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## June

- 12th Pre-School Summer Fair 10am-12.00noon; Victory Hall Garden
- 13th Church Fete, 2.30 pm, Hindstrete
- 16th WOW meeting 8.00pm
- 18th Hog Roast and Grill-a-Bishop, 6.30 pm, Cotley Farm (see page 15)
- 18th Bingo at the Cricket Club
- 22nd Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 27th WOW Plastic & Cardboard Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00 -11.00am
- 28th Whiteways Employees Reunion, (see page 42)

## July

- 4th Village Breakfast 10.00am-12.00 noon, Victory Hall
- 4th WAC4Y Celebration and Bike Auction, Parish Field, 4.00-7.00 pm

### 4th - 12th Village Week, see centre pages for details

- 9th Whimble Tennis Club Summer Social, Tennis Club, 7.00-9.00pm
- 17th Bingo at the Cricket Club
- 26th WOW Plastic and Cardboard Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00-11.00am
- 27th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 31st Guided Village Walk, starting from the Heritage Centre, 6.15 pm details page 41

## August

- 7th Guided Village Walk, starting from the Heritage Centre, 6.15 pm details page 41
- 7th Bingo at the Cricket Club
- 8th VPA show. See page 17 and notices for details

## September

- 28th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm

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

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

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# Ed the Ed

I hope you are impressed with our grand cover for this edition – thanks to Kevin Thompson for that. Believe it or not, gentle reader, we are celebrating as this edition is number 60 for this Editorial team, which means that it is 10 years since Peter Smith asked interested people to meet at his house and resurrect the Whimble News. David and Sarah Smith had battled valiantly to keep the magazine going, but as a brave team of two, enough was enough. They did some sterling work to keep the magazine alive whilst in their care, as did the previous teams of village-spirited people before them. The current team believe that we are making a valuable contribution to our lovely village, and we plan to continue to do so for a long time.

This edition is always my favourite, because it contains all the details of the Village Week on the centre pages, and this is when Whimble excels itself with activities for all the village. Many people have given up a lot of time to make this Week a success, so please support all the events and have lots of fun!!

You will see that the Bra Babes successfully completed the Moonwalk, and Miles and I are extremely proud of both of them – well done Viv and Nicky (whoops – I meant the current Mrs H – she may get ideas above her station). We can now have walks at a reasonable pace, even with conversations. Am I lucky or what?

I see that Whimble had its 15 minutes of fame with the ‘emu’ story. When I first heard it, I was more concerned with how Rod Hull had dealt with being dragged around the village. There was a great quote in one of the local papers, with the owner describing the runaway as ‘our breeding male’. I think that his language may have been a little riper once he got him home! However, I couldn’t believe how low someone could stoop to obtain some cheap publicity for a scaffolding firm from this escape – but Geoff Delves did. Typical pirate! See later in this edition.

It is worrying to see that the current Whimble Church family are planning an act of horrific cannibalism later this month when they proudly boast that they will be grilling a Bishop. And MPs think they have had it hard!

I am pleased to report that the legs are out and cycling; I appear to be a good four weeks later than last year, but is just hasn’t been warm enough for me!. I am also in good company as I see that PC Jim Tyrell is now patrolling the village on his special police bike, which I think is great.

Enjoy the rest of our summer and if you want to contribute an article, please either leave it with SO@thePO (not forgetting the splendid Alison, the Queen of the Wight Walk – well done Alison!) or post it through time and space to Pam Scanlan’s official carer, Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by Monday 13th July.

**EdH**

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I would just like to say a huge thank you for the tremendous support given to me by our kind customers of Whimble who have donated so generously to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice by sponsoring me to 'Walk the Wight'.

My family and I are trying to raise as much money as possible for this wonderful organisation, which cared for my brother during his last few weeks. I think anyone who has benefited from the help of a hospice for a loved one, will understand when I say they really are a true comfort during such dark days. I am still counting the money but already I am well past the £200.00 target set by the Post Office, who will kindly give the same amount.

The walk itself went well. We could have done without the torrential downpour during miles 2 - 4, however the gale force winds soon dried us out when it eventually stopped. Many people fell victim to the six inches of sticky mud caused by 12,000 pairs of boots, and displayed mud encrusted bottoms, backs, arms, and heads (how did it get there?) as a badge of honour. The atmosphere was positive and supporting as I think most people walked in the memory of a loved one; the camaraderie was uplifting.

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# FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Now that summer is in flower and nature is humming with butterflies, songs and scented roses, I am happy and contented in my garden. This simple poem by Robert Burns depicts the moment so well:

A Rosebud by my early walk  
Adown a corn-enclosed bawlk  
Sae a gently bent thorny stalk  
All on a dewy morning  
Ere twice the shades o'dawn are fled  
In a' its crimson glory spread  
And drooping rich its dewy head  
It scents the early morning  
So thou dear bird, young Jeany fair  
On trembling string or vocal air  
Shall sweetly pay the tender care  
That tends they early morning!  
So thou sweet rosebud young and gay  
Shall beauteous blaze upon the day  
And bless the parents evening ray  
That watch thy early morning!

In the last week of April, as I was walking around The Square, a scent so sweet wafted through the air and as I arrived by the rosebushes I saw that they were in bloom; on the rooftop a blackbird was singing a happy air. It was magic. It made me think of a saying by Martin Luther, the German priest, Christian reformer and founder of Protestantism:- "Could a man make only one such rose as this he would be thought worthy of an honour, but the gifts of God in our eyes lose their value for their very infinity".

