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## August

- 6th Whimble History Society – Conducted Village Walks, starting at The Heritage Centre 6.15pm Book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 14th VPA Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall

## September

- 2nd Needles'n'Pins - Introductory Meeting, Committee room of the Victory Hall 2.30pm – 3.30pm – come and find out what it is all about!
- 9th Needles'n'Pins - First Meeting, Committee room of the Victory Hall 1.30pm – 4.30pm
- 10th Ballroom dancing – contact details on page 11
- 11th Ade Edmondson and the Bad Shepherds at the Cricket Club
- 17th Whimble History Society, Victory Hall, 7.30pm, a talk by Sue Dymond on 'The Land Army Girls'.
- 20th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall Committee Room, 7.00pm
- 24th Ballroom dancing – contact details on page 11
- 25th Wasters of Whimble – Potential Village Garage Sale/table top sale –see details page 37
- 25th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm

## October

- 8th Ballroom dancing – contact details on page 11
- 15th Whimble History Society, Victory hall, 7.30pm, (doors open at 7.00), Auction of Pledges and Promises

## November

- 19th Whimble History Society, Victory Hall, 7.30pm, a talk by the Devon Family History Society

## December

- 4th Orchard Harmony Christmas concert, St Mary's Church; time to be confirmed

Please use the Whimble Diary held in the Post Office for checking the availability of venues and when booking events.

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact **Nicky Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail [nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk)

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# Ed the Ed

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Please hide this cover from the view of children and the easily frightened!

Well done to Bob Scanlan and his entire team for the wonderful Village Week that they organised. I thought that the Village Day itself was full of activities from dawn to dusk, starting with the stalls in The Square (organised by WOW), plus the normal BBQ stall (run by some very dodgy looking characters whose photo appears in our centre spread of the Village Day activities).

It was an incredible turn out for the Fun Run – I heard that there were about 100 runners. Well done to all of them. I would have been with them, gentle reader, but had to cancel due to an unfortunate experience during a leg waxing session. And then it all rolled into the preparation for the Fancy Dress parade, and I am continually astounded by the creativity in this village of ours. What a fantastic array of outfits!

The Fayre site by the Victory Hall (organised by the Friends of Whimple School) was buzzing with people and the Pimms and Beer tent appeared to be doing excellent business. I saw some wonderful cakes for sale, and I would guess that they didn't stay around for long. The whole afternoon seemed to go very quickly.

My personal highlight was the egg throwing, late in the afternoon, and that provided nearly a couple of hours of great entertainment, coupled with cool lemonades from the Thirsty as we stood and watched. This was the first time for this, so well done to Bob for trying something new, and SO much fun!

The centre spread also includes a photo of young PC Jim Tyrrell, stood next to even more dubious characters – alas, not with his trusty police-issue bike. You may recognise him as the man holding the speed gun recently in the village – so be warned!

I was saddened to hear of the death of Reg Porley, who has been a larger than life character in our village for a number of years. Our thoughts are with Christine, especially in the light of her own ill health. Later in this edition, you can read some kind words from John Aiton about dear Reg.

**CUT OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**

If you would like to contribute, then please either leave it with the coiled springs behind the PO counter, James, Alison and Ruby, or direct to the Village Week King, at [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk).

Ed H

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We had our computers upgraded recently and you may have noticed that we are still trying to get to grips with the new layout on our screens. We were told it would make transactions simpler, and quicker (not exactly noticed that, but I suppose we all have to move with the times). It just takes a bit of getting used to – especially when you're the wrong side of 50 !!

If you are lucky enough to be getting away to Europe this summer, remember that we keep euros at all times and we are able to order all currencies for those choosing more exotic locations. Order before lunch and it will be here by 9.00am the next day.

Enjoy the summer.

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**123sing!** is happening in Whimpe! Billed as the biggest celebration of singing ever in the U.K, Classic FM & Making Music are hoping to get as many people across the country singing on 1st, 2nd, 3rd October 2010.

Cantilena is hosting a workshop for adults - mixed styles of music, come and find out what the fuss is about.

Julia Green & Emma Palmer are planning a workshop for youth.

Watch for more details nearer the time, see 123sing! website for background information.

Get singing!

# From My Window in the Square

## Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Fairest of months! Ripe Summer's Queen  
The hey-day of the year  
With robes that gleam with sunny sheen  
Sweet August does appear

R. Combe-Miller

As I sit by my window writing my story, it suddenly dawns on me that today is the 21st June, the Summer Solstice and the longest day of the year. The light is so clear, the sky so blue, the birds so joyful and everything around me explodes with happiness. Our Square is as lovely as ever and on Saturday we had the great surprise and pleasure of having a small group of Morris dancers called Newton Bushells with a group of bellringers from Newton Abbot. It reminded me of the happy days when the wonderful Glory of the West Morris Dancers from Exeter were able to use the whole Square. Alas this tradition has gone with the arrival of so many cars parked in the Square, so much traffic about and strangely enough this was before we had a good sized car park - which is always under used. I went to talk to this charming group and showed them my book 'From my Window in the Square' and the lovely photos I took more than twenty years ago of the Glory of the West Morris dancers and it brought smiles to all the faces.



