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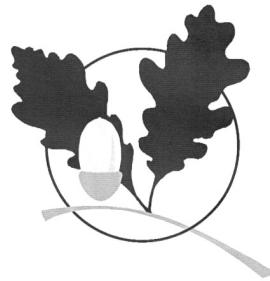
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What's On in Whimble

June

- 6th Wasters Of Whimble present the Gaia Cabaret at the Scout Hut; 7.45pm for 8.00pm See posters for details.
- 10th Poppy Party (in support of British Legion) - Rull House, Whimble; 2.00pm - 4.30pm - see advert page 25.
- 10th Auction of Promises - Victory Hall; Doors open 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start - see advert page 36.
- 11th Whimble Church Garden Fete - Hindstrete, Church Rd; 2.30pm - see advert page 17.
- 14th Whimble Over 60's Club; Trip to Paradise Park, Hayle, Cornwall - see advert page 15.
- 18-19th VPA Open Gardens Weekend - Tickets (£3.50) available at Village Hall Car Park from 1.30pm; Gardens Open (Sat & Sun) 2.00pm - 6.00pm - full info page 48.
- 23rd Whimble Tennis Club - Social Night; 6.00 pm onwards... - full info page 40
- 24th Whimble Pre-School Summer Fair -Victory Hall Garden 10.30am - 12.00noon - see advert page 13.
- 25th Whimble School Summer Fayre & Open Afternoon at the school; 2.00pm - 4.00pm - see advert page 26.

July

- 3rd The Whimbletons (in association with The Pampered Chef) Fun Afternoon - Whimble Cricket Club; 3.00pm - see advert page 44.
- 2nd Summer Special Ploughman's Lunch - Whimble Victory Hall; 12.00noon - 1.30pm.
- 10th An Evening with Gordon Giltrap - Victory Hall; doors open 6.00pm - see advert page 21.
- 10-17th **Whimble Village Week; Full details - pages 32 & 33.**
- 14th Whimble Tennis Club - Social Night; 6.00 pm onwards... - full info page 40.
- 15th Whimble Over 60's Club; Trip around Dartmoor - see advert page 15.
- 15th Orchard Harmony Sing-a-Long-a-Picnic - Victory Hall; 7.30pm - see advert page 34.
- 29th History Society - Conducted village walks; start at the Heritage Centre, 6.15pm; please book with Roger Smith on 822244.
- 30th Soup & Sarnie Lunch - Whimble Victory Hall; 12.00noon - 1.30pm.

August

- 5th History Society - Conducted village walks; start at the Heritage Centre, 6.15pm; please book with Roger Smith on 822244.
- 13th Village Produce Association - Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall; full info page 48 - see advert page 48.
- 18th Whimble Tennis Club - Social Night; 6.00pm onwards... - full info page 40
- 22nd WARTS Order Date - see page 51.

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Ed the Ed

What a magazine we bring you this month, gentle reader. It is that time of the year when Whimble buzzes with so many activities that are planned, mainly around the Village Week theme. Bob and his team have done an outstanding job this year – please support with your presence and money, but also with your offers of help as per the advert on page 35. Ask not what your village can do for you, but what you can do for your village!

I see that one competition is to guess the weight of Diesel, the horse. I got to thinking about how you would do that – it's not going to be easy to get him into the house and up the stairs to the bathroom; do you let him stand on the scales by himself – would he have to balance on one leg – in which case would he be safe like that? Or would you have to hold him as you both stand on the scales and then deduct your weight from the total to get to Diesel's weight? Answers on a postcard.....

You will see in later pages that this is Edith Grout's last article for the Whimble News, and we would like to thank Edith for all her support over the years. We know that many villagers look forward to her view from her window, but now is time to put the cover over the trusty typewriter and take a well-earned rest. Thank you Edith.

We have always been grateful to our great band of deliverers, but we are sad to report that Robin Tuck, who delivered in Bramley Gardens, died recently. The News Team would like to pass our sympathy to Sadie. Robin will be fondly remembered for his involvement in village life.

Gentle reader, whilst trawling the East Devon Council Website for news of the local election results, I was looking for some excitement and discovered that there were several language options – so I pressed the button and chose to enjoy the website in Filipino. You didn't know that I led such a racy life style, gentle reader? I was most amused by the conversion of good English names into Pedro Bowden and Pablo Diviani. So next time, you know how to inject some spice into Council business!

You will see from the ad on page 44 that the dreaded Whimbletons are running a fund raising afternoon on 3rd July – please come along and have some fun with us and the Pampered Chef . The Master Chef Challenge should prove to be entertaining at least!

