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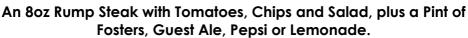
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What's On In Whimple

June

- 2nd VPA trip to Tyntesfield, Bristol see posters for details
- 9th Front Row Club see website and posters for details
- 9th Church Fete details pages 34 and 43
- 12th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 pm speaker Paula Clark on Castle Drogo
- 22nd Tennis Club Club night social with courtside BBQ details page 59
- 23rd Primary School Fayre 1.30pm details page 19
- 24th Exeter Gauge O Model Railway Group Open Day Victory Hall Details page 12
- 24th Pattern Cutting Workshop The Hive details page 20
- 26th Youth Club Taster Session Victory Hall details pages 34 and 38
- 30th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12.00 noon to 1.30pm
- 30th Barn Dance Cotley Farm 6.30pm till late details pages 28 and 34
- 30th Pantomime Dame Racing details page 41

July

- 1-8th Village Week details pages 31, 32 and 33
- 1st Tale Valley Choir 2.30pm St Mary's Church details page 37
- 1st Pattern Cutting Workshop The Hive details page 20
- 3rd History Society conducted village walks starting at the Heritage Centre 6.15pm. Please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 4th History Society Afternoon tea and cakes at the Heritage Centre 2.00pm
- 4th Whimpletons Big Village Week Quiz at the Victory Hall details page 27
- 5th Tennis Club Club night social and Open Evening details page 59
- 7th Whimple Day and Fun Run starts at 11.30am
- 7th VPA Flower Arranging Demonstration Parish Field as part of Village Day
- 7th Front Row Club see website and posters for details
- 8th Pattern Cutting Workshop The Hive details page 20
- 10th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm speaker Dr Winston Hoe a Somerset GP
- 17th Youth Club Taster Session Victory Hall details pages 34 and 38
- 19th WI 'Educational' Outing to NT Cotehele, Saltash
- 21st VPA trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan details and booking form page 47
- 27th History Society conducted village walks starting at the Heritage Centre 6.15 pm. Please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 28th Soup'n'Sarnie at the Victory Hall 12.00 noon to 1.30pm

August

- 3rd History Society conducted village walks starting at the Heritage Centre 6.15 pm. Please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 11th VPA Flower and Craft Show details on page 46
- 14th WI Summer Garden Party at Primrose Cottage, The Green

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Ed the Ed

I was looking through the historical/hysterical copies of the Whimple News that are displayed on a table in the Heritage Centre this season and noticed that I always start my editorial with 'Welcome to...' which must get a little tedious for you, gentle reader so my apologies! Those editions are well worth a look as they record the lighter side of Whimple over the last 20 years or so and I am proud of how the News team have developed it during that time. However we are not complacent, and if you have some ideas about how we could change/improve the content and format, please let any of our team know!

The Village Week edition seems to have more and more events to advertise and there is a whole range of activities from the Fun Run, to Tea and Cakes at the Heritage Centre and the cultural summit of Whimple perfection, the Pantomime Dame Racing! It is great to see that there are taster sessions for a Youth Club in the village being offered – good luck to all involved there! Our centre pages clearly lay out all the Village Week activities so please get involved, as ever, and in the next edition we will display our usual centre spread of colour photos.

This edition has two inserts for you – one will be a book of raffle tickets, with the proceeds going to support Village Week, so please buy them if you are able – thank you! Then other insert is a paper copy of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey which needs more people to complete and return as current returns are disappointingly low and means that the Parish Council would not have a voice in the future of Whimple within this process.

At long last, having planned 'A conversation with Jenny and Mark from the shop' for the last few months, we actually got together and the result is on pages 44/45. Plus they are now very relieved to find out that the garage up the road will **not** being having a Post Office presence which is great news!

The cover photo this month is the current Mrs H with her mates Barney and January – Nicky has put pen to paper and provided an excellent update to the work of the Munchkins Rescue Charity that she is involved with. They plan to bring two of the rescue ponies to Village Day as they did last year. This was a great success for the children who had an opportunity to pet and groom them and for Munchkins themselves receiving kind donations during the afternoon.

We have also added into this edition, a lovely poem from Pauline Rogers just as she gave it to us – it is always great to have poems/articles like that from people in our village. Chris Martin has submitted an article about Mobile phone signals in the village – you know, I didn't realise that we had any!! If you also have similar problems, then please help Chris with his proposed action.

Sadly my search for a new deliverer in the Strete Ralegh area has failed, so I will leave a few copies up at the garage for collection and see how that works.

If you would like to contribute to this excellent magazine, then please either send your work to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, or drop a paper copy into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by Tuesday 10th July. Thank you!

Enjoy Village Week!

