFest is a huge undertaking for the organising committee and it was wonderful to see the village support, embrace and appreciate the effort put in for their enjoyment. Sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a successful day.

Would you believe it? Our July speaker let us down a few days beforehand and we were so fortunate to have Paul Rendell return at short notice. This time he spoke about Princetown and its prison. He told us how the Napoleonic prisoners were housed there in dreadful conditions, leading them to grow their own food and rear livestock. The towns of Ashburton, Tavistock, Okehampton and Moretonhampstead were parole towns where prisoners were allowed to work. It was fascinating and I hope he will be invited back again to share another of his many topics.

Our members' summer party will be held on Tuesday 12 August in Sarah's lovely garden. It's an opportunity to meet up, catch up, eat up and possibly put the world to rights.

Our 9 September meeting is possibly eagerly anticipated as Michael Rendell will speak about the history of gin. It could be an intoxicating talk! Ha ha!

Our late summer outing takes place on 11 September when members and friends will visit Fursdon House. There will be a tour of the house and the requisite cream tea afterwards.



There are events throughout the year including outings, holidays, quizzes, skittles, croquet, competitions and talks arranged by Devon Federation of WIs available to all members.

If any of my ramblings have whetted your appetite then please contact our secretary Marilyn on 821860 for more information.

That's all for now. It's Wimbledon season and so I'm off to a cool, darkened room to watch our young men and women battle their way through the heat of the day. No strawberries and cream here but I may well have a more fragrant, recently bathed dog for company.

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At the time of writing it is the middle of the year, which is a good time for looking back as well as forward. In this edition of the Whimple News I am going to look back at the history of "the History."

The Whimple History Society was formed in 1989, and it became a registered charity in 1991. Upon its formation it took over the Parish Chest– an actual chest, which is on display in the Heritage Centre – which had until then been kept in the

church where it had been used as a repository for deeds, photos, postcards, newspaper cuttings and other documents relating to the village.

Once the Whimple History Society had been formed its members continued to collect not only historical documents, but objects too. The chest was soon full, and by 1995 the Society's collection was being stored in the homes of nine of its members. They realised that they needed premises to store their constantly expanding collection, and after a lot of fundraising and hard work, the Whimple Heritage Centre was opened in 2003.

The Whimple History Society may have started out as a village club, but it has evolved into an organisation which promotes the history of Whimple for the benefit of the whole community. Those of you who have visited the Heritage Centre will know that it houses a small museum with displays about the history of the village which is open to all, with free entry and wheelchair access from the disabled parking bay at the back via the side door. There are free children's quizzes available on request, including, NEW for this year, a Treasure Hunt style quiz for older children (I am told that it is quite challenging, so parental help may be required!).

Upstairs the Heritage Centre houses its archive, which continues to grow, and where the history of Whimple is collected and preserved for future generations. The archive can be consulted by making an appointment with our archivist, Gill Smith.

The museum and archive are kept going by a small band of dedicated volunteers, who could always do with more help. They get together at 11am on the first Monday of each month (second if the first is a Bank Holiday) in the New Fountain Inn, so if you are interested in getting involved then please join them to find out more (with no obligation), or otherwise contact me using the contact details below. (You will have to buy your own tea/coffee as these get-togethers are not financed by the Heritage Centre).

Running the Heritage Centre is much more than running a village club – it is a not-for-profit business that needs to bring in sufficient income each year to cover its expenses, the principal of which are energy charges and insurance. You can help by becoming a member of the Whimple History Society – there is no obligation to attend any meetings or to get otherwise involved if you do not want to. You can also help by joining our 100 Club lottery, or simply by making a donation. For more details look at our website, or contact me.

These days the Heritage Centre attracts visitors from well beyond the village. So far this summer we have had visitors from Yorkshire, Wales, Germany, Australia, and the USA!

**Tina Kelly**, Curator [www.whimple.org](http://www.whimple.org) [info@whimple.org](mailto:info@whimple.org) Tel: 01404 822499

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## News from Preschool!