Newton Bushells Morris Dancers

Alas there is another side of the Square that I find rather sad. Last Friday after the refuse collectors lorry left, there was such a mess that two of us, who care, cleaned it all up. Sunday, I came back from my walk with an armful of empty bottles, one, strangely enough, was marked Jaegermeister AG Germany, I don't know what sort of brew it was but what I know for sure is that in Germany they would not throw litter about in their towns and villages.

August is the fairest month of the year because it is the time of our wonderful flower show, a tradition which is not allowed to die despite the fact that so many of the new houses built in the village have such little gardens. The Whimple Village Produce Association work relentlessly to make sure it is thriving and gives so much pleasure to so many. Months of preparations to make schedules appealing, finding judges, getting the hall ready on the day, there is a hive of activity by very dedicated and enthusiastic people.



It is certainly an event I look forward to and never miss; first as a visitor, then an exhibitor and now as a judge. That is what is so lovely about village life.

It seems to me quite amazing that in this the 21st Century so many of the months in our calendar are named after characters from Greek and Roman history. Janus who opens the year was a god who had a head looking into the future and at the back a head looking into the past - January. July named after Julius Caesar the conquering Roman emperor, and August after Octavius Gaius member of a triumvirate and later made emperor Augustus of the mighty Roman Empire and in Latin means the venerable. I find it rather comforting that in our modern society when everyone cries out for change with a capital C, so many things are stable, like the four seasons which have been depicted by so many poets and composers like Vivaldi which strangely enough has only become part of the musical repertoire in the sixties but now is more played than ever.

The first of August is the Feast of Lammastide when the first bread of the first corn of the year was put on the High Altar in our own St Mary's Church in Whimble in the days when we moved to the Old Manse under the guidance of our unforgettable Rector The Revd. Harold Tucker. There was also a sheaf of corn by the altar and I vividly remember that on one occasion the Rector broke that bread to give it to us at the communion and Jack and I were moved by that simple but profound act of worship, it was almost like a living picture from the Holy Bible. That is something I will never forget.

First of August is also the National Swiss Day. The Swiss Confederation was founded in 1291. On that day in 1991 when we celebrated 700 years of the Confederation Helvetica, the doorbell rang and a couple with two young girls stood there when I opened the door and said "we were told to come and visit the Lady of the Manse". So naturally I asked them in and offered them hospitality and when I asked them where they came from and they said Switzerland I spontaneously said "Lets celebrate" to which they replied "Celebrate what?". I replied "the 700th anniversary of Switzerland". Of course they did not know that I was Swiss. It was incredible but more was to come. When I asked them where in Switzerland they came from they said Aargau, a town I had probably never heard of as I came from the French part of Lake Geneva. What is even more amazing is that in Switzerland we do not originate from our place of birth but the place of our family ancestors and our family goes back as far as 1558 in the town of Aargau, capital of the canton of Argovie. As the grand finale I discovered that he was the vicar of the main town church where one of my ancestors was vicar and who had a beautiful glass window named after him. Since then we kept in contact and as I always say "There are no strangers in the world, only friends you have not met".

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## A NEW CRAFT GROUP FOR WHIMPLE - NEEDLES'N'PINS

Some of us in Whimple have longed for a place where we can all get together to share and expand our knowledge and love of needlecraft. Now that the committee room in the Village Hall is available during the day we have decided that the time has come to stop talking about it and make it happen. A new weekly craft group called Needles'n'Pins is going to start in the committee room on Thursday 9th September from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. We would like to invite you to come and join us if you are interested in sewing, knitting etc. Whether you are a novice or an expert you will be welcome - whatever your level of expertise there will be something happening to interest you. If you want to know how to do dressmaking, patchwork, knitting, soft furnishings and much more we have the expertise to help - if you are experienced we can learn more from each other.

Whilst we would help and encourage you to work on whatever projects you have ongoing, we also hope to run workshops on :-

- getting to know your sewing machine,
- making a patchwork quilt,
- bag making,
- how to make cushions, curtains, roman blinds,
- dressmaking
- heirloom sewing
- knitting, crochet and much, much more.

The cost will be £3.50 for a three hour session. Numbers will be limited so if you are interested please ring Shirley Williams on 01404 822430 for more details.

We will be holding a fund raising tea party on Thursday 2nd September in the committee room at the Village hall from 2.30 - 3.30 pm where our crafts will be on display and we would love you to come along, look at our work and, hopefully, decide to join us.

**Shirley Williams**

### *Whimple Did Strictly!*

Following the success of the village week dancing , there will be further opportunities to learn or practice your ballroom dancing on:

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We appreciate your patience and tolerance while the surgery has been closed, and we are particularly grateful to Mr John Discombe and the Victory Hall Committee for their co-operation with the disruption of the car park.