Ed H

WHIMPLE STORES



Thank you for your patience while we had a blip in our milk supply. We were really sad that Daisy Chain, our dairy supplier from the village, decided to cease. Ross and Jenny Cottey have worked so hard to keep the village with a good supply of milk. We very much valued working with them and we wish them all the very best for the future.

They kindly put us in touch with Sutton Lucy Dairy at Widworthy, less than 15 miles away. They will be providing dairy products direct from the farm so there will be less food miles, less packaging and lots of lovely, fresh local milk. We will continue to try to secure a provider of milk in glass bottles and we can place orders for organic and other milks if you need them.

Our plans to make fresh sandwiches are getting closer and we are always striving to provide quality products at competitive prices. If there is anything you would like us to stock, please ask and we will look into whether it is available to us.

Post Office

If you are looking to use Local Collect on Amazon our branch doesn't always come up. If you use the postcode EX52SN it should bring up our branch as an option.

We have received our new equipment which will hopefully speed up the service we provide at the Post Office. The touch screens are faster but sometimes our systems are slowed down by the internet connections. We are always happy to weigh parcels and give advice, so feel free to call in and see us for a chat.

We have had a stressful few weeks after another letter from the Post Office suggesting they were looking into putting another Post Office at the garage. We understand this was led by the Post Office looking for some coverage for

Rockbeare. They have suggested an outreach service to Rockbeare instead but this would need to find a suitable venue. At the moment the proposed new branch won't happen which is a relief for us and the Post Office should be able to remain in the village.

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It is far from clear how these regulations apply to a magazine such as ours.

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GDPR allows for 'Legitimate interest' where a there is 'a clear benefit to others, a limited privacy impact on the individual and the individual should reasonably expect you to use their data in that way'. We assume that this can apply to articles and adverts in Whimple News where the personal data is supplied by the contributor with a view to its publication.

This will remain our guiding principle until such times as the situation becomes clearer. If this approach causes you any concern please speak to either Ed or me.

Bob Scanlan 822262 or bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk

WHIMPLE HISTORY SOCIETY TALES OF WHIMPLE

If a resident of Whimple was asked to choose just one image of the village to illustrate its heritage, probably, most would choose an image of The Square.

However, a copy of an old newspaper cutting held in The History Society's archives reports an event that could have had a devastating effect on how The Square looks today.

Fire in The Square

"A disastrous fire has occurred at Whimple, and but for the prompt assistance of many willing helpers, the beautiful village square might have been involved.

The fire broke out in the workshops of Mr. W. Granger, builder. Two men were working there at the time. In moving a piece of joinery they upset an oil lamp used for glue spots. The flames spread to the shavings, and before they could overcome them, the whole place was alight. The timber yard adjoining was soon in flames, and with a hay rick near, was destroyed in a very short time. Meanwhile the Ottery and Exeter Fire Brigades had been summoned – Ottery being the first to arrive- but a cottage adjoining (occupied by Mr. Dart) was quickly involved, the thatched roof soon catching. Too much praise cannot be given to Messrs. Whiteway and their men for the splendid help they rendered. They bought two pumps from the factory, and with these were able to keep the fire down until the arrival of the Brigades. It was undoubtedly due to these pumps that the houses of Mr. Smith and Mr. H. Godfrey were saved. Had they caught a great part of the village would have been involved, as there were other thatched houses near. In addition, the villagers were very active with buckets.

Mr. Dart's cottage was burned out, but luckily furniture was saved, as were all the important papers in Mr. Granger's office. The carpenters lost their tools, which were not insured. Fortunately, PC Labdon was near when the fire broke out and was a great help. A gang of Italians, who were constructing glass-lined tanks for Messrs. Whiteway, also rendered valuable help. The Whimple stream for a time provided plenty of water, but when the Exeter Brigade arrived they had to go rather further afield. Mr. Granger's property, including Mr. Dart's cottage, is covered by insurance."

The date of the newspaper report is unclear but Mr Eric Whiteway's book of the history of Whiteway's Cyder Company indicates glass vats were installed in the factory between the first and second World Wars and it seems likely this fire in The Square occurred in the early to mid-1920s.



Shaping your future

The Steering Group and the Parish Council still needs your help and support.

Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan is a vitally important exercise in determining the future of your community.

For a plan to have credibility with East Devon District Council your opinions are key. To date we have responses to the survey of less than 10% of households in the Parish. This is insufficient if the Parish Council is to gain the ear of the EDDC.

The Survey remains open online at:

www.whimple-survey2017.co.uk

Do please undertake at least the first of the two surveys. It should take no more than 20 minutes of your time.

Should you not have access to a Laptop or PC we have enclosed a paper copy with this magazine. Please complete and return to the shop by 1st August.

Alternatively contact a representative of the Parish Council or the Steering Group.

