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What's On in Whimble

February

- 16th WOW meeting – Solar panels update, 35 Slewton Crescent, 8.00pm
- 18th Whimble History Society – a talk on 'Myths and Tall Tales of the Moor' by John Stuart; 7.30pm, Victory Hall
- 19th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm
- 24th Panto – The Wizard of Oz, Victory Hall 7.30pm See advert on page 26
- 25th Panto – The Wizard of Oz, Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 26th Panto – The Wizard of Oz, Victory Hall Matinee. 2.30pm
- 26th Panto – The Wizard of Oz, Victory Hall 7.30pm

March

- 4th VPA – a talk by Brian Carlson on Fuchsias and Pelargoniums; Victory Hall at 7.30pm
- 18th Whimble History Society AGM; 7.30pm. in the Victory Hall followed by a talk from Tom Coleman on 'Devon Farmhouses'.
- 19th Villages In Action – Matt Harvey, Victory Hall 8.00pm
See advert on page 15
- 26th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm.

April

- 2nd Easter Egg Hunt; 2.00pm. See advert on page 48
- 5th Bingo, Victory Hall; doors open 6.00 for 6.30pm start. Details on page 41
- 16th Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Victory Hall. Organised by the Whimble History Society. 2.00 – 4.00pm. Details from Adrian Williams 822430.
- 29th Royal Wedding Family Party, Victory Hall from 7.00pm Details to follow

May

- 7th Village Litter pick; 10.00am in The Square
- 7th Tidy your garden and roadside to support the Best Kept Village initiative

August

- 13th Village Produce Association – Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall

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

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact **Nicky Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail nickyhitch@tiscali.co.uk

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Ed the Ed

This edition contains a number of tributes to the late Paul Mallett of the New Fountain, who sadly passed away early in January. Please read and remember Paul – the village meant a lot to him. For example, he always supported the Wassail, and we were still able to start at the Fountain, which he would have liked, Thanks to Gill, Chris and Michelle for opening specially.

Our centre pages have some lovely photos of Whimble in the snow, including our ever-hardy Postman Paul in his shorts. I wondered if Ann Daniels had any vacancies on her next expedition, whether we could send Paul and his shorts with her – some great photo opportunities!

You will see an advert for a Village Tidy Up on page 27. To help us understand what we need to do for the Best Kept Village Competition (run by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and Mole Valley Farmers) we have squeezed the judges' reports from the 2010 visits that they made to Whimble, onto pages 24 and 25. It would appear that litter and the condition of some private gardens were a couple of 'minus points' comments. So if we can get that right, we should be in with an even better chance. Please help where you can. Thanks!

The Wizard of Oz panto looms ever closer, and I was delighted to see how quickly the Saturday tickets sold. It would be great if we could copy the very successful Talaton panto this year, and sell every ticket for every performance. The current Mrs H, my good self and Sally the Stage Manager From Hell, ventured over the parish boundary for an excellent evening's entertainment. A great story line and a very strong cast worked together brilliantly...if they can do it, so can the Whimbletons! Come and see us.

This edition includes several pieces from good villagers of Whimble, so thanks to them. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE, PLEASE EITHER LEAVE IT AT THE POST OFFICE WITH JIM THE SMALL OUTLET, AND THE FRAGRANT ALISON. OR YOU CAN ENTER THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT, AND SEND IT DIRECT TO BOB on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, BY MONDAY 7th MARCH.

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The weather leading up to Christmas could not have come at a more inconvenient time. It was our busiest time of the whole year and the Royal Mail Depot in Exeter just ground to a halt. Needless to say they couldn't get mail to us and we couldn't get the mail out to them – it was a total nightmare.

Despite the conditions the postmen did a tremendous job, doing what they could to try to catch up on the days they lost. We would like to thank everyone's understanding at this time.

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If you can't remember what the snow looked like, and it was beautiful !, do come and look at Barry Roach's new wintery 'Whimble Walks' cards made from fabulous photographs taken in and around the village. The whole range has been very popular and we always look forward to his new cards arriving along with the changing seasons. Well done Barry, keep up the good work.

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We still have no information regarding banking for Nat West. Watch this space and should the situation change we will inform you.

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Just a reminder that we are stocking the Bio-Bags that can be used to line the food recycling caddies. We are getting them at a very good price, £3.99 for 52 bags for the small grey caddy and £7.50 for 25 for the big blue caddies.

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The 'Book Exchange' has re-opened, and we would like to invite you to take advantage of the great range of books that we have at the moment. If you have a book that you no longer need, please leave in the basket for someone else to enjoy and at the same time you could pick up another one. Just leave a small donation each time you do this and you will be helping the Scout Hut fund at the same time. Last year we raised over £700. Let's try to do the same this year.