We've had a lovely, busy summer term at Preschool. The weather has been great so it's meant lots of time in our lovely garden for the children to enjoy. The garden has lots of shade so the children were able to keep cool in the heatwave and we had lots of water play for them which they loved! The children have learnt about lifecycles this term, we raised some baby frogs from tadpoles, we had our pond/nature area improved with some funding that we received so the baby frogs were able to be put into it. We also raised caterpillars into butterflies and released them in the garden. We have planted butterfly friendly plants around our new pond area.

Preschool had an Ofsted inspection in July which went well, the inspector stated the 'nurturing environment' that we provide and that 'children settle well, develop confidence and make good progress from their starting points'.

A group of Dads in Whimble bravely completed the incredibly tough '3 Peaks Challenge' for local charities and kindly included Preschool, they donated £1000 to us this week which will be spent on a new wooden pirate ship, a mud kitchen and some other resources for the garden. Thank you so much to them for climbing the mountains for us!

We are about to bid farewell to 13 children as they leave us for their next chapter at school, we wish them all lots of happiness for their future. We are also preparing for the next cohort of younger children to join us in September. We will have 22 children on roll, we do have a few spaces left, so if you would like your child to join us next term or next year, please get in touch by emailing me at :

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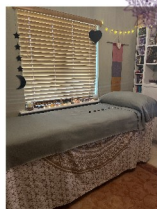
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# A Window on Whimple's Weather – May/June 2025

Welcome to the late spring/early summer weather update for Whimple. The region's weather this spring mirrored a remarkable national pattern: record-breaking sunshine, warmth, and persistent dryness

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

Cobden Lane Weather Station: <https://bit.ly/3bt3FTf>

Live and historical data sets are available for each station, through the links, above.

**May** – According to the BBC, Spring 2025 for the UK as a whole was the warmest Spring on record and the driest for over 50 years and May contributed most to these exceptional conditions. Whimple's weather totally reflected the national picture.

A far cry from the deluges of May 2024, this year's May was notably dry, with a total rainfall of just 19.4 mm—only a third of the usual 59 mm average. No individual day saw more than 6.0 mm (on the 11th), and much of the month passed with barely a drop.

As well as the lack of rain, the month was warm, bright, and notably sunny. The average maximum temperature of 20.9 °C was comfortably above normal, and the warmest day (25.7 °C on the 2nd) was a welcome early taste of summer. Nights were still chilly at times, with a low of 1.7 °C on the 6th (identical to last year's coolest May night), just low enough for the usual sheltered ground frost.

Sunshine levels were particularly impressive, with solar radiation totals reaching 122% of the monthly average—bringing many clear, dry days and a summery feel well before June had arrived.

Winds were modest throughout the month. The windiest 24 hours were on the 26th, averaging 28.5 km/h, with gusts peaking at 36.7 km/h the previous day. Overall, a gentle and pleasant May.

**June** – In contrast to 2024's parched June, this year returned to more expected rainfall totals, with 60.8 mm recorded—about average for the month. Most of this came in the first half, including a notably wet day on the 12th, which alone brought 21.0 mm.

Temperatures were on the high side overall, with an average maximum of 22.2°C and a particularly hot 27.6°C reached on the 19th. Nights were also mild, the lowest being 6.8°C on the 2nd, a marked jump from last June's 3.4°C minimum. Two national heatwaves were announced with consequent health alerts and Whimple mirrored this with temperatures over 25°C between 18th - 21st and 27th - 2nd July.

Winds stayed gentle, with the 22nd standing out as the breeziest day: a 24-hour average of 25.3 km/h and gusts reaching 34.9 km/h. Sunshine returned to nearer normal levels, with totals just 4% above average—slightly lower than last year.



2025	May	Date	June	Date
Warmest Day	25.7 °C	02/05/2025	27.6 °C	19/06/2025
Coollest Night	1.7 °C	06/05/2025	6.8 °C	02/06/2025
Windiest 24hrs	28.5 km/h	26/05/2025	25.3 km/h	22/06/2025
Highest Gust	36.7 km/h	25/05/2025	34.9 km/h	22/06/2025
Wettest 24hrs	6.0 mm	11/05/2025	21.0 mm	12/06/2025
Av. Maximum	20.9 °C	N/A	22.2 °C	N/A
Av. Minimum	8.2 °C	N/A	12.5 °C	N/A
Total Rain	19.4 mm	N/A	60.8 mm	N/A
Total Sunshine	151.9 kWh/kW	122.4% of Av.	122.9 kWh/kW	104.0% of Av.

