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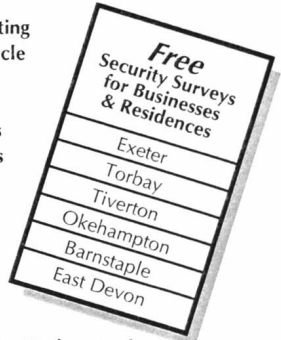
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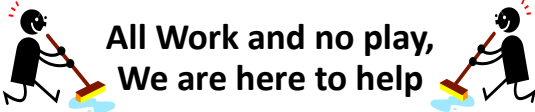
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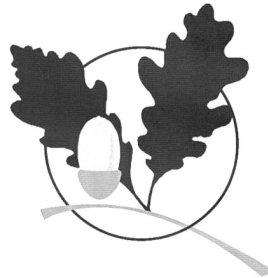
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What's On In Whimble

October

- 9th David 'Bumble' Lloyd – Question and Answer at Whimble Cricket Club – details page 22
- 9th Front Row Club at Victory Hall presents 'Imitation Game' 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- 10th MacMillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in St Mary's Church 10.15am - 12.00noon
- 13th WI Meeting Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 17th Pre School Bear Hunt – details page 29
- 18th History Society at the Heritage Centre – apple pressing 11.00am to 3.00 p.m. – Details page 21
- 19th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm in St Mary's Church (**not** Victory Hall as normal)
- 23rd Whimble History Society talk – Victory Hall 7.30pm – Mike Richards and 'Executions in Exeter'
- 24th On a Whim Promotions present Mark Feltham and Dennis Greaves at the Victory Hall 7.30pm – see posters for details
- 31st Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00noon until 1.30pm

November

- 7th Whimble Craft Fair 1.00pm-4.00pm – Victory Hall - supporting Whimble Primary School-details page 42
- 10th WI Meeting - Victory Hall 7.30pm Christmas customs, folk music etc – Kate Fincham-Powell
- 14th PreLoved Sale (For PreSchool) Victory Hall 10.30am-1.00pm - details page 47
- 14th Front Row Club at Victory Hall presents 'Kingman'...7.00pm for 7.30pm
- 16th Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm in St Mary's Church (**not** Victory Hall as normal)
- 20th Whimble History Society talk – Victory Hall 7.30pm – Reuben Ayres and 'Dr Peter Hennis – the last man to die in a duel in Devon
- 21st Hospiscare Christmas Coffee morning Victory Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon – details page 26
- 28th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00noon until 1.30pm

December

- 4th Over 65s Christmas Party Victory Hall – invitation on page 45
- 8th WI Christmas Party - Victory Hall
- 12th History Society Annual Christmas lunch at the Cricket Club
- 12th Front Row Club at Victory Hall presents 'Testament of Youth'...7.00pm for 7.30pm

January

- 16th History Society – Wassail starting at the New Fountain 6.30pm

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Ed the Ed

Welcome to the October/November edition of your Whimble News which the team hopes you will enjoy. The content changes at this time of year from the lead-up to Village Week, and then the review of Village Week with the centre spread of colour photos, and now we are advertising the Over 65s Christmas party!

Our cover photo is of the Whimble WI celebrating the centenary of the WI at the Thirsty Farmer in their finest summer hats – I am pleased to report that this was a rare occasion when the WI have been out and the police did NOT need to be called out to quell raucous behaviour that is unbecoming to such an organisation, nor did they trash the pub. However, I do feel that the regulars of the Farmer could adopt the summer hat fashion and set an example to the rest of the village. I look forward to seeing their efforts!

Our last edition was dedicated to Pam Scanlan, and Bob has written a short note about the heart-warming support from the good people of Whimble at Pam's funeral. I thought that it was lovely in that so many people had dressed, as requested, in red and purple for Pam, and the service reminded us of what a great character she was, and how much she gave to everyone around her.

I would like to say a big thank you to Sally Wilde who stepped into the production role for the last edition, and she did such a great job, and we managed to get the magazine out on time for you all.