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Paul Mallett

On Thursday 20th January Whimble gathered to say a final farewell to Paul Mallett and I hope that Gill and family took heart from the packed church that reflected how fondly the village thought of him, and how that was also reflected outside the village.

Family and friends acted as his pallbearers, and poignant tributes came from his three daughters, Sam, Becky and Michelle during the service, led by Rob Wilkinson. Barry

McConnell, the Exeter City footballer from the village, who Paul and Gill had sponsored over the years, gave an excellent and fitting tribute to Paul, including several stories and memories that had us all smiling and remembering him warmly. As Barry said, the one word that summed Paul up was 'generous' – generous and never wanting to steal the limelight whether it was donations or support to raffles, organisations or events in the village that he loved so much. Paul was a strong part of Whimble and, speaking personally, he was one of the reasons that Nicky and I chose to live here, some 15 years ago. We had been house-hunting over a couple of weekends, and having viewed Dairy Cottage, we thought that we should test the pub over the road. It was around midday, and the pub was quiet. Once Paul had found out we were house-hunting, he picked up his coffee and came and sat with us, and told us all about Whimble, and what went on. That conversation really sold the village to us and when we moved in he went out of his way to introduce us to many people from the village as they popped into the pub. In mentioning that to several other people over the last few days, we discovered that he had also made them feel really welcome when they had first moved to the village.

So from us, thank you Paul for all your kindness; our thoughts are with Gill, Michelle, Chris, Sam and Becky at this time, and all the best for continuing the business of the New Fountain as a village pub.

Ed H

PAUL MALLETT 1950 – 2011

by Gill and Mike Mallett



Paul was the second son of Henry and Vera and was born in Politmore Hospital, where Vera worked as a theatre nurse. His appearance coincided with an Exeter City home match which was mildly inconvenient to Henry who was a staunch supporter. Vera could see that Henry was fidgeting and suggested he went to the football. Perhaps this was the reason for Paul's strong affinity with Exeter City Football Club, having a trial with them as a youngster and then as a loyal fan, and later as a sponsor of players Barry McConnell, Steve Flack, Lewis Tasker and Ryan Harley. Paul would often don these players' shirts behind the bar or wear his treasured 1981 Cup Run City Scarf.

Paul attended Broadhembury School, Norwood (Exeter) and Shebbear College in North Devon. He began work at Lloyd's Bank, Sidwell Street, Exeter, before moving to a variety of other branches. He then joined Hiley-Payne and Coxwell Financial Advisors in Topsham and then became an independent financial advisor in his own right.

When he heard that Devenish Brewery were selling off the New Fountain Inn, he decided to save it from development or becoming part of a chain. He hastily put a package together with Phil Roberts (ex Exeter City player) to save the local. After various changes in management, Paul and his wife Gill have run the pub together for several years trying to keep the traditional ambience alive with much support from their faithful customers. During this time Paul has been both Chairman and Treasurer of the local Publican's Association.

Paul married his first wife Jackie in 1969 and moved to Ottery St Mary where they raised daughters Sam and Bec. He has four grandchildren – Sophie, Lloyd, Amy and George. Paul and Jackie went their separate ways and Paul returned to Whimble where he met and married Gill. Paul and Gill have two children, Chris and Michelle.

Sport played a large part in Paul's life, playing football for Escot Rovers, and cricket for Whimble and Whiteways on the Richard Whiteway memorial ground, and he

fought to keep sport in that location. He participated in darts and skittles, and once tried Banger racing. He also enjoyed attending local point-to-point racing.

Paul and Gill had a passion for maintaining local traditions and enthusiastically encouraged Wassailing , Morris Dancing, and hosted a meet of the East Devon Hunt every year. Prizes were donated to local fund raising events.

Paul joined forces with the late John Shepherd to provide Whimble History Society with a building for the Heritage Centre, known as Lockyer's Linhay, in respect for John's family who in times gone by, had been licensees of the New Fountain. Sadly, John did not live to see the completed dream.

Paul enjoyed sponsoring local events and competitors, and within the last year, the New Fountain team won the Commando Challenge and Billy Bloomfield beat Eric Bristow at a Charity Darts event. Through his connections, he managed to take small groups of customers to meet celebrities such as Uri Geller, getting him to bend spoons, and also with thanks to Dennis Calver, and Harry Rednapp, who Paul predicted to be the next England manager.

A diverse range of entertainment has been seen at the pub with the half yearly Rotary Quiz always eagerly looked forward to, various Morris dancing troupes and the unforgettable Mr Bumble and the Bumble Show, with the Three Camels, Georgie the Butterfly and the elderly Mr Bumble standing on his head whilst drinking a half pint of light ale! It may have been his last show that brought the ceiling down, creating a good story for the Express and Echo. Other celebrity visitors included Captain Sensible and Swampy; City players Barry McConnell, Steve Flack, Jimmy Giles, John Hare, Alan Banks and Ivor Doble, for whom Paul had the utmost admiration.

