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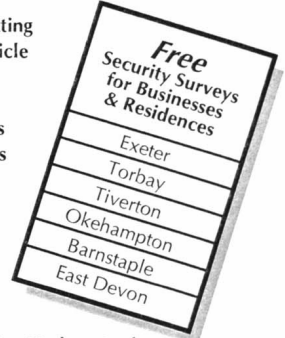


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A message from Bob

Pam Scanlan

I am devastated at the loss of Pam and cannot put my feelings any better than my son Martin when he wrote:

“I lost my mum a couple of days ago. It is and, I hope, always will be the very worst thing that I could ever imagine.

She taught me more about life in the 44 years we had together than anyone else did, and more about death in her last few days than anyone could ever imagine. She lived her last few hours in exactly the way she had lived her entire life, she made us laugh, she made us feel loved and she made us know that it was all going to be okay.

We will miss her more than I could ever express. The beating heart at the centre of our family has been taken from us and that is something that we can never replace.

I know that many of you who met her felt very close to her, and the messages she received from you as she battled with illness always brought great comfort to her and made her smile. I want to say a massive personal thanks to all of you for that, it made a huge, huge difference.

Bye mum and thanks for everything. I love you xxx”

Pam loved this village.

All of my family, Andrew, Martin , Lesley, Peter, and I, will be eternally grateful to her multitude of friends who, as I write this, are preparing to celebrate her life in true Whimple style. Thank you.

Bob Scanlan



Ed the Ed

This edition of your Whimble News is dedicated to Pam Scanlan, who sadly passed away on 20th July. Pam was a great member of the Whimble community and a fine example of my favourite mantra, 'Ask not what your village can do for you, but what you can do for your village'. Pam certainly lived that to the full – at various times, she was a member of the Whimble News team, the President of the Whimble WI, the Secretary of the Village Hall committee, a member of the Village Week team, the Chair of the Primary School Governors, and an active member of the Soup and Sarnie team. ...plus a proud mother and grandmother. Our thoughts are with Bob and his family.

Pam had a great sense of humour, and would come into the shop, stand at the door, see that I was behind the counter, and say 'Oh good grief, I was hoping that someone sensible was in the shop today' – and then give me a lovely hug! My favourite story about Pam concerns the draft copies of the Whimble News that the proofreaders receive – in my copy one time, after the Panto, was a particularly withering review of the event, by Pam. I was disappointed to find that she was less than impressed. Later on that day, she confessed that my copy was the only one to have that poor review in – everyone else had received a glowing version! Pam and Bob had created a special version of the draft News just for me! We will miss her.

This edition is really the Village Week Review; we have included some great colour photos in the centre pages that reflect what a great week we had – many congratulations and thanks to everyone involved. I had great fun judging the Fancy Dress, and so far, Dairy Cottage has not been firebombed by a disgruntled parent disputing my selections!

Jenny has provided an update about the shop in this edition, but misses out the extra duties we perform for the visiting public – taking phone calls asking about when and for how long the Fish and Chip van stays in The Square on a Friday; providing directions to van drivers and visitors; returning model boats found in the stream and my favourite – a gentleman who had booked a B&B in Whimble but had arrived without any supporting paperwork 'Could we help him to find which B&B he should be in?' Of course we could!

Peter Bowden has also updated us with things County Council, and has encouraged us all to get involved with the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan which will give us ownership of Whimble for the future. Please take up that invitation!

I am still disappointed with the state of the old Post Office, where the Creasey's have failed to put up proper curtains and have used whitewash on the windows, with a teasing clean pane so you think that you can have a good nosy look in, to check that Jim is progressing with the plans to turn it into a sauna and steam room. But No! Even that little 'window of discovery' has some special plastic sheeting over it – we will just have to wait for Jim.

If you would like to submit an article for this great magazine then please either send it to bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk or leave it in the mail box at Dairy Cottage, opposite the New Fountain by 14 September. Thanks!