### **DR TIM COX**

After 30 years of full time general practice in Ottery St Mary, Tim Cox has reduced his commitments. He will be consulting all day on Mondays and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Dr Jonathan Osborn will be sharing Dr Cox's patient list until the autumn, when the practice is hoping to appoint a new partner.

Dr Cox has stepped down as Senior Partner and has handed the baton into the very safe hands of Dr Dillely.

### **DR NIGEL DE SOUSA**

Dr de Sousa has returned to work on a part time basis. He will be consulting with patients on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

### **STAFF CHANGES**

After 21 years, Anne Maher has retired from her role as Practice Manager. From 1st June Sue Stokes is the new Practice Manager. Anne has taken on a new, part-time role as Business Development/Project Manager.

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Persistent hot weather during the day and night makes it difficult for everyone to cool down. However, those at particular risk are the mentally ill, the elderly and the very young, those with mobility problems or chronic illness especially heart or breathing problems, people who already have a temperature from an infection and those who use alcohol or illicit drugs.

The main risks posed from a heat wave are dehydration which can lead to overheating and heat exhaustion. Overheating can make symptoms worse in people with heart or breathing problems. The symptoms of heat exhaustion include, headache, dizziness, feeling sick or vomiting, intense thirst, hot red dry skin, sleepiness, aggression and confusion. Heat exhaustion can occur without warning and can easily lead to heatstroke which may be fatal if not treated quickly.

What should you do?

- Firstly, look out for your relatives, friends and neighbours.
- Drink plenty (keep bottles of tap water in the fridge)
- Stay out of the sun during the hottest part, keep to the shade, wear a hat and loose thin cotton clothes.
- Avoid strenuous exercise and activities
- Open your windows and close the curtains to regulate the temperature in your house.
- Eat more cold foods especially those containing water such as salads.

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# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Since the very successful plant sale in May, all our efforts have been centred on getting everything organised for the major event of the year, the Annual Flower Show. By the time this edition of the News lands on everyone's doorsteps, we hope that everybody will be putting the finishing touches to their exhibits, or in the case of those entering the flower and vegetable classes, hoping that there is something outstanding for the judges to cast their beady eyes over! Certainly flaming June has exceeded the last few years and much time has been spent running around with watering cans, let's hope it is all worth it on the day!

The Show is on Saturday 14th August and all exhibits must be in the Victory Hall by 10.00 am when the judging commences. Full details of where and when to get your entries in is in the Schedule. As mentioned in previous editions of the News, our Village Challenge is a Scarecrow Competition. This is an eagerly awaited contest for this year's Show and it will be very interesting to see what colourful exhibits appear on the day.

As was very kindly mentioned in the last edition, our project this year was to provide some better planters for The Square. Hopefully these will provide a colourful addition to this area.

We are looking forward to another splendid Show and to see if the talents of last year can be bettered. It certainly promises to be another very good Show.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Secretary.



## Whimble Football

Can we please say a big thank you to Whimble Football Club for their donation of £208.10p to the Force Centre in Exeter, after the friendly match with Rockbeare on the Whitsun bank holiday. Thanks to Geoff and Karen for their hard work, also to Jackie and Samantha for the BBQ. Thanks also to all the players, young and old, and supporters, who contributed to the day's events.

It would seem that a good day was had by all. (some drink may have been consumed).

**Pauline and Den O'Neill.**

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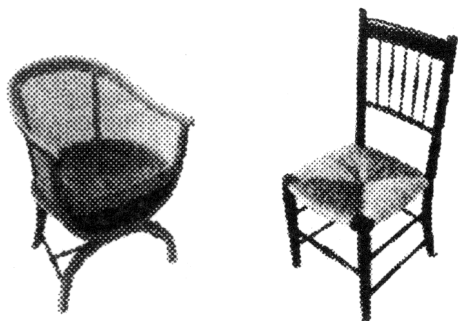
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# Whimble Folk for Whimble folk

What a great night that was, on Sunday 4th July in the Victory Hall when Jim Causley and others entertained a packed hall of villagers. The evening was really busy on stage, with lots of different singers who entertained us brilliantly. First we had the Denbury Folk, an informal group of pub locals who got together to make music in an attempt to save their village pub. They were all talented as individuals, and were able to have their own 'spot' as well as taking part in the group songs.

The compère for the night was Davey Malone and he kept the pace going, as well as singing a couple of songs himself. I loved the bar service whereby if you wanted some liquid refreshment, you just raised your hand and a keen bar person sped to your side. That certainly avoided lots of people wandering all round the hall on the hunt for the bar during the music – good idea!

Rosie Eade has a great voice but was a little disappointing in that she stood too close to the microphone and then gabbled her song introductions – some distance and slowing down would have made a well-rounded performance. Says me as a professional panto singer!!!!

