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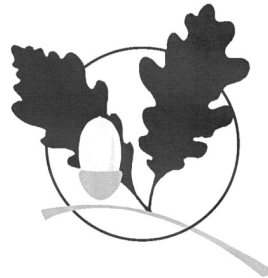
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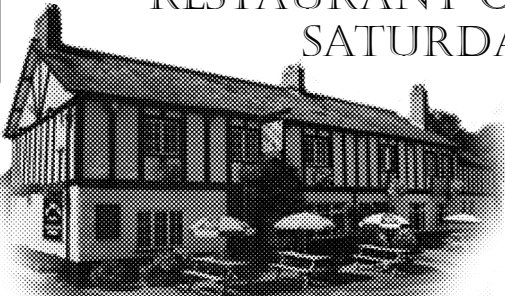
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# What's On in Whimple

## September

- 1st VPA Annual Flower Show, 2.15pm Victory Hall. See page 59.
- 8th Tennis Club 'Open Day'. See page 17.
- 8th Cricket Club – Bands - 'Call me Blondie' and Carnaby Street. See page 48
- 10th AGM for the Victory Hall Committee, 7.00pm. All welcome.
- 12th Wasters of Whimple Meeting
- 14-16 'Crafty with Flowers', St Mary's Church. See pages 22 & 23
- 21st Victory Hall 7.30pm Living history presentation  
'Roman Army – fact and fiction'.
- 22nd Rescheduled Village Day – see pages 30 - 33**
- 29th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon.
- 29th Wasters of Whimple - Village garage sale. See page 51.
- 29th Whimple Cinema night – 7.30pm Victory Hall. See page 13.

## October

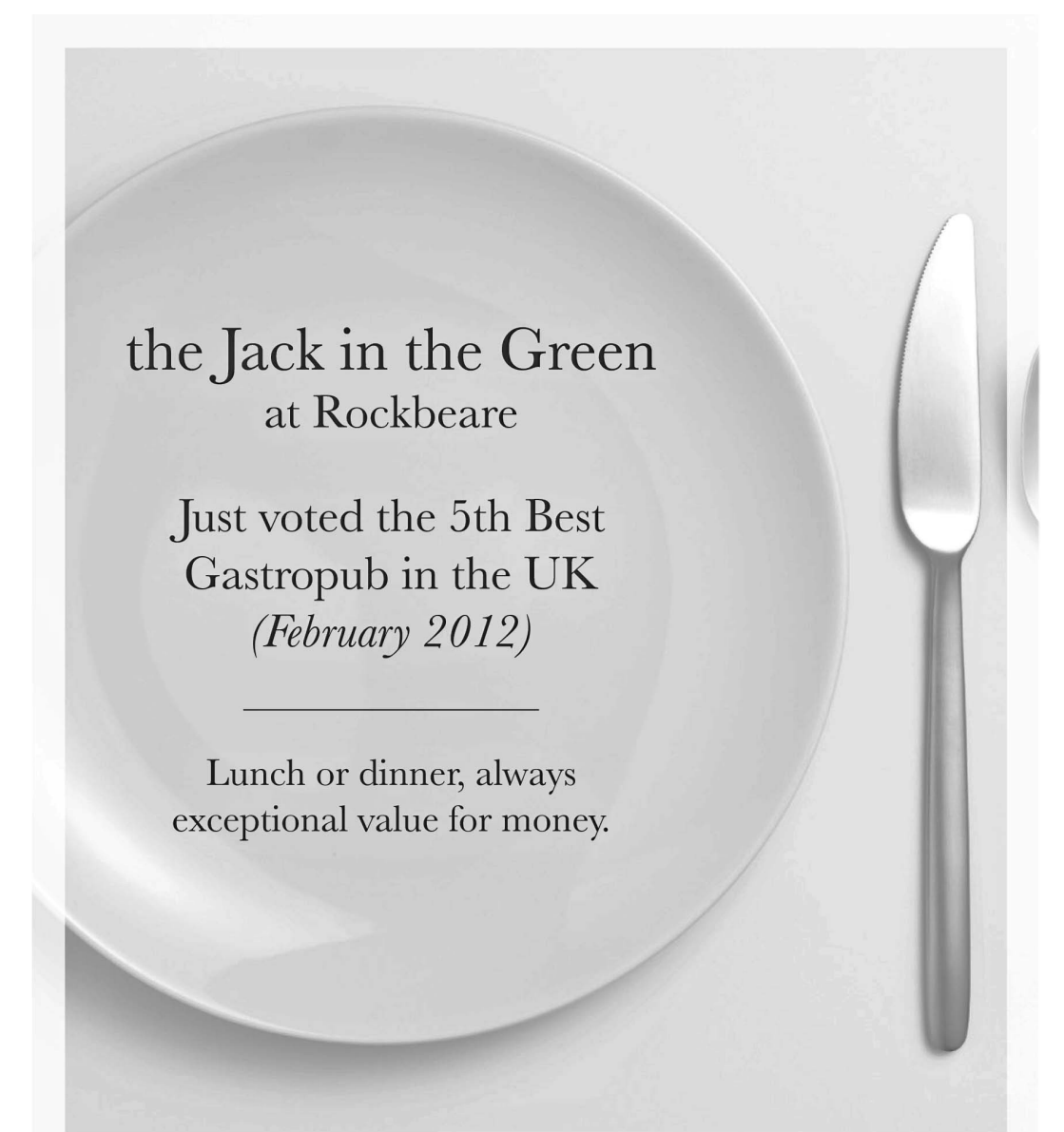
- 12th Wasters of Whimple 'Green Deal' meeting. See page 51.
- 19th History Society – Victory Hall 7.30pm – Auction of Pledges and Promises

## November

- 3rd Craft Fayre, Victory Hall; Friends of Whimple School.
- 16th History Society – Victory Hall 7.30pm – a talk about apples.
- 23rd Wasters of Whimple – Local Food ordering night. See page 51.

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

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# Ed the Ed

Welcome to the August/September edition of your Whimble News. Inside you will find details of the rescheduled Village Day, which is now happening on 22nd September. Bob Scanlan must be exhausted after the worry and stress of deciding to cancel the original date due to excessive liquid sunshine, so well done to Bob and his team for taking the right decision. We can now all look forward to a great day on the Parish Field. Please support this wonderful event – it was good last year – this one will be even better!

I can only apologise for the very racy article by Martin Gammel in the last edition where he thought fit to share with us his story of slipping in the shower and having to be rescued by ladies from the Ambulance Service *and* Fire Service. Not a comfortable read for people of a nervous disposition. Thankfully he has contained himself in this edition, gentle reader.

A belated congratulations to Marian Daniel for being awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the village – a very well deserved award.

The Parochial Church Council continue to analyse the comments from the Village Survey and we have a two-page report of progress made so far – well done to them for persevering with this project. It is important for the village.