Ed H



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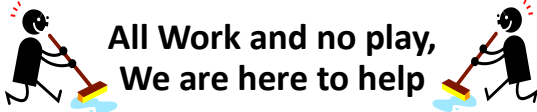
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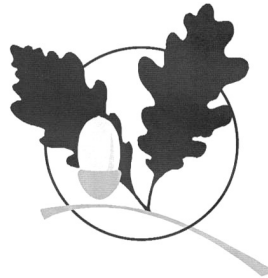
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What's On In Whimple

August

- 8th VPA Annual Flower and Craft Show Victory Hall - details page 14
- 11th Whimple WI Centenary Celebrations - lunch. Victory Hall. Details page 51
- 15th Dog Racing 3.00 p.m. - at field opposite Cricket Club Car Park
- 29th Soup and Sarnie at Victory Hall 12.00 noon - 1.30 p.m. - details page 19
- 31st Whimple and Broadclyst Young Farmers - Victory Hall - Charity Big Breakfast - 8.00 a.m. -12.00 noon -

September

- 5th 'Godspell' - one day workshop - details page 36
- 11th Michael Morpurgo in Honiton on behalf of Villages in Action - details page 13
- 19th Front Row Club at Victory hall - Opera Australia and 'Aida' - details to follow
- 20th VPA trip to Rosemoor - details page 14
- 24th Whimple History Society talk - Victory Hall 7.30 p.m. - Sue Ayres and ' A social picture of Whimple in the Great War years'
- 26th Soup and Sarnie at Victory Hall 12.00 noon - 1.30 p.m. - details page 19

October

- 9th David 'Bumble' Lloyd - Question and Answer at Whimple Cricket Club - details page 9
- 23rd Whimple History Society talk - Victory Hall 7.30 p.m. - Mike Richards and 'Executions in Exeter'

November

- 20th Whimple History Society talk - Victory Hall 7.30 p.m. - Reuben Ayres and 'Dr Peter Hennis - the last man to die in a duel in Exeter'



News from Whimble Stores

We are delighted that so many people are enjoying a coffee or tea with friends at the shop. It is lovely to hear the shop so alive with chat and laughter.

The village and community are very important to us, as is our interest in the environment that surrounds us.

Every delivery we receive comes in packaging. Either cardboard or cling wrap, both of which we separate and recycle. We also recycle hard plastics, food waste and, of course, the cans, bottles, paper and batteries that can be recycled kerbside. What can't go in our green bin, is taken to the recycling centres or Bookers wholesalers. This does mean we have a network of recycling bins in our store room and that we have to regularly load up our car. It is important to us that we are recycling as much as we can and we hope it is reassuring to you that our waste going to landfill is minimal. We are working on ways of reducing our energy consumption and we do try to turn lights off on bright sunny days.

Another thing we think we should be looking at is the use of plastic bags. We are trying to use biodegradable, paper or recycled bags. If you forget your bag we are happy to provide one, but we would prefer not to be handing out plastic carriers with every transaction. From 1st September we will be offering customers the opportunity to either borrow a bag, use a recycled bag or to buy a new carrier. New carriers will be sold for 10p each – this money to go into a charity box.

We are settling into Post Office life, although there is often something new that we haven't come across before (including forgetting to order coins!). We can always find things out but may need a little time to do this, so thank you for your patience while we try to make sure we do things right for you. Weekdays we have a collection before 11.30am and 5pm. The 5pm collection takes all the end of day transactions which takes about 15 minutes to complete. To allow for serving customers we tend to start getting things ready at 4.30pm. We leave special deliveries until last but we have to have everything ready for the Post man to collect at 5pm, so anything coming in after 4.45pm may not be processed in time for the end of day collection. On Saturdays the collection is before 12 but there is no collection on Sunday. Don't forget that, when the shop is open the Post Office is open, so feel free to pop in on Sundays or from 7.30am on weekdays.

Mark and Jenny 01404 822316

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY.... **BUMBLE** IS COMING TO WHIMPLE

Whimple Cricket Club are very excited to announce that on the 9th October we are holding a night with **BUMBLE**, yes David Lloyd is coming to Whimple for a Q&A night to help us raise funds for a new electronic scoreboard and a new pavilion roof.