Jenny has provided us with an update on the shop and PO, and already things are changing in that when people ask "Where is the post box?", and we used to point to the large red box that was directly behind them, the shop staff now have to employ the pointing finger of the left hand and direct people to the new post box by the telephone box. All these new pointing skills to be learned!

We are delighted that Peter Bowden has supplied us with a stunning new photograph which already has pride of place on my dart board. I understand that Cranbrook Station will be open in December – trains won't be stopping – but customers will need to open the carriage door as they get close, and then do a forward roll onto the platform, hopefully being stopped by the safety net when it has been purchased. So that's easy then! And then they can jump into the water taxi and find their way home.

If you would like to raise the quality of this magazine, feel free to send your contribution direct to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk or leave it in the mail box at Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by 10th November – the next edition will be for Christmas so please let us have all your relevant news and events. Thanks!

Ed H

If your Association has an event which you would like listed in 'What's on...' please contact **Ed Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail edhitch@btinternet.com.

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Just a reminder that our policy is to charge 10p if you need a bag (of any size) or you can borrow one of our reusable bags or take a recycled one. It is worth mentioning that we may not always have recycled bags available so please don't rely on this option. This may become more of an issue when the high street supermarkets start to charge for bags as we expect to have less handed to us for reuse when this happens. As we have said in the past this is not an exercise for us to make money but an encouragement for us all to try to remember to bring reusable bags to save the waste that plastic bags create. We would particularly ask parents to remind their children about this as bags are often requested for small items which don't really need a bag or for numerous bags every time they pop in or for every child in a group.

As well as press coverage about bags and waste there has been the issue of paying our farmers a fair price for their produce. We are very pleased to sell Ashclyst milk, cream and yoghurts. Ashclyst Farm is about three miles from Whimble and Martin and Lorraine are lovely people who have worked very hard to produce a quality product. Obviously they have the costs of processing their produce but we deal directly with them and pay them roughly three times as much as the supermarkets pay their producers. For this we get a delicious, local, organic product for the same price as we pay for the processed milk that comes through other parties before it gets to us. Ashclyst milk looks creamier than other milks, but this is due to it not being homogenised or only partly homogenised. This heat process disperses the fat and gives the milk a texture that doesn't require shaking and a better shelf life. Some argue that homogenising interferes with the natural attributes of milk so there are pros and cons.

We also stock a good range of Chunk pasties, made in Ottery St. Mary and even the pasties from Dartmoor Farmers are made by Chunk using their own beef and lamb. Dartmoor Farmers are a co-operative supporting Dartmoor beef and lamb producers to produce a quality, well cared-for animal. We stock a small selection of their products, but we can order in joints and other products. Please order on a Friday for delivery the next Tuesday.

Please don't forget that to minimise waste in your home, feel free to buy small amounts of fruit and veg on a daily basis. Again we can order specific things in on request.


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Hopefully by the time this goes to print, there will be a new Post Box in the village Square next to the telephone box.

There have been problems in August with postal services and in particular the deliveries. Royal Mail have blamed this on staff sickness in peak holiday times. The delivery men and women who have made it to our village have often been working overtime after their normal rounds, so please be kind to them. It is worth mentioning that post and the delivery services are run by Royal Mail which is separate from the Post Office, and now there is no sorting office in the village we have very little input in deliveries, other than to store undelivered parcels.

As we approach the Christmas period, we expect to get busier and peak times still seem to be between 4.30 and 5.00pm. This is the time that we have to get the day's banking and post ready for collection and we may have to close the Post Office to customers whilst we do this. We only have one terminal to work from and the Post collection staff have to leave on time to be able to make their next stop, so we need to treat them as our priority. If you have anything that must go that day, please try to get it to us before 4.30pm to avoid any delays.

That leaves us to remind you of the last posting dates for Christmas:

Australia and New Zealand – 10th December

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From Councillor Peter Bowden

Dear All.

I finally did as I was bid and finding my best tie I braved the camera lens and had a new photo taken by Sue Draycott. After hours with the airbrush she finally admitted defeat and here you have it. Me in all my glory. I hope all that have told me to do this will recognise me in daylight at least. I am told that I look years younger !!!!