The VPA are now gearing themselves up for the annual Flower Show on 1st September – this year there will be a new class for best local rice grown in a paddy field within the parish boundary.

Looking at the photo on our cover, I hope that we can all appreciate what damage was done by the rain that fell in early July, especially in The Green – again.

Now I am a gentleman of leisure, I have been trying to maintain my cycling activity, and have discovered the National Trust Cycle Way between Broadclyst and Killerton House – it is a lovely safe ride, and if you want, you can continue on to the new cycle track at Killerton (which I haven't done yet!).

I don't normally do this, but I would like to welcome a new advertiser to the News - Sam's Country Cakes on page 16 – no, I haven't received a freebie cake, but I like to see local people doing something that is different, so good luck to Sam in this new venture.

And one (rare) disappointment in the village – Jim at the PO told me that the collecting tin for the Scouts that is normally outside by the books, was taken one Tuesday afternoon when the PO was shut. It may not have been a lot of money but, for me, it is a sad occurrence.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ANY ARTICLES THAT DO NOT INVOLVE SHOWERS OR LADIES FROM THE EMERGENCY SERVICES, THEN PLEASE EITHER LEAVE THEM WITH JIM AND ALISON AT THE PO, OR ZAP IT DIRECT TO BOB VIA EMAIL USING [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) BY MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER.

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**Ed H**



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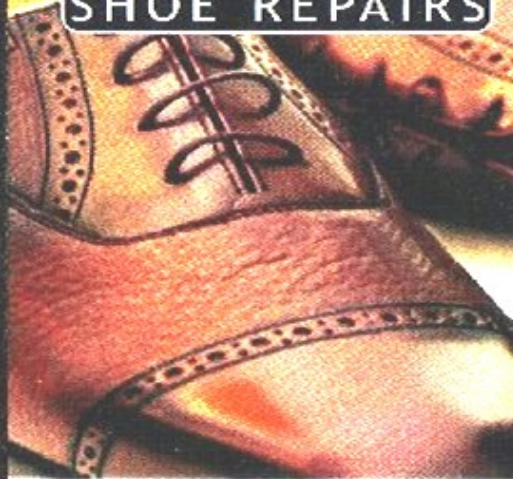
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# An Amazing Journey!



After completing the South West Coast Path back in May I felt I had to put pen to paper to encourage others to experience this wonderful path if they can.

It all started for me one Christmas 12 years ago when my husband, Jon, treated himself to four small books all titled SWCP and announced it was an ambition of his to walk the path when he retired! After browsing through them myself I put it to Jon that it might be wise for us to make a start as it covered 630 miles.

So in May 2002 we packed our haversacks and, with our dog Lily, set off by train from

Whimble to Exeter, Taunton and then steam train from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead Somerset, where we booked in to our first of many B and Bs. Each year after that we returned for approximately one week to where we had finished the previous year to start the next section until May of this year we finished in Poole Dorset. (Sadly Lily had to retire a short distance from Lands End).

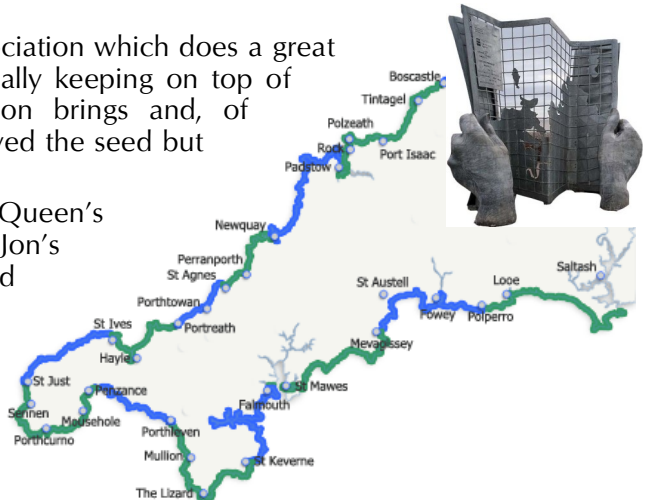
Interestingly, although we often moan about our country, our climate, public transport etc. we think that nearly 600 miles were walked in dry conditions, often sunny and never at any stage were we let down by trains, buses, boats or B 'n' Bs!

Many of you will have walked sections of the path and some will have completed it but anyone considering doing so really should. Each year was a different but truly wonderful experience.

So thank you to the SWCP Association which does a great job maintaining the Path especially keeping on top of the problems that rapid erosion brings and, of course, to Jon who not only sowed the seed but planned each year to perfection.

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**Liz Silk**



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## Anti Social Behaviour

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in antisocial behaviour in the village.

The Village Hall sign has been ripped off the front wall of the Victory Hall. Someone climbed onto the window sill, which is now damaged, and from there onto the canopy above the front door. The sign had been glued and screwed to the highest point above the windows but was still pulled away and broken. It will cost around £200 to replace.

Reports have also been made about bad language, assaults and bullying involving secondary school children.

There was also the theft of book money from the Post Office.

If you see such behaviour taking place, or learn of it happening, please call the police immediately. This may well result in an improved police presence.

The Primary School is writing to all parents of Whimble School about the antisocial behaviour. However this is an issue for all of us in the village community.

**Maria Wallis**

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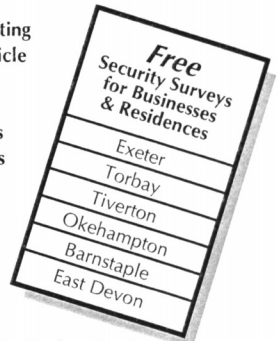
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## Hadrian's Wall

On the morning of the 22nd June I caught the plane up to Newcastle to make my way across to Carlisle in eager anticipation of the start of what was no doubt going to be a tough Challenge. On the train over to Carlisle the rain was lashing down and I was thinking "what have I let myself in for?". I registered that afternoon and got my timing chip and final instructions.

Saturday morning I woke early ready for 7.00am breakfast and final preparations before heading off to the start. It was still raining as it had been pretty much since I arrived. When I got to the Castle I was informed of a delayed start as the river had burst its banks and they were checking the course was still passable. At 8.30am we were off and the rain had stopped so things were looking up, apart from having to cover 69 miles over the next two days. We had barely gone a mile when we came across the burst river and were running through six inches of water, my moisture-wicking socks were going to have to work overtime! The first day was split into two sections of 15 miles and 17 miles. At the 15 mile point we were treated to sandwiches, cake, fruit and drink and when I reached there after 2½ hrs we had still had little rain and not seen The Wall. Just after this point both of these were sorted, the heavens opened for 45 minutes and just after that we saw the Wall. This second section was more off-road and in many places waterlogged which made progress much slower, but I managed to get to the end of the first day in 6 hrs 6 minutes.