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

Phil Dominy & David Brewer.

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# Protect our Whimble & Rockbeare Group

August 2025

To challenge, to protect and to inform

Back in December 2023 EDDC approved in principle, a new urban settlement area south of Exeter Airport and the A30, and north of the A3052. This will form part of the EDDC Local Plan, which is currently being revised in response to feedback received. The new 'masterplan' will be available for public consultation this summer. At present we have no precise date for this announcement. What we do know is that it will be a new self-sufficient community with at least 8,000 homes, equating to a population of 20,000. There will be employment space and community facilities, with a network of linking green spaces. Amenities will include: schools, doctors, shops, parks, sports facilities, along with transport and sewage infrastructure improvements. One could argue that this new community is an annex to the City of Exeter, as they are running out of 'open countryside' to meet their own growth needs. On this basis there is a reduced risk of Whimble becoming a location for more homes – in theory.

Many will use Cranbrook new town as a reference point to the new community south of the A30. Cranbrook was first mooted in 1991, and then went out to consultation in 1995. The development, unlike previous new towns was a commercially driven model with no public controlled land. In 2006 it was adopted into the East Devon Local Plan, and the first occupant settled in 2012. Further development to extend Cranbrook was included in the 2016 Local Plan. It was badged as a 'high quality urban environment'. It was planned to be a sustainable community through the investment in District Heating, which enables large-scale delivery of low/zero carbon energy, however, it has not been without its problems, mainly on the high cost of energy. It would have helped if there was a network of distinctive cycleways and wider streets, but on a positive note there is a strong community spirit. The biggest problems were the false promises in relation to the town centre which was advertised as 'Coming Soon' when the first houses were being sold, however due to disputes over viability, land ownership and land use, has only recently started trading, due in part to EDDC buying some of the land. Furthermore, the first phase of the development comprised 30% affordable housing, whereas subsequent phases have only achieved 15% (apparently a shift in Policy). Being a developer-lead new town, the houses and estate layout comes from a narrow portfolio of designs by Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes which do not reflect the distinct vernacular design qualities of Devon. Build design has not been given the status it needs by EDDC planners.

There is now another chance to create a new town fit for purpose. This is in line with a renewed interest in building new communities, which is at the forefront of central government policies. The choice between poorly located and poor-quality homes and the opportunities that green technology and good architecture can create, is essential for crucial housing delivery issue of the 2020s. It is now recognised that infrastructure, including rail and roads and social amenities should be developed at the same time, not over a decade later.

The Town and Country Planning Association highlights six key points.

**Lesson 1:** Need for innovation, not experimentation, in design. New Towns provide an ideal opportunity for innovation in housing design, materials and tenure, but quality, wellbeing and the lived experience of the residents, alongside sustainability.

**Lesson 2:** A strong national policy to enable local authority-led studies to identify scale, need, and location of new towns.

**Lesson 3:** Following the principle of garden cities, modernised Development Corporations are the most effective way to deliver large-scale new communities. History has shown that the private sector alone cannot deliver at scale and to high standards. Development Corporations provide the right combination of powers, speed and commitment to quality. The relevant legislation is still on the statute books but requires some updating in terms of participation, climate resilience, and a commitment to the Garden City principles.

**Lesson 4:** New Towns can pay for themselves. Building New Towns should be seen as an investment. Previous 60-year fixed-rate loans from central government were repaid with interest.

**Lesson 5:** Stewardship of community assets is vital. The right stewardship model can provide the resources to pay for and maintain the features that make a place worth living in, and, linked to public participation, it can enable a strong sense of community.