In nature's garden the rose has always reigned supreme, inspiring poets, painters, writers, composers and gardeners, not forgetting photographers, as a symbol of love, purity, tenderness, perfection of the mystic rose. It is the most sensuous romantic flower. Everybody has a favourite rose. I am greedy, I have three: Rosa 'Gallica Versicolor' also known as 'Gloria Mundi', which is one of the most ancient and is very vigorous. I have been able to give away many of these plants to my friends who find them delightful. The second is 'Souvenir de la Malmaison' beloved by Empress Josephine Bonaparte. Last but not least is Rosa 'Cecile Brunner' a miniature rose in colour of delicate pink and salmon peach, known as the gentleman's buttonhole, very scented and delicate.



In his delightful book *The Little Prince*, Antoine de St Exupery said the rose was the flower of the heart. It is also known as the true image of life. I find that having a few roses in a slender silver vase by Jack's photo' is a heaven on Earth.

I am sure you are like me and love walking in the garden surrounded by beauty, colour, scent, melodious bird songs. Our gardens are also full of living legends. That lovely saying "gather ye rosebuds while ye may; old time is still a-flying and that same flower that smiled today, tomorrow will be dying" If you think of it, all the garden flowers originated from wild and simple blooms like the dog-rose. It is thanks to the sense of discovery, marvel of explorers and horticulturalists that their beauty was enhanced. Visiting gardens, opening your own garden to the public has become widespread and gives enormous pleasure to so many - wonderful places to explore and discover. I am thinking of The Lost Gardens of Heligan in Cornwall. Completely overgrown and abandoned to nature, brambles, nettles and all. Heligan is a modern day miracle; it provides a dazzlingly real experience of a lost way of life, almost something of the order of the world of science fiction.

By a strange coincidence which I call 'Holy coincidence' a few people met and discussed the subject of that desolate family estate which before the Second World War was such a show ground with the most exotic plants like the growing of pineapples no less. That group for some unknown reason fell headlong in love with that remarkable ghost, they all had dreams and, thanks to their passion, determination, their super human energy, enthusiasm and vision helped by a tremendous team of workers, they were inspired to bring back to life the beauty of the extensive Tremayne estate. As the new President of the United States would say "Yes we can". But what is so amazing is that this story does not end there. Tim Smit wrote in his book - *The Lost Gardens of Heligan* "I remember surfacing down the bottom of a flooded clay pit in October 1987 after a diving accident which I feared would do me".

It is from this day a new dream gradually came true - The Eden Project. It just exploded into one of the most gigantic adventures of such far reaching vision and the creation of it is thanks to teams of motivated gardeners and scientists. Millions of people visit it constantly and new ideas emerge, educating future generations in the art of horticulture. I have been very fortunate to meet Tim Smit at Heligan in 1997, when I was part of a group of garden lovers - Boxwood Garden Tours, created by a dear friend of mine Sue McDonald, a graduate from Kew. Tim Smit took us round and we too fell headlong in love with Heligan. An unforgettable experience and what I remember also was the special smile of Tim Smit.

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This year we are celebrating 1100 years of the Church of England in Devon, and to mark the occasion in Whimple we are hosting a **Hog Roast and Grill-a-Bishop** at Cotley Farm on 18th June. This will be a great event to which everyone in the village, as well as the wider Deanery is invited. Please see the church magazine for details of other events in the Deanery that week.

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 (except 13th June & 8th August). Please do come in and join us, and also take the opportunity to stock up on **Fair Trade** goods from the stall which will be open at these times.



We have now set up a **lending library** in church which is open to everyone. There are books suitable for those investigating Christianity, books to help us better understand the Bible, as well as others relating to Christian life generally. The church is open every day - so do have a browse.



We would love to welcome you at our **Church Fete** on Saturday 13th June, 2:30pm at Hindstrete, Church Road. Come and pillory a pastor, or bash-the-rat as well as browse the usual stalls and games and enjoy a cream tea. We are delighted that the choir of Whimple School will be singing for us this year. There will something for everyone – bring the whole family.



Thank you to the many in the village who have supported **Christian Aid Week** again this year. Your gifts will be used to help relieve poverty across the world.

We look forward to welcoming you at Whimple Church where there is a variety of styles of service, and children’s and young people’s groups for all ages. Please do join us!

**Monthly Programme of Services**

1st Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Celebration Service
2nd Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Service
4th Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut
5th Sunday	11.00am	Joint Benefice Communion



# Hog Roast



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Voluntary contributions towards cost may be made on the evening (suggested £5 a head). Licensed bar available.



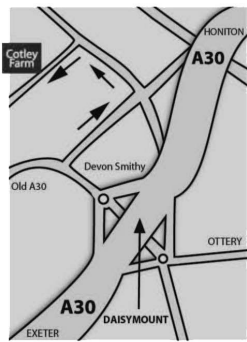
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## Flower Show – Breaking News!

A few years ago someone complained to us that, ‘the schedule is always the same year after year’. Since then we have tried to keep making alterations albeit they have often been fairly minor. Last year the pace of change hotted up with the much higher degree of co-operation with Whimble School, which led to the fantastic scarecrows outside the Hall. We also gave out medallions with our cups and introduced some separate cups for flower versus vegetable growers.