Thank you very much to the Thirsty Farmer and the donations left for us at the PO – we are very grateful.

We would like to say a fond farewell to Rob and Joan Wilkinson, who leave St Mary's for the depths of the Culm Valley, and thank them for all their hard work in the village. Good luck and we hope to see you again.

WE HOPE TO FILL THE NEXT EDITION WITH REPORTS AND PHOTOS FROM VILLAGE WEEK, SO IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE EITHER PASS IT TO JIM (FOOTBALLING LEGEND WHO BRINGS A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THE PHRASE 'I'VE BEEN MUGA'D') AND ALISON (FOOTBALLING LEGEND'S MASSEUSE) AT THE PO. OR YOU CAN SEND THEM VIA EMAIL TO VILLAGE DAY PROJECT DIRECTOR, BOB ON BOB.SCANLAN@ECLIPSE.CO.UK BY MONDAY 18th JULY.

Enjoy Village Week!!

Ed H

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

by Edith Marie-Louise Grout

If life is like a flowing stream
We are sure to find some stepping stones
 To guide us on our way
And if each held the other one
The crossing can be lots of fun
If help is needed do not delay
 It may be wanted right away
So volunteer at once, do not delay
Next day, next week will be too late

Have you ever come across this remedy for a fit of the blues? It is a very simple cure – to look only at the good things around us. The man who goes into his garden looking for caterpillars and weeds will surely find them but his neighbour who goes out to find flowers and listen to the songs of the birds will come home with an armful of blossoms and a song in his heart. It works a treat.

I remember vividly the story of that admirable garden raconteur Canon Ellacombe, who was always full of good advice and country common sense. He must have enjoyed a good lunch with a bowl of roses on his dining table when he wrote in June 1871, 'Is there any other month in the year when you can enjoy a triplet of good things from the garden - including a plate full of lovely green peas and a bowl of bright red strawberries? A feast fit for a king.'

Nowadays it seems to me that we get roses, green peas and strawberries all the year round and we do not experience the same delight. But for me, I still have a great feeling of joy when I go into my garden in The Square and see and smell my roses and hear the concert of my birds. As my sight is failing I cannot sit in the peace of the garden reading a book but I have discovered a new great pleasure. Armed with my pocket radio, I listen to classical music gently, and I am not alone as the birds join in as well.

When friendship is rooted fast, it is a plant that no storm can blast and I am blessed with many friends in the village.

The under manager at Nestlé provided us with shilling tickets for the 'Gods' in The Royal Opera House at Covent Garden. As our digs were in West Ealing we often walked all the way home from the great metropolis.

Subsequently, when I married and lived in Brown's Hotel just off Piccadilly Street, I discovered another great aspect of London walking - which was in the magnificent parks. We spent many a pleasurable hour savouring the peace and quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of constant city traffic.

What fun we had; unfortunately, at 92 I am now the only survivor of those days - but I do have my memories.

It takes days of practice to learn the art of sauntering.
Commonly we stride through the out-of-doors too swiftly
To see more than the most obvious and prominent things.
For observing nature, the best pace is a snail's pace.

Edwin Way Teale (Circle of the Seasons)

A rose by any other name would not smell so sweet.

Dear readers and friends,

For the last twenty-five years - think of it as a quarter of a century - I have written my story 'From my Window in The Square'. First in our Rector's - the Rev'd Harold Tucker's two-page Whimble Newsletter for the congregation. It was written by him, and printed by Whiteways. When he left he asked me to take it on, which I did until Whiteways closed down.

The well-loved John Shepherd, known as the Mayor of Whimble, formed a group to see what we could do for this village with all the great changes happening such as Webber's Abattoir and Henry Lewis closing. The group was made up of John, Ken Stone, James Annandale, Peter Trump and myself. We sent a questionnaire to every house in the village and the answers were most interesting. The village wanted a magazine and that is how the Whimble News was started on a shoestring. We had such a good team. I will never forget Andrew Hughes receiving the copy to print on his photocopier. Can you imagine the hundreds of pages that he printed? That photocopier worked overtime, and then a new team took over led by David and Sarah Smith, and then Peter Smith became the editor. The magazine is still distributed free of charge to every household - what an achievement!

I feel now that I am in my 93rd year with failing sight, that it is time for me to step down gracefully with my last article of farewell. A great number of those stories were published in my book with the same title, (for my 85th birthday) with a very successful launch - all the 1,000 books printed have been sold for charity.