Reading instructions and rules was not Paul's forte and Gill had to keep a close eye on things , making sure that someone other than Paul let off the annual fireworks displays. His only ever entry in the Village Flower Show was disqualified because he decided to peel the onions!

Paul will be sadly missed by everyone, but will, no doubt, be remembered as a village character for many years to come.

His family would like to thank all friends, villagers and customers for their help, and messages of support following their loss and for their attendance at the funeral.

Special appreciation goes to the ambulance crew and paramedics, and Billy and Jules Bloomfield who tried to help him at home , and the Doctors and nurses at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Also to Karen, Geoff, Tracey, Mike, Pam and Jackie for their help with the day of the funeral, to everyone who kindly provided food, and to Ben Silk and Geoff for helping the family to get the pub up and running again.

A collection was made for CLIC, a charity chosen because Paul's Mum suffered with leukaemia and at the time of writing, this amounted to £1,109.00. Many thanks to everyone who donated in memory of Paul.

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

by Edith Marie-Louise Grout

To find the universal elements enough;
To find the air and the water exhilarating;
To be refreshed by a morning walk or an evening saunter;
To be thrilled by the stars at night;
To be elated over a bird's nest or a wildflower in spring
These are some of the rewards of the simple life.

John Burroughs

Having been brought up as a young child in the Swiss Alps, the only form of transport was horse and cart or large sledges in the winter. The milkman, baker, and coalman all delivered in this way. As we lived at the top end of the village our walks to school were a good half hour going downhill, whilst taking a little longer on the way home - because of going uphill! I don't ever remember having our parents accompany us, and even in the most severe of winters or weather - the school never closed.

Need I say it, but in those days, 'health and safety' measures were thankfully unknown. There were challenges of course and when we met them, it made us feel more grown up and responsible. As one of a family of seven, we were soon trained in all kinds of sport, walking being the most pleasurable, mainly because it opened our eyes to the majesty and grandeur of the changing seasons.

Skiing and mountain climbing were two of our other great outdoor activities. I vividly remember with great joy our summer skiing expeditions, being very high up travelling with rucksacks on our backs enclosing a week's provisions and arriving after hours of climbing with skis which we had fitted with awl skin to facilitate our ascent (otherwise it would have been one step forward and two steps back). At the high mountain passes bordering with either Italy or France we would be faced with either the Matterhorn or Mont Blanc (the highest peak in Europe). One of our team would never travel without his trumpet in his rucksack so that when we reached one of these passes he would whip out the trumpet and play Hayden's brilliant Trumpet Concerto. Whenever I hear it now in concerts or quite frequently on the radio, it brings a smile to my face as well as joy to my heart.

Summer holidays we often spent with the goatherd, walking for miles all day and as we went admiring the alpine flora, the variety and vibrancy of colour as well as the smell. It was an unwritten rule that we would always make sure to find a rock to sit on so as not to flatten those delicate flowers.

Swimming had its own challenges in those cool mountain lakes, sometimes being extra bold and breaking the ice. It sure was invigorating!

When I first came to England as a student, then as a secretary to an advertising manager of the international firm of Nestlé, a few of us joined the rambling club - being a cheap and pleasant way to discover England as well as making friends.

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)

Memories of Paul Mallet

When we moved from lovely Aylesbeare to The Old Manse in The Square, we were warmly welcomed by Henry Mallet, the father of Paul and Michael and we became good friends. He had many meals with us and I used to visit him at No. 3 Vine Cottage. He was a true countryman with his own philosophy of life. He was very much in the mould of Bill Porter of Trevena in Church Road, of blessed memory. We soon met his sons, Paul and Michael, and also met their mother who lived at Saxons in Knowle Cross. We also met Gill's parents, Jim and Dot. They all were so much part of village life. The Fountain Inn was very much the village pub where you met every one. Paul Hayman was the landlord and he had this wonderful Alsatian which was taken for walks by the unforgettable Bill Porter. When Paul left for Thorverton, we used to go and see him there. A few landlords followed Paul Hayman until to our great pleasure, Paul and Gill took over, and during that period, all our visitors, family and friends from England and abroad, loved Paul's welcome. He always had our favourite table ready, and we so enjoyed Gill's wonderful cooking.

When I celebrated my 90th two years ago with an open house at the Manse, Paul provided the glasses and Gill made some wonderful nibbles, so delicious that we soon ran out. What is so extraordinary is that their daughter Michelle celebrated her 18th when I celebrated my 90th and we have a great affection for each other.