And then, what can you say...the man himself, the one and only Jim Causley strolled onto the stage and very professionally but informally, sang, chatted, reminisced and seemed to enjoy the evening as much as the audience. He sang a great selection of songs, and also chatted about his time in the village as a child, even taking a detour to recite a Roald Dahl poem that he had told to his sister's children. It was great entertainment and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Thanks to John and Alex (the Whimble equivalent of Harvey Goldsmith!) and their team of helpers - well done – a great night.

EdH

## Whimble Victory Hall

For Village Week we decided to buy some good quality polycarbonate 'glasses' for use both inside and outside the Hall. We thought that this would reduce the risk of broken glass should any be accidentally dropped.

I am pleased to say there were no such accidents but, unfortunately, about two dozen of these glasses were never returned after the event.

So if you do happen to have one we would appreciate it being returned.

**Bob Scanlan**



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## BIG THANKS

Thank you to everyone for their caring and concern during my recent illness. It really does help when you are going through a hard time, to know that everyone out there is rooting for you.

Unfortunately, my health problems are ongoing and it could be some time before I am really well again. However I remain positive and I hope you will still see my cheerful side!

During my treatment I have so far had four blood transfusions. It made me think how grateful I am to those people who had donated their blood. Do you donate? If not, why not? I urge you to give the matter some serious thought. I used to donate before I had to stop for health reasons and it really is no big deal. You can make a real difference for someone else. It does not take long, does not hurt and you feel no after effects.

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Pam Scanlan



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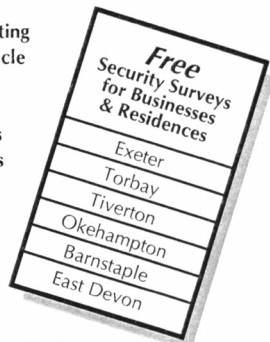
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# W.A.R.T.S. UPDATE

## JULY/AUGUST 2010



Hello and welcome to all new and existing members of W.A.R.T.S (Whimble against Rising Tariffs).

As you will now be well aware, our aim is to periodically secure the services of the cheapest oil provider that we can to deliver to our 130+ members in the village.

Our last order on 24th May 2010 was for 38,750 litres of heating oil for 54 drops in the village. We secured a price of 41.50 ppl against a best price for 500 litres of 43.95 ppl and a worst price of 45.6 ppl.

Please remember:

Add the dates below to your calendar/diary for future orders

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Intended Order Dates for 2010:

23rd August      29th November

and for 2011:

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# Whimple Parish Council

## 2011 Census - Would You Like Help to Complete it?

The next 10-year census is due to be carried out in March 2011. Every household in the country will be sent a very lengthy and complicated census form to complete and send back to the Office of National Statistics. There will also be a more simple online version.

East Devon District Council is keen to give residents as much help as possible to complete the census, particularly those who are housebound and would also find the form very difficult to fill in accurately, or too daunting to attempt. A team of people who currently visit residents on behalf of the Council will be provided with a laptop, internet enabled, to visit nominated people to help them with the task of completion.

Would you like help, or do you know someone who will?

East Devon are compiling the list during August so please let us know as soon as possible - contact either Whimple Parish Clerk, Gerri Turner, on 823385, or any of the Parish Councillors (list on notice board in The Square).

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If you are unsure whether you need planning permission free advice is available from East Devon District Council.

## New Notice boards

As an ongoing commitment to implement the Parish Plan the Parish Council have acquired three notice boards.

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# Whimble Village Week 2010



Thank you to everyone who took part in Village Week this year. For once the weather was kind to us with only the occasional shower. A great deal of hard work goes into arranging all the various events, so it was good that they were able to go ahead as planned.

Well done to all of the village organisations that ran such entertaining events throughout the week: The Wac4y team for the Picnic in the Park, such a good idea and well worth repeating, Alex and John, raising money for Whimble Scouts, for their fabulous folk night, Geoff and Karen of the Football and Cricket Clubs for the Kids Football and Cricket and for the skittles competition, Arthur for the Darts competition, the History Society for another excellent Walking Treasure Hunt, the School for the beetle drive, the Tennis club for its Social Evening, the Young Farmers for their Bingo evening, Steve for the Trick Shot Snooker - it was great fun - St Mary's Church for the coffee and cream teas, the bell ringing and the Songs of Praise, and, of course, The Friends of Whimble School for Village Day itself. A great job was done by so many people, far too many to mention all by name, but you all contributed to a very successful week. Well done indeed!

I would like also to thank the Victory Hall Trustees and a special thank you to the Village Week team Ali, Vicky, Kerry, Karen, John, David, George and Pam for arranging all the other events that took place in the Victory Hall and the Egg Catching - and for their support and hard work in pulling Village Week together in such a short time.

I need to also thank our sponsors, Halls Estate Agents, the Jack in the Green, and other individuals who generously donated prizes for the week. Their support was vital in ensuring the success of this year's Village Week's. Thank you!