I have enjoyed these last 25 years immensely - my readers are so faithful and encouraging. Thank you for your friendship. I am still here in the Old Manse.

Edith Marie-Louise Grout



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We were both very sad to hear that this will be the last Whimble News in which we shall enjoy the inspiring and uplifting message from Edith, from her Window in The Square. Of course we see Edith most days, as she has a tremendous circle of family and friends who she frequently corresponds with. We will miss her article, but fully understand why she feels it is time to call it a day.

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We have a couple of items of lost property that have been handed in to us over the last couple of months; if you have lost a piece of jewellery, please come and see us. We are often able to reunite lost items with their owners, so if you should find an item, or indeed have lost something, do call in and tell us about it. We will see if we can help.

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We are now organising 'Flowers by Post'. We have a brochure in the shop from which you can choose from a large range of bouquets to suit all price ranges and all occasions. A message from you will be included and a range of extras, such as chocolates and ribbons, can be added for that special event. We are happy to help you to complete the order for the flowers - just ask either of us if you need any assistance.

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The 'Books for Scouts' scheme is going from strength to strength, the most popular books being paperback novels and children's books. So please let us have more books, which need to be in good condition. There have been some excellent books so, when you are passing, have a look - you never know what you may find. New titles are being added daily. Any books donated that are not suitable, or have been around for a while, are taken to R.I.O. in Ottery.

Our grateful thanks for your support

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## **BILL RICHARDS 90**

Bill would like to thank everyone who spent so much time, money and effort organising and preparing my lovely surprise party. Also thanks to everyone who attended. It was good to be the excuse for such a lovely get-together. Many thanks everyone!



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Annual membership is only £5 per person. If you would like to know more please ring Beryl or Arthur Iball on 822905, or come along one Tuesday. We are a very friendly and informal group and are always pleased to welcome new members and fresh ideas for activities.

Forthcoming Trips include:

Tuesday 14th June - Paradise Park, Hayle, Cornwall

Tuesday 19th July - A trip around Dartmoor

Tuesday 23rd August - Looe and Polperro

Tuesday 20th September - Exmoor Owl and Hawk Centre

Sunday 9th October - Wye Valley and Monmouth

Tuesday 1st November - Barnstaple

(Any vacant seats are available to non-members)

**Sylvia Broom**



## How Heavy is Diesel?

Sally's lovely horse is well known around the village, but what is less well known is exactly how much he weighs. So our Village Week competition this year is to:

## Guess the Weight of Diesel

Sally will arrange to have Diesel weighed for Village Day and the winner will be announced at the Village Fair.

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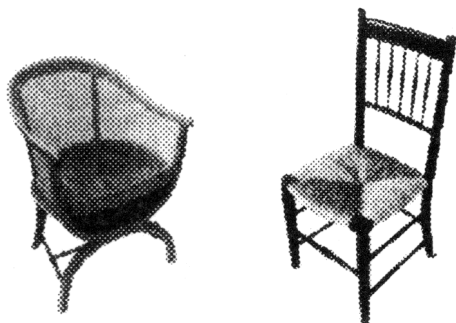
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This continued throughout the 1950's and into the early 1960's when the membership of the club averaged about 20 Seniors and 18 Juniors. The Club was in need of a permanent home because of the regular matches it continued to play in the East Devon League. A site to build a new court next to the Victory Hall was offered by Whiteways Cider Company and the old cricket ground also became a possibility, but both were neither popular nor practical. Eventually Mr Eric Whiteway offered a piece of rough ground immediately behind Fordton Farm, with the entrance off Knowle Cross Road.

Fund raising for construction of the new court began in earnest in 1957 and various sports and recreational grants and loans were applied for. There were a variety of fund raising activities including dances, concerts, whist drives, jumble sales, skittles and raffles. Planning permission was granted in 1960 and in the following year members undertook the clearing of the site ready for levelling. In 1962 the site was levelled by a bulldozer from Broadhembury and members erected fencing and laid field drains around the perimeter. In May of the same year the En Tout Cas Company finally laid a Gragreen Bitumous hardcourt. The dimensions of the site only allowed for the court to run East to West - not ideal on sunny days as players will know! The total cost of all the works including the fencing and drainage was just short of £800.

A small pavilion was also erected, costing £28, and two hardwood bench seats were generously presented by one of the original members of the Club, Mrs Peggy Wyld, in memory of her late husband. The court was officially opened on Saturday 30th June 1962 by the Secretary of the Devon Lawn Tennis Association.