This year there are other new developments. The Playgroup are preparing a group entry for us which promises to be really eye-catching. Instead of scarecrows, the school are working on – amongst other things I must add – the ancient art of weaving. We hope to have lots of colourful weavings adorning the hall. This year we have taken advice and put a lot of thought into our flower arranging classes, and really hope this will tempt more of you to have a go. Everyone loves to see the floral arrangements and last year there were frankly just not enough! To ring the changes there will be a new judge for these classes but luckily we won't lose Edith Grout who is moving over to assist with judging of the junior exhibits, something she is much in demand for at other local shows.

We have splashed out and purchased a new cup – full silver plate too! This we have christened the Frances Pratt Memorial Cup. And we will be awarding a special Men Only cup this year for the chap who can amass the most points over just two classes – one cake and one flower arrangement; so we hope this will engage your creative sides and generate some good-natured, but bloodthirsty, competition! There was some discussion at our meeting as to whether a ‘men only’ cup was sexist or not. It possibly is and there is no reason why a future show might not have a ‘women's only’ version. Personally I shall be pushing for a ‘surname beginning with B and drives a Mondeo’ cup!

We hope this has whetted your appetite for what we want to make the biggest, the best, and the most well attended Show ever. Please make a note of the date now (**Saturday August 8th**) and try to support the event in some way. We would love to see you there. Schedules are now printed but not yet delivered to the P.O., Milestone, and Graham's. Either hang on a week or two, or if you want to know the class titles now give me a ring or an ‘e’ (latter preferred). Advance notice of the photography classes is always useful so here they are:- ‘Mode of Transport’; ‘Westcountry Landmark’; ‘Snowy scene’; ‘Shadows’; ‘A photo suggesting a well known song title’, and finally ‘A Botanical Subject’.

**LAST WORD:-** We are planning something really BIG for 2010 which will involve the VPA issuing a challenge to other village organisations to make ‘something’ (we've got an idea of what but will keep that under wraps for now ) in return for which we will award, for one year, one of the classiest beautiful silver cups you have ever seen. Watch this space.

**Andy Bratt** Show Secretary.

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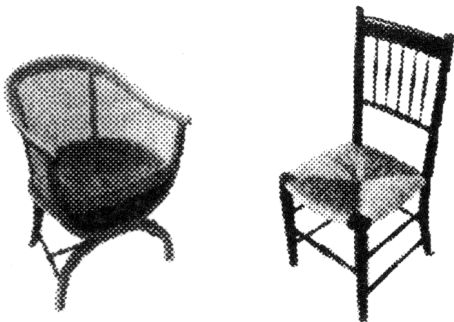
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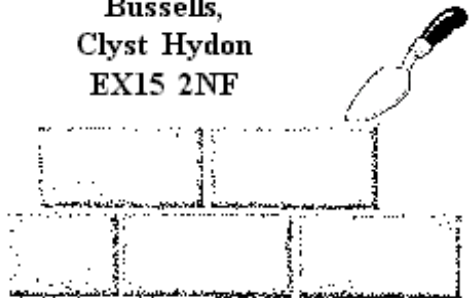
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# THIRSTY FARMER DINERS CLUB

The current Mrs H and I went to the first 'club night' in late March. We were unsure what to expect, but once through those unknown doors(!) we saw a disparate/desperate bunch of well known bon viveurs of the village. Nevertheless, we still stayed.

The idea behind the Diners Club is to involve interested customers in selecting some of the dishes for the 'Specials' Board during the following month. So for example, at this particular event, we were served 3 different starters ; these consisted of smoked mackerel with sweet vegetables, ham terrine with home made piccalilli, and a buffalo mozzarella wrap. As we munched our way through these we were making notes to help us with the final voting. The three main courses we had were rabbit, skate wing and a vegetarian option of baby vegetables under Lyonnaise potatoes.

As an opportunity to try three starters and main courses. It is a great idea and well done to Vicki for her creativity in trying to get more customers through the door. It is also a chance to meet people who you may not normally speak to in the village, so you get a double bonus for going!

The winners for the night were the buffalo wrap, and the skate wing.....so next time you see this advertised, give it a try and give your taste buds an evening out.  
Ed.H

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# Oh What a Night.....

After many months of training and lives dominated by walking, the 16th May finally arrived and we caught the train up to London for the Moonwalk. The train was busy and at each station we watched as more women wearing their Moonwalk t-shirts got on. In the taxi on the way to the hotel we passed the entrance to the 'pink city', an enormous bright pink marquee where we were due to gather later that evening. After a leisurely lunch in Notting Hill and a restful afternoon back at the hotel we donned our decorated bras and walking gear and went to Hyde Park to register. Hyde Park was full of people in their pink or white baseball caps (pink meant you were doing the full moon of 26.3 miles and a white cap meant you were doing the half moon of 12 Miles). We waved goodbye to our gallant support team of Miles and Ed at the entrance, collected our space blanket and see-through plastic cape (in case it rained) and went to join the party in the marquee. There were 17,000 walkers this year and both the marquee and a large area outside were packed with women in their bras. The imagination and creativity that went into decorating some of these bras were amazing. The walkers were sent off in four groups – unfortunately Viv and I were in pink group which were the last to be sent off at midnight meaning we had over 3 hours to kill. The BBC Big Band, Blake (a classical pop group) and Paul O' Grady who did the half moonwalk, entertained us but it was still a long, cold wait when you are eager just to get going. Eventually our turn arrived and 4,000 members of the pink group did the countdown at the start line and off we went.