**Lesson 6:** Local people must be empowered to be at the heart of decision-making, which goes back to 'localism'.

It is widely appreciated that the new, New Town will make up much of the need for housing in East Devon, but there are some alarming parish council activities. The District Councillor for Whimble and Rockbeare appears keen to push forward the developments on Whim 11 (Old Cricket Ground) and part of Whim 8 (Adjacent to Bramley Gardens), in the context of vehement local opposition. Currently the Parish Council is to contact the site owners for the five amber sites that the Council agreed to investigate further in terms of an affordable housing allocation (Whim\_03, Whim\_07, Whim\_13, Whim\_18 and Whim\_20). The purpose of this is to see if they are open to 100% affordable housing allocation on their land, plus also to be given access to their land to carry out the landscape assessment. What is affordable? It has been stated that affordable housing in the district is still beyond many people's means. Potentially all this means is more houses in Whimble. It seems curious where these ideas are coming from, as villagers have already said **NO**.

In respect to the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan, which was virtually at a draft completion stage undertaken by POW+R Group in February 2024, the Parish Council wants to involve the community and establish a small Advisory Panel of four people. Is this further delaying tactics or a genuine attempt to complete the WNP asap?

This will be the last article by the POW+R Group as we have achieved as much as possible in our critical analysis of planning issues. We hand over the mantle to others to challenge, to protect and to inform, as '**We love Whimble**'. In the words of Edward R. Murrow CNN's newscaster: "Good Night, and Good Luck"

**Alan Lascelles** MA (POW+R Group – Press and Publicity Officer) 20th July 2025





# Whimble Cricket Club

We are now well into the second half of the cricket season, and what a cracker it has been so far! Cricket and weather go hand in hand, and this has been a great year for training sessions and matches to run as planned. The excellent weather has also led to some high-scoring games, with the dry conditions favouring batting. At the time of writing, our 1st XI is in contention at the top of their division and pushing for a promotion spot. We've been delighted to see our overseas player, Mitch, produce some fantastic innings and emerge as one of the leading run scorers in the Devon leagues.

Women's cricket has gone from strength to strength this year. Our softball team has firmly established itself as one of the front-runners in its league, and our first foray into women's hardball has been a huge success. At the time of writing, we sit top of the Women's Hardball Super 8s Plate (East Division), with the excitement of a home tournament day on Sunday 27th July to look forward to.

Junior cricket is enjoying another bumper summer, with well-attended Friday night training sessions and competitive games across all age groups. The club has also hosted several Devon age-group county matches, with more dates still to come (see below). We've been proud to support a variety of other events too, including the Whimble tradition of egg catching!

Some of you may have noticed a much more active presence on social media this year. We'd love you to follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram for all the latest updates on what's happening at the club. Your support on Saturday afternoons during league matches is always greatly appreciated, and here are some upcoming dates for your diary:

- 27th July: Women's Hardball Super 8s Tournament (home)
- 1st August: Devon U18 Girls vs Glamorgan (T20 x2)
- 11th August: Devon U18 Girls vs Worcestershire
- 25th August: Whiteways Cup T20 Tournament
- 12th September: Junior End-of-Season Presentation Night
- 27th September: Adult Presentation Night (Rougemont Hotel)
- 1st November: Bonfire and Fireworks Night

**James Woollam**



# Egg Catching

Thanks to everyone who came to support Egg Catching at the Cricket Club on 27th Junet, It was great entertainment as always. We had to postpone the event from earlier in the month because of bad weather so were relieved that on the night it was kind to us.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The 'Chicks' competition was won by Ava Lynch - Libretto and Emily Garwood who demonstrated some excellent emerging skills.

The Juniors' Competition - under 13s - was won by Xander David and George Brown with a final catch of 55 feet which equalled the long-standing Junior record.

The All-comers section was won by Mitch Brooker and Freddie Fenner with an outstanding catch of 100 feet, beating the previous record of 90 feet.

Well done to all and thanks to those who helped on the day.

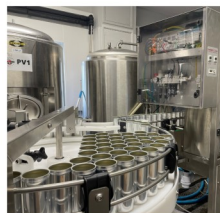


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By the time this edition of the News goes out, I am sure you have all been busy preparing your exhibits for our Annual Flower and Craft Show on Saturday 9th August. This year June and July were certainly very challenging for those of us growing exhibits for the show. As fast as the plants were watered the ground seemed to dry up as we watched! Hopefully the elements have not spoilt all the superb flowers and vegetables that you have been lovingly looking after and there will be the usual stunning array of exhibits, not just in the vegetable and flower sections, but in every section! We are hoping that this will be a wonderful day to celebrate what will be the 70th Anniversary Show. Schedules and entry forms are available at the Whimble Stores and all entries have to be handed in at the Billiard Room at the rear of the Victory Hall on Wednesday 6th August between the hours of 6.30pm and 9.00pm. However, thanks to Sherril Olive, you can take your entry with the correct entry fee to her house at 7, The Withey, Whimble, EX5 2QD from Saturday 2nd August up until 6.00pm on Wednesday 6th August. The Show is on Saturday 9th August and once all the judging has been completed, doors open at 2.15pm for everyone to come and see the wonderful exhibits!