The Tennis Club leases the ground from Whimple Recreational Trust who are, in effect, the landlords. A small annual rent is paid. The current 30 year lease is due for renewal in May 2013.

In 1970 the small pavilion was replaced with a larger one which cost £164 and a small wooden structure with an Elsan toilet was also erected at the far end of the court.

For some unknown reason the Club went through a bit of a crisis in 1973 as there were only 10 adult and 4 junior members!

After 22 years use the court began to show signs of real wear and tear and it was resurfaced and repainted in 1984 by Constable Hart Ltd for £3,507, with the assistance of grants from the Sports Council and East Devon District Council.



In 1986 the old pavilion was replaced with the current one and in 1987 the perimeter fencing was also completely renewed.

In September 1990, 6 years after the previous repaint, the court was again repainted by Colour Court from Bristol for £694.

In 1997 the court was again in need of resurfacing and painting, some 13 years since its previous resurfacing in 1984. This was slightly short of the expected lifespan of such a hard court.

10 years later, in 2007, the court again needed repainting and this was undertaken by Avon Road Mark Ltd of Yate, near Bristol at a cost of £1,441.

A new net and centre strap band were purchased in 2008 from Sweatband and Knowle Nets of Bridport for £74 and a new brass winder handle from Edwards Sports of Bridport for £60.

In Spring 2009 it was decided to task a professional company to try and clear the court of the perennial and increasing problem of moss. This was done by Surface Cleaning Services from Dorset and cost £444. The gate and sections of the perimeter fencing were also repaired by Atlas Fencing of Feniton for £782.

Additionally in 2009 flagstones were laid immediately in front of the clubhouse, together with a gravel path from the road entrance gate to the clubhouse, at a cost of £558.

In 2010, to keep the moss under control, the court was again cleaned professionally. In addition some small patches of crumbling tarmac were made good and repainted and sections of the fencing tightened up by replacing some of the old winches and clips. This was carried out by Surface Cleaning Services at a cost of £580.

The court is still in a fair condition and plays quite well. However it is very likely that the Club will be faced with a complete resurface within the next 2/3 years with an anticipated cost of approximately £10,000 plus VAT. Over the years the Club has been building up its funds in expectation of this and currently has a healthy balance of £9,670.

Membership has grown since 2002 as the village has become bigger. It has fluctuated between 70 and 130. Prior to 2002 the figures were much lower. Total membership for 2010/11 was 105. These figures include both Seniors and Juniors.

**PR Bridge**, Secretary, Tel 822057

- Every effort has been made to authenticate most of the above information. If anybody believes anything is incorrect or can add anything related to the early years then I would be delighted to hear from you.

# ROBIN TUCK

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Robin Tuck.

Robin was born on 25th July 1931 so narrowly missed becoming an octogenarian. In his younger days he was in the Royal Marines. In a sense we might say he never left them. His father bought him out before he completed his service, to join the family building business. He did a number of other jobs, including in an electroplating firm; it was almost as if he tackled a job, measured himself up against the requirements to his own satisfaction, then said, "I've done that, what shall I attempt next?" But it was the Royal Marines which had a formative influence on him, giving him a disciplined identity which stayed with him the rest of his life as he made his own way independently. He kept up with his old comrades and met new ones at the White Ensign Club in Exeter, and many of them came to his funeral to pay tribute to his memory. He went to an open day on H.M.S. "Exeter" when it was moored in Torbay with a neighbour an ex-H.O. Royal Navy rating and an ex-Marine parachutist; the Lieutenant who guided them round the ship was very interested in comparing notes as to what life was like aboard in Robin's day.

Robin met Sadie at a dance in Cookham Dean, Berkshire, and after they married they moved together to several different places, and after retirement went to Spain to live in the English community in the Spanish sunshine. But the longest they lived in one place was in Bramley Gardens.

There used to be a song, "It ain't what you do, it's the way that you do it," and that was personified by Robin, as whatever he did it was done in a highly focussed way, very disciplined, paying attention to every detail in planning and meticulous in execution.

**Geoffrey Gardner**

Robin Tuck was one of our wonderful team of volunteer deliverers, and with his sad death, we are looking for someone to deliver the Whimble News to Bramley Gardens. It is a small (20 houses), well-contained round.

If you are able to help, please contact me on 823194. Thanks!

**Ed H**

## Congratulations to David Rowe

David won the prize for best dry cyder and best medium cyder at the County Show. Even better, his dry cyder was judged best cyder exhibit in show, from well over a hundred entries, for which he won a huge cup! Given Whimble's cyder making history I feel this is particularly commendable. David works with my son Dan at Berry farm at Clyst St Lawrence and that is where he makes the cyder which is on sale at a number of local outlets, I believe.