The first few miles were frustratingly slow due to the volume of people but it gave us a chance to marvel at the sight of the long snake of bobbing baseball caps as far as the eye could see, both in front of us and behind us. The atmosphere was fantastic; a few hardy supporters were out to cheer us all on – a few drunks woke up to see thousands of women stream past in their bras and must have thought they were dreaming! The atmosphere was great, a lot of the walk was along the Thames Embankment where late night revellers gave us some noisy encouragement and cars and taxis were tooting their horns all night as they drove past. We saw the London Eye lit up at night, the Houses of Parliament, Horseguards and walked right past Harvey Nicks and Harrods both of which were closed! The hardest time for me was between 18-24 miles when the body was tired but there was still a way to go. Having not lost sight of each other despite the crowds, on a long straight piece of road lined with trees the whole length, we got parted – I rang Viv who asked where I was and the best my tired brain could manage was – I am stood by a tree – luckily sense kicked in, we found a landmark and reunited. The last 3 miles were back in Hyde Park and soon we could hear the sounds of the loud speakers and the cheers as walkers finished. At 24 miles it felt really emotional to see Ed and Miles stood at the side of the path cheering us on – the boost this gave us sent us speeding over the finish line in a times of 7hrs 50mins.

We were fortunate to finish unscathed – all the training and the hydration and nutrition advice paid off – we saw many walkers being treated by medics, unable to finish.

It is an incredible feeling having finished the walk and I did enjoy it. Would I do it again? Probably not, there are other challenges that can be done. Would I recommend anyone else to do it? Absolutely.

I would like to say a huge thanks to the support team of Ed and Miles. Ed has been a constant motivator, his positive backing for this event has kept me going. He also deserves a medal for ringing me every hour through the night while we were walking to offer words of encouragement.

Also thanks to my friend and walking partner Viv whose idea this was, for the planning and inspiration and also the company on the miles we walked around Whimble in rain and shine.

Finally but by no means least, to everyone in Whimble who generously sponsored us and have been so supportive, a big thank you – unfortunately this means we will now be chasing you for your sponsor money. Hopefully I will see everyone in the coming days otherwise money can be dropped off in the post-box of Dairy Cottage.

**Nicky Hitchcock**

## ..... and from Viv

Participating in and completing the London Moonwalk with Nicky this year was an amazing experience.

Thinking back over the past 12 months we have so many people to thank.

Between us Nicky and I have raised just over £1700, at least £600 of that was from people here in the village, a combination of the collection we did at the Panto and from sponsorship. To all of you that contributed – thank you so much.

Gina from Southbrook Lodge Clinic is not only our walking partner but has kept us both on the road with her fabulous massages.

One of the key features of the Moonwalk is the fact that you walk with your bra on show! A huge thank you has to go to Zena Calverley for creating us the most fabulous bras which certainly helped give us the courage to whip off our tops after just 2 miles!

Just like Marathon runners, Marathon walkers experience ‘the wall’. For walkers it is less aggressive but lasts longer and kicks in at roughly the same point, which is anywhere from 17 miles. Just after daybreak I certainly felt as if I was at my lowest point.

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I switched on my mobile and was instantly overwhelmed by the number of texts and messages of support that people had sent us during the course of the night. To all of you, thank you so very much – those messages really did see us through the hardest part of the walk.

Finally (just call me Kate Winslet!) thank you to Ed and Miles who have been brilliant in their support and encouragement from the moment we decided to embark on the whole Moonwalk thing.

Miles in particular deserves his own medal. One week prior to the Moonwalk I tore my calf muscle, ended up in A&E and then spent the following 4 days on crutches. Not only did he end up ferrying me to work and physio appointments but he also had to deal with the emotional fall out of me wondering if I was actually going to get to the Start line let along the Finish line!

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We also had a very generous donation which paid for the entertainment last year.

We would like to be able to continue the party but we need to look at ways of making ends meet, and would welcome any views from you.

One suggestion, in the absence of any additional funding, is that we continue the meal as in previous years, include a pre-dinner drink and a glass of wine with the meal and have a cash bar for all other drinks.

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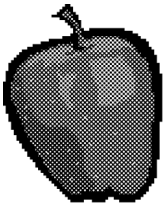
For people without access to e-mail :- **John Aiton** on 01404 823155

and for those that do, myself, **Graham Batten** at [gkbatten@btinternet.com](mailto:gkbatten@btinternet.com)

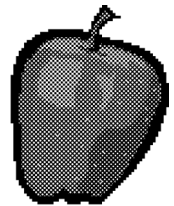
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The Whimble U11's cricket team have had a mixed start to the season. In their first game they triumphed on a chilly night at Sidmouth. Then in their next game against Axminster they lost by one run in a really exciting contest with most of the attending parents losing their voices on the day.

The boys who are managed by Dave Fielding, have been training during the close season on Tuesday nights at Westexe School in Exeter, being coached by Trevor Griffin.



Whimble U11's pictured at Axminster

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Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**



Work has already begun on the new track, BMX jumps and play equipment. As part of the celebrations to launch the new facilities, WAC4Y will be holding a bike auction on the parish field.

Bring your bike along (any condition) and auction it.

Seller gets all the money.