This was the Victory Hall's year to organise Village Week and I would very much appreciate your feedback on how it went. What worked well and what was not so good? What events would you like to see again, or possibly you could suggest new events for another year? How helpful, or not, was our publicity in Whimble News, in the Square and in the Hall? I really would welcome your comments. Send them to me by email at [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk), or by phone to 822262 or leave a note with Jim and Alison at the Post Office.

**Bob Scanlan**



# Village



# Week 2010



# Village Week Results

**Fun Run:** with a record number of entries this year of 94 in total!

Men: Tom Camp with a record breaking fun-run time of 5 mins 49secs

Women: Julia Green

Under 16 boy: Jack Webber

Under 16 girl: Kitty Macklin

Key stage 2 boy: Cameron Souter-Frost

Key stage 2 girl: Anastasia Dominy

Key stage 1 boy: Jack Delves

Key stage 1 girl: Sarah O'Connor

## Fancy Dress

Pre-school: Benjamin Hayward Rose – a pirate

Key Stage 1: Alice Wooldridge – original World Cup trophy

Key Stage 2 Individual: Dulcie Sanders – the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland

Key Stage 2 Group: Peter Betts, Sam Palmer, Robbie Palmer, Tom Palmer, Chloe Betts, Anna Sharkey, Stanzie Carpenter

Key Stage 3+ Individual: Harry Sanders – The Mad Hatter

Key Stage 3+ Group: Mark Tierney, Alex Tooze and John Griffiths - Rub a dub dub

Overall winner: Harry Sanders

**Parish Field Cycle Time Trial:** Alex Tooze in an incredible 38 seconds!

## Darts:

Singles: Steve Povey

Pairs: Billy Bloomfield and Julie Palmer

## Skittles:

Children: Highest score in qualifying: Connor Charlton

Winner Jack Delves, second Connor Charlton and third Connor Brooks

Adult: Highest score in qualifying; Becky Window

Winner Jordan Price, second Matt Matheson and third Mandy Fielding

**History Society Treasure Hunt:** The Station House Gang

**Trick Shot Snooker:** John Griffiths

## Egg catching:

The Junior Egg Cup Winners: Connor Charlton and Darren Katz at 55ft

The Whimble Egg Cup winners: Dave Wright and Jeremy Wilson at 70ft

**Music Quiz:** There were five fully correct answers, so the winners drawn from a hat were:

First, Adrian Williams, second Michael Mallett and third The Hart Family



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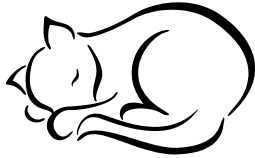
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# Reg Porley

Many of you will know that Reg passed away on Sunday 4th July after a brief illness. Reg was a larger than life raconteur, computer buff, steam railway enthusiast and sometimes grumpy old man - like myself. We always enjoyed putting the world to rights. He was also organist and choirmaster at St Mary's church. Playing the organ was one of his great pleasures and I know he was justifiably proud of the choir.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Christine and his sons Tim and Mark and their families. Recent times have been very difficult for Christine who has been in hospital these past three months or more. Our thoughts are with Christine now and I know she has been receiving tremendous support from her friends in the village and at St Mary's Church.

Tim and Mark have been truly amazed and grateful for the support and friendship they have experienced during this sad time and they would like to thank everyone concerned.

John Aiton



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# CLIFF BENTON

Cliff was born in 1923. He joined the ATC at school, hoping that would lead to entry into the RAF, but his short sight prevented that. Instead through the war he worked for SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force).

After the war he qualified as a teacher, and taught in several schools, then in Pentonville Prison, where he remembers being asked his name by one inmate, and on saying "I'm Benton" was told, "Oh, in here we are all bent 'uns." His next appointment took him to Dundee where he recognised a young lady, Sonia, from the same course he had been on in London, and they married. He became a much appreciated step-father to her two sons. They applied for a post with the ODA and went to Kenya. They were a bit apprehensive about settling into a strange environment. Cliff could have only stayed six weeks on a tourist's visa, so he applied for and gained a post as lecturer, and in addition he taught children - the children of the contractors in Kenya, people of a wide variety of backgrounds. The fact is Cliff loved people, and loved sharing with people knowledge and skills - which made him the very best kind of teacher. That contract lasted 2½ years, but then Cliffs heart trouble necessitated their return home to Willand. As often as his heart troubled him, Cliff bounced back; he had a great zest for life. The couple continued to be world travellers, though in 1983 he had to undergo a triple-bypass op.

In 1987 they moved to Whimple, first to Strete Raleigh, and pursued a very active life there. Cliff joined the Gold Club in Tiverton, and did not improve his handicap at all, a sign that to him, sport was for socialising rather than being competitive. That seems to express his personality exactly. He just genuinely liked people. He undertook meals on wheels, books on wheels, private tutoring, he sold books in the NT Killerton book stall and he developed his skill in wood carving, notably carving decoy ducks. Cliff joined the Wood Carvers and Wildlife Association, which had 200 members, and he was elected Chairman. In Whimple he became a member of the school governing body, and in fact became Chairman of that body. When the village had its presentation "The Parish Chest", Cliff filled the role of the Bishop. He explained that the reason was his was the only head big enough to fill the mitre. In Church, they both became members of the PCC, lesson readers, and designers of the duty rota. More recently Cliff was one of the founder members of the coffee club for retired gentlemen in the village.