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A night at the pictures was our annual fling  
We all had our share of trouble and strife  
But we just had to cope, 'twas the pattern of life  
But now I'm alone and remember those years  
I don't think of those bad times, our troubles and tears  
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*By Z J Coombe  
(80th Birthday Celebration)*

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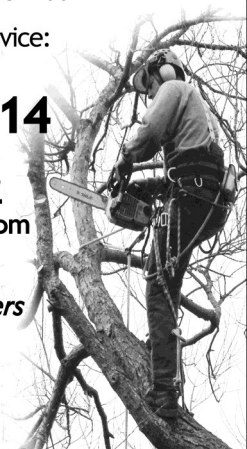
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# Village Week 2011

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## Village Week Draw

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# Village Week 2011

As I write this at the end of May, arrangements for Village Week are coming together well. The Village Week team are doing a fantastic job so this year promises to be the best yet.

The week will open with the Gordon Giltrap/Jim Causley concert on Sunday 10th July and end with Songs of Praise in the Church on Sunday 17th.

The full programme for the week is shown overleaf and includes all the old favourites along with some new events. Again this year sporting activities have been arranged for the kids each afternoon - this year netball and tennis have been added to football, cricket and short mat bowls. Also new this year is a WI Open Meeting on Tuesday when there will also be a Fun Quiz in the Cricket Club to follow the History Society Treasure Hunt. On Thursday there will be a special cricket match to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the move from the Old Cricket Ground to the new one. Friday again offers a choice of new activities. Orchard Harmony has arranged a Sing-a-Long-a-Picnic evening in the Victory Hall with music from Grease, Mamma Mia and The Sound of Music, or you could join the Morris Dancers outside the New Fountain for something more traditional.

This year we also have a special Village Week competition - Guess the Weight of Diesel - so please have a go.

The main focus this year has been on a new-look Village Day which takes the form of a Village Fair on the Parish Field. The Fair will open at noon with the Fun Run which starts and ends in the field. The Fancy Dress Competition will take place at 3.00pm (there will be a changing area if needed). For your entertainment there will be a demonstration of dog handling and displays of Tae Qwon Do and Japanese drumming and the Scouts will show off their practical skills by building a rope bridge. We hope also to have a duck race, some vintage motorbikes to admire and Maypole dancing. There will also be a tug-of-war competition, the final of which will take place at around 4.30pm in time for the Egg Catching Competition the Thirsty Farmer from 5.00pm.

There will be food and drink available, stalls to browse and a bouncy castle, sumo suits and other fun activities for the kids (and adults too). Details of all the events will be displayed in The Square as last year.

Our Village Week is brought about by all the village organisations working together. So please come along and enjoy the week and support our Village Fair.

You will see that we are asking for volunteers to help on the day so if you can spare an hour or so to help run one of the stalls, we would welcome your involvement. Please also show your support by buying some tickets for the Village Week Draw which has £300 in prizes and will help raise the funds we need to put on these events.

And finally, let's all hope for good weather.

**Bob Scanlan**



# Village

**Sunday 10th July**

**Gordon Giltrap**

Victory Hall 7.00pm

**Monday 11th July**

**Kids Football**

School MUGA 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Dancasize for all ages**

Victory Hall 6.15-7.00pm for children - 7.30-8.30pm for adults

**Darts tournament**

Thirsty Farmer

**Tuesday 12th July**

**Walking Treasure Hunt**

Heritage Centre 6.00pm start

**Kids Netball**

School MUGA 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Skittles tournament**

Thirsty Farmer

**WI open meeting**

Victory Hall 7.30pm

**Quiz Evening**

Cricket Club 8.00pm

**Wednesday 13th July**

**Short Mat Bowls**

Victory Hall 5.00 - 7.00pm taster session - 7.00pm competition

**Kids Tennis**

Tennis Court 5.30pm - 7.00pm

**Beetle Drive**

Primary School 6.30pm start

**Skittles tournament**

Thirsty Farmer



# Week 2011

**Thursday 14th July**

**Kids Cricket**

Cricket field 3.30 - 4.30pm

**Village Cricket Match**

Cricket field (check timing)