Queries should be directed to :-

email: wpcnp2017@gmail.com or Mobile: 07864 117619

This is your opportunity to make known your views and contribute plans for the future of 'WHIMPLE' – take it, don't waste it !!!

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group





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The post of secretary will become vacant in September and a volunteer would be welcome as soon as possible. A co-opted post will also need to be filled. Please contact me on 823992 to discuss these positions.

Soup'n'Sarnie held normally on the last Saturday of the month (except August) is a social event for the village. All are welcome. The home-made soups include gluten free and vegetarian options and all profits go towards hall maintenance and the fund for future developments. The 'staff' are all volunteers.

Maria Wallis

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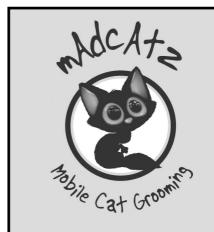
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The Committee has already secured a number of promises/pledges but we would be grateful for any more. Anyone wishing to provide a pledge should contact the Secretary on 01404 822244

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We have a busy second half of the summer term ahead and hope that this lovely weather continues as it's been great to have lots of play and learning in the garden so far this term.

We will be raising caterpillars into butterflies again this year and observing the changes of the tadpoles in our pond.

We will be having our annual sports day in the garden in June and joining Whimple School's sports day for the preschool races.

We have got a summer trip planned to Royal Oak Farm at Cotleigh where the children will get to pick fruit and have some fun on the farm.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - THANK YOU WHIMPLE

A massive thank you to over 200 donors and 10 village collectors for the house to house campaign in May. This raised an all time record sum of £1750. It's great that at a time when some people are not finding it easy our friends in Whimple are helping to care for those overseas less fortunate. Well done.

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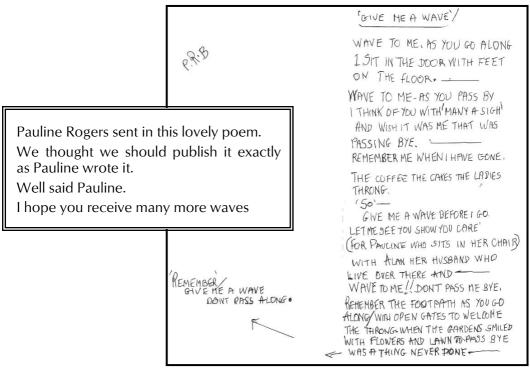
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IN THE CONCRETE CITY

Thank you, Tom, for bringing us up short with this challenging presentation, and making us think again. And thanks too to the performers: Mark Beedell, Lester Bowker, Rebecca Dominy, Rebecca Giffard and Jane Jackson, all members of our community. They certainly did justice to the script and to the story of the sacrifice of Christ. And thanks too to the "behind the scenes" team. A great experience for all the audiences. We look forward to the next production.

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The race will be approx. 1¼ miles, starting and finishing on the parish field. Medals for category winners and post race refreshments for all entrants All ages and levels of ability are very, very welcome

If you want to get training: 3 loops of the parish field = 1km, 5 loops =1 mile

Go on...it'll be FUN!

(Just in case you were wondering: It's Time To Start Training For The Whimple Fun Run!)

Heather Pye

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In order to raise the funds needed to put on these events we are again running a Village Week Draw with a total of £300 in cash prizes.

You will have received a book of draw tickets with this edition of Whimple News. Your generosity is vital to the success of the day so please buy some tickets and return the completed stubs and money to:

David Myers , 1 Henry Lewis Close, by the end of June.

(Henry Lewis Close is just beyond the end of The Square. Just follow the stream and Henry Lewis Close is on the left).

All proceeds will go to support Village Week and any profits go to the village organisations who work together to make the week a success.

Bob Scanlan



VILLAGE WEEK 30th June - 8th July On the Parish Field WHIMPLE DAY and FUN RUN Saturday 7th



The Village Week Team is working hard to put together an interesting series of events.

Raffle tickets with prizes of £150, £100 and £50 will be on sale. £1 or £5 Book

The Fun Run will open Whimple Day at 11.30 on Saturday 7th

We will have a selection of 'have a go' games and competitions, a special appearance by Gee Gee Puppets and Wendy Richards Dance Group. Plus, our all time favourites, Fancy Dress, Tug of War and Egg Catching, Stalls, Bouncy Castles, Demonstrations, Ice creams, Beer Tent, Tea Tent, BBQ and this year some Veggie food too.

Come and relax with your fellow villagers in the sun or the shade of a marquee

Look out for more information.

Whimple News and on posters around the village or Facebook – Whimple What's On.

Please support this COMMUNITY WEEK and WHIMPLE DAY.

Attend as many events as possible, as always, profits go to local organisations.