He became increasingly frail physically, though not at all mentally, and had to move into the Court at Rockbeare, where he was very well looked after. Cliff had willed his body for medical research, so there was no funeral, but on 21st May a celebration of his life was held in Whimple Church, attended by 76 people, including his son Jonathan from London, with Cliff's grand-daughter Alexandra. Tributes were read out from his step-sons Clive and Rob in America, and Sonia expressed her thankfulness for a perfect partnership.

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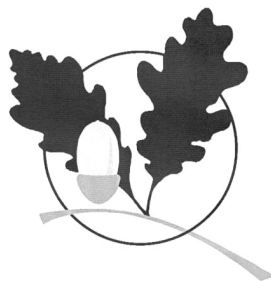
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## Solar panels

A member of our group has been researching the new 'Feed in Tariffs' introduced this year. They are currently obtaining three different quotes and liaising with utility contacts in the village.

We hope to hold a village meeting to discuss all possibilities (probably in October), so please watch the Post Office for dates of this meeting if you are interested. Solar panels installed before 1st April 2012 would offer a better deal for investors and therefore a better deal for us consumers. At the moment we would highlight the following information:

- Since April this year it could be possible to get free electricity from solar panels installed on your roof
- You may not need to pay the upfront costs for the solar panels
- You could be paid for any electricity that you don't use that goes onto the national grid

In April 2010 the government introduced 'feed-in-tariffs' for various small-scale renewable energy generation equipment. These tariffs provide a guaranteed fixed price for each unit of electricity that is generated, whether it is used on site (e.g. at a home, school, or office etc.) or not (i.e. the unused power is exported onto the national power grid). Any power that is exported receives a further payment.

There are now investors with cash available to invest in paying the upfront costs for the equipment to be installed (e.g. solar panels onto a roof). These investors then receive the generation tariff in return for their investment. Meanwhile the home/school/office owner benefits from savings on their electricity bills through making use of the free solar electricity, and they can also earn further benefit by selling any unused power. The panels are designed to last 25 years, and may last up to 40. Generally there is no need for planning permission, unless you are in a conservation area or live in a listed building.

So now you don't need to spend about £10,000 for the solar panels, you save on your bills and you also save around 1,200kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year! Whimble is more suited to solar than other forms of renewable energy – it is not windy enough down in our valley, and we don't have forests or lakes! And being so far south in the UK we do get higher sunshine strengths.

Let's make Whimble the first solar village in Devon and aim to install solar panels on 100 homes!

If you wish to be contacted when the community meeting will take place, please contact us.



## Local Produce sale

We were delighted to see the wonderful skills in the village at the produce sale. Toy making, sewing and knitting, gardening skills of both plants and produce, card making, photography, sugar craft, breads and a wide and delicious array of home baking. A huge thank you to all who took the trouble to make and bring things and all who came to buy. There was a lovely atmosphere in the Square and we would hope to run this event again.

## Potential Village Garage Sale and table top sale Saturday 25th September

We would like to run this event again, but this would depend on interest. If you would like to open up your garage, please contact us immediately and we will hopefully run this event again. We will also hold a table top sale/freecycle event on this day and if you would like to take part in this, please contact us.

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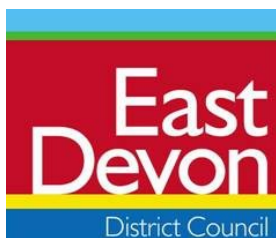


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It's not enough to think we know what people want, we believe it's important to ask them exactly what they do want. By joining the panel, residents can take part in focus groups, attend meetings of special interest or maybe fill in a questionnaire. It's up to them to choose their own level of involvement. And by having their say, they can influence what the Council does.

Members of the panel were recently invited to attend internet workshops, which were aimed at improving our website. They were asked to go onto EDDC's site and to see how easy it was to complete a number of tasks, such as reporting a missed bin collection and contacting their local Councillor.

The feedback from the participants has been very useful – a more accessible site is currently under construction and the same panel members will be asked back to test it again before it goes live. Central government asked local communities what they would like to change to help them become more sustainable and, in July last year, 54 Panel members came along to an event in Honiton where they were asked to vote on which national laws and guidance they would like to change. Providing affordable housing for local people came top of their list. The Local Government Association was told of their decision and, subsequently, changes to the way affordable housing is provided was a proposal submitted to the Secretary of State.

Whilst we would welcome members of all age groups onto the Panel, we are especially keen to see more young adults taking part. Workshops and discussions are often arranged to take place out of work hours to give them the opportunity to come along whilst, for those who do not like to go out in the evening, events are also held during the day.