Delighted that I struck a chord with my last report and I am pleased that many of you have responded and are considering volunteering to help with the Parish Neighbourhood Plan. This comes in a week when I understand that East Devon have made claim to an Enterprise Zone that will encompass the growth point East of Exeter and has the potential to benefit the area considerably. It has been suggested that the reductions in business rates and the investment that comes with such decisions will add millions to the district economy. Good News – but a lot of work to be done to make it successful. If you want to keep up to date with timely guidance notes the link is :

<http://new.eastdevon.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-and-community-plans/>

I hear that Cranbrook station will open in December. After so many delays I hope the wait will be worth it but I still believe that Feniton and Whimple have not been well served. Please support Roger Algate and co. in the continuing campaign to improve the timetable for our benefit. Recent decisions to re-let the franchise to SWTrains from 2017 will help to improve an under-used and under-invested service. The recent Peninsular Rail Task Group noted that passenger growth exceeded forecasts and had reached 123% over the past 11 years. In 2012 patronage had already exceeded industry forecasts for 2019. This despite rolling stock that dates back to the 1980's!!

In County Hall we continue to change the way we work to meet the challenges of reducing budgets and higher costs. In mid-year we were looking after almost 700 children in care. These numbers have reduced but my work with the Foster Panel shows no signs of slowing down and our concerns for refugees and others displaced by war are undiminished. There is much to be done.

Best regards

Peter

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Pam Scanlan



I am taking this opportunity to say thank you once again to everyone who helped on the day of Pam's funeral. The way in which the village came together to celebrate her life and give her such a memorable send-off was magnificent and my family and I will be forever grateful.

There were nearly three hundred people at the funeral and donations of over £1400 were sent to Kidney Research UK. I also understand that many people have given, or will be giving, blood in memory of Pam.

I also thank everyone for the caring and kindness you have shown to me at this difficult time.

I must make a particular mention of Bethany and Libby Carter who decided to raise money in memory of Pam by busking with their violins at the Sidmouth Folk Festival and added a further £22.00. I thought that was wonderful.

Thank you girls.

Bob Scanlan



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We ran an advert in our last magazine about an event with Michael Morpurgo at the Beehive in Honiton; we have received an update as to how they got on -

Hello everyone!

Just a quick message to say thank you, thank you, thank you to all our promoters, supporters, family and friends who came to our fundraising event with Michael Morpurgo last Friday at the Beehive in Honiton, and also thank you to everyone who helped us to promote the event in some way!

We are delighted to announce that on the night, the event raised in excess of £3000 for Villages in Action (from ticket sales and the extremely generous donation by Michael of ALL the proceeds from the book sales!) It was a fantastic evening, attended by over 150 people, and one that we hope not only raised an excellent sum on the night, but also served to raise the profile of Villages in Action and all the work we do alongside our wonderful promoters to bring such fabulous events and projects to rural Devon!

We will be sending out hard copies of the new programme soon but in the meantime it can be found at the following link on our website:

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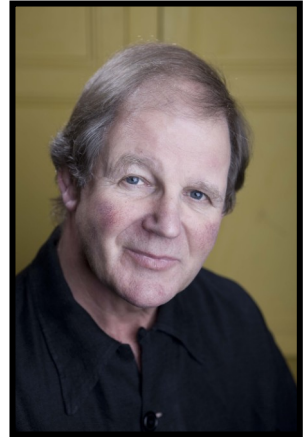
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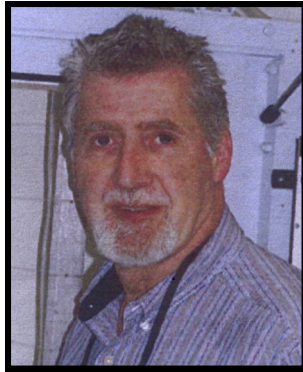
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Stephen is the son of Ian and Anne Hardcastle from the village, and some weeks ago, Ian had sent me a copy of a prestigious award that had been made to Stephen, (with the pride that all parents would have) who now lives and works in Canada.