The camp site was soaked but did have excellent steaming hot showers and plenty of food. Again we had a good soaking overnight and some 250 campers woke with not quite so much enthusiasm as the first day. The second day was split into three sections, 13 miles, 17 miles and finally 7 miles, starting with a very steep climb. Again the first section was comfortable in just over 2 hrs, but then it started to get considerably more difficult. There were drink stations at 6 and 12 miles on the second section breaking it down. Getting to these points seemed to be the best thing to do. Once through this and at the final check point with 7 miles to go - surely I can cover 7 fairly flat miles in a couple of hours. But no it was 2¼ hrs later before I could see the finish. So I stopped for a quick picture, summoned my last bit of energy and ran for the line. I completed the event in 14hrs and 19mins.

So, finally a big THANK YOU to all those of you who gave so generously and helped me raise over £1,600. Sadly there could only be one winner of the holiday and the winning ticket, drawn by Alan Rowe (founder of the Baton), went to my Production Manager at work, so while he's away sunning himself I will have to do his and my own job - not quite what I envisaged!

Thanks once again. **Mark Tierney**



# District Councillor's Report

Many thanks to those who sent me good wishes for a speedy recovery from my fall – they seem to have worked! The good wishes that is.

I have just obtained from the Council Offices in Sidmouth a wonderful wall chart showing the social background, age, ethnic, educational and occupational profile of councillors in England. In a nutshell the profile (based on a 33% return) shows that the average councillor is male (68.5%) and white (96.3%). The average age is 59.7 years (72% are over the age of 55) and their average length of service is 9.4 years. The average councillor worked in the private sector (68.5%) 24% were drawn from the public sector and 7% from the voluntary sector. 75.8% have no caring responsibilities while 24.2% care for at least one dependent. 47.5% are retired, 21.0% have full time jobs, 14.6% are self employed and 9.5% work part time. Finally, 14% have educational qualifications below NVQ1 / CSE. 12% have NVQ2/ CSE, or O level, 13.6% have NVQ level 3, A level, or OND, 55.9% have NVQ4, Degree, Higher Degree or Professional Qualification. Finally, the political representation (of those who replied) is: Conservative 50.1%, Labour 20.8%, Liberal Democrat 22.0 %, Independent 5.4%.



This is an interesting profile: although the picture created is common amongst councillors in many respects it does not reflect the electorate as a whole and neither does it match the makeup of East Devon District Council. For example the percentage of female councillors at E.D.D.C. is below the average (22%) the ethnic composition is 100% white, the political profile is Conservative (73%), Liberal Democrat (17%), and Independent (10%). There are no Labour Councillors. Food for thought for any of you who might consider becoming a councillor in the future as there are many imbalances to address e.g. 50% of the population is female, the voting distribution nationally is about 33% for each of the three main parties, and only about 30% are over 55. Similarly, ethnic populations other than white are desperately underrepresented. However, people with high levels of academic qualification are very overrepresented – I'll leave you to decide if this is a good or a bad thing. Finally, the working experience is also lop sided with something like 60% of the working population being employed in the public sector but only 24% Of councillors are from this sector and as for caring in the electorate something like 50% are actually caring for one or more dependents (children, elderly and infirm parents or a sickly spouse).

The work of the Planning Committee continues apace, but this time I have been looking at another aspect of the Council's work, namely what happens if a member appears to have committed some kind of "misconduct". Under the Localism Act 2011 a new Code of Conduct had to be in force from 1st July 2012. Monitoring officers drafted a new Code for *all* Councils in Devon, and on June 27th a special meeting of the full EDDC met to ratify the Code and a new complaints process.

The membership of the new Standards Committee will be the chairman of the Council, four district councillors, two non-voting co-opted independent members and two non-voting co-opted parish council members. As the new code of conduct has only just come into existence there is, apparently still much work to be done as – guess what? Whitehall is not delivering the regulations in time! In addition, as only three weeks were allowed between finalising regulations and the implementation of the new code, the Council has recommended a full review in one or two years' time. So the draft code that has been accepted is still only a draft code, and "localism" doesn't seem very local.

The code consists of two parts – a general statement of councillor's public duties and private interests and a register of member's personal and pecuniary interests, which must be updated annually. Many details discussed at the meeting are, unfortunately, confidential.

Finally, I must report that the 'tree walk' at Cranbrook was very interesting, although we were somewhat disturbed when the first tree we saw with a fence around it to preserve it was clearly very dead! David Colman, the Council's Tree Officer, quickly put our minds to rest: dead trees are very important for the environment as homes and food for beneficial insects and the contractors are careful to preserve them. A lot has been learned about the volume of soil a living tree requires, and all the services have been planned to allow for every tree identified as important enough to be saved. The same goes for ancient hedgerows, one of which will actually form part of the "Town Square" being planned for the land beyond the hill where you can see houses under construction. David explained the complications involved in building a whole town from scratch: trees cannot always come first and the location of the railway station means that a copse of trees must go. The "run off" drainage areas cannot be left looking like attractive ponds because the site must not attract flocks of birds, given the proximity of the other sort at the Airport! A pity, as we saw a delightful little pond that afternoon with a family of foxes watching us from the other side, more scared of people on foot than the ones roaring around them on huge machines!

**Councillor Martin Gammell July 2012**

## Dear Ed

I would like to thank you for all the very informative articles we read in the Whimble News: the East Devon Councillor's report in particular. It is also impressive to know what changes have been brought about by the Parish Council in recent years, and I think we all should acknowledge the voluntary work being done for the benefit of everyone in the village.

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\* Saturday 15th .. Concert with  
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Sunday 16th .. Songs of Praise at 6-30pm

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# Crafty With Flowers

Villagers in Whimble will be getting 'Crafty With Flowers' in September. This is the title for the major Flower Festival to be held in St. Mary's Church from Friday 14th September to Sunday 16th September, when more than 30 arrangements will depict local and individual crafts.

The Festival kicks off with a limited-ticket Preview with wine and cheese on the Thursday evening, 13th September, at 7pm when the speaker will be Sarah Chesters of RHS Rosemoor and Radio Devon. Her subject will be 'From Fashion to Horticulture'. Tickets (£6.50) are available from Whimble Post Office.

On the Saturday evening (15th September) there is a concert in the church by The Wyndham Singers, a popular male singing group from Kentisbeare, and again tickets (£4.00) can be obtained from the Post Office.

The event concludes with a Songs of Praise on the Sunday evening at 6.30pm.

The Festival will be open from 10.30am - 6.00pm each day and ploughmen's lunches and teas will be available in Whimble Victory Hall.