More information to follow

In the mean time - get rummaging

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009

A big thank you from the VPA and Whimble Parish Council to all those who helped pick up litter during the Community Litter Pick Day held at the end of April. Many turned out and some were even happy to don the, not-so-flattering florescent jackets acquired for the day – the village looked great.

The judges will visit Whimble on three separate occasions from May until the end of August – so we ask that everyone continues to do their bit by taking home their litter – or even picking up litter when it's seen.



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# Whimble Village

Date	Event & Venue	Organised by
Saturday 4th July	<p><b>Village Hall Breakfast with Stalls in the Car Park</b>            10.00am - 12.00noon            Victory Hall</p> <p><b>Celebration of new cycle tracks</b>            Parish Field 4.00pm - 7.00pm            Races, Games, Bike auction, food...</p>	<p>Whimble Victory Hall Committee</p> <p>WAC4Y            Whimble Action Committee 4 Youth</p>
Monday 6th July	<p><b>Salsa Size for all ages</b>            6.30pm - 7.15pm for children            8.00pm - 9.00pm for adults            Victory Hall</p> <p><b>Darts tournament</b>            8.00pm onwards</p>	<p>FOWs            British Heart Foundation</p> <p>Thirsty Farmer</p>
Tuesday 7th July	<p><b>Walking Treasure Hunt</b>            Heritage Centre 6.00pm start</p> <p><b>Skittles tournament</b>            Thirsty Farmer</p>	<p>History Society</p> <p>Whimble Football Club</p>
Wednesday 8th July	<p><b>Beetle Drive</b>            Primary School 6.30pm start</p> <p><b>Skittles tournament</b>            Thirsty Farmer</p>	<p>FOWs</p> <p>Whimble Football Club</p>

Please support this great community week and the many organisations we are so fortunate to have.



# Week - 2009

Date	Event & Venue	Organised by
Thursday 9th July	<p><b>Prize Bingo</b> Whimble Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 start</p> <p><b>Tennis Club Summer Social</b> Tennis Court 7.00pm - 9.00pm</p> <p><b>Skittles tournament</b> Thirsty Farmer</p>	<p>Whimble &amp; Broadclyst Young Farmers</p> <p>Whimble Tennis Club</p> <p>Whimble Football Club</p>
Friday 10th July	<p><b>Live music - Plan B</b></p> <p><b>Skittles final - children</b> Thirsty Farmer</p>	<p>Thirsty Farmer</p> <p>Whimble Football Club</p>
Saturday 11th July	<p><b>Village Day morning bells</b></p> <p><b>Fun run</b> Village Square 10.30am start</p> <p><b>Fancy Dress parade</b> Village Square for 1.30pm judging</p> <p><b>Summer Fayre</b> Whimble Victory Hall 2.00pm start</p> <p><b>Skittles final - adults</b> Thirsty Farmer</p>	<p>St Marys Church ringers</p> <p>FOWs</p> <p>FOWs</p> <p>FOWs</p> <p>Whimble Football Club</p>
Sunday 12th July	<p><b>Songs of Praise</b> St Marys Church 6.00pm</p>	<p>St Marys Church</p>

Co-ordinated by the Friends of Whimble School

## Game set and wrinkle repair

Luxuriantly framed by hedges and trees, the local tennis club's court is somewhat prone to shade and damp. Spring was the opportune moment for a facial and now the court is positively radiant. The full works - in the form of cleaning and moss removal - was performed by Paul Bartlett of Surface Cleaning Services in Sturminster Newton, Dorset. After six hours of high-density mist treatment, the greenish slippery layer that had built up - all the more easily since the repainting of the court two years ago - was removed to reveal a healthier complexion.

There is so much more to tarmac than meets the eye. It's quite sensitive - you wouldn't put bleach on it because a caustic reaction would result, producing an oily effect which would inhibit drainage. And pressure washers are far too abrasive: they break up the surface. It is important to ensure mud and grit are not carried on to the court for the same reason, said Paul. An expert with an evident feel for the substrata of the particular surface he is working on, Paul explained that tarmac courts are constructed over a sub-base with first a binding layer of tarmacadam and then a finer layer on top, which is porous too. The better the drainage through the pores, the drier and more moss-resistant is the court. The repainting of the court had inevitably partially blocked this process, allowing small depressions in which moss could accumulate. However, we were glad to hear that the court was in remarkably good condition for its age; that drainage was good (a litre of water poured onto the surface withstood the 'disappear in four seconds' test); and despite having been laid crossways rather than in long strips, the surface is fairly even. There are some cracks, but these can be repaired.

The tennis club has its cleanse, tone and moisturize work cut out. Weeds must be prevented, so spraying at the edges is always recommended, keeping an eye out for primitive Horse Tail and couch grass. (Couch rhizomes, you may be heartened to know, have been found to survive at a depth of fifty feet for fifty years). The appearance of fine lines must be reduced (liquid tarmac an option). And every other year, the deep cleanse treatment will reinstate that breathability which tarmacadam *so* needs! In future, we shall have more respect for our court and employ the experts to care for it.

Because Whimble Tennis Club is worth it!

SCS also has a wood preservation department for the treatment of external wooden buildings and fencing. Wonder how they would appraise our historic 'amenity', now VACANT for some years, save for robins nesting.