Stephen, who will be 58 later this year, went to school in Whimble and to King's in Ottery. He went on to Nottingham University in the late 70's and studied for a mining degree with Dr Malcolm McPherson and became very interested in the specialist subject of mine ventilation. He spent two summers working for the National Coal Board in the South Midlands and his last 'placement' was in Australia. Having gained his degree he then studied for a PhD in mine ventilation, working again with Dr McPherson. This was funded by the European Coal and Steel Community and Stephen published a number of technical papers on mine ventilation, and he started to make a name for himself in this field.

His next job was in Canada working for CANMET (Canadian Metals) Mining Research Laboratory at Elliot Lake and this was as a government employee. His research in controlled recirculation meant that the mining industry understood what it had to do to reduce heating costs, which was important to their balance sheets. In 1993 Stephen transferred to Sudbury, Ontario, becoming recognised as a leader in his field and this resulted in him being promoted to Senior Research Scientist in 1997 and then Ventilation Specialist in 2004.

Stephen has become world renowned for his mining ventilation expertise, and has produced over a hundred publications on related subjects. He presented several keynote addresses for international symposia. In June this year this led to David Loring, Chief Mine Engineer of Henderson Operations, presenting him with the Hartman Award for his contribution to this specialist technical area at the 15th North American Mine Ventilation Symposium.

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Whimble History Society



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The Heritage Centre will close after apple pressing and reopen on 1st April 2016.

We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who steward at the Heritage Centre. Without the stewards we would not be able to open our doors to the public. However, we do need more help. If you would like to be a steward (no previous experience or knowledge required) please call the Heritage Centre on 822499.

Over the winter months we will be refreshing our displays and exhibits, and we hope that next year you will come along and have a look.

We also have plans to carry out essential maintenance and improvements. The outside of the Heritage Centre is due to be painted, and the store room at the rear of the centre is to be converted to a small function room complete with kitchenette. This will allow us to hold a greater variety of events and we look forward to putting an interesting collection together for 2016.

On a final note, the Committee would like to thank all those who have supported us in all sorts of ways throughout the 2015 season - be it financially, by giving time, by donating items for our collection or by attending our events - it is all very much appreciated.

Many thanks. **Sue Ayres**, Curator, 823082

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

Whimble 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 Whimble 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

Option Two: table of 10 with a choice of 3 curries. Cost £300

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Have your say...

In WN March 2013 I wrote...

"It is clear to me that the next four years are crucial for us if we want a better service. In those four years we need to describe what a better service looks like; get everyone to agree; deliver a unified front to government so that the DfT creates a Franchise Document that reflects our needs."

The government will begin its three month consultation before the end of December, or possibly November, so we need to be ready if you want to chip in. Governments seem to like consulting in winter and across Christmas, from Caesar Augustus to the present day!

The Parish Council will revisit and endorse the Parish Plan as it relates to rail, and add any useful detail thrown up by the Neighbourhood Plan process as it unfolds. Doubtless the County Council will champion its Metro vision, which includes Whimble and ultimately a half-hour calling pattern across Exeter. But what will turn you towards using the train from Whimble; or how can the train provide you with a more convenient way to get to school, work, shopping or the airport etc?

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Hospiscare Christmas Coffee Morning

A Christmas Coffee Morning will be held at the Victory Hall on Saturday 21st November from 10.00am until 12.00noon. There will be the usual variety of stalls, including a superb cake stall, an excellent raffle and various other attractions.

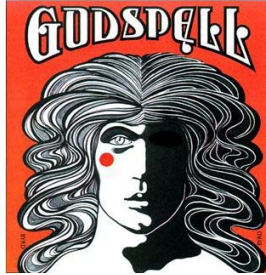
If you are interested in running a stall or need further information contact:

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'Light up a Life' Service

Also, on Wednesday December 9th at 7.00pm we shall be holding the annual "Light up a Life a Life" service in Ottery St. Mary Church. This is a moving service of remembrance at which all are welcome.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here we are at the start of another school year (I must be getting older as I am sure they are coming around quicker!). This year we welcome 19 new children and their families into Reception along with two new children further up the school. The teaching staff have had a little swap around too, Mr Brown is now teaching Class 5 (Year 5 and 6) and Mrs Killen is teaching Class 4 (Year 3 and 4).