We recognise that regular feedback is important and the first Speak Now newsletter was sent out to panel members in March this year. If anyone is interested in finding out more please ring 01395 517569 or email [speaknow@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:speaknow@eastdevon.gov.uk). or you can join online at :

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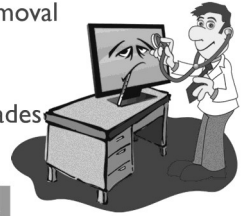


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# Whimble History Society



The second village walk is on Friday 6th August, starting from the Heritage Centre at 6.15 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Roger Smith on 01404 822244 (numbers are limited to 12, There is no charge.) The Treasure Hunt held on the Tuesday of Village Week was once again well supported by over 70 people. Many thanks to all those who supported the event.

The September talk on Friday 17th will be by Mrs Sue Dymond on 'The Land Army Girls'

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Many in the village who are involved in children's and young people's groups will be aware of the consultation that has been going on over the last few months in connection with the proposed employment by *Churches 4 All* of a children's and families worker.

We have seen significant growth over recent years in the number of young people and families involved in the life of the church. There is a thriving work on Sundays among children from across the four parishes with often 25-30 young people attending the fortnightly groups in Whimple. In Talaton there is excellent work going on building links with and organising events for families in the village.



We are fortunate in having a keen and willing group of leaders and helpers but they are very stretched. They work hard to maintain the existing level of activities, but we do not currently have the capacity to develop this work further as we would wish,

As well as church orientated events there are other areas in which we feel we can make a valuable contribution towards meeting the general needs of children and families in the villages of Whimple, Talaton, Clyst Hydon & Clyst St Lawrence. We therefore think that employing a specially trained person in this line of work would be of immense benefit.

At present we are putting together a job description and ascertaining what level of support, both general and financial, there would be for the position. There will be a presentation and questions evening in the church on the evening of 15th September but in the meantime if you have any comments or suggestions then please do let us know by contacting Kate Hamilton on 823201 / [admin@whimplechurch.org](mailto:admin@whimplechurch.org).

By way of update on the **village consultation** on proposals to alter the furniture and fabric of the church building, we are still in the process of analysing the feedback from the public meeting. This is taking longer than anticipated due to the wide variety of options and ideas that have been suggested. A special Parochial Church Council meeting will be convened after the summer, at which the next step will be considered.

We are enjoying welcoming young and old to our **Saturday Morning Coffee** when tea, coffee and home made cakes are served in church from 10:15 to 12:00pm every Saturday until 11th September. Please do drop in.

Other dates for your diary are firstly on 11th September, when this year's **Devon Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride** is to take place. Groups choose their route and aim to take in as many churches as possible. This is an all-age event, and if you would like to join a group, please contact Mike Ellingham on 822945.

This year's **Back To Church Sunday** will be taking place on 26th September, and will be especially designed to appeal those who have not been to church for a while. Why not come and give it a try - you might be pleasantly surprised!

The **Impact weekend away at Bernard's Acre** for children aged 10-13 will take place over the weekend of 8th–10th October and anyone within the age bracket is welcome. The weekend will be packed with great activities, games, chill-out time with friends as well as opportunities to hear more about the Christian faith. Please contact Ian & Maggie Spicer for further information (823640).

We look forward to welcoming you at Whimble Church where there is a variety of styles of service as well as children's and young people's groups for all ages.



## St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

- 1st Sunday - 8am Holy Communion (BCP);  
11.00am Morning Worship;
- 2nd Sunday - 11am Holy Communion;
- 3rd Sunday - 8am Holy Communion (BCP);  
11am Celebration Service;
- 4th Sunday - 11am Morning Worship;
- 5th Sunday - 10.30am Churches4All joint service  
(various locations)

# Finding Balance

Do you wish you had a choice of exercise classes in the village at times and venues to suit you? Now is your chance to help to shape the future of classes available in Whimble..

I am a yoga, dance and practical philosophy teacher residing in Whimble and, following the end of my current contract, I will start to teach locally in October 2010. I take a holistic, yet practical approach to exercise and health and my aim is to help people find balance within modern life. Some of the many benefits of yoga and dancercise are:

- Strength and stamina
- Flexibility and mobility
- Radiance and vitality
- Improved wellbeing
- Relief of stress and anxiety
- Lowered blood pressure
- Deep relaxation
- Greater self-esteem

There will be a number of exciting classes available and I would be happy to offer these at various times of the day. The earliest start time would be 8.30am and the latest start time would be 8pm; classes tend to last between one and one and a half hours. The types of class are detailed below. Please let me know ([linda@finding-balance.co.uk](mailto:linda@finding-balance.co.uk) or 822097) which of these would be of interest to you, your preferred times and venues and I will do the rest!