Many thanks from the Village Week Team

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Run by the village

Watch out for Tony Bickel's fun event that will run throughout the
Please buy raffle tickets and support t

Saturday 30th June	The Victory Hall Committee's, Soup and Sarnie , in the Victory Hall from The Whimpleton's Pantomime Dame Racing at the Scout Hut from 2 St Mary's Church, Village Barn Dance with 'Slack-ma-girdle. 6.30pm
Sunday 1st July	Whimple Cricket Club's Friendly Cricket Tournament with BBQ and The Tale Valley Choir 'In Concert' 2.30pm at St Mary's Church Whire
Monday 2nd	Fun for everyone. FOW's Beetle Drive in the Victory Hall at 6.15pm. 5 Over 60's Club, Darts Tournament at the Thirsty Farmer at 8.00pm. 0
Tuesday 3rd	The History Society's Treasure Hunt at the Heritage Centre. Entry be From 6.00pm, dance with the Morris Men at The Fountain Inn and en The Football Club will be holding their annual Skittle Tournament - e
Wednesday 4th	The Heritage Centre's gallery will become a Tearoom (for one day on Children's Tag Rugby on the Parish Field 3.45 and it's free to all. Whimpleton's Quiz Night in the Victory Hall. Doors open 6.30pm. Qui Football Club Skittles at The Thirsty Farmer at 7.00pm.
Thursday 5th	Whimple Tennis Club is hosting an Adult Tennis Social from 6.30pm Come and support the Young Farmer's Village Week Bingo at the Vie Football Club Skittles at The Thirsty Farmer at 7.00pm
Friday 6th	Whimple Cricket Club Youth Coaching 6.15-7.45pm followed by a BE Football Club Skittles at The Thirsty Farmer at 7.00pm.
	St Mary's Church Morning Coffee and Cake 10.30 -12.00noon
Saturday 7th	WHIMPLE DAY and FUN RUN on the Parish Field 11.30 – 4
	Relax with the Front Row Club's Film Night in the Victory Hall PADDI

And finally, St Mary's Church Songs of Praise 6.30pm

Sunday 8th

DAY and FUNRUN - Saturday 30th June - Sunday 8th July e for the village. week plus a competition to win a dumper load of logs for winter. he week - prizes £50, £100 and £150. m 12.00noon - 1.30pm. A sedate start to a busy week and a time to meet, eat and chat. 00pm. Take your handbag and purse and get betting. til late at Cotley Farm, Tickets £5.00/£2.50 from the shop and on the door. bar. Starts at 2.00pm. All ages and levels of experience welcome. £2.50 to play nple, Tickets £5.00 from the shop in Whimple and Talaton. Children free. 0p Oh, and you don't have to be over 60 to play. £2.00 per player- singles and doubles. tween 5.30pm and 6.30pm. £1 adults, 50p children under 12 oy an Alfresco BBQ hosted by the Pre-School. ach evening at The Thirsty Farmer at 7pm. £1 and 50p per child. y) Tea and cakes from 1.30 - 4.00pm. Seating outside too, if the weather is fine. z at 7.00pm. £2.00pp, teams up to 8. Bar available. Bring your own snacks but NOTdrinks A chance to meet the members to play a few games. You might even like to join.

ctory Hall. Doors open 7.00pm Eyes down 7.30pm – great fun for all ages

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WHIMPLE CHURCH

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Firstly a big thank you to all who attended the Easter Day Service. It was good to see the church full of people. Services have resumed their normal pattern for June but there are a few changes in July to accommodate the annual Songs of Praise service. Please look in The Link or the website for more information.

Our **Saturday Morning Coffee** sessions have now commenced, with tea, coffee and home made cakes being served in church from 10:15 to 12:00pm every Saturday. These are very popular events and funds raised from these sessions will be used towards the maintenance of our church building, so please do come and support these enjoyable (and tasty!) events. If you are able to help host one of the sessions please contact Rosie Davies.



CHURCH FETE

This year our Church Fete will be held on Saturday 9th June at St Mary's Church.

No abseil this year, but the teddy bear zipwire is back! We're also hoping to have visits to the top of the tower, as well as more in the way of stalls and local bands.

Please see the posters or The Link or the website for more information.

SUMMER BARN DANCE

Celebrate summer at a Barn Dance in the Sheep shed at Cotley Farm on the eve of Village week on Saturday 30th June. Local band Slack-ma-Girdle will be leading the dancing for a fun evening for young and old and there will be a bar & BBQ to keep you fed and watered. The action starts at 6.30pm so come and enjoy the atmosphere and the wonderful views over Whimple. Just £5 adult entry, £2.50 children and under 5's free with the profits going towards St Mary's Church. Tickets from the Village shop or on the door.

Contact Helen Bowker 07779 722421 for more details

FLOWER FESTIVAL

This will be held on the weekend of September 14th to 16th September. If you wish to get involved please contact Margaret Bucknell or Lis Roberts.