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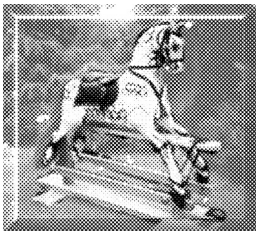
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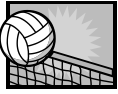
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# WHIMPLE ACTION COMMITTEE 4 YOUTH

## WAC4Y

Parish Field Project in association



As you probably know we have succeeded in securing a grant to provide a 300m+ cycle/running track, BMX track and adventure trail on the Parish Field.

This grant has been offered by the Community Spaces programme which is run by Groundwork and is part of the Big Lottery Fund.

### Work being done

The first phase of work is the tracks and paths. Work started on 5th May and should be completed by the end of the month. A huge thank you is due to the Cricket Club who have very kindly allowed access for the contractor over their land. The adventure trail should be completed before the end of June as should the installation of new benches and a general tidy up of the area.

### Who will benefit

This facility is aimed at providing some activity for teenagers of the Village, but there should be something there for all ages to enjoy, and we will hopefully see the Parish Field being used more.

### Celebration

We intend to hold a celebration of this achievement on Saturday 4th July from 4-7pm. This will include free games, races, bike fancy dress, hot dogs, snacks and drinks. The only money needed will be to buy the bikes and activity toys.

### Bike auction/activity toy sale

We will also hold a bike auction and a table for other activity related items you want to sell i.e. skateboards, rollerblades, etc. Please bring items to be auctioned or sold to the field between 9-10am or 12-4pm. The auction will be held at 5pm and unsold items need to be collected by 7pm.

### Weather

We are not afraid of a bit of rain, but if the weather is too bad, we will reschedule the event to Sunday 5th, same time, same place.

### Any questions?

About WAC4Y or the celebration - Liz Silk 822389, Sue Ayres 823082,  
Jenny Sanders 823015

About the work – Ian Spicer 823640

# Wasters of Whimble

## Cardboard/plastics volunteer collections

A list of dates have been placed on the Parish Council notice board for collections up to the end of the year. Generally we will arrange a collection for the last Saturday of every month. It is hoped that the kerbside collection will be in place before Spring 2010.

All cardboard and plastics should be clean and crushed if possible and separated into different bags. We will gladly return your bags for reuse.

**Next collections:** Saturday 27th June, 26th July

## Fashumble

If you supported this event, either by selling or buying, we hope you enjoyed it. 51 people offered 612 items for sale of which 170 were sold, generating £1,009 of which £908 was returned to the sellers. Some sellers sold nothing, with one person receiving over £100. We were delighted that 72 people came to the event. Some found nothing suitable to buy and some bought loads. Overall a profit is anticipated of £200-£300 which will go to Whimble Primary School to fund an eco project. It is great to make a profit and even better to see the recycling being enjoyed.

Most importantly, everyone seemed to have fun, including our valiant models. A huge "thank you" to them and to all of our Wasters team who worked very hard before, during and after.



## Recycling facts

Councils are paid around £50-00/tonne for newspaper and £425-00 for Aluminium cans, but around £53-00/tonne for waste to landfill

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See also [www.which.co.uk/recycling](http://www.which.co.uk/recycling) ; [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com)

Food waste can be avoided by not buying too much in the first place and by checking your fridge regularly. 'Use by dates' are there as a guide. We are all equipped with brilliant senses of sight and smell and that are very reliable!

### Future events

We are talking about a summer 'Village Garage Sale' and autumn film viewings. Other events discussed have been eco workshops and a Green Fayre. Anyone with other ideas or interests, or who are keen to be involved, would be very welcome to join us.

**Next meeting Tuesday 16th June 8pm (venue to be confirmed)**

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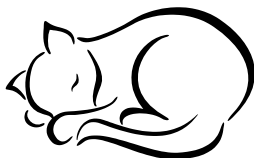
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There will be two chances to join a Guided Village Walk in 2009, usually led by a Whimble lad in the guise of Roger Smith who can point out places of interest with tales of him being forced up chimneys by his wicked mother, that hooligan Lucy Smith, and then forced into hard labour at the bakers as a teenager. These are fantastic ways to learn more about our lovely village, and the walk will perambulate slowly for about two and a half hours. The Walks are both on a Friday, 31st July and 7th August, starting from the Heritage Centre at 6.15pm. If you would like to join, please phone Roger Smith on 822244 to book your place. I know that I will want to go on one, as it is a couple of years since my last one, and there is always something new to learn on these walks. May see you there!!

EdH



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# Whimble Victory Hall

To all intents and purposes the work at the Hall is now complete and I am sure that those who have seen the improvements that have been made must be impressed. We still have some minor works to do but these are more cosmetic than anything else.

We also have some new storage with a second storage unit being placed next to the existing garage unit. This was put up on Sunday 17th May and I would like to thank all the willing helpers who risked hernia, lacerated hands and fingers and pneumonia from the incessant rain for their help in making the job enjoyable and entertaining. Once it has been painted and put in its final resting place it will be screened with trellis and plants.

We have raised a considerable sum of money over the last few years to make these improvements and purchases possible and more than £40,000 has been spent. It is, therefore, very sad to report that we were the victim of either prankish behaviour or petty theft. Two new wheelie bins were removed from the car park at the Hall. These have now been recovered, thanks to some eagle-eyed locals, but not without some inconvenience and unwanted expense.