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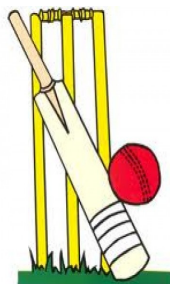
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## Whimble Cricket Club need a new Treasurer

Whimble Cricket Club are looking for a new Treasurer from October this year as the current incumbent is stepping down after many years of loyal service to the Club. We are advertising now so that the handover period is as effective as possible.

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The speaker for our June meeting was Barbara Baxter whose topic was the 'Casualties Union'. An interesting subject where volunteers act as casualties for training medical staff and emergency services.

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The July meeting was an open evening and we were delighted to welcome a number of guests. Lucy Channon gave a talk entitled 'Who would be a tour guide?' Another interesting evening, giving an insight into the responsibilities and the lighter side of tour guiding. The names of those interested in attending a course at Denman College were entered in a draw for the bursary awarded by Whimble WI and one member will have the opportunity of choosing one of the excellent courses available.

We have also enjoyed some social occasions - a skittles evening at the New Inn and a fund raising lunch at the home of Ann Bowden. As usual, there will be no formal meeting in August but we look forward to a tea party at the home of one of our members.

If you would care to join Whimble Women's Institute just contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822945) for more details. **Rosemarie Burrows**

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## The Making of a Concert – Part 1

Many of you reading this have often supported the Ottery St Mary Choral Society and for that loyal support we thank you. But how many of you have stopped to think what goes into the staging of a concert in the lovely Parish Church?

When you, the audience, arrive on a Saturday evening you will be greeted by one of the door attendants. They are usually husbands of performers ready to take ticket money or help with any queries. As you take your seat and look towards the choir stalls you will see five levels of staging. This is not hired from an outside company who would set it up for us, but it has been specially designed for the church, commissioned by the choir and erected the day before by willing helpers who are also singers. It is a massive job and without it our concerts would be almost impossible. Attached to the two front pillars are special lights to enable you to see us and for the singers and players to see their music. These too have been erected and connected by a member of the choir.

So now all is ready for the concert. But wait a minute! Who organised the refreshments that are served afterwards? Again we have a special team who hire the glasses, buy wine, soft drinks and snacks. They are also there on Friday setting it up. After the concert all the glasses are taken home by yet more willing volunteers who wash them up and return them to Sainsbury's. The really hard job is taking down all the staging immediately after the concert as we always leave the church ready for Sunday services. Doing that after performing for a couple of hours is no joke. All the scores are collected and a few days later another team of willing helpers meets, armed with erasers to rub out any extra annotations in the scores, so that they are returned in pristine condition.

That would seem to be it and for the short term it is. (To be continued next month).

**Kyle Hayes**

### Friends of Ottery St. Mary Choral Society

You may like to consider a more active role within the Ottery St. Mary Choral Society. Perhaps you may be in a position to support through some practical assistance or sponsoring the cost of music hire, the fee for a soloist, help funding concert refreshments, or support the 'Young Member's Bursary Scheme' covering the cost of their membership and music for a year? There are many ways to help and enjoy involvement with this friendly group.

For any further information regarding OSMCS please contact:

**Liz Hooper** - Publicity - 01404 42116

**Annie Bassett** - Chairman - 01404 823331

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A sponsored charity walk is an ideal way to explore one of Britain's smallest national parks – Exmoor - and what better time of year than September with its autumnal colours and diverse and spectacular landscape. Children's Hospice South West is hosting the 12 mile circular walk on Sunday 23rd September and the charity is calling on people to take part. Walkers will set off from Hawkridge at 9.30am and on completion will enjoy refreshments which include a burger van, tea and coffee.

Children's Hospice South West provides the only hospice care in the South West for children with life-limiting conditions. Our three hospices, Little Bridge House in Devon, Charlton Farm in Somerset, and Little Harbour in Cornwall provide respite care and support for in excess of 400 families. Of these some come to us for planned respite and a rare opportunity for a break. Others will also be supported through our bereavement team after the loss of their child.

Children's Hospice South West is the only organisation in the region offering this vital service in a hospice environment and is almost entirely funded by the generosity of people in the South West.

There is no registration fee for the event but walkers are encouraged to raise sponsorship for the charity. Sponsor forms are available on registration. For further information and to register please contact Ivan Huxtable on 01769 540835 or Little Bridge House on 01271 325270.

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# Village Week 2012

I do not think I have ever spent so long poring over the long term weather forecast as in the run up to Village Week. I was always hoping that the rain would stop and conditions would improve early enough for the outdoor events to go ahead. But come the event only the History Society Treasure Hunt and Kids Tennis survived the downpour.

However the indoor events were once again a success and my thanks go to all the individuals and organisations who worked so hard to put on those events.

Despite the weather defeating our attempts to put on the Village Fair as part of Village Week, we remain undaunted. The Village Week Team are busy rearranging the event for its new date in September.

## Village Fair - New Date Saturday 22nd September in the Parish Field



The Fair will open at noon with the Fun Run starting at 12.30pm.

There will be an array of stalls to peruse. For anyone who wants to join us with a stall of their own there is still room so please contact either Ali on 822724 or Vicky on 822800.

The Fancy Dress Competition will take place at 2.30pm (there will be a changing area if needed).

For your entertainment there will be food and drink, and games and entertainments for the children. We are rearranging the demonstrations and displays and hope to bring you Dance, Tae Kwon Do and Japanese Drumming.



The Tug-of-War competition will take place with the final happening shortly before the Egg Catching Competition at 4.00pm.

There will be food and drink available throughout the day as well as a bouncy castle, sumo suits and other fun activities for the kids (and adults too).



Details will be again be displayed in The Square.

You will see that we are still asking for volunteers to help on the day so if you can spare an hour or so to help run one of the stalls, we would welcome your involvement

So come along and enjoy our Village Fair and let's hope for some really fine weather this time.

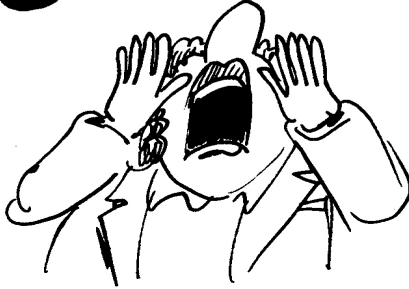
It can't happen twice, can it?

**Bob Scanlan**





# **Volunteers!**



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# **The Village Fair**

**on**

**Saturday 22nd September**

**The small number of people organising village day (volunteers themselves) need your help to make village day a success.**

**Help is needed to help set up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> before, during and after the fair on Saturday 22nd and to pack away on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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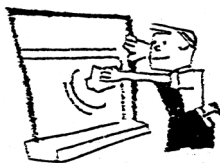
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### Whimple School Summer Fayre

We managed to find a small window in between the rain showers to have another successful Summer Fayre and I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who came along to support this event. The children worked really hard and ran some fantastic, fun and inventive stalls and with your help we raised an amazing £1400 for the school.