NEW YOUTH CLUB for Key Stage 2

Whimple Church and the YMCA have joined forces to launch a new Youth Club for Key Stage 2 children in the village. We will be holding two taster days in the summer term on Tuesdays June 26th and July 17th at the Victory Hall for children to come along and give it a try. The sessions will run from 5.15 pm – 6.45pm and there will be games, activities and crafts.

Please see the Link magazine for more details

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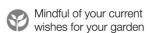




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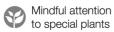
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St Mary's Church is holding another tower-based event!

No absell this year, but the teddy bear zipwire is back! We're also hoping to have visits to the top of the tower, as well as more in the way of stalls and local bands.



So brave teddies are welcome to ride the zip wire while everyone else is welcome to climb the tower (via stairs!) for some amazing views of Whimple! And then browse stalls, play games and listen to live music!

No registration needed. Teddies will be able to offer a donation while towerclimbers will be charged a small fee.

To find out more or to volunteer in any way, please contact:

Bruce Truscott, Simon Carter, Ian Spicer or Phil Dominy:

Email: whimple.abseil@yahoo.com

Tel: 823063

We would love to have more stalls and games/amusements this year in The Square and around the Church, so if you are interested then please let us know!

A CONVERSATION WITH MARK AND JENNY SANDERS

Jenny was born in the house where her mother still lives, at Ellerhayes near Killerton. Jenny went to school in Silverton, and then moved on to Clyst Vale. From there she attended Exeter College, completing a BTEC Hotel and Catering Management course. During that time Jenny worked at the Imperial, and her first full time job was at the Jolly Porter, a pub near St David's Station in 1986. As people left the pubs employment, Jenny found herself picking up their duties, and thus doing 70-80 hour weeks which was not her perception of how her first job would be. She lasted a month there, giving it up when someone got stabbed on the doorstep of the pub, a couple of weeks after she had to eject one of her ex college tutors for over imbibing of the amber liquid. The joys of the hospitality trade!

On her BTEC course, she had achieved a distinction in Book-Keeping, and this led her to Webbers Abattoir in Whimple at the grand age of 18; Jenny worked in the Accounts section for 3 years before moving to Ernst and Young in Exeter, specialising in agricultural accountancy. Jenny then moved to Barretts in Newton Abbot doing similar work. She and Mark were married in 1988, and lived in Cullompton for two years before moving to Whimple. Jenny had a strong Whimple connection even then, with her uncle, Bob Walker who lived in the village and was a Parish Councillor and a Special Constable in the 1980's; he was married to Mavis, who worked in the village school. Jenny also had an aunt in the village, Doreen, who was married to a local farmer, Sam Matthews. Mark also has a Whimple connection with a relative buried in the church yard. They had Harry in 1997 and Dulcie followed in 2001; in the same year they moved house from Church Road to the lane opposite the New Fountain.

Jenny returned to work on a part-time basis (3 days a week), and then in August 2013, she and Mark bought the village shop but she continued with her part time work until they took on the Post Office three years ago, and Jenny had to concentrate all her time in the shop and Post Office. Jenny has always got involved with village activities, and took part in the very first pantomime, 'Cinderella' and has remained a stalwart of the Whimpletons ever since. She took on the Treasurer duties at Pre School, and then moved her responsibilities to the Primary School PTFA. She is currently Chair at Clyst Vale PTA, and still found time to start Wasters of Whimple with Alison Betts.

Also, she was very involved in the WACY scheme to obtain funding for all the equipment we can see up at the Parish field today. She enjoys running the shop and has survived the various challenges of building work and electrics associated with the shop and the house that is attached. She has been able to use all her Wasters of Whimple ideas in recycling, buying sustainable coffee, selling palmoil–free flapjacks, using local suppliers and employing local people.

Mark was born in Exeter and went to school in Heavitree where his parents owned a small shop with a milk round, trading as a dairy. When he was 5, his parents did a house swap with people in Stoke Canon, where he lived until he married Jenny. Later, his mother remarried a farmer, and Mark went from being an only child to having five stepsisters and a stepbrother; they farmed cattle and arable until retirement. He attended Clyst Vale where he received the career advice to take up

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engineering as he was good at metalwork. Mark had the ambition to be a ski instructor but it wasn't a career they knew how to advise on, so he moved onto Exeter College to do Engineering (general/electrical/mechanical). He was unemployed for six months when he left college due to the poor state of the national economy in the early 80s. He obtained a job with Unichem, a Chemist wholesaler where he started in the print room and then moved to Stock Control. He left Unichem to work for the Official Receiver in administration for 18 months before transferring to the Ministry of Agriculture, also in administration where he worked with Frank Manley who also still lives on the outskirts of Whimple, checking subsidy claims. In 1998, he transferred to the Animal Health/Veterinary Service at Alphington and then Clyst St Mary and has now been with that department for 20 years, dealing with farm animal welfare and diseases. After a year or so running the shop, it became obvious that he couldn't be out on farms testing cattle, sheep, poultry and alpacas, and so he went part-time.