I will remember in God, dear Paul who I will alas see no longer but who will rejoice with me on another shore and in a greater light. And to Paul's family, my love and affection in their great loss. They are so well loved in this village.



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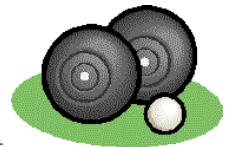
Continued exposure on Radio 4, a regular Desktop Poetry slot in the Guardian, and being on video loop display in the Science Museum, have propelled Matt from anonymity to national obscurity, and this show is a brazen attempt to edge further into public view. Suitable for adults and word-based teenagers.

www.mattharvey.co.uk

Tickets available from Whimble Post Office

Adult £6.50 Child/Senior £5.50

Short Mat Bowls Group



We meet in the Victory Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm for a fun game of bowls.

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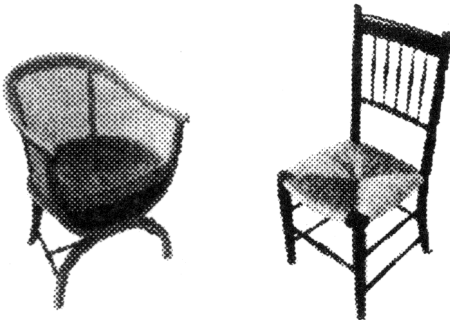
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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 19th January 2011 and yet another packed meeting reflected on a very active and successful year for the VPA, not least the immensely successful Annual Flower Show. Fortunately the principal officers on the Committee agreed to stand again and were unanimously elected into post. The only change this year is that Mick and Ann Street will be in charge of the Annual Flower Show with Andy Bratt taking a short sabbatical from this role. The Committee thanked Andy for the successful running of the Show, especially the 2010 Show which was outstanding.

The first event this year will be a talk by Brian Carlson. This will be on Fuchsias and Pelargoniums and will be in the Village Hall on 4th March 2011, starting at 7.30pm. More details nearer the date.

Our annual Spring Coffee morning and Plant Sale will again be at the beginning of May in the Village Hall with a date to be arranged. This has been a great success in recent years and we will be looking for the same success this year. Hopefully we will be able to provide a wide range of plants but if there are any specific plants you would like us to grow please let us know and we will see what we can do! The Annual Flower Show will be on Saturday 13th August 2011, again in the Village Hall. We will shortly be looking at the schedules to agree the classes for this year's show, particularly the Photography and Flower Arranging Classes.

We will endeavour to get this information out to you as soon as we can so you can all start planning ahead.

Following the huge success of the Village Challenge at last year's Show, we are now considering what the theme will be for 2011. It will again involve a Scarecrow Competition but this year there will be a different theme. The Challenge will be open to groups or individuals, so watch this space for more detailed information!

We look forward to seeing you at these events, especially the Annual Flower Show.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.



Mary and Richard Webber would like to say a very big thank you to all their friends for their concern and help when they were snowed in.

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Wasters of Whimble

We hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the Snow.

Recycling.

The new kerbside recycling seems to be very useful for the kitchen waste but it still seems easier to take all plastics to the recycling centres rather than separating out bottles. Taking this together with cardboard and tetra packs meant that even with the missed collections the bin didn't overflow in our average family home.



There does still seem to be a need for trips to the recycling centres and we will be investigating ways to help the community with this over the coming year. It is worth keeping the paperwork that came for the new recycling service as this was very useful to show what can go into your green boxes. On top of this a visit to the Devon County Council website will provide details on what they can recycle at their centres.

Solar village

Well it has been a hectic few months. As mentioned before we were delighted that 60 people attended our Solar Energy presentation with more than half putting their names forward for quotes. There have been a lot of issues to think about. Some people having planning to deal with, some with small roof space/viability and all having to decide which supplier to go with.

We estimate at this stage that 15 people have already signed up to either free or investment panels with another 5 who may well go ahead. If 20 properties sign up for an average installation this should save 24 tonnes of CO² per annum in Whimble. That is amazing but we suspect that some installations will be larger than average and that we are well placed in Devon to exceed the average productions.

We will be monitoring the panels closely to see how each package is working. We have members of our group who have chosen free panels and members who have invested so we hope to be able to offer useful real information as to how these are working. Remember the Feed in Tariff scheme is available for 10 years although the generation tariff may be reduced in April and will be reduced in future years. This tariff is fixed in the year you start so those who have currently signed up will be earning 41.3p/kwh (roughly £1,000 - £1,600 each year for an average house depending on size of installation) and this is index linked for 25 years.

If anyone is interested we can provide copies of our original paperwork.

Next meeting

A solar panel update and looking to the future. All very welcome to 35 Slewton Crescent Wednesday 16th February at 8.00pm.

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Remember, more members means bigger prizes, so please encourage friends and family to join too.