Option One: a premier table for 10. To include a top table, waiter service, a choice of 3 curry and sides, question for bumble, signed memorabilia. Cost £450

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It's been a busy Summer term at preschool. The children have enjoyed lots of play in our lovely garden. We are very grateful for the amount of trees in the garden that give us lots of shady areas which has been lovely on the hotter days.

We had a visit from local PCSOs Steve Trail and Jack Stannard – they talked to the children about their job and showed them some of their 'crime busting' resources. The children got to try on some of the uniform and even go in the back of the police van.

We had our summer fair, which was great as the sun shone, the children enjoyed the bouncy castle, face painting and lots of fun games and stalls. We raised over £250 which will go towards funding our outside shelter. Thank you to all who supported this.

We went on a fantastic trip to 'Eco Explorers' Forest School in Enna Woods near Offwell where the children learnt

about camouflage, looked for mini beasts, built a giant bird's nest and made a dragonfly out of clay and natural materials. The children really enjoyed their experience of exploring the natural world.

16 of our children have been preparing themselves for the next big step in their life – starting school. We would like to wish them all lots of happiness and success in this new chapter of their life. We will miss them very much at preschool but know that they are ready to move on to the reception class at school.

We look forward to welcoming lots of new 2 ½ and 3 year olds to preschool in the Autumn Term.

REMEMBER, if you are planning your garden please purchase your seeds, plants & equipment online at...
www.littlegreensprouts.co.uk/whimble_pre_school_playgroup



Information...

We have spaces at preschool for children aged from 2 ½ to school age, please contact Jo Sibley on **07794 652549** to find out more about us.

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Please visit our website – www.whimblepreschool.com for more information and to find out what we have been up to!

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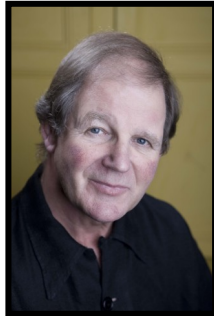


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Our event was the coach trip to Rosemoor Gardens on Sunday 21st July which was another great success. As with the trip to Marwood gardens, this was another joint venture with the Ottery St. Mary Garden Club and was very well attended. Rosemoor was looking impeccable as ever with the two rose gardens in all their glory, as indeed were the rest of the gardens. One of the party commented that they wish they could grow vegetables like they had in their gardens!! The only slight disappointment was the long queue for lunch, but then that was only due to the popularity of Rosemoor at this time of year.

The trip was so successful that another one is being planned to Rosemoor in September for the Clematis weekend which will also coincide with West Country Food Fair which is on at the same time. The date for this trip is Sunday 20 September 2015 and again it will be a joint trip with the Ottery St. Mary Club. The cost for this trip will be £8.00 for VPA members and £9.00 for non members and anyone who wants to go should contact Doreen Staddon by telephone on 01404 823594, or by email on doreenstaddon@btinternet.com early booking is advised as this is likely to be a popular trip!

By the time this gets to your door steps you will all no doubt be putting your finishing touches to the many exhibits you will all be entering in our annual Flower Show on Saturday 8 August. Please note that we are only taking entries on one night this year, Wednesday 5 August. Please bring your entries to the Billiard Room at the rear of the Village Hall between 18:30hrs and 21:00 hrs.

We look forward to seeing you the Annual Flower Show which we are hoping will be another great show.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.



GARDEN SHARE POSSIBILITIES

You may have a garden, which is possibly too big to cope with, and may like to share it for mutual vegetable growing with another person, who would gladly help with heavier tasks.

If this is the case, I would gladly help get the pumpkin rolling, if you would like to register your position with myself, or other "Wasters of Whimple" member, Hugh Roberts 822651



*Thank
you*

First of all, a very big thank you to the 210 people in Whimble who contributed a grand total of £1443 including Gift Aid. This represented a 20% increase on 2014.

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Aubrey Curry



Meals and Wheels boost for Classics Galore!

Organisers of the popular Classics Galore! concert featuring the Ottery St Mary Choral Society have introduced changes for this year, designed to make the evening even better for concert-goers.