**Prize Bingo**

Whimple Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 start

**Tennis Club Summer Social**

Tennis Court 7.00-9.00pm

**Skittles tournament**

Thirsty Farmer

**Friday 15th July**

**Orchard Harmony**

Victory Hall 7.30pm

**Skittles final - children**

Thirsty Farmer

**Saturday 16th July**

**Village Day morning bells**

**Coffee and Cakes/Flower Display**

St. Mary's Church 10.15am - 12.00noon

**History Society Open Day**

Heritage Centre 10.30am - 4.00pm

**Village Day in Parish Field**

12.00noon - 5.00pm

**Egg Catching Competition**

Thirsty Farmer 5.00pm

**Skittles final - adults**

Thirsty Farmer

**Sunday 17th July**

**Songs of Praise**

St Marys Church 6.30pm

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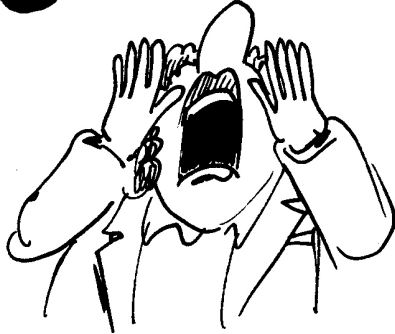
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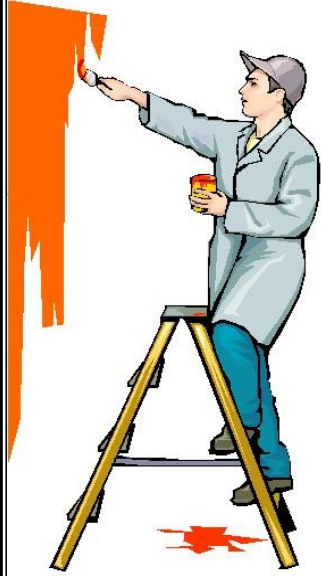
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Application Forms, including renewals are available from an envelope at the Club pavilion or from the Treasurer (Tel 823276) or Secretary (822057). You need to pay before you can play. Half fees will apply to anyone joining from 31st October to 30th April 2012.

Keys for the court are only available on payment of the membership fee or the Visitor fee (see below).

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## Key Dates

Every Wednesday starting 27th April, 1730-1900 hours – Junior Coaching

Saturday 1st May - Start of new season.

Every Thursday evening - Club Nights. Just turn up and play. All are most welcome especially newcomers and anyone who is thinking of joining the Club and perhaps wants a 'taster' first.

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**Secretary** - Roddy Bridge (822057)

**Treasurer** – Adrian Rushworth (823276)

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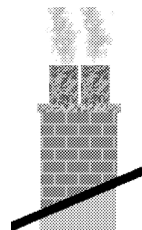
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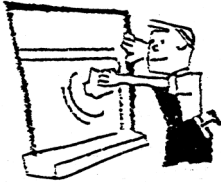
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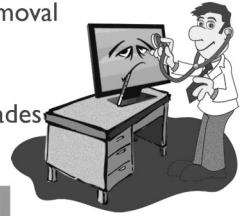


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In March 2011 we opened our new practice in Honiton. Located on the Heathpark Industrial Estate, it is just 10 minutes drive from our present Whimble Surgery. These brand new facilities are fully staffed with familiar veterinary surgeons, nurses and reception staff. The new practice will be running consultations throughout the day between 8.30am and 6pm Monday to Friday, a late night clinic until 8pm on Thursdays, and on Saturday mornings from 9am till 1pm. We continue to provide a full 24 hour emergency service.

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To thank you for your continued custom, when you register with the Honiton centre you will receive £10 off any veterinary services. For clients who find Honiton difficult to get to, we would like to offer free nurse visits and a drop off service for repeat prescriptions for your pets. We will also continue to offer house visits to your pets by a veterinary surgeon if you are unable to get to the surgery. We will continue to offer a 24 hour emergency service, as we do at present.

For more information and to arrange to have a look around the new surgery, please call (01404) 44095 to speak to Sarah, who is the surgery manager, or to one of the other staff. Every effort will be made to ensure your move to Honiton with us goes smoothly. We very much look forward to seeing you and your pets in Honiton.



# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Well even if we say so ourselves, our Annual Plant Sale on Saturday 14th May must have been the best we have put on. We had so many plants that we even had to put some tables outside the Victory Hall to stage them all. Clearly those people who camped out overnight to get the best bargains were well rewarded for their efforts! Even those people who turned up late, just as we were clearing up, managed to purchase what they came for. So all in all an excellent day and all the profits from this event will be used to stage our annual flower show in August.