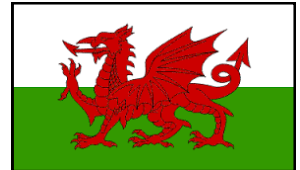
Children across Key Stage 2 are again participating in the children's part of The Great West in October and training has already started.

Each class has been designated a country of the UK to learn about and then present information to the others. Class 5 have Ireland, Class 4 Scotland, Class 3 Wales and Classes 2 and 1 England. (I am sure there will be a competitive element between the staff at the start of the Rugby World Cup).

We also have a team of children playing in the children's rugby world cup at Sandy Park and we are representing Canada. We wish them the

Class 3 Topic—Wales

We been learning about Wales for our topic. We have made some leeks and some daffodils. We have been learning some Welsh songs. Also, we have had a story about how the Welsh Dragon fought for his village against the Ice Dragon. The Welsh Dragon won. When he died of old age the people of the village made a flag with a white and green striped background with a red dragon in the middle, to remember him and his bravery.



By **Fletcher** (Class 3)

Space

Space is a never ending thing with planets and also stars. We are learning about our Solar System and how planets are formed. So far we have learnt about gravity, what position the planets are in and the distance from us to the sun (which is eight light minutes).

We have made all of the planets in our Solar System including the moon and sun. They are all up on display in Willow class (Yr5 and Yr6 classroom).

By **Joseph and Yasmin** (Class 5)

WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The 2015 Flower Show will not go down as a record breaking Show, but it certainly had the usual very high standards of exhibits. The Judges were once again well impressed with the standard of exhibits in all the classes. Unfortunately there were not as many exhibits as last year but there were about the same number of exhibitors. However, despite the overall reduction in exhibits, this certainly was not the case for the plants, flowers and vegetables sections as the main hall was once again a magnificent display. Every year seems to throw up new challenges for the gardeners and the standard of the exhibits this year was again commented on by the judges.

The entries in the Children's Classes, although not large in number, were of their usual high and very imaginative standard which gave the judges a hard task selecting the winners. There was a bit of a family affair in the two youngest classes with Joshua Down winning The Owen Cup for the under fives and William Down and Georgie Down sharing The Basildon Award for the five to eight years age group. In the nine to twelve year age group and the winner of The Fletcher Cup was Alice Woolridge. In the final Class for the thirteen to seventeen years, The Children's Challenge Cup was won for the third year running by Katie Ackland.

There was the usual excellent entry for the photography section with numerous outstanding photographs. As in previous years, it was a difficult task for the judge with so many excellent photographs in all of the classes. The standard seems to get higher every year and, once again, there were some amazing entries. The overall winner in this section winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup was Tony Velterop The Arts and Crafts Classes had another wonderful display of skills. In this section, we had joint winners of the Len Rose Memorial Cup who were Chloe Betts and Pauline French and the winner of the Whimple Craft Cup was Elisabeth Roberts

The flower arranging had another array of excellent and colourful of exhibits and the judge was very meticulous over her deliberations. In this section the Frances Pratt Cup was won by Emma Palmer, The Roy Horsburgh Trophy was won by Rosemary Davies. The Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in flower arrangement, as voted for by everyone who came to see the Show, was won by Emma Palmer. The Sandfords Cup which is for the combined Men Only classes of a floral arrangement and a cake was won by Tom Palmer.

The Homecraft section was full of excellent mouth watering exhibits which gave the judges a difficult task in selecting the best. There were cakes and jams galore with the judges wondering just how they were going to get through all the exhibits! This year, the winner of the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup in this section was Cathy Manhire.

The Pot Plant Section had a very large number of entries which we only just managed to get on the tables. Once again it was a difficult task trying to work out how much space to give for each one, but somehow we just about got them all on

the show tables!