They both would love to get some more free time so that Jenny could enjoy cooking, going to the gym, yoga and holidays, and Mark would like to do more with horse riding and fencing which stopped due to the lack of free time. They both enjoy live music, films and live comedy. They have a field up at Knowle Cross where they have over 100 trees that could produce apples, apricots, almonds, peaches, cherries, pears and mazzards (big Devon cherries) – but it needs more attention and the shop also demands attention, so it is a work in progress. It is their dream that they are able to nurture all these fruit trees, and sell their produce via the shop – watch this space!

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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Firstly, I have to make an apology! Due to circumstances beyond my control, you were spared my ramblings in the last edition of the News, I believe there is an explanation elsewhere! Hopefully those of you wanting to go on the trip to Tyntesfield managed to get booked up alright.

On Saturday 12th May we staged our annual plant sale, and what another manic morning it was too! With the appalling weather in March and at the beginning of April, we weren't too sure that anything would be ready in time. Fortunately, most plants caught up but there were clearly some which were not quite as advanced as we would have liked. However, this did not seem to deter the bargain hunters as the initial rush of frantic buying showed! It did look like everyone went away with what they came for. We are very grateful to all of you who came and supported the event. The proceeds from this plant sale will go towards the costs of staging our annual flower and craft show in August.

This year we are planning to have a presence as part of the Village Day event in the Parish Field on Saturday 7th July. We are looking to have a flower arranging demonstration to encourage more exhibits at the Flower Show. We will also be offering advice on how to display vegetables for those who are unsure of what to do. Show schedules will also be available for those of you who need one.

Later in July, on Saturday 21st, we have a coach booked for a trip to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. This is likely to be a popular trip so please book as soon as you can. It will be an excellent opportunity to see the gardens in all their summer glory! A booking form for this trip together with all the relevant information is included in this edition of the News.

Our Annual Flower and Craft Show will be on Saturday 11th August 2018. The Show Schedule has been printed and the schedules and entry forms are now available from the Whimple Stores. Thanks to Jenny and Mark for facilitating this. Also, you can download a copy of the schedule and appropriate entry form from our website.

On Friday 12th October we have arranged for a talk entitled 'Rejuvenating a Tired Garden' by Elizabeth Holman who lives locally. This should be a fascinating talk and an opportunity for those of with tired gardens to seek expert advice! On Saturday 27th October we have a trip planned to visit Batsford Arboretum which is near to Moreton on the Marsh in Gloucestershire. Further details in the next edition.

Details of all our events are on our website, together with reports and photographs. So visit us at www.whimple-vpa.co.uk to get further information.

We look forward to seeing you at all these events as well as any others we can arrange during the year.

Paul Wilson,

Hon. Secretary

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An apology

First of all, it was not Paul's fault it was mine!

I am sorry that Paul's VPA entry was not in the last issue of Whimple News. No excuses - I simply missed it.

It was particularly unfortunate as Paul's article included details of the Tyntensfield trip and the booking form, so my apology goes to Paul and anyone who missed out on the trip as a consequence.

I will try not to do it again.

Bob Scanlan

Munchkins Miniature Shetland Rescue An update and a story of 3 Ninjas

First of all I would like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful people of Whimple

who support us so generously by putting money in our collecting box in the village shop. We are only a small charity run entirely by volunteers so every penny given goes towards the welfare of the ponies. The maximum number of ponies we can look after should be 30 but the number went up to 41 earlier this year due to some welfare cases we couldn't say no to. We are now at 37 as we have done some recent re-homings but there is always a waiting list of ponies needing to come in. This brings me onto our three Ninjas.



Just before the snow there was a call saying 3 miniature Shetland ponies had been dumped in Bedfordshire and, despite the best efforts of the police and the RSPCA, no owners could be traced. They were nicknamed the 3 Ninjas as they kicked anyone who came close. So down to Munchkins they came, extremely thin and covered with lice. Two of the ponies were microchipped and they showed that they were sold at Reading horse sales in 2014 to two separate buyers. The chips showed that two were called Arnie and Libby and we called the unnamed one, who is possibly the foal of the other two, Tonto. These buyers never registered their purchase so we have no idea where they have been for the past 4 years.

Then came the vets visits, which are never cheap, Arnie and Tonto were castrated as there is a no breeding policy at Munchkins, jabs, teeth, hooves trimmed and new passports applied for. We discovered they were kicking because they were hungry and very protective over food. They are now very kind and sweet ponies, living with the rest of the herd but still very nervous. Just after the Ninjas arrived there was another call to say that 4 Shetlands, local to Devon were due to be put to sleep that day so in they came and we were well over capacity.