The event is staged every two years to raise money for local cancer charity FORCE and this year's concert at the University of Exeter Great Hall is on Saturday November 14.

There will be free shuttle buses running from the university car parks and, for the first time, pre-concert meals will be available.

"The walk from the car parks to the Great Hall is quite long and uphill on the way back so we feel buses will be much appreciated, particularly by older patrons, and even more so if it is a wet evening," said Classics Galore! treasurer Liz Hooper.

"Such is the attraction of this wonderful fundraising extravaganza, people often travel a considerable distance from across the county and beyond to give their support. It is therefore a lovely way to start the evening by relaxing after the journey over a meal with friends at the concert venue - so much easier than trying to park in the city and finding a place to grab an early snack before heading for the university," she added.

The shuttles will operate from 5-11pm between campus car parks A and B and the Great Hall and the University's Terrace Restaurant will open at 5.30pm.

There is no need to pre-book the buses or pre-order food.

Classics Galore! has been held every two years since 2007 and has raised more than £50,000 for FORCE.

The Last Night of the Proms style concert features 200 performers under musical director Malcolm Matthews from Tipton St John in a programme of familiar and uplifting music.

PANTOMIME DAME RACING!

I just wanted to say a big Thank You to Peter Bartlett-Horwood, Jeremy Wilson and the team for organising the Dame Racing at the Scout Hut. A fantastic time was had by all as people flocked to see just what it was all about.



They soon found out that it was nothing to do with people dressed up as women and running around the village, but a carefully planned event involving hurdles and water jumps, and the moves determined by the throw of a dice. The track marshals were splendid and managed to keep the frisky Dames under control. Food and drink were in plentiful supply, and the three ladies on the Tote were kept very busy as money changed hands with people placing their bets, and some forming syndicates to buy their own Dame.



Ron and Sam (the sound guru's) made sure that the Master of Ceremonies Mr Jeremy Wilson could be heard over the screams of delight from the children, who were armed with water pistols ready to squirt whichever Dame was unlucky to land on a water jump. All ably assisted by Chester the Jester from.....



Cont.....

The setting was just perfect, although it might have seemed a little strange for the commuters on the trains, as they were slowing down on the approach to Whimble station and happened to glance out of the window only to see 6 Pantomime Dames in full costume and make up waving at them. However this IS Whimble!

One final BIG thank you needs to go to Clive, Marianne and Malcolm who very generously donated their substantial winnings back to The Whimbletons. The whole event was such a big success that we have decided to do it all over again next year. OH YES WE HAVE!

Here are a few of the comments that were posted on The Whimbletons Facebook Page (Search for The Whimbletons Community page).

"I haven't laughed as much in ages!

"What a blast! Just hilarious"

"Please do it again next year"

"I thought Whimble was a sleepy little village.

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Cathy Bartlett-Horwood

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THANK YOU!

When the sun shines there is no place like England and we, in Whimble, were particularly lucky to have the sun shining on our **Church Fete** on **Saturday, 13th June**. There were nervous moments the day before, and even the previous night, as the rain fell but, as the day dawned, it was clear that we were in luck's way – someone up there was watching over us. Rev'd Chris Martin opened the Fete and then the Ottery St Mary Silver Band (Brass Class) entertained the crowd. Later on, the Whimble School Choir sang beautifully and everyone was captivated. We were very proud of the Choir and Emma Palmer.

There were many stalls and games for all ages. Standing at one end of the grounds you could hear the excitement mounting, as people waited for the lucky card to win a bottle, to get a hole-in-one or throw a block of wood at a piece of china, whilst some quietly browsed through the bargains in other stalls. The cream teas, Pimm's, ice cream, pop corn and drinks and cake stalls all sold out. Lots of plants were on sale and, hopefully, everyone will have them in the ground or in pots by now. The Raffle was huge and did extremely well. One of the many popular stalls had to be "Pillory the Priest". It felt strange throwing wet sponges at poor Chris and it could not have been comfortable for him to remain soaking until the end of the afternoon but, bless him, he carried on throughout, always with a smile.