**Sam Walker**



# Charity cricket match at Whimble Cricket Club on the 15th July 2012

What do Bart Simpson, a smurf, a French maid, a fireman and various clowns have in common ?

They all played in a charity cricket match at Whimble Cricket Club on the 15th July 2012

After a year of tests, operations and extensive physio, Nicki Parker was diagnosed as having Motor Neurone Disease in March of this year. This disease has confined Nicki to a wheelchair, unable to stand and with no movement in her hands and arms. It has also

affected her speech and ability to swallow. To enable Nicki to have some independence her employers at Devon Doctors on Call (DDOC) decided to raise funds to help towards the purchase of an 'Eye Gaze Computer' which she will be able to use through eye movement alone.

Various events were organised and DDOC wanted Nicki's sons Jamie and Matt to be involved in some of them - hence the cricket match between a Whimble Youth Team and a DDOC representative team playing in fancy dress.

The weather during the week before the match was atrocious and, as with most of this wonderful summer, the prospect of the game taking place was minimal. However on the day of the game the weather started dry and although the outfield was still wet in places (with a big puddle at fine leg!!!) under extreme pressure from DDOC organiser Julie Densham the ground was deemed playable.

Various stalls were set up together with a bouncy castle for the children (plus some brave adults!) and the game began shortly after 2.00pm in front of a very vocal and colourful crowd of over 150. The Whimble boys batted first and made heavy weather of the slow pitch, whilst some supreme bowling from the DDOC bowlers including the smurf and fireman and some dubious shot selections (reverse sweeps !!!!!) kept the boys in check. The boys finally made a respectable total of 146, thanks mainly to a good partnership from Callum Lefebvre and Matt Simpson.

The DDOC response was quickly under threat with some excellent bowling from Sam Jefferson (2-0-3-3) making a big dent in the DDOC top order.



Nicki pictured with her sons Jamie and Matt and other member's of the Whimble Youth Team

Although there were some good innings from Liam and Pyjama Man, with a quick cameo from the smurf, the DDOC were finally all out for 113. The other DDOC wickets being shared between Luke Jefferson, Ollie Wellesley, Dylan Fielding, Joe Palmer, Jamie Parker and Matt Parker.

The match was followed by various speeches and presentations to the people who made the day possible. There was also a presentation to Jamie and Matt from DDOC of a signed England Cricket Bat and also a signed kitbag, shirt and wicket keeping gloves donated by Sarah Taylor (England Woman's Wicket keeper) which she had used on the recent England Ladies tour.

The winners of various stall and draw prizes were given out and a substantial amount was raised towards our goal. Hence the event was deemed a tremendous success with everyone having a really great day in the Whimble sunshine.

I would like to thank the DDOC girls for organising this event, Whimble Cricket Club for providing the facilities and bar, Paul Sharkey of R.D. Johns Ltd., who kindly donated all of the food for the BBQ, and all of the players and helpers on the day. We couldn't have done it without you !

In addition to the above special thanks must go to Jeff Densham (sponsored bike ride prior to the match) and Sam Cortinhas (sponsored swim) for their individual superb efforts.



DDOC team in their fancy dress prior to the game

Thank you to everyone for an amazing day  
Graham

# St Mary's Church

## Follow-up to the Village Survey

In the last edition of The Whimple News I mentioned that we had decided to allocate the analysis of the written answers to various questions from the village survey to small groups of PCC members to work through to see if there are common themes, areas where we could do better or good ideas that we can take forward as initiatives for the community. These teams are now starting to report their findings back to the PCC. However, as mentioned previously, there is undoubtedly no "magic bullet" that can transform things overnight, but the analysis of the responses will help to change our focus so that we re-direct our efforts to try to meet the needs of our community rather better.

For example, to the question "*How can the church be more relevant to more people in the community?*" there were broadly 8 common themes to the responses. These can be summarised under the headings:

- the role of the priest in charge i.e. a leadership position within the community, more visibility.
- community and pastoral involvement i.e. those in the church to be more visible in supporting other village organisations and perhaps developing a community support network, particularly for the elderly.
- welcoming (especially newcomers to the village) i.e. the face of the church (it is **not** an exclusive club) and also perhaps the face of the village - how do we get to know newcomers when they arrive and help them to integrate into the village clubs, organisations, etc.
- regular social events for the community run by the church but not just for church members and probably not held in church.
- use of the church building as a venue for non-religious events e.g. concerts, exhibitions, etc.
- more events and activities for children, youth and young families.
- more contact with the village school.
- shorter and more relevant sermons i.e. addressing the worries that people have today.

In response to the question about *styles and times of services*, there were as many who wanted traditional (no happy-clappy) services as those who wanted more modern services and several people felt the current balance was about right. Many people felt that services at 11 a.m. on a Sunday wrote off the whole day for doing other things with the family and would prefer either an earlier or later service and/or perhaps something midweek.

The responses to *how the building could be made more fit for purpose* ranged from a vehement "do nothing - leave it all alone" to what amounts to "start again with a blank sheet of paper". However in amongst that was a very significant majority who would like the heating upgraded and a number of other comments about the current difficulty of access from The Square for the disabled and those who are now not as agile as they used to be.

The final question i.e. *other comments considered helpful to the PCC*, generally elicited responses that were already covered by the other questions, but perhaps one stood out as a moderate, middle of the road statement that probably will not satisfy either those who want no change or those who want radical change:

*"Although the historic nature of the building is of obvious value, many historic buildings are now brought up to date and are renovated in a sympathetic, interesting way that can preserve heritage yet also reflect modern day usage. I do not think that the church should remain exactly as it is simply because of its age, but should reflect the many ages it has passed through, hopefully will pass through in the future, and be able to meet the needs of the community as a place of Christian gathering, working and worship."*

The bottom line seems to be that whatever the PCC recommends in future with regard to the building, our services and our involvement with the community, there will be some who will want absolute stability and others who will want radical change. Our, perhaps thankless, task is to consult at each stage and to try to accommodate as many views as possible. However, when it comes to big decisions we know that even the General Synod has had to backtrack and finds great difficulty coming up with policies that everyone can accept. We are no different.

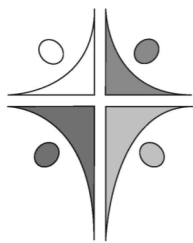
Perhaps the one bright (or hot) spot is that most of you want better heating in church. We have taken that on board, commissioned our architect to draw up some plans and are proposing to apply for a faculty (planning consent from the church authorities) to upgrade the heating. This will involve fitting some storage heaters to provide a stable background temperature and some under-pew heaters in the nave. Some of the radiant heaters currently in the nave will be moved to replace the ineffective heaters in the side aisles. Our aim will be to have this upgrade installed before the winter.