Unfortunately after our influx of ponies the weather turned against us. Firstly the snow which meant extra hay, feed and burst pipes, and then the rain. Shetlands are hardy little ponies and cope well with the cold but do not like the rain. The fields turned to bogs and again, like a lot of the farming community, we had to feed extra hay which was becoming really hard to come by and very expensive.

Now summer is here (hopefully), the fields are dry, the grass is growing and Herbie and Butterscotch will be at Whimple Village Day representing the rest of the Munchkins so please come along and say hello.

Nicky H 48



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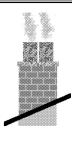
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Our March meeting began with Monica Highnam, a florist, who demonstrated her skills in making displays for Easter and other festivals/celebrations. She showed us how to fashion birch twigs into a nest, secure it with thin wire and completed it with suitable base fabric, chocolate eggs and chicks. She then created a beautiful tulip display, using twigs. The rest of the evening was social chat over tea and coffee, with a little business thrown in.



Also that month, four of our ladies attended the WI Whist Competition at Longdown Village Hall - about 70 attended in all. We won a first and a second prize - well done to Rosie Davies and Sue Ching. It was by all accounts a great afternoon.

In April Fiona Rimmer, a qualified Podiatrist of 35 years, impressed upon us how important it is that we look after our feet – they keep us mobile! She showed some shocking slides of things that can go wrong, which made disturbing viewing. However she was a charming speaker who was articulate, occasionally amusing and engaged well with her audience.

On 3rd April 17 members visited the Manor Pavilion, Sidmouth to see a production of 'Me and My Girl.' It was one of the best performances that we had enjoyed at the theatre over the years and we all left humming 'The Lambeth Walk'. Also during the month two or three of our ladies attended a WI 'Stepping into Spring' event. They had expected to learn different dances, but it turned out to be just line dancing! They did however have an enjoyable day and no doubt will give us a demonstration sometime, now that they are experts!!

Our Social Skittles evening at The New Inn on the 20th April was, as always, great fun. 17 ladies played, occasionally heckled their opposing team (naughty!) encouraged their teammates, laughed a lot and finally enjoyed a good supper. We will organise another event during the year. Our Social lunch, attended by 25 ladies at Cranberry Farm on the 25th April, proved to be a very successful event this time. Everyone agreed that the food was very good, it arrived on time and the service was excellent. Their reputation was restored – we may use them again.

On the 26th April, 11 of us attended a Group meeting at Clyst Hydon. The speaker was Dr Todd Gray, a local historian and author, who gave a very interesting talk on Devon Gardens. Whimple WI won the trophy for the photographic competition, entitled 'my favourite garden' and the evening concluded with musical entertainment by Heloise West (vocalist), accompanied on the keyboard by David Davies, which took us down memory lane with songs by William Walton and Ivor Novello.

As you see, we are a thriving WI, with interest for everyone from fascinating talks on a variety of subjects, whist and quiz competitions, theatre trips, dancing, educational outings, weekly craft afternoons, social lunches and even sport! Apart from playing skittles, I may try to interest the ladies in 'walking netball' – we shall see! Why not come and join us?

If you would like more information on Whimple WI, please contact our secretary Di Eden on 821992

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At last, the weather has improved and it actually feels like we are in the summer term at school. As always, it is a very busy term in school with school trips and sports day being organised in between all the usual bits and pieces. We are involved in two art projects this term, one with Killerton and the other linked to Exeter Cathedral.

For more information and photographs, please take a look at the Contact newsletters available on our school website. We continue to look for assistance to help open our school library so if you know anyone who is willing to volunteer for a couple of hours weekly or even fortnightly send them our way. (subject to DBS checks).

Our school fair is being held on Saturday 23rd June from 1.30pm, you are all welcome to attend, as always our school choir will be performing.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Carole Shilston, Headteacher



On Wednesday 9th of May Whimple School took their Year 3, 4, 5 and 6s to Clyst Vale for a fun run, along with six other schools. 600 people came to watch and about 450 children ran to start with year 3, 4s did their race but unfortunately no one from Whimple won. At the end, everyone was shattered. Then it was year 5s and 6s turn. Whimple needed some glory; I thought at the start of the race and in the end, I won out of over 200 children.

By Charlie Williams (Year 5)



Following our trip to Woodbury Castle in March, Beech Class were inspired to create some poems about the ancient hillfort, local wildlife and landscape of the common.

A Woodland Riddle...

I exude babies from my pouch,
I provide a snack for others,
I can easily find shelter,
I adore rotting plants,
I absolutely hate birds,
I am a greyish colour,
I display my shell,
I have six legs,
There are legs on each side of me,
I am small but can move fast,
WHATAM I?