All this fun and fund raising would not have been possible without the help of our stall holders, their helpers and customers, the many people who helped set up and take down furniture and gazebos, and Mike & Avril Ellingham for allowing us to use their beautiful garden and kitchen. Never has a Fete had a smarter traffic control warden than John Ball!

The Church funds have been enhanced considerably by the marvellous profit of **£2,006.63**.

THANK YOU to each and every one of you who helped, supported, and gave so generously. It was a glorious and memorable day.

Mike & Tamara Snell
Co-ordinators



Big Tick Project to track rising threat of Lyme disease

Vets across the UK are set to take part in the Big Tick Project, the largest nationwide collection of ticks from dogs in a bid to help scientists, led by Professor Richard Wall at the University of Bristol, track what is feared to be a growing threat to people and their dogs from tick-borne zoonotic diseases such as Lyme disease (*Borrelia*).

In the UK, Public Health England estimates the number of new cases each year at around 3,000 while Lyme disease charities say the figure could even be as high as 15,000 annually. However, the majority of people are unaware that this potentially debilitating condition also affects our pet dogs.

Lyme disease is caused by a bite from an infected tick. Dogs can be bitten while being taken for walks through wooded areas or parkland in both urban and rural areas. Signs including lameness, lethargy and fever can be seen and, left untreated; these can lead to more serious conditions such as kidney disease and heart failure. Many cases of tick infestation are likely to go unnoticed by owners as they are only detected by a thorough examination.

Research released today to coincide with the launch finds an alarming lack of awareness amongst dog owners about ticks and Lyme disease: 47 per cent of dog owners surveyed don't know that ticks can transmit diseases to both dogs and humans, whilst over half (54 per cent) of dog owners don't know that Lyme disease affects both dogs and humans.

Cabot Institute member Professor Richard Wall and colleagues in Bristol's

Throughout spring and early summer when ticks are most active, vets taking part in the Big Tick Project will be giving dogs visiting their practice a tick check. The ticks collected by vet practices will be sent for testing to the team of scientists at the University of Bristol leading the Big Tick Project.

School of Biological Sciences will be examining the ticks for the presence of Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases which it is feared may be emerging in the UK. Owners whose dogs have taken part in the project at participating vets will receive a Big Tick Project certificate and have helped advance the knowledge surround tick-borne disease in the UK.

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Taken from an article released by the Cabot Institute Bristol University 23/04/15



The sun was shining, the maypole was in pride of place, the bunting was strung, the gazebos were up and the school gates were open to all on a Saturday afternoon.

This could mean only mean one thing; the Whimple Primary School Summer Fayre, which took place on Saturday 27th June this year, and what a Fayre it was!

There were twelve children's stalls ranging from apple bobbing to nerf gun target practice, a fabulous BBQ and bar, gorgeous cream teas, ice cream, face painting and glitter tattoos, the school choir, a Frozen sing-a-along with Julia Green and a raffle with fantastic prizes. We had it all!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part, ran a stall/game, helped, baked, donated items and attended. The children in particular were amazing and worked so very hard. Well done all!

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From Councillor Peter Bowden.



Whilst summer is here at last we have much to ponder with a budget that included more money for superfast broadband, £7.2billion for transport into the South West and elsewhere, whilst at the same time the new minimum wage will cost DCC over £6.4 million a year (an extra 2% in council tax).

Despite considerable savings we continue to improve programmes for Children Services and resist the closure of hospital beds. Demands on the social care budgets (youth, children, elderly) continue to increase but for the 24th year in succession Devon County returned a balanced budget – a creditable achievement.

Most recent meetings in County Hall have revolved around the future of the Exeter Metro and Rail Connections to Waterloo. The implications for Whimble are not yet clear, but opening Cranbrook station has been factored into the existing timetable. Much talk of the added passing loop between Honiton and Whimble, a second station at Cranbrook (East), near the new school, and ambitions to run integrated services with the Exeter Metro System to improve commuting capacity are proving very interesting: not least because it means better services (in due course) for Whimble and Feniton. Wider afield, South West Trains and Network Rail discuss the re-opening of Yeovil Pen Mill, realignment at Chard Junction and improved interchanges at Yeovil, which will mean long term investment and better capacity into the South West. In the immediate future, Cranbrook station is almost ready to open. In September, a public consultation will begin into the future of the SWT/Stagecoach franchise and I hope that many of you will feel charged to make comment into how you wish to see services develop into the future.