In this class, the winner of the Briar Shield this year was Sue Parkinson. And finally, but by no means the least, there was a superb number of exhibits in the flower and vegetable classes. It was so good to see so many in all these classes which gave the judges plenty of work to do!. There were many class winners in this section but The Slewtan Cup for the most points in the vegetable section was won by Colin Northcott. The runner up in this section winning the Cranny Brook Cup was Paul Wilson. In the Flower Classes. The winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points in this section was Colin Northcott and the runner up winning the President's Cup was Paul Wilson. However, when the results of both sections were combined and the points in both sections added together, it was not too difficult to see that the winner of The Whimble Folk Cup for 2015 was Colin Northcott. So many congratulations to him on winning this magnificent trophy once again..

And then there was the Whimble Challenge Cup which was the sixth year of this venture. We returned to the theme of a scarecrow hoping for a good number of exhibits but, sadly, there were only two this year. The judges decided that best exhibit in this class, winning the Whimble Challenge Cup was Zena Calverly with Team Talk a Lot taking the runners up cup. A full list of the trophy winners is included with this report.

All the prizes were presented by Myrtle Docking and the Show Committee were very grateful to her for doing this. On behalf of the Show Committee, William Down presented Myrtle with a bouquet of flowers. A bouquet was also presented to Zena Calverly for all her amazing work organising the catering for all the Judges Lunches which is always very much appreciated.

We would like to thank and congratulate all of you who made the effort to enter for without you there would be no Show! We are also extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to do this difficult task with such quality exhibits.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the Hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. It is quite amazing that at 5.30pm we were still in the throes of prize giving but by 6.30pm the hall had been completely cleared and you would not have known the Show had taken place!

For those of you who were entering for the first time we hope you enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing you at next year's show. We hope to publish the details for the photography classes in the next issue of the News. If there any ideas that any of you have for the various classes we will be more than willing to consider them. For those who like to look forward, the 2016 Show will be on Saturday 13th August.

We are hoping to have a talk sometime in the autumn so watch out for the posters. We have one or two speakers we are considering and hopefully we will find a subject that appeals to all.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.



WHIMPLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2015

TROPHY WINNERS

SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers

The Whimble Folk Cup	Colin Northcott
The Slewton Cup	Colin Northcott
The Cranny Brook Cup	Paul Wilson
The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup	Paul Wilson
The President's Cup	Colin Northcott
The Novice Cup	Michael Hawkins

SECTION 2 – Pot Plants

The Briar Shield	Sue Parkinson
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SECTION 3 - Homecraft

The Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup	Cathy Manhire
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SECTION 4 – The Village Challenge

The Village Challenge Cup	Zena Calverly
Runners Up Cup	Team Talk a Lot

SECTION 5 – Floral Arrangement

The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup	Emma Palmer
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Rosemary Davies
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Emma Palmer

SECTION 6 – Arts and Crafts

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Chloe Betts and Pauline French
The Whimble Craft Cup	Elisabeth Roberts

SECTION 7 - Photography

The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup	Tony Velterop
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SECTION 8 – Children under 5

The Owen Cup	Joshua Down
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SECTION 9 – Children aged 5 to 8

The Basildon Award	William Down and Georgie Down
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SECTION 10 – Children aged 9 to 12

The Fletcher Cup	Alice Woolridge
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SECTION 11 – Children aged 13 to 17

The Children's Challenge Cup	Katie Anne Ackland
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A CONVERSATION WITH RICHARD DAVIES

Richard and Gail moved to Whimble in 2009 when they bought Sandfords, after the death of dear Mrs Pratt. The estate agent warned them that it was 'a project' and they certainly realised that when they spent their first year in the village living in a caravan in the garden as the Sandfords renovation was planned, and all the necessary planning consents obtained. You have to remember that Sandfords had not had any major work for some 50 years! For example, the kitchen floorboards, the joists and bricks on which they rested, were past it, so Richard and Gail found themselves gazing at bare earth before they replaced the floor. They are now established in the house, with a small number of tasks still outstanding, but they have achieved much of their 'To Do' list.