Following the Show, thanks to Brian Nelson and Doreen Staddon, another coach trip has been arranged. This trip will be to National Trust Cotehele. The trip will be on Saturday 6th September and full details are on the poster with this article together with a booking form. Booking forms are also available from the Whimble Stores and we are very grateful to Sharon for accommodating this for us.

Following the coach trip, we have another talk arranged. We have invited Caradoc Doy to give us another of his very interesting talks and this will be on Friday 24th October. His talk this time will be "How to fit gardening into a busy life style"! We hope this will appeal to many of you with the hectic times we find ourselves in!

Our last event of the year will be our wonderful action packed and very popular quiz night on Friday 7th November, more details in the next edition of the News.

In the meantime, we are very much looking forward to the highlight of the Village year, the 70th Anniversary of the Annual Flower and Craft Show!

**Paul Wilson,**

**Chairman, Whimble & District Gardening Club**





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Well, here we are at the end of the summer term and the end of another school year. Although this term has been a long (and very hot), one, it has still been extremely busy. With all classes going on school trips to a variety of places, a residential to North Devon for our Year 5 and 6 children as well as going to watch a cricket match at the ground in Taunton.

A group of 20 children participated in a transition choir event at Clyst Vale with nearly 200 children involved. It was a great event and the collective singing was delightful to listen to.

At this point in the year, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and we wish them well on their educational adventure. They have been great ambassadors for the school, achieving well and setting a good example to others. They all achieved their Devon and Torbay Civic Award, some attending a presentation at Isca College in Exeter to be presented with them.

A group of parents completed the 3 Peaks Challenge to raise funds for a number of organisations/charities and we were lucky to be presented with a cheque for £4,000. Thank you very much. We hope to use this to help put in some shaded areas in our outside spaces. Our Summer fair was also a great success, some children participated in a Park Run and others undertook a cycle ride. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school this year in any way, raising money, volunteering time or anything else behind the scenes – we appreciate it all,

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at school, who work tirelessly every day, regardless of their role, to help provide the best we can for all the pupils in our care.

Have a good summer and we will see you all in September.

**Mrs Carole Shilston**

Headteacher, Whimble Primary School.

## Leavers

Sadly our Year 6s are leaving after being in this school for 7 years and are either going to Clyst Vale Community College, Exeter School or Kings School. This year the show we are putting on is called The Wrong Way Round, with the main characters called Miss Sharman, Evan and Evangaline, the boss Enn-elite and Greapiers. It has lots of cool songs and dances.

## School trips

Some of our classes have been busy on school trips for the last couple of weeks. Oak class went to Coldharbour Mill and had a very good time. Beech class went to Bristol Zoo and had so much fun looking at different animals. The year 5s and 6s went on a residential trip, they went to Ultimate Adventure in North Devon. They went on the high ropes and climbs which they loved and went to the Big Sheep and had lots of fun.



## Sports day

On the 11th of July 2025 pupils from Whimble Primary School had their sports day! It was a bit shorter than last year due to the hot weather but it was still a very successful day! We had sprint races and a tug of war. The winners of the sprint races will get a certificate soon for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



## Visitors

Whimble Primary School had two visitors come in to talk to us about different things such as: Sidmouth private lifeguards: about the rules of swimming, surfing and body boarding and the Whimble flower show which is going on in Whimble on the 9th of August!



## Rock Steady

We also had a rock steady concert just before sports day, where some of our children played a range of different instruments, such as: electric guitar, base guitar, keyboard, drums and a singer . All of the children performed beautifully to the parents and the whole school loved it. The school also liked Jeffrey the golden duck.

By Eleanor, Libby and Amelie



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