Other County matters include the planned extraction of minerals from Straitgate Farm OSM, and the issues surrounding the grass cutting programme. I am aware that a number of residents at Willow View and around the Daisymount area have made comment to DCC, and I hope as many as feel able will express an opinion. In addition, I have successfully argued for a revision of the developed policy towards hedge cutting, ditch clearing, drainage and the extent to which parish councils should be supported when operating the Road and Snow Warden self-help schemes.

East Devon District Council is in the middle of a trial waste collection initiative, with a view to improving recycling levels and reducing waste to landfill. Cardboard collection is high on the agenda and the weekly collection of recyclable waste is to be maintained. The costs of sending waste to landfill are spiralling and we hope that, by improving recycled collection levels, less will be simply chucked into the general waste bins and sent to landfill sites.

Planning issues continue to dominate much time in EDDC. The inspector has completed his initial probe into the revisions for the local plan and local issues await the determination by enquiry into applications in Talaton, which will have repercussions throughout East Devon. Future plans for the expansion of Cranbrook have reached a critical phase and the pressure to extend Cranbrook further into Whimble is increasing. I understand that Whimble have made some progress with a Neighbourhood Plan (an essential document) which will help the village to determine, by its own wishes, where and when development takes place. This does not mean you can stop development altogether, but it will mean you have a much more influential say in what happens next. Please become a part of the plan progress and have your say – Whimble is our home after all.

Best regards
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Whimble Tennis Club Social Event – Thursday 9th July Village Week

We couldn't have asked for better weather to have a social gathering at the tennis court – beautifully warm, dry and sunny. Several existing members turned out and a couple of new members came along to join in the 'social' tennis games – no great competitive matches!

Thank you to Frankie Wilson and Joy Whiteley for organising the 'sausage sizzle', and Rob Davis for getting the BBQ well underway before Malcolm Randall took over to make it look as though he had been in charge of cooking!!

Look forward to seeing lots of folk for the Thursday evening club nights, from 6.30pm, all summer. For membership enquiries please contact Marianne Randall

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*News Team Note:
This pic will bring
the new members in,
Marianne! Sally*

VILLAGE WEEK 2015

What a fantastic Whimble Week again this year!

Everything was really well supported and the Treasure Hunt was so popular that more entry forms had to be printed!

The week started with the Single Wicket, followed by fun and laughter courtesy of the excellent Scott Doonican (one of the infamous Bar Stewards Of Val Doonican, regulars at Beautiful Days). Another great booking from On A Whim Promotions.

Monday brought fantastic treat from The Front Row Club, with the amazing film Paddington and live music from Velvet & Stone (see write up from Nicky H).

On Tuesday, the aforementioned Treasure Hunt was brilliant fun, as always. (We all get stuck on something in the Church, every year!) and thanks to Dominic and Steve for hosting us afterwards for the first time as new owners of The New Fountain Inn . Lovely to see Gill tracking down the clues this year!

Afterwards, the Morris Men put on an excellent show, as always.

Following the Beetle Drive, Wednesday's evening event was the Big Quiz, hosted by The Whimbletons, and, again, more tables had to be found to cope with the crowds. Great support!

Thursday brought Football, Bingo, Children's Skittles and a Tennis Club Social.

Friday, the ever - popular annual Sing-along-a-Picnic's continued with Orchard Harmony, live music at the Farmer and the Skittles Adult final.

Lots of other events happened throughout the week, and see pics for the Big Event on Saturday.

The sun even came along for most of the time and let's not forget the Ducks!

Thanks to everyone who organised and came along to enjoy The Week.