Richard and Gail had come across Whimble when they were house hunting in Devon, having lived and worked in London for 30 years. They both wanted to live in the country, and had friends in Devon. After seeing some attractive but isolated properties, they felt that their original target of living 'out in the Styx' was not for them. They wanted a village where there were some amenities and the opportunity to shut the front door and walk easily into the countryside. Richard had two sets of house details when they visited - one for the shop and one for Sandfords. They loved Sandfords when they first explored the outside and, despite the enormous renovation challenge for them, made an offer which was accepted. Whimble ticked all their boxes for amenities and access to the countryside. They found a reputable builder of historic buildings... and so the adventure started! When there was somewhere to cook, shower and sleep they moved into the house in November 2010. Richard and Gail continued to work in London for two days a week, staying in a small flat attached to his practice rooms, and finally made the big move down to Devon, full time, in 2012

Richard originally comes from Swansea, moving to Maidenhead with his family in his teens. After gaining a degree in Physics he went to teach in Trinidad under the auspices of VSO. There followed a short time with Kodak and then an MA in social work at Canterbury before joining the probation service. He then trained in psychoanalysis working in a specialist clinic in the NHS for 30 years, latterly as its director, while also maintaining a private practice. During this time he played in an 'ageing hippy rock band' as a bit of light relief from NHS inspections and regulations. He currently has a private practice three days a week in Exeter.

Once they had moved 'properly' into the village, both Richard and Gail wanted to get involved, so they initially joined the History Society (who introduced them to Peter Hunt who has researched most of the older buildings in Whimble, and was able to provide them with a lot of Sandfords history), plus they joined the VPA and visited Soup and Sarnie. They ate in the New Fountain and Paul Mallett did his usual excellent landlord 'taking care of the new people' - just as he had done with so many others and making them feel welcomed.

Richard got involved with the Front Row Club in 2011 when Rob Davis advertised in the Whimble News for interested people to join him in a new venture, a film club for the village.

Rob, Richard and Gail and later Alan Smith formed the FRC team navigating the perilous waters of legislation, sound systems, and film hire contacts, until we have an organisation that not only provides good value popular films, with a 'Bring Your Own' drink policy, and with tasty nibbles provided, but live music and the chance to see opera! Richard is the one in charge of the sound deck and the bottle of red wine! He has also been sucked into the mysterious world of the panto where he has, with Rob, provided a filming and editing service for the Whimpletons which is greatly appreciated.

They both have other distractions – Gail works as an Adoption Social Worker and is involved with horse riding, and helping with Riding for the Disabled, tennis and gardening. Richard has interests in sailing and music (viola and guitar) – beware the Christmas carols in the Square!

Ed H

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At our 'Open Meeting' on the 14th July we were joined by a number of family members and friends, for a most interesting and informative talk given by The Samaritans.

In late July we learnt that our former President, Pam Scanlan, had sadly passed away after battling with ill-health for some time. Pam will be greatly missed by her many friends within the Women's Institute and she was fondly remembered on the 11th August during our lunch to celebrate the centenary of the WI movement at the Thirsty Farmer, when the Whimple WI ladies gathered in their summer dresses and flamboyant hats. Lunch was followed by a film in the Village Hall and the day finished with a delicious celebration cake, made and decorated by two of our members of course!

We have various events to look forward to over the coming months, including country walks, skittles matches, a darts match (duck everyone!), our weekly craft sessions, plus our regular meetings and talks. If you would like to join us and become a regular member, please contact the secretary, **Ann Bowden** on 823450.



Rhoda Wood

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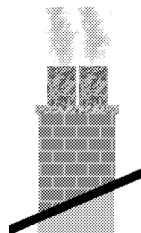
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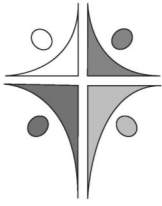
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We are also grateful for the support that we receive from our 'customers' who appreciate the opportunity to meet up and make these so happy and successful.

Our **Evening Home Groups** are taking a break until Christmas whilst the Alpha course is taking place. This started on 14th September with an amazing turnout. Our morning Home Groups are still running, as are a number of groups which meet throughout the Mission community for coffee and conversation. Full details of these can be found in The Link or on our website.