FOWS reserves the right to add additional numbers should there be the demand.

Interested?

Contact Vicky Clough for further details and an application form
01404 822800 or jasperfluff@btinternet

New Year Thanks

Those of you who congregated in The Square at midnight New Years Eve, I'm sure will join me in heartily thanking John and Jan at The Jays for 'turning-to' and making the event special.

We really appreciate you both for making the effort as well as being so cheerful and welcoming to all. The evening was quite mild for once, but as always, the mulled wine was **most appreciated!**

So once again - Thank You

Julie Millward



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You would not receive your 15 hrs Early Years Funding for your child until the term after their 3rd birthday. The current hourly rate is £3.62.

We would be grateful if you could register your possible interest by e-mailing me or completing the form below so we can decide whether to proceed with the proposal.

Many thanks

Sam Walker (Whimble Pre-school)

Walkersam66@gmail.com

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Name Contact number

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Competition Judges Reporting Sheet

Whimble is a large village with good amenities and it needed two visits to look round and do justice to all it has to offer. Whimble is fortunate to have a railway station stop on the main line between Exeter and Waterloo, although it must be frustrating that only some of the trains stop here. The nucleus of the village is The Square where the parish church, shop and small Post Office are situated, with the railway station, two pubs, school and the Victory Hall close by. The shop opens directly onto The Square and is well-patronised. The through road from the 'old' A30 is narrow in places and flanked by older and more traditional residential properties here and near the centre. The village spreads over a wide area with more recently built housing estates in between old properties.

The village is a pleasing place to visit and we found much to appreciate. Care has been taken by most property owners to maintain their front gardens and fences in keeping with the local environment. There is little commercial activity, but the pub car parks and general stores are tidy and accessible. The railway station has been updated in recent years and is neatly kept with no apparent litter. Verges and roads were very clear and we saw no litter there either. All the notice boards were in good condition, as were most seats and public spaces. We were impressed with the village field and its outdoor fitness circuit, both of which are cared for and clean, without being over-managed. The cricket pitch adjoining the village field is immaculately kept and a small stream provides a natural boundary between the field and a pleasant housing development. Children in Whimble are well-served by play provision – we observed two areas set aside, one containing swings and rockers for younger children and another grassy area with a small shelter and table where older children and young people can enjoy some space and bring along their BMX bikes and boards.

We were unable to gain access to the parish church but noticed that the churchyard was trim and recently mown, with long grass having been cut back around the tombstones but allowing some scope for wildlife. There is also a cemetery on the outskirts of the village which is a pleasing site to visit and where the formal ranks of tombstones and memorials blend in well with the surrounding fields and trees. A few memorials do need a bit of tidying and weeding, but this does not detract too much from the overall impression.

The village hall is frequently used by groups of all ages and although there is a current building project in progress the materials were neatly stored in a small area next to the village surgery. The school is of course fenced off, but we could see that the playground with its useful pagoda-style canopy between classrooms had plenty of interesting visual material for the benefit of both pupils and parents.

The small public car park a few yards down the road from the village Square is tidy and litter-free, bordered by foliage and abundant verges which make it a pleasant place to park for a little while. The several footpaths linking different areas of the village are clearly marked, with just one or two signs needing a little attention. Footbridges across brooks and streams have been well maintained and they enhance the leafy pathways.

We found much evidence of a thriving community in Whimple, with notices around the village giving details of local events and fund-raising activities. Unfortunately we did not manage to visit the Heritage Centre on its one open afternoon. The attractive laminated map supplied was detailed and helpful for planning our route. The village website, WhimpleOnLine, was set up a year or so ago. There is potential here for giving useful information about village matters and events and we hope that more local residents will contribute news and views. We felt that Whimple is a safe and very pleasant place to live and visit with much to offer.

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The first thing that struck us, before we even visited the village (from the very useful map), was the abundance of amenities and we found them no less impressive in real life. So many sites so well maintained; indeed, the cricket field was being mown as we visited and looked most impressive as did the Parish Field Play Area. There was pleasingly little litter here. However, the Play Space backing on to Elizabeth Close was less well cared for. The signs were overgrown, old and quite difficult to read. There was litter inside and out (very close to a bin) and the graffiti boards, although a good idea, were looking in need of repair, removal or replacement.

The Victory Hall and surrounding parking area deserve a special mention being very good, with colourful, beautifully planted and maintained flower beds. The School Yard was very well planned and the children were enjoying it to the full. We were impressed by the signs on the gate requesting motorists to drive carefully. The children's' artwork made them very special and not easily ignored! The Heritage Centre was open, staffed by a very knowledgeable and helpful man and being used by the school children; obviously it is a very real asset to the community.