## **Energy Balance**

Energy balance will stretch and tone; simultaneously enlivening and relaxing you - leaving you in a energised and joyful state both in mind and body, able to go about the day with heightened energy and a calm mind. The class is a mixture of a yoga style stretch and warm up, dancercise (dance aerobics, but with no complicated routines, just great music and fun movement!), and relaxation.

## **Ananda Yoga**

This is a gentle form of yoga tailored to meet the needs of the class and incorporates yoga postures, breathing techniques and deep relaxation. These classes are suitable for beginners, Elders and all those who wish to relieve physical tension and mental stress, increase their sense of wellbeing and mobility.

## **Earth Yoga**

This class is a more dynamic yoga class designed to increase strength, flexibility and tone. It is suitable for those who wish to explore movement and have a more vigorous workout, whilst still benefiting from the stillness and deeper relaxation at the end of the class.

## **Rainbow Children**

A fun and inspiring class for children, incorporating dance, yoga, singing and storytelling. This class is suitable for children up to the age of 11 and the content is modified to suit different age groups.

I hope to hear from you and work with you soon.

**Linda Ananda**

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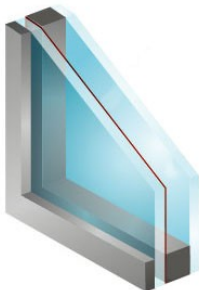


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# WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OUR TRIP TO CREALY



On the 25th of June, the yr 6's went to Crealy! We went on all the rides, including: The New Vortex, The Tidal Wave, The Maximus Coaster and had fun in places like Battle of the Bears. Most of us wanted



to go on everything again and again!

It was a really nice day, which made the trip even better, because it meant we could dry quickly from the wet rides, and have an ice-cream of our own choice!

It was also fun to see Mrs Vanstone and Mrs Killen go on all the rides as if they were children again! The Battle of the Bears was completely in the dark apart from ultraviolet light. This made every one look quite scary because we all had green teeth and Mrs Killen had orange hair!

By **Hannah Peters and Sophie Camp** Yr 6



# Sports day

On the 17th of June Whimple school had their sports day. We had key stage 1 races first then team races. We had a long distance race most people cheated because they cut through the middle! In the afternoon year 2 and up did their races I won the year 2 girls flat race because there was only 2 of us. There is becoming a shortage of year 2 girls!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



We had lots of fun and we hope you did if you watched it!

By Eva Penney, Bethany Carter and Charlotte Thomas

## the residential



The residential was fantastic. The best parts were abseiling, the water activities and the high ropes. The worst bit is when abseiling, never look down - but it was still brilliant! We all would do it again. We had a competition about who's dorm was the tidiest and surprisingly the boys in dorm 1 won!



By Harry, Josh and Mathew (Year 5)

## Our Trip To Offwell Education centre

On the 8th of July year 2, 3 and 4 went to Offwell education centre. We had to walk down to the centre and split into two groups. One group went to find mini beasts and the other group went pond dipping. When we



went searching for mini beasts we learnt about trees. We found spiders, beetles, woodlouse and frogs under logs. When we went pond dipping we found water boat men, pond skaters, newts, tadpoles and dragon fly larvae. We caught them with fishing nets.



By Max and Peter (Year 4)

# Whimble Victory Hall



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A busy and varied selection of activities for members of Whimble WI over the past two months. At the June meeting we welcomed one of our own members in her capacity as a flower arranger. Maureen Watkins has entertained us on previous occasions and again showed us some beautiful arrangements in addition to giving us some helpful tips.



This year the Devon Federation of Women's Institutes celebrates its 90th anniversary - a great achievement. But Devon is not alone! Whimble Women's Institute is celebrating its 90th birthday this year and, to celebrate the event, 35 members and friends went to the Palace Theatre at Torquay to see 'Calendar Girls'. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and to round off the day we stopped for an excellent meal on the way home. There has also been dedicated work in progress by a number of our members, resulting in the presentation of 23 patchwork quilts to the Bramble Ward Baby Unit at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital. These were much appreciated.

The WI was represented during Village Week when they organised a treasure hunt stall on 3rd July. Yet again the variety of activities is evident and we are always pleased to welcome new members to join us. Just contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822945) or come along to a meeting at the Victory Hall.

**Rosemarie Burrows**

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# Orchard Harmony News

## Abba Mania!!

Many thanks to all who attended the Abbanother Picnic – what a blast! We were able to make a generous donation to the Scout Hut Roof Fund. Plans are hatching for a ‘Grease Picnic’ next year – watch this space!

We are now busy preparing for our Christmas Concert in St Mary’s Church on Saturday 4th December when we shall be performing Mozart’s Requiem – a most beautiful work.

So... if you are reading this and would like to join us we are always looking for new members – particularly men!! You do not have to read music, you just need to love singing, and be up for a challenge.

We meet every fortnight on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.00pm in St Mary’s Church. We start again in September, and would love to see some new members.

Why not give me a ring on 01404 823585 and have a chat?

Julia Green



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