The **Mother's Union** meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. Please contact Margaret on 822257 for more information. The Mother's Union are also making a plea for help with Brass Cleaning. If you would be able to help keep our beautiful church looking its best please contact Margaret.

This year the **Impact Weekend Away** will take place over the weekend of 16th to 18th October. This year we are returning to Bernard's Acre near Belstone. The weekend will be packed with great activities, chill-out time with friends as well as opportunities to hear more about the Christian faith. Please contact Helen Bowker on 823193 for further information

Our **Harvest Service** this year was held at the end of September but if you missed our special Harvest Lunch there are still lots of Harvest events taking place at other churches in our Mission Community.

Please join us for our **Remembrance Service** on November 8th at 10.50am when we remember, and give thanks for, those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

Our popular **Advent Carol Service** will be on Sunday 29th November at 6.30pm. As this is the fifth Sunday of the month this will be our Mission Community Service and will be an opportunity for the four churches in the Mission Community to celebrate the beginning of the festive season

We will also be holding our popular **Christmas Activity Morning** on Saturday 12th December. Full details of this and our Christmas Services will be circulated later.

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimble Church as well other interesting articles can be found in The Link magazine. Copies can be obtained from the back of church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged - please contact Dianne Goodwin 823476 for further details.

It's shoe box time again! Whimble Church is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child - packing up shoe boxes with children's toys for needy children. Empty shoeboxes will be available from the back of the church. These need to be returned by 8th November so that we can make sure they get to children in time for Christmas..



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Can you help the Whimbletons?



I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer. Time seems to have flown by this year so far and I am pleased to say that preparations are already underway for our next pantomime.

I am personally asking you all for some help please. We are currently in need of a team of people who can help to look after and organise the Front of House side of things.

This will involve the bar, meeting and greeting, the raffle, teas and coffees etc, seating, and organising the clear up between performances. Ideally we would have one person to take on the task of pulling all these things together or overseeing it all.

I know that it is a big ask but I am confident that there are some of you who would love to jump in and help .

We have been incredibly busy raising funds by putting on the very successful Panto Dame Racing and also organising the Village Week quiz. We did think about putting on something in September but felt that we had already done so much this year we would just leave you all wanting more!

If you would like to offer your help or know of someone who might like to get involved, please let me know by either dropping me an email or phoning me.

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Dogs - Females; Bitches are spayed either before their first season or after their first season, which they normally have aged between six and twelve months. We recommend that you speak to a vet or nurse to decide when is the most appropriate time to spay your bitch. Bitches are usually in season every six months. If waiting until after the first season it is preferable to operate three months after she finishes her season.

Males; Dogs can be castrated from six months old.

Cats - Females and males; Cats can be neutered from four months old.

Neutering can prevent many problems,

- Pyometra in bitches. This is a potentially fatal condition where pus accumulates within the uterus.
- Mammary or Testicular tumours.
- Un-castrated or entire dogs can often get diseases of the prostate in later life or tumours of the anal tissue (anal adenomas).
- False pregnancy.
- Pets wandering or straying.
- Unwanted litters.
- It may be helpful in some cases of dominance and aggression problems.
- Urine spraying in tom cats.

Risks associated with neutering;

- Occasionally incontinence can occur in some breeds of bitch.
- Some breeds the coat can change texture.

These risks can be discussed with your vet.

Other useful information

We recommend treatment for lungworm a week before any surgery. This is because lungworm can cause unexplained bleeding.

Weight gain is very common after neutering due to the reduced amount of energy needed by your pet. A special diet or current diet reduced by 30% is recommended

In some dogs and cats one or both testicles fail to descend into the scrotum. This condition is referred to as retained testicles. It thought to be hereditary and it is therefore not advisable to breed from them. Retained testicles can become cancerous, and often go un-noticed until the condition is well advanced and often involving other internal organs within the abdomen. We therefore recommend that all dogs and cats that have retained testicles be castrated.

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