The churchyard was very well cared for as was the war memorial, likewise the allotments and cemetery. Seats were found to be well placed, welcomingly clear of weeds and in good condition save for one near the cricket field. The pubs were welcoming; we had a good meal in the Thirsty Farmer and the lavatories inside were spotless. Footpaths were generally good, stiles clear etc, as were the streams.

We visited both the Post Office and the Village Stores and found them well-stocked and the people friendly. We did find quite a bit of litter and the odd dog mess around the village, although bins were provided for both.

The thing that we found very patchy was the condition of private gardens. The buildings were generally well-maintained and it was good to see a cob house being revamped; however, a very sizeable minority of the gardens were in need of quite a bit of TLC. We appreciate that it must be difficult to get everyone on board in a large community, but their lack of enthusiasm lets down an otherwise near perfect village.

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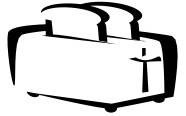


**WHIMPLE CHURCH**  
[www.whimplechurch.org](http://www.whimplechurch.org)

The next **Women's Breakfast** is to be held on Saturday 26th February at Talaton Parish Hall and Laura McAdam from Christian Aid will be the speaker. Please telephone Sarah Smith 822123 or Joan Wilkinson 822521 to reserve a place.

There is lots going on at Whimple Church for all ages of children and youth.

- Under 5s are always welcome at crèche during our morning services.
- **SClub11 & Impact** meet at 10:45 on a Sunday morning at The Scout Hut / Brook House, and Impact also has regular Saturday evening Club Nights.



**SClub11** (for 5-9yr olds) celebrated their seventh birthday in January, so a BIG THANK YOU to Phil & Rebecca Dominy and all their helpers over the years. Dates for the coming months are: Feb 13, 27, Mar 13, 27, Apr 10.

**S Club 11**

**IMPACT** (for 10-13yr olds). Dates for the coming months are: Feb 5 - Club Night Quiz, Feb 13, 27, Mar 13, 27, Apr 2 - Club Night Farm Visit, Apr 10.

**IMPACT**

Newcomers are always welcome. Please telephone Phil Dominy for further details: 822163.

A reminder that every month several folk from Whimple Church get together to **pray** – for global issues down to individual concerns. If there is anything you would like prayer for please do put details on a slip of paper and place in the box on the welcome desk in church, or email [admin@whimplechurch.org](mailto:admin@whimplechurch.org). If desired, requests can be made anonymously.



Progress is being made towards employing a Children's and Families' Worker across the Mission Community of Whimple, Talaton, Clyst Hydon and Clyst St Lawrence. Substantial financial support has been pledged by individuals, and the promise of a large grant from the diocese of Exeter has been given. The Parochial Church Councils of each of the four parishes will also have to commit to support this project financially. We are liaising closely with the diocesan experts in this area of ministry at all stages and hope to be in a position to advertise for a suitable candidate fairly soon.

The long running saga of the repair/replacement of the church wall coping stones continues. Unfortunately the architect who was dealing with this matter died last year but arrangements are in hand for new sample castings to be made which hopefully will prove acceptable to all concerned.

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimble Church, as well other interesting articles, can be found in The Link magazine.

## St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

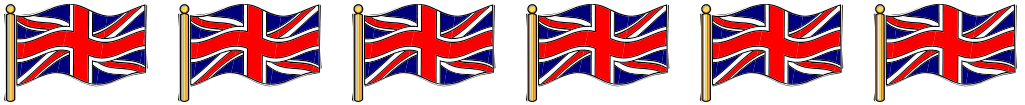
1st Sunday - 8am Holy Communion (BCP);  
11.00am Morning Worship;

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# Whimble in the snow







# Whimble History Society



## WHIMBLE WASSAIL 2011



We started, as usual, at the New Fountain Inn and we were all very grateful to Gill, Chris and Michelle for opening the pub at such a sad time. I spoke a few words about Paul and his contribution to the village and it felt right that we continue with our wassail for this year. We had been expecting a third year of rain but it stopped a few minutes before we decided to leave the pub and do the dreaded singing practice outside. So we were very lucky!

Young Jim Causley was with us again, with a number of musicians who helped to raise the level of the proceedings. This year we did a different route by including the Woodhayes Orchards, and this provided us with some good space to all get around the tree for the ceremony. Ray Horn had done an excellent job in setting up both torches and a small bonfire that provided valuable illumination. Our Wassail Queen this year was Chloe Betts, ably supported by the Wassail Princess, Leah Young. Both Queen and Princess recited very clearly and were complemented by a huge volume of noise at all the orchard stops we made, I feel that we have the beginnings of another great apple harvest.