Our next event will be an Open Gardens weekend on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June. Despite the bad weather of last winter, we have several people who have kindly volunteered to allow you all to trample over their gardens. There will be nine open on the Saturday and on the Sunday, Woodhayes Gardens and House will also be open to view. The gardens will be open from 2.00 to 6.00pm each day and all at the very reasonable charge of only £3.50 per person. Tickets will be available from the Village Hall Car Park from 1.30pm each day. There will also be cream teas available at Perros in Hindstrete on both days. So all in all, an event not to miss! Proceeds from this event will be shared between the VPA and the League of Friends for Ottery St. Mary Hospital.

Now the VPA has entered the modern era and we have just set up our own Website! Hopefully everything you need to know about our Association is there for you. The website address is: [www.whimplevpa.org.uk](http://www.whimplevpa.org.uk) We are very grateful to my wife for setting this up for us and we will endeavour to keep it regularly updated. Copies of this year's Flower Show Schedules and entry forms can be downloaded as well. So don't delay – get logged on. If there are items you would like to see on this site then please let us know.

Talking of The Annual Flower Show, which will be on Saturday 13th August 2011, and for the benefit of those of you who do not have IT connections, here are the classes for the Flower arranging and Photography sections.

## Flower Arranging:

Class 0501 “A Royal Wedding” – A traditional arrangement not to exceed 560mm x 560mm (22” x 22”) A niche will be provided, accessories permitted.

Class 0502 “A Jewellery Box” – A petite flower arrangement to be displayed in a container not to exceed 103mm x 103mm (4” x 4”). To be staged standing upright on an open table and dimensions to be in proportion to the container.

Class 0503 “Harvest Festival” – A centrepiece for the dining table. Accessories and dried material permitted. Table space not to exceed 560mm x 560mm (22” x 22”). Separate tables will be used for this class and exhibitors must provide their own table covering.

Class 0504 **THIS CLASS IS FOR MEN ONLY** “The Ashes”. For frontal effect and accessories are permitted, to be staged on an open table and dimensions of the arrangement not to exceed 560mm x 560mm (22” x 22”)



## Photography:

Class 0701 Print (coloured or b/w) A photograph depicting the title "Bridges"

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Class 0705 Print (coloured or b/w) A photograph depicting "Animal Farm".

Class 0706 Print (coloured or b/w) A photograph depicting "A Song Title" with a caption.

Hopefully there is something there for all flower arrangers and keen photographers, so we look forward to seeing the exhibits at the Show in August!

Schedules and entry forms will be available at the Post Office, but for those of you who can, please download your copy from our new website.

As mentioned in previous editions of the News, we will be running another Whimple Challenge this year. Details of this appear elsewhere in this edition.

So, for the gardeners, let's hope the weather over the next few weeks is kind, and for those of you entering the other classes, we look forward to seeing the creative exhibits which will be on show.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Secretary.



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# The VPA's 2011 Whimble Challenge

I am sure you will remember the challenge we issued to everyone in the village last year. We invited you to make scarecrows which reflected activities you are involved with in the village and, until the morning of the flower show, we weren't sure how many of you had risen to that challenge. The only thing we knew for certain was that the VPA had made one and that some folk had caught sight of a scarecrow in a cassock abseiling down the Church tower! In the event we had a dozen or more beautifully made and amusing scarecrows whose owners allowed them to grace areas of the village - notably The Square - for a week or more after the Show. They certainly seemed to give some amusement and Whimble playgroup staggered off under the weight of our superb silver (plated) cup that we awarded to the winners. The VPA don't want to sound too immodest but you could get an awful lot of Ribena in that cup!

Well, at the risk of abusing deceased equines, we thought it would be worth issuing the challenge again for 2011. Hopefully we can all use 2010's experience as a launchpad for a really creative exhibition of the Scarecrow makers' art, because **the challenge this year is to make a scarecrow in the form of a well known fictional character.**

You can find the mercifully small number of rules and regulations in our 2011 Show Schedule (coming soon on the VPA website of which there is more information elsewhere in this News). And finally - **new** for 2011 - we are introducing yet another silver (coloured) cup to be awarded to this year's runners up. How exciting is that?

We hope the Challenge will appeal to you and that everyone can look forward to seeing some much loved characters around our village in August.

**Andy Bratt** on behalf of the VPA

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## W.A.R.T.S.