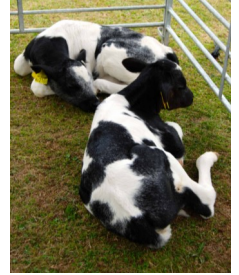
We really have a generous, fun and giving Village. Sally x





Village

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Week 2015





Front Row Pimms and Paddington Night

When the schedule for Village Week came out, one of the first events to catch my eye was the Front Row Clubs offering of Pimms and Paddington on the Monday night. Never one to turn down a glass of Pimms and being a huge Paddington fan as a child this was an event, for me, not to be missed. An added bonus was an hour of live music by Velvet and Stone before the film.

I really enjoyed the folk music that Velvet and Stone played, it ranged from their own compositions to covers of other artists such as Bruce Springsteen. I will certainly be looking out for them in the future.

By now the hall was full and I will be kind by just saying the average age of the audience was not young!! It goes to prove that a lot of Whimble grown-ups are a bunch of softies who liked the idea of a feel-good film aimed at children!

So, after a couple of glasses of Pimms, kindly provided by the Front Row Club, and some good music it was time to settle down for the main event, the story of a bear from darkest Peru who likes marmalade sandwiches.

I was a little worried that the film may have modernised Paddington too much but it worked really well. It takes a good film to make me laugh out loud but the scene where Paddington goes to the bathroom to freshen up certainly did that. It is an updated Paddington for a new generation but still enjoyable for those of us brought up on the books.

I was obviously not the only person to think this as the film received a round of applause at the end.

It was a great evening, many thanks to all who organised it.

Nicky H

Village Day WACY RACES Fun Run

We couldn't have wished for better weather for the 39 entrants who lined up at the start of the fun run. It was lovely to see such a mixture of ages & abilities & all the supporters who came to cheer the runners home for what was an uphill finish!

The race was won by Karl Snell in a fantastic 8:44, followed by 11 yr old Taylor Carpenter in 9:36.

Hot on his heels for 3rd was David Pegley in 9:42.

Heidi Snell won 1st lady in 10:41 & 1st under16 girl went to 14 yr old Lucy Bolden in 10th place..

1st under 10 boy & girl went to 9 yr old Charlie Gordon Lennox in 11th place & 8 yr old Gemma Campbell in 27th place. Great running by all.

The youngest runner was 4yr old Edward Giffard. Very well done to him for completing the course. A special mention to 5 yr old Henry Woolston who rounded up his mum so beautifully at the back!

A big thank you to everyone who took part, I hope you enjoyed yourselves & had fun on the run!

Heather Pye



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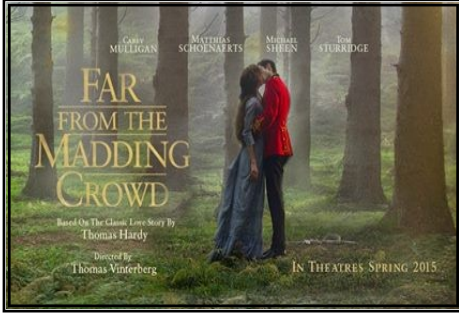
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Whimble News Apology!

We did not have room for this pic and text in the last News – it was part of Tim Ayers' article about Whimble Scout Troop

“For the first time in Woodjam history, the competition in May was won by a team from 1st Whimble Scouts (Pictured from left to right; Freya Harris, Eva Penny, Dulcie Sanders and Mya Walker). Our other teams also scored well and the performance of all the scouts validated the many sessions spent pioneering, orienteering, fire building, camp cooking, tent erecting and just generally working well as a team. Well done Troop!” Tim Ayers

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In June we were delighted to welcome our sponsors Nick Hall of Hall & Scott Estate Agents, and Tracie Bowden of Gilbert Stephens Solicitors to join us at Otter Nurseries, when we handed over a cheque to Hospiscare, our designated charity for 2014-2015. Thanks for their invaluable support over the year also go to Rosalind Roberts of Roberts Hardware and Sabine Taylor of Otter Nurseries, who were unable to attend the presentation.