I have a secret past,
I provide shelter, homes and fresh water for the creatures that live in me,
I exude new plants and wildlife,
I protect humans from pollution,
WHATAMI?
By Ettie Perkin (Year 4)

I am a mammal,
I provide two different colours,
My eyes are on the side of my head,
I scuttle up trees that are huge,
I gather nuts or acorns to feed myself,
I have a very bushy tail,
I can get quite feisty,
I am very small,
WHATAMI?
By Katie Parker (Year 4)



Macbeth

A few weeks ago Willow Class watched the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Macbeth. The show lasted for two hours with three fifteen minute breaks. The main character (Macbeth) was played by the ninth doctor in Doctor Who Christopher Eccleston. There were lots of thrills and an added twist at the end were Banquo's son plans to kill the newly crowned king.

Everyone in Willow Class was allowed to bring in snacks such as:

Crisps
Bags of chocolate
Popcorn
and soft drinks,

Mr Brown had also made the classroom look like a cinema so we could be more comfortable when we watched it. The costumes were also amazing with fancy dresses for the women and smart suits for the men. It was so much fun and everyone had a good time.

By Tegan, Year 6.



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The Vale Veterinary Group Parvovirus update

WE URGE DOG OWNERS TO CHECK THAT THEIR PET'S VACCINATION IS UP TO DATE

Following a recent case of Parvovirus, the vets at The Vale Veterinary Group are raising awareness of the importance of pet vaccination for dogs. In an attempt to prevent further cases of the disease, all owners are being asked to check their vaccination records; if they believe that their dogs may not be currently covered they should contact their veterinary practice.

Vet Alan Benson explains "Parvovirus is usually spread by environmental contamination with dog faeces. There does not need to be direct dog to dog contact and it can be brought into the household on shoes. Unprotected dogs, especially the young, develop severe vomiting and bloody diarrhoea, and in most cases, despite the best veterinary care, the dog cannot be saved." Alan continues, "The distress to the dog and their owners is obvious. Unfortunately there are still a large number of dogs which have never been vaccinated or whose vaccinations have lapsed, making them vulnerable to infection. We believe that preventive care including regular vaccinations and health checks are the best way an owner can actively help their pet's long-term health".



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WHIMPLE FRONT ROW CLUB

Front Row Club film dates for 2018 (all Saturdays)

June 9th
July 7th (Village Day)



Full membership is now closed for the 2017/8 session but will reopen again in June. Membership costs £20 and includes free entry to at least ten films and voting rights at our AGM. Non-members are welcome to join on a temporary basis for £4.50 per month. Temporary membership tickets are available either at the Village Stores or on the door.

Visit www.frontrowclub.wordpress.com for more information or email frontrowclub@gmail.com to receive an electronic copy of our brochure.

Doors open at 7.00pm on club evenings and normally start with live jazz concerts streamed on the big screen. The film programme starts at 7.30pm and includes an interval with Marshfield Farm ice cream available for sale.

Complimentary soft drinks and snacks are always available. BYO alcohol and glasses.

Well done Rob Davis and his Front Row team for arranging to show the royal wedding live on the big screen in the Victory Hall, and congratulations to Donna and Marc for the fun celebration at the Thirsty Farmer that followed.

There was a great atmosphere throughout the village.

The wedding, a party, the rugby, the cup final and a front row film - what a day!

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Thank you to the small group of members who attended our AGM on 27th March 2018 at The Hive in School Hill. The full minutes have been circulated to members, but just to note a couple of things:

- A vote of thanks to Justin Harris who kindly continues to cut the grass around the court and to Chris Brown for providing the court booking form all year round
- Subscriptions were due on 1st May 2018 & remain very good value at £65 for a family membership, £35 for an adult, £15 for a junior. Membership forms are available from either Roddy (secretary whimple22@hotmail.com), Marianne (treasurer marianne@buildconsultants.co.uk), or at the club hut.
- Club nights recommenced on Thursday 5th April and a warm welcome is extended to anyone interested in coming along
- Key dates for this season:

Thurs 22nd June - Club night social with courtside BBQ Thurs 5th July - Club night social and open evening during Village Week

The Wimbledon ticket draw was part of club night on Thursday 3rd May – Kellv Williams won two tickets for Ladies Finals Day on Centre Court and Tracey Bunkum won two tickets for Court Number One on Friday in week one. We hope they have a really good time at this year's Wimbledon Tennis Tournament.

Thank you to all members, renewing and new, for your support for the tennis club! There is still time to join-up if you haven't yet done so.

Marianne Randall

Creative Hub

I am opening a creative, collaborative space for young artists, writers, designers, film makers, photographers or general creatives.

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