As usual, we stopped in The Square to remember John Shepherd at the Tethering Stone and then went straight to Jim and Mary Chard's orchard at Knowle Cross, missing out our normal stop at Peter and Anne Bowden's because the wooden bridge that we have to cross would have been dangerously slippery. And the Troll was underneath the bridge!

Back at the Cricket Club, a fine team had assembled bread, cheese, apple cake and soup for the Wassailers – that helped to refresh us after all that singing and walking round the village. Jim Causley and friends then began a fine 'jamming' session for instruments and voices which was brilliant entertainment.



We are all very grateful to Jim for his continued support of the Wassail, especially when you look at his web site and find that he has just started a national tour with Steve Knightly, one half of the Show of Hands duo. He is, quite rightly, gaining a lot of recognition for his singing all over the country. We should be very proud of this Whimble boy!

Thanks to Ray Horn and all the good people involved with the donation and preparation of the Wassail Cup, and the all the food team at the Cricket Club, and all the orchard and tree owners for letting us help their apple harvest later this year. We look forward to finding out how well we did!

**Ed H**, the Wassail Leader



## WHIMPLE ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE?

Whimble History Society is sponsoring an Arts and Craft Exhibition in the Victory Hall on Saturday 16th April from noon to 4.00pm. The Exhibition is intended to illustrate and celebrate the variety and wealth of artistic talent that exists in our village and the surrounding area.

Whatever your hobby - be it sewing, patchwork, painting or drawing, modelling, working with wood or metal or creating items from all types of material - then this is your opportunity to exhibit your work and , if you wish, to demonstrate your skills.

We will have a large number of tables available so that you can have space to show your exhibits and the flexibility to demonstrate how you make them. Alternatively if you have one piece, or a small number of items, then we can make arrangements to display them to their best advantage, perhaps with other artists producing similar pieces.

There is no charge to enter items in the Exhibition. If you wish to sell any items then we would ask that you donate a small commission to the History Society (say 5%) to help cover the costs of the Exhibition.

The event will be advertised as widely as possible in the local area media. The actual Exhibition opens at midday but the hall will be open from 10.00am to enable setting up to take place. If you wish to be part of this event, and you have not already done so , then contact Adrian Williams on 822430 before the middle of March to reserve a space.

# Our Ann

After months of time-consuming training and hard work Ann will be off again on 28th February 2011.

Unfortunately, the original scientist had to pull out forcing the team to have to find a suitable replacement in double-quick time! The fourth and final member of the team was only secured as recently as mid January. This is just a small example of how tight a time-line they have to work in.

The format of the expedition will run a little differently this year as they will have to allow extra time for all aspects of their expedition to be filmed for a documentary. It is believed the documentary will invite a more global audience not only due to the nature of their work but because of the involvement of the other nationalities. They really will be 'Team International' what with Ann (being the only woman) who will be sharing leadership with an American over an Australian scientist and British filmmaker.

As the latter two of them have never been on ice before they will be completing a 'mini-expedition' starting around 10th March by sledge-hauling to the scientific ice base that Catlin are setting up in Deer Bay, Nunavut State, Canada (anticipated duration - ten days). It will only amount to about 50 miles or so, but will give the team a chance to get to know one another, help the novices to learn to look after themselves on ice, get used to filming at -40<sup>o</sup> in the dark and checking equipment as well as drilling holes in absolutely appalling conditions!

Although the ice station will be in the same place as previous years, they won't be setting off from there. Instead, it is their intention to fly up and start their expedition from the North Pole around 30th March. This time they will be moving southwards which will make for a trickier expedition, because as the season becomes warmer it is inevitable that they will experience much more movement in the ice as well as more open water than if they had been travelling in their usual northerly direction.

The main aim this year is to profile the \*thermohaline (*temp & saline*) structure of the Arctic Ocean which is causing concern for scientists because, as the ice is melting, it is putting huge quantities of fresh water into the Ocean. Scientists need to investigate how much effect this is having on the stability of the Arctic Ocean as these changes can affect circulation (conveyor belt) not only 'locally' but 'globally', as well as the overall effect on world-wide weather patterns.

One of the most physical and arduous tasks they must complete is having to drill holes through over 200 meters of ice each evening to drop three different sensors into the water to collect said data. If that wasn't enough - they will also be measuring the thickness of the ice again, snow density and of course profiling every surface feature as well as hauling a very heavy sledge.

It is anticipated mid May that Ann (and the rest of the team) should be off the ice. A little, personal statistic worthy of note - at the end of this expedition Ann will have completed over 408 days hauling a sledge in extreme conditions in Polar Regions - which amounts to over a year!



The new website has just been launched, so for full scientific details, blogs, fantastic pictures etc... go to:

[www.catlinarcticsurvey.com](http://www.catlinarcticsurvey.com).