Thanks are also due to our audiences who gave so generously to Hospiscare through retiring collections, following each of our concerts. Money was also raised by society members themselves with the grand raffle at our annual dinner for 2014. The final amount donated to Hospiscare was £756, which was received with enthusiasm by Margery Whittington and Celia Barron of the local support group. This brings the total raised by the Choral Society over the last three years to £2140.



Pictured left to right are Micheline Ashby (OSMCS), Lizzi Steele (OSMCS), Vivienne Gascoigne-Pees(OSMCS), Margery Whittington (Hospiscare), Nick Hall(Hall & Scott), Annie Bassett (Chairman OSMCS), Celia Barron(Hospiscare), John Neal (OSMCS), Tracie Bowden (Gilbert Stephens) and Michael Gascoigne-Pees(OSMCS)

For your Diary :

The Choral Society is currently taking a summer break from rehearsals, which will resume on Wednesday 4 September.

Classics Galore Concert in the Great Hall, Exeter University on Nov 14th

In 2015 we shall once more be the main choir in the Classics Galore Concert. This will be the fifth in the series of fund-raising concerts which have so far raised more than £50,000 for the local Force Cancer Charity. Tickets on sale from EVIT in Exeter from August 1st. Please visit www.classicsgalore.co.uk for more information.

Christmas Concert in Ottery Parish Church on December 12th

For more information regarding OSMCS please contact:

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www.otterystmarychoral.org

WHIMPLE W.I

In May several members from Whimple WI attended a Group Meeting at Whipton Heath and got 'up close and personal' with zoo animals, during a talk by Exmoor Zoological Park.

As part of this year's national WI Centenary celebrations, two of our ladies attended a special Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 2nd June and reported that it was a 'very splendid occasion'.

Our June meeting was a garden party at Bradcott House, which was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the sunny day, with copious amounts of tea and coffee, along with delicious cakes and savouries. The bi-monthly social lunch at Talaton in June was also very enjoyable.

Whimple WI will be holding its own Centenary celebration lunch on the 11th of August, followed by a film in the Village Hall. Ice cream and cake will be served afterwards.

We hope to organise another skittles match against Ottery St Mary WI in the near future and hopefully beat them this time!

We would love to welcome any new members who would care to join us. If you are interested in finding out more about Whimple WI, please contact the secretary, **Ann Bowden, on 823450.**

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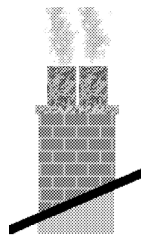
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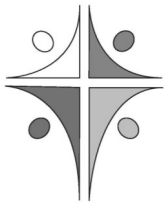
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Firstly some thank you's.

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Thank you also to those who supported the Church events during Village Week. Our Impact group were very successful, raising money for their chosen charity "Send a Cow". They have now raised enough to be able to purchase a cow to be sent to Africa

Our regular Home Groups are taking a break for the Summer however there are lots of events to look forward to over the next few months

On Saturday 1st August Clyst St Lawrence are holding their annual Church Fete in Walkleys Field at 2.30pm.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 12th September, which is this year's **Devon Historic Churches Trust Day**. You are invited to visit 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.

On September 28th we will be having our Harvest Service followed by a Bring and Share Picnic. Details of this are still being finalised so look out for information in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

Please note that on Sunday 17th August there will be no Celebration Service or Holy Communion. Instead there will be Morning Worship at 9.30am.

Our youth and Children's groups return in September. For younger children, KS1 and toddlers, there is Jigsaw which meets twice a month on Fridays after school. For KS2 children we have a new group starting, also on Fridays.—Lego Church. Finally for teenagers we have Impact who meet twice a month on Sunday evenings.

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The World Snail Racing Championships in Congham, Norfolk. Starts with 'Ready, Steady, Slow!

Clog Cobbing in Waterfoot, Lancashire. You have to throw a clog down a lane, backwards over your shoulder.

Egg Jarping in Peterlee, Co Durham. Like conkers but with hard-boiled eggs. Easter Sunday.

Stinging Nettle Eating at Marshwood, Dorset, which started in a pub with two farmers saying something along the lines of: "My nettles be higher than yours be. If they ain't, I'll eat 'em" Aaar - right you are, then". Thus a major sport was born

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