As for any other initiatives, we will discuss the responses with our new priest-in-charge when he arrives in early September and seek guidance that allows us to move on in a consensual way.

**Stephen Godsiff**

on behalf of the Parochial Church Council





## WHIMPLE CHURCH

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Thank you to all those who helped organise the Jubilee Barn Dance at Cotley Farm on 2nd June. The heavy rain showers did not hamper proceedings unduly and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Sunday 3rd June our special Jubilee Service was led by Revd Anna Norman Walker, the Diocesan Missioner for Exeter. We were joined by members of 1st Whimple Scout Group and music was provided by the band. Many people commented on a wonderful service.

For only the second time since the fete was re-started in the mid-nineties, the weather conditions meant that the fete had to be transferred to the Victory Hall. This inevitably presented problems of space for the stalls and a number of competitions could not be run. So a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way, both church members and non-church members, and to the large number of people who still supported the event despite the conditions.

We were again delighted to have with us the talented Whimple School Choir and, for the first time, the Brass Class of Ottery St Mary Silver Band. There was initial concern as to the possible volume of the band playing indoors, but in the event the band made a huge contribution to a unique atmosphere for a village hall fete. The name of the doll was, appropriately for Jubilee year, 'Elizabeth' and was won by Grace Tierney. Around £1,300 was raised for church funds.

There are lots of events to look forward to over the next few months

On Saturday 4th August Clyst St Lawrence are holding their annual Church Fete in Walkleys Field at 2.30pm.

At the end of August we are inviting you all to help give St Mary's a thorough clean in preparation for the Licensing Service which will take place on 4th September. Please come and help on 31st August and 1st September.

Other dates for your diary are firstly on 8th 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.

The major event for September is the Flower Festival taking place on 13th to 16th. Prior to this a Coffee Morning to raise funds is being held on August 21st at Primrose Cottage at 10.30am. If you are able to offer Sponsorship or indeed any other assistance please let us know.



On 4th September there will be a special service held at St Mary's for the Licensing of Chris Martin as our new Priest in Charge of our Mission Community. We are still awaiting further information on the details of this but we are all looking forward to welcoming Chris and his family to our community.

This year's **Back To Church Sunday** will be taking place on 23rd September. This will also be the date for our Annual Harvest Celebration and will be especially designed to appeal to those who have not been to church for a while. Why not come and give it a try - you might be pleasantly surprised! There will be a Bring and Share Lunch afterwards in the Victory Hall.

S Club and Impact are taking a break for the summer but will return in September. The Annual Weekend away for Impact members will take place on the weekend of 19th to 21st October. Please let Maggie and Ian Spicer know if you wish to attend.

## August Services

- 5th 8.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Morning Worship
- 12th 11.00am Holy Communion
- 19th 8.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Celebration Service
- 26th 11.00am Morning Worship

## September Services

- 2nd 8.00am Holy Communion,  
11.00am Morning Worship
- 4th 7.30pm Licensing Service
- 9th 11.00am Holy Communion
- 16th 8.00am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise
- 23rd 11.00am Harvest Festival/Back to Church Sunday
- 30th 8.00am Holy Communion (tbc)  
10.30am Mission Community Service of Holy Communion  
at Clyst St Lawrence

Phyllis and Geoffrey Gardner wish to thank their friends in Whimple for their support in June. The many visits were greatly appreciated. The care shown by so many reflects what a wonderful community we have in Whimple.

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# The Diamond Jubilee

## Jubilee Thanks

The 107 children of Whimble School and the 33 children at the Preschool, together with staff and supporters, received special mugs to mark the Diamond Jubilee.

They were very much appreciated!

Thank you to the Parish Council for their donation and the significant contributions from five residents of Whimble. These included a former pupil, a parent, a governor and another resident.

The mugs were presented to the school children at a Jubilee Assembly, which was followed by a wonderful Jubilee Party. The children sang 'God Save The Queen' at both events.

## Jubilee Barn Dance

About 300 tickets were bought for the Jubilee Barn Dance at Cotley Farm. It was an excellent event despite the rain. A significant sum was raised for the Church, School and Preschool.

## The Jubilee Beacon

The lighting of the beacon was a remarkable event seen by many members of the community from various vantage points including the celebration at the Cricket Club. Huge thanks go to Helen and Lester as well as Ray.

## Jubilee Picnic in the park

About 60 people gathered in the Parish Field for an impromptu Jubilee Picnic in the Parish Field. The weather was kind, the children played while the adults chatted. The afternoon ended with a game of rounders which went on for some considerable time. Well done to Liz Silk for suggesting it.

## YOUR FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOU!



Whimble FC play in the premier division of the Exeter and District Sunday League. We are looking for new (or old) blood to add to our ageing crop of players. Minimum age of 16, but otherwise all ages / playing abilities considered. Those from Whimble and surrounding villages would be particularly welcome.

Pre season training will be starting at Knowle Cross (cricket club) at 10:30am on 15th July and each Sunday until the start of the season.

Please contact manager Matt Powell (07808 762736) or secretary Julian Johnson (07870 240078) if interested. **Julian**



This is the time of year when the school would like to say a great big thank to everyone; staff, parents, governors and all others in the Whimble area for continuing to support us in everything we do. The children have had another fantastic year and we will see you all again in September. We are all hoping for some sunshine too!  
**Carole Shilston**

ON the 21st of May 2012 years 6, 5 and 4 went on a residential at Grenville house in Brixham. All week we had glorious weather with no rain! When we arrived there we had a tour and then we were showed our dorms. Then we had our packed lunch and got stuck right into our first activity. After that we had dinner which was delicious! We did two activities a day which were canoeing, abseiling, costal walk, high ropes orienteering, raft building and problem solving. In the high ropes area we were split in to 4 groups and 1 member from each team at a time could go and build a really high tower of crates and then the instructor pushed it down! Then there was the leap of faith, it was really wobbly but it was still fun! The high ropes course was really fun and was quite hard. It was really fun and everyone was challenging themselves and everyone enjoyed it and thought it was epic.

## Grenville House

**Peter Betts Year 6**

**Schoolympics** On the 21st of June our school took part in a school Olympics event. Unfortunately it rained for the whole day **but every one** still had a smile on their face! As well as being wet it was freezing but it still went ahead and it was worth it because it was so fun. We made new friends and met new people and had a laugh. We were put into countries and had a special t-shirt to go with it. If you came first then you would be helping your team by getting a gold and they would add it up at the end and whoever had the most gold would get a gold medal presented by Duncan Goodhew, the Olympic gold and bronze medal swimmer. The USA team came 1st, China came 2nd and Turkey came 3rd. This event wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the chewits sportsmen which helped a lot and to all the Clyst Vale teenagers that helped support us and made it a fun day. Thank you as well for the teachers' help and it wouldn't be a school event without the schools so thanks as well for all the schools that took part in this wet, cold but happy event. As soon as the event had finished we scurried in the coach and that is when we realised how soaked we were because our t-shirts had suddenly turned a darker shade.