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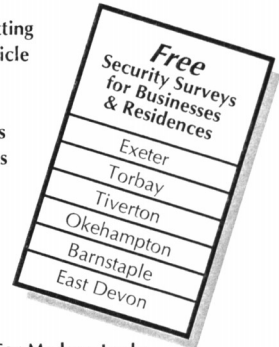


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## The late Frances Pratt

Frances was a very modest person, who you had to ask the right question to unlock her stories. We ran an article on Frances in the February/March edition. Mike Mallett found out some more information about this well loved lady after we had gone to print, so I have included it as a separate item in this edition.

Frances never knew her father, who was killed in World War 1 when she was only 1 or 2. He was a woodcarver and, as a young girl, Frances found his wood carving tools and taught herself the basics of the craft. Later she attended a wood carving class and became a skilled carver, so much so that she created such things as fire screens and bellows. Frances joined a group of woodcarvers who went round to various churches in Somerset, and restored the carvings/created new carvings on the pew ends . In fact, some of her work is in Wells Cathedral, which she must have been very proud about.

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The Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal would like to extend our deep sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. Pratt. Mrs. Pratt ran the Poppy Appeal in Whimple and outlying villages for many many years, raising in the region of £11500 each year. She was of course helped by many volunteers from the area and we are so grateful to them all for their support of our much-needed charity.

Unfortunately we now have a very big gap in Whimple, which we desperately need to fill. If anyone felt they could take on the Poppy Appeal Organisation around Whimple we would love to hear from you. This role could be shared by two or even three people to make it more manageable, but we need your help.

The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants. Nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for our help - that's 1 in 6 people. Founded in 1921 the Legion is not just about those who fought in the two World Wars of the last century, but also about those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still fighting for the freedom we enjoy today. This year, as always, British troops have been posted to the forefront of some of the world's most dangerous trouble spots and they may need our help in the future. As well as providing wide ranging welfare care, we are the Nation's custodian of Remembrance, ensuring their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Without volunteer collectors out there on the streets, without appeal organisers planning the collections, this great cause would grind to a halt. We urgently need to recruit more people, as many of our current volunteers are retiring from active duty. Add to this the ever increasing demand on the Legion's services, and you can see we need your help more than ever.

If you feel you can help as Organiser; as a Poppy Seller during Remembrance time or with welfare, please contact Carole Arnold on 01297624355 / 07769671590 or at the Devon County Office in Alphington 01392 273111. Thank you.

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I can't believe we are again heading towards the end of another school year. The second half of the summer term is always an exceptionally busy one. Sports Day (weather permitting) on 10th June at the cricket field and we are having an arts week again this year and some of the work created that week will be on display in the village hall throughout the day of our summer fair Saturday July 11th. We hope to see you there.

## At the seaside

Year one and two have been to Exmouth beach. We collected shells on the beach. We found white and light purple shells. We put our hands in the water, it was cold! All of us went to the harbour - there were lots of pretty boats. We went everywhere by coach. We ran across the sand dunes and we got sand in our feet. We had a lovely time. Then we got on the coach and drove back to school again. There was lots of fun and noise!

**By Laura, Dulcie and Emily! (Year 2)**





# ECO NEWS

## ECO NEWS

The school has developed a new eco team. There is one rep from each Class. There are also two or three eco Action team reps.

They are trying to make this school an eco school. We have got new litter pickers in key stage 1 to pick up litter around the school and key stage 2 children are checking the temperatures of each classroom everyday.

We need to save water and we also need to use the cold tap more than the hot tap because hot tap burns up more energy. On Friday 22nd May we are having a eco day this involves turning lights off when we are not using them, walking to school and everyone dressing up in recycled clothes! Should be fun.

By Tom and Robbie Palmer, Sam Ayers and Kiko Keighery (year 3)

## Whimple primary Water Carry

On Friday the 3rd of April the whole school got into their house teams and half of the team went on one side of the play ground and the other half went on the other side. Each person had to carry 4 litres of water twice. After the event we had raised £370.47.

Evie (Year 4)

## Professor Elfic

Towards the end of the spring term KS2 had a visitor called 'Professor Elfic'. He did a science show mixing the art of magic at the circus with science lessons about forces. He got some help from Mrs Lindsey to get on a 6ft unicycle! He explained about what forces do and what the different words mean to do with forces.

By Eleanor & Mollie Yr 5

Keep sending in your Tesco, Sainsbury's and Books for Schools vouchers. We'll count them up and tell you how many we have collected soon.

Carole Shilstone

# BARN DANCE IN THE BLOSSOM

Lester and Helen Bowker must dread that annual phone call from Sue Wilson "Sorry guys, but the weather looks a bit iffy for the barn dance...can we move it up the hill to your barn please?" And so the current Mrs H and I trudged up Woodhayes past the snow line, to base camp at Cotley Farm on 9th May, drawn by the promise of Yellow Hammer draft beer and pork rolls, with ye-hah music as an extra. Another well organised event by Sue and her team, with great music and lots of keen dancers willing to follow lots of very convoluted instructions from the caller, to arrive giddy and glowing at the end of the dance. Certainly all the dancing feet raised a lot of straw dust, which added to the challenge....next year Lester, please use non-dusty straw.

As we were in training for the Moonwalk, we held back on the dancing, in order to preserve the high level of fitness that months of training had achieved (more about that elsewhere in this edition). Sue told me that there were about 350 people at the dance, and that they raised some £2200 for the very worthy cause of a Debt Advice Centre in Exeter. A great evening, but I did feel that the event is in danger of getting too big and moving away from the village connection.