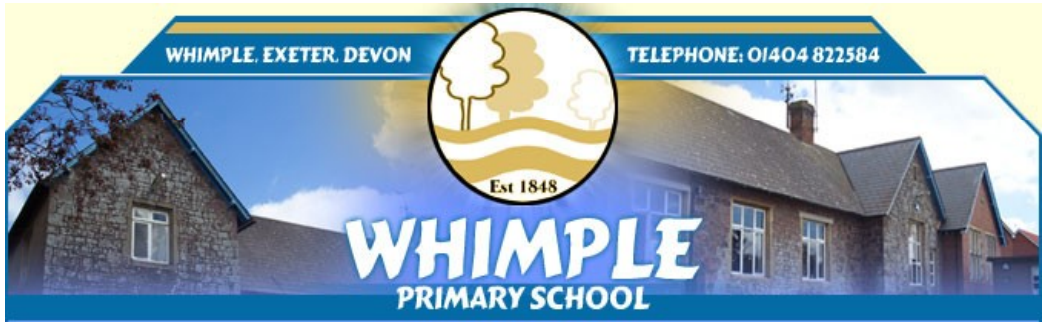
Our aim is to periodically secure the services of the cheapest oil provider that we can deliver to our members in the village.

**Our Intended Order Dates for 2011/12 are:**  
**Monday 22nd August**

**Monday 28th November      Monday 16th January**

All existing (and potential new) members with access to e-mail may contact me; **Graham Batten** with their order/\*registration at [utilitiesgb@btinternet.com](mailto:utilitiesgb@btinternet.com). Anyone without e-mail is invited to call John Aiton on 01404 823155. (\*Registration to include: Name/Address/Postcode & Telephone Number)





Doesn't time fly – here we are heading towards the end of the first half of the Summer term; must be because we are always busy whilst having lots of fun.

Our school Summer Fayre is being held on Saturday 25th June 2.00 to 4.00pm – there will be lots of stalls and things to see and do; the school will be open for a look around also. Please come along and see what great things the children achieve.

This term children have just started some lovely new topics including World War 2 (that will explain the children in gas masks!) and pirates and seaside. Ahoy there!

Hope to see you all soon.

Carole Shilston

## Indian batik

**The Batik design was awesome! First of all we drew the picture on a piece of paper. Next we coloured them in with wax crayon. Then we did it for real. We did them on a bit of cloth and copied the one on paper to our cloth. After that it's the fun part we get to put colourful ink on our cloth, result you have a brilliant picture!**



**By Samuel Terrett**

# Indian tie dyeing



**Year 5/4 did some Indian tie dyeing on plain white t-shirts we chose a colour out of purple, red, blue, green, orange and yellow.**

**Then we got some marbles and tied elastic bands around the bottom to create a pattern which looked like spirals .**

**As well as that we could do stripes by tying up string and marbles and it made a wonderful pattern which we did our Indian dancing in.**

**By Oliver Ayers**

## INDIAN FOOD

*At the end of term Year 5 and 4 tasted delicious Indian food! We tasted spicy potatoes, naan bread and a lovely cucumber and cold yogurt Raita. Not all of us liked it and people would like it for their tea.*



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In April we learned something of how to trace a family history. The speaker was Sandra Andrews, who illustrated her subject by tracing several generations of one particular Whimble family. At the end of her talk several members were thinking seriously about tracing their own family histories.

By contrast, the topic for the May meeting was 'Make up for the Mature Lady', which prompted a quite different train of thought!

Several members attended the Devon WI Spring Council Meeting at Torquay, which was described as excellent. Adam Henson was an outstanding guest speaker whose talk was both interesting and entertaining and opened our eyes to the various aspects of modern day farming. Simon Hall was another speaker who added to the day's enjoyment.

The President, Avril Ellingham has attended Denman College for a weekend course on how to draw and we look forward to hearing about her experience and her expertise.

Whimble Women's Institute continues to flourish and has again enrolled 44 members for the current year. The speaker at the meeting on 12th July will be Shirley Williams - this is an open meeting when Shirley will talk about her beautiful dolls. An evening not to be missed and an ideal opportunity to see if you would like to join us.

We welcome new members and if you would care to join the Women's Institute just contact the President, Avril Ellingham (822495), for details.

**Rosemarie Burrows**



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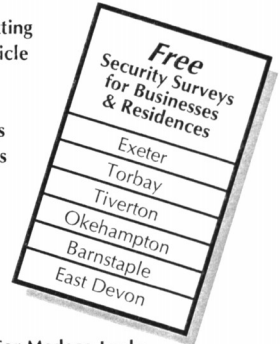
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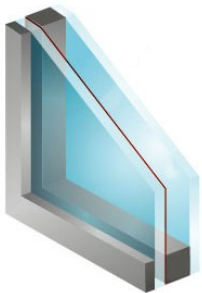
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