By **Freya Westney**

# The Music Assembly

On the 4th of July, there was yet another Music Assembly but this time with even more talent! The theme was Rocking Royals. Choir sang their rock'n'roll songs and the Choirs favourite, the Horrible Histories Kings and Queens Song. The Advanced Recorder Club played their classy piece from the Royal Fireworks while the Beginners played London's Burning and Bobby Shafto and Michael Finnegan. We had the Guitar groups play even more rock'n'roll. Not to forget the Orchestra with their James Bond piece (and their 3D glasses!). We had lots of solo players too including a piano player, a banjo player, a clarinet piece, a trombonist and a singer. There was a great audience to cheer for everyone too and we are sure everyone enjoyed that afternoon!

By **Kiko Keighery**

## Life skills

On Monday the 2nd of July year 6 went to the Donkey Sanctuary near Sidmouth to do their life skills. We did all sorts of things like first aid, prank calls, Devon County Council how to stay safe, learning information about alcohol, about safety with fires, how to wash your hands properly, then we watched a video about how to stay safe on a computer game not giving away any private information. We went to the nurse about what not to take and about overdose and finally we did some things about how to stay safe when at sea and the flag colours and what a lifeguards job is and then after all of that excitement all of year 6 went to the Donkey Sanctuary to see all of the donkeys. By **Elly Monteiro**

## Sports Day

On the 14th June the school had its annual sports day. It kicked off at 10'o clock with the ks1's obstacle races and then their flat races. After lunch the ks1 went back to school and the afternoon began. Ks2's sports day started with the flat races which then led into the team games. After the team games came the jubilee themed obstacle race-oh dear! It was so chaotic that even the teachers could not stop laughing out loud. First you had to throw the sceptre then run to a large hoop, Put on your royal glove and crown and do the hoopla whilst doing a royal wave and shouting GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!! Secondly you ran to your trusty steed, galloped to the show jumping trials and leap over the jump to victory-(nearly). Finally you put on your cape and crown and rode to glory on a space hopper. Phew!

By **Robbie Palmer**

## THE SUMMER FAIR

On the 23rd of June it was the summer fair at the school. It was lovely weather and we all had a great time. Lots of children ran games and stalls and we raised over £1,000. There were ice creams and drinks and then some people danced around the maypole. In the afternoon the choir performed which was epic.

By **Peter Betts**

# Whimble History Society



## Village Archive

Having joined the History Society when we first arrived in Whimble, it is only now that I have really discovered what **a fantastic archive of village life** we have. For tens of years volunteers have been gathering all sorts of artefacts, photographs and literature relating to every aspect of life in Whimble and it's **available to everyone through the Heritage Centre**. If you have a question about your house, your family or anything related to Whimble, those in charge of the archive will almost certainly be able to answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can.

As a Whimble Parish Councillor I have been particularly interested in the council minute books dating back to 1894. Through a series of short articles I would like to share some of the issues that have occupied the council during the past 110 years.

I will start at the beginning and introduce the very first Parish Council formed under the Local Government Act of 1894. I quote from the minute book regarding the first meeting which was opened by an appointed overseer:

*'The first Parish Council meeting was held in The National School Room, Whimble on Tuesday the 4th December 1894 at 6-30 o'clock in the evening. The overseer read the notice convening the meeting and called on the electors to choose a chairman. John Venn was proposed and unanimously elected chairman at 6.42 o'clock.'*

*Having taken the chair, it was his duty to receive nominations of candidates for the office of Parish Councillor and to take the votes by a show of hands in favour only of each candidate.*

*'There were eleven nomination papers to be handed in. The chairman then asked if any of the electors wished to put any questions to any of the candidates - no questions were asked.*

*The chairman said there were eleven nomination papers and as only nine could be elected (the same as today) he asked whether any of the candidates were willing to withdraw - no withdrawals took place.*

*A show of hands was then called for in favour of each candidate.. The chairman declared the first nine duly elected.'*

These were Messrs T Cooke, A Smith, H Critchett, H Imbert-Terry, W Brooke, H Godfrey, P Newberry, A Sanders, F Turl.

*'The chairman then asked if any parochial elector demanded a poll - no poll was demanded and at the expiration of the minutes the meeting was closed. The minutes were signed by John Venn.'*

The first minute book describes in detail the business and procedures of the first and subsequent meetings.

*'The first Parish Council will come into office on 13th December 1894 and will continue in office until 15th April 1896. In every year on or within seven days after 15th April the Parish Council must hold an annual meeting. Three other meetings in each year must also be held. Every meeting is to be opened to the public unless the council otherwise direct.'*

110 years later these requirements still apply.

Councillor Sue Ayres - Whimble Parish Council

## **Whimble Victory Hall**

**The Annual General Meeting  
will be held**

**at 7.00pm on Monday 10th September.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend**

## **Whimble Victory Hall**



***Come and Join us for a  
Soup and Sarnie Lunch  
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***on Saturday 29th September***

***There will be no Soup'n'Sarnie Lunch in August***

# Summer Music At the Cricket Field

It's almost that time of year again, when we ask 'Who's playing at The Whimble Cricket Club this year?'.....well if you didn't already know, it's a tribute band named 'Call Me Blondie' with great support from Carnaby Street. The date is Saturday 8th September, gates open at 6.00pm, music starts at 7.00pm with 'Call Me Blondie' on at about 9.00pm, and with a finishing time of about 10.45pm. Adults tickets at £10.00 each, and children's [under 16's] tickets at only £5.00. Tickets available from John at Handsome Dicks Records, in person or online at [www.handsomedicksrecords.co.uk](http://www.handsomedicksrecords.co.uk) or from Whimble Post office, Whimble Cricket Club or even Tourist Information Centre in Ottery. As always at the Cricket Club concerts, there will be a full bar and a hog roast in attendance

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# Wasters of Whimble

## **Fashumble**

Many thanks to all who supported the Fashumble in May. 420 pieces of clothing were offered for sale with 118 being re-homed. £423.80 went back to the sellers with £232.25 profit going to the Friends of Whimble School to be used towards an eco project.

We hope those who took part enjoyed the experience and can spread the word to friends and family to support future events or if anyone wants to run a similar event in their community we will be happy to offer information.

## **Food Hub**

700 questionnaires were delivered in the Parish to try to establish if a scheme to buy local and seasonal produce would be welcomed in the village. Nearly 50 people responded and the majority were all positive and recognised the benefits such a scheme could be.