The bar staff worked hard and very efficiently, as did the good people on the food section...well done and thanks to all of you. This year there were a couple of side show events, including a 'hit the golf ball into a bucket style of thing', and Jackie Mahoney was telling me how much she enjoyed that particular one. A keen participant sliced the ball at 90 degrees to where it should have been going, to smack Jackie between the eyes, and warrant a trip to Honiton and RD&E Hospitals on a Saturday night. Jackie was the proud winner of 5 stitches, and, all praise to the NHS, was back at the barn dance in a couple of hours. Next year...hard hats!

Well done Sue and team, and thanks again to Lester and Helen for their hospitality.

**Ed H**

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Well I think we raised £2200 which is amazing. We had over 350 people including sophisticated urbanites from the big smoke of Exeter

Big thanks to Lester and Helen for allowing us to use their fab barn, thanks to Rob Camp for organising the bar and some wonderful friends in Whimble who pitch in with cooking and helping.

Thanks to the lovely people of Whimble who support this event.

The money is going towards the opening of a debt advice and support centre in Exeter later in the year. This is run by the charity Christians Against Poverty which provides free, confidential professional advice to anybody who needs help with debt.

**Sue Wilson**

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# Whimble Womens Institute

Two months have gone by very quickly - hardly surprising when we look back at the many and varied activities. The April monthly meeting was 'home grown', with members providing both questions and answers for a 'Gardeners' Question Time'. The evening proved to be both informative and entertaining.

In May we discussed the National Resolution which expresses the Women's Institutes' concern over the plight of the honey bee. Roger Lacey gave a short talk on the importance of bees to our everyday lives before members voted unanimously to accept the resolution. Afterwards Avril and Phyllis each gave a short talk, Avril provided a lighthearted glimpse into the banking world and Phyllis told us some of her experiences as a doctor in Malawi.

Six members acted as stewards at the Devon Federation meeting held at the University Great Hall. Whimble hosted the Group Meeting when we welcomed members from four neighbouring institutes and enjoyed the splendid entertainment provided by the Drama Group. An excellent supper was provided and we also appreciated the opportunity to socialize. Our President kindly invited members to her home for a splendid fundraising lunch aided by several members who provided food for the occasion. We have been pleased to welcome both new members and visitors.

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**Rosemarie Burrows**



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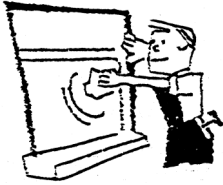


## Parking in The Square

In the Parish Plan Questionnaire, two years ago, many people were concerned about safety in The Square, particularly as it is often full of vehicles. A particular concern of the Parish Council is parking in the narrow part of The Square in front of Ivydene - emergency vehicles will not be able to pass when cars are parked here. The dustbin lorry is sometimes unable to pass - just imagine if this is an ambulance or fire engine! If you need to park in the centre of the village, especially for more than a few minutes, the Parish Council ask you to please use the free village car park off Webbers Close instead and please do not cause an obstruction to emergency vehicle access.

As this is a Conservation Area, highway lines of any colour alongside the stream would be unacceptable. In order to help improve the parking situation in the area, the Parish Council are providing two containers of plants. These will be situated opposite Ivydene but will allow room for emergency vehicles to pass.

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Recently, there have been disturbing statistics that show that more cyclists are being involved in accidents. In Whimbley it very often seems that parents concentrate their safety efforts to ensure that their children wear helmets and high visibility vests, but rarely have any concern for themselves.

**Does this apply to you? Let's hope not.**

## **Summer time Crime Prevention advice:-**

To combat theft this summer please consider the following:-

If you intend to spend time in the garden, ensure the front door is locked (particularly if your front door has an external handle).

Close windows at ground level and those that have access from a flat roof or are otherwise easily reached.

If you have opening restrictors that cannot be accessed from the outside, or your windows have a secure vent facility, then those can be safely used (this also applies to windows that tend to be left open overnight).

In offices that have doors open for ventilation try not to leave the office empty, no matter how short a time period, without closing the door and taking bags and jackets with you. Alternatively, it is always good practice to put such items into lockable cupboards or drawers even while in the office.

Do not be tempted to leave windows open in parked cars, as this is the perfect invitation for a thief; particularly if you have left valuable items in view.

And please leave dogs at home in this weather - even a car with windows partially open can heat up dramatically, causing distress or even death to the animal.

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## **Car key burglaries**

Many modern vehicles are proving too security savvy for thieves to steal; it is nearly impossible to gain entry without the keys. Burglars are now targeting homes with the sole intention of stealing the keys to high value or high specification vehicles.

The message is simple. Don't leave your car keys on view. Remove keys from front doors and make sure that they are not visible from your letterbox. Make sure that you not only close your doors but lock them as well. Ensure that you know where your keys are at all times, have another front door key cut and place it in an easy to reach, yet concealed place in case of emergency.

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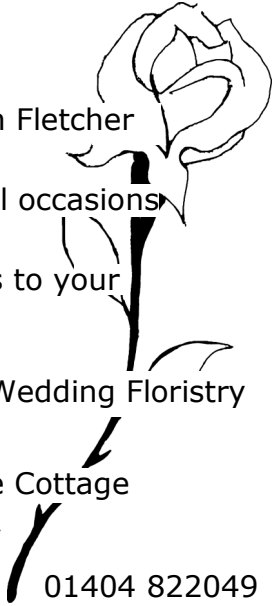
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