Some people expressed concern over the potential of competition to the shop and Post Office and we apologise for not making it clear before the questionnaires were sent out that we hugely value Graham, Alison & Jim and would hope to work with them to avoid any unnecessary competition. We also ensured that Pithayes, Cotley and London Road Garage as well as other local producers and businesses had received copies of the questionnaire to keep them informed as we believe this could be an opportunity for them to benefit if they want to.

We hope this project will encourage people to buy locally and support local producers and businesses rather than people giving their business to the large supermarkets. The importance of the Village Shop, Post Office and Garage has never been underestimated and we strongly encourage people to use these facilities to ensure we can keep them open.

We hope the scheme will offer local/seasonal fresh produce as well as artisan bakery goods, local meat and the majority of things most of us use but with the emphasis on local producers or sources. Aiming toward convenience there should eventually be options to buy 'meal packs' for those busy people who want to cook fresh but don't have the time to shop for all the ingredients. Work needs to be done to confirm that prices can be competitive with a profit element that can go back to the community.

The aim of the project is to encourage people away from the over-packaged, much travelled and highly processed foods found in supermarkets and promote the everyday essentials our village businesses offer.

## **Dates of future events.**

12th September - Next meeting

22nd September - Village Day - recycling centre

29th September - Village Garage Sale 11am-2pm – if you are interested in being part of this please contact us immediately and we will decide in the summer if we have enough interest to run this event.

If it goes ahead we will draft a map of properties taking part and advertise this for people to have the option of also having coffee and cake in the church in the morning and Soup'n,Sarnie in the hall for lunch. This event will only go ahead if there is enough interest by 31st August.

12th October - Green Deal – an open night to discuss the governments new Green Deal initiative.

23rd November - Local Food ordering night – if there is enough interest in the food buying scheme we intend to invite producers to bring along samples of their food for you to try with the option to make orders to be delivered to the Village.

November - Community tree planting of 60 trees including a Jubilee Oak.

If you would like to join our group or have any ideas to offer please contact us. We are an informal group with an aim to encourage recycling and environmental awareness through useful and fun projects that benefit our community.

**Any enquiries please contact:**

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Is it because we feel we shouldn't talk about it or is it just that we are not sure how to.

How much easier would it be if we made plans for when we die?

- It would be just how we wanted it to be
- It would take the worry away from all those we have left behind
- We could stop worrying about those we will leave behind

Wouldn't it be good to talk about dying openly, it comes to us all eventually.

Well here is your chance

**On Saturday 22nd September 10.00am – 12.00noon**

**The Institute – Ottery St Mary**

Come along at anytime for a free cup of tea and cakes..... including the 'chocolate' variety. Ask all the questions you never like to ask. Free advice from a solicitor, undertaker, vicar, organ donation, hospice nurse, humanist and a doctor.

Get the 'top tips' on how to start talking to your children, family and friends about dying. It's never too early! That way you also get to change your mind, just like you do in life!

Lots of information for you to plan your life and death because 'Dying Matters'. We had really positive feedback from the event last year:

- 'Really helpful – good to talk about such a taboo subject'!
- 'Very pleased that such an event has taken place in Ottery'
- 'It's good to talk about death in a normal and helpful way'
- 'Do it again'
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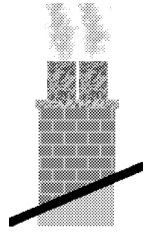
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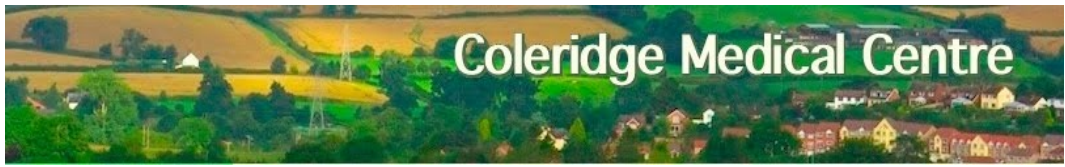
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### **Is this service right for you?**

Yes, if you have a stable condition and you:

- don't want to go to your GP practice every time to collect your repeat prescription.
- collect your medicines from the same place most of the time.
- use a prescription collection service now.

### **No, if you:**

- don't get prescriptions very often.
- pick up your medicines from different places.
- travel or work away from home a lot.

### **How can you use EPS?**

You need to choose a place for your GP practice to electronically send your prescription to. This is called nomination. You can choose:

- a pharmacy or a
- a dispensing appliance contractor (if you use one).

Ask any pharmacy or dispensing appliance contractor that offers EPS or your GP practice to add your nomination for you. You don't need a computer to do this.

### **Can I change my nomination or cancel it and get a paper prescription?**

Yes you can. If you don't want your prescription to be sent electronically tell your GP. If you want to change or cancel your nomination speak to any pharmacist or dispensing appliance contractor that offers EPS, or your GP practice. Tell them before your next prescription is due or your prescription may be sent to the wrong place.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2012

**MONDAY 17/09/12**

**MONDAY 19/11/12**

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# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

This certainly has been a busy period for the VPA. The Plant Sale in May was again a very busy morning. There was the usual manic rush for the first hour when the Victory Hall was full of bargain hunters! Hopefully everyone who came found something they wanted. Clearly we shall have to have more of some plant varieties as there definitely were one or two plants that everyone seemed to want.

There have been a number of visits, not least the trip to Highgrove which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was followed by a trip to visit Burrow Farms Gardens at Dalwood, near Axminster. A few members got together and drove over to Dalwood to see these gardens which have been developed by Mary Bengier and her family and have become very popular among plant enthusiasts. We are already looking ahead for future talks so if there is any topic you think would be of interest then please let us know and we shall see what we can do.

Most of you will now have had your Show Schedule, but for those of you haven't, copies can be obtained from the Post Office or Whimple Stores – but only while supplies last! Alternatively, a copy and entry form can be downloaded from our website, details below. Don't forget, the Show date has moved to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September. For those entering Section One, the Vegetable and Flower Classes, it is certainly going to be a challenge to have something for the Show. It has been suggested that we introduce a wildlife section and have a class for the largest slug, however as it couldn't be guaranteed to stay in its allotted space on the Show table, we have declined that option!!

Hopefully there will be some semblance of summer by the time of the Show.

Details of all our events are listed on the website which is: [www.whimplevpa.org.uk](http://www.whimplevpa.org.uk)

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Secretary.

## OVER 60s CLUB

Coach trips leaving The Square at 9.00 a.m.

- 17th July St Fagans (Wales)
- 21st August Dingles Museum (Lifton)
- 18th September Newquay (Cornwall)
- 7th October (Sunday) The New Forest
- 6th November Barnstaple
- 4th December Christmas Lunch at Mount Pleasant, Dawlish.  
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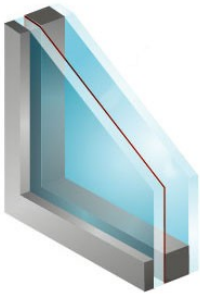
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