Lastly, Ann would like you to know that all your wonderful support is much appreciated. So all that remains is to wish her good luck, keep safe, and get back home with fingers and toes intact.

(As always, beers will be on ice for the homecoming)!

**Julie Millward**

\*According to Wikipedia the term **thermohaline circulation (THC)** refers to the part of the large-scale ocean circulation that is driven by global density gradients created by surface heat and freshwater fluxes. Thermohaline circulation is sometimes called the **ocean conveyor belt**, the **great ocean conveyor**, or the **global conveyor belt**.



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## A Rail Users group for Whimple ?

Regular users of the train from Whimple will have noticed that a lot of trains don't stop here any more. In fact the service during the day has reduced to two hourly in each direction. The remaining early morning and evening timings have slipped by twenty minutes or so. I have found this less than helpful to my general travel pattern, leading to more car journeys. Fellow travellers to whom I have grumbled about this have all felt likewise and the suggestion was made that perhaps there could be a role for a rail user group comprising people that use Whimple station. What do you think? Email to [roger.algate@gmail.com](mailto:roger.algate@gmail.com)

If there is sufficient interest a meeting might be called to launch the group and clarify a modus operandii. Also, as considerable numbers of college folk have used the trains, a net-savvy youngster reading this might volunteer to keep a Facebook page or the like to make everything available online and accessible. If you can get 'Whimple Online' to work, that would be good too.

My initial thoughts were to canvas opinion about reactions to the new timetable and the change in the service level. On the basis of that, to decide whether there was a case for lobbying Southwest Trains to reinstate the service we previously enjoyed. Your views are welcome – let us know where you stand on this – either through Whimple News or to me. I can collate any replies I get for the next edition.

Would the Parish Council have an interest in this, I wonder? Might the service level be a legitimate plank in the Parish Plan?

**Roger Algate**

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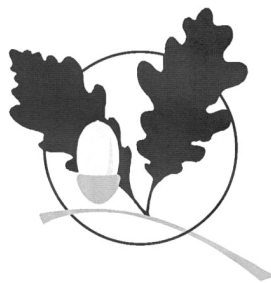
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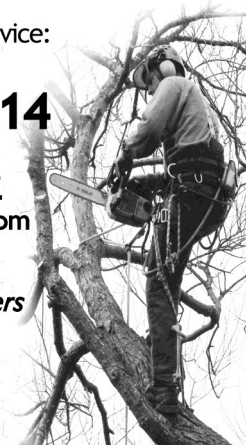
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# WHIMPLE WEATHER

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|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| rainfall           | 32.20 inches               | 41.40 inches            |
| rain fell on       | 143 days                   | 177 days                |
| snow fell on       | 11 days                    | 4 days                  |
| gales/strong winds | 9 days                     | 21 days                 |
| days 32°f or below | 76 days                    | 50 days                 |
| thunder heard      | 1 day                      | 1day                    |
| wettest month      | Feb 4.24 inches            | Nov 7.56 inches         |
| driest month       | Dec 0.92 inch              | Sept 1.1 inch           |
| wettest day        | June 23rd 1.32 inch        | June 7th 1.44 inch      |
| hottest day        | July 21st 85.5°f           | July 2nd 85°f           |
| coldest night      | Dec 25/26th<br>12°f 11.1°c | Jan 6th<br>17.8°f 8.3°c |

I am now in my 41st year of records taken from a garden in Whimple and is thought to be fairly representative of the village. One mile down the road it might be different!

It was a fairly dry, quiet year until December when, like national trends, records were broken. The coldest December and the coldest night 25th/26th

Ken Burrows



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The end bit is my particular *guilty pleasure* and I just wanted to introduce you to it. What with most of our lives being such a hectic merry-go-round, it's great to stop and forget the clock for a short while. What's more, here it is and available to us in Whimple.

There are some spaces available, so I trust you will be intrigued enough to want to come and join in. Any queries about what to bring/wear just call Linda on 01404 822097/07814 687902 or email [linda@finding-balance.co.uk](mailto:linda@finding-balance.co.uk).

Julie Millward

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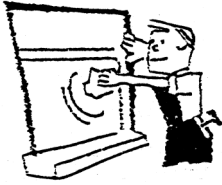


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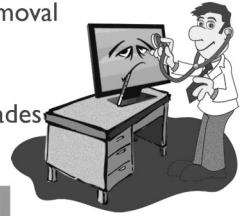


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# Parish Council News

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that a **baby/toddler swing** has been erected in the small play park near Slewton Crescent. We hope the new addition will be enjoyed by our younger residents.

The Parish Council is always striving to improve the Public Rights of Way in the village. Last year the surface of **Footpath 7 which leads from The Square to The Green** received a new covering. Recently, the dense foliage abutting the fence to Town Lane Playground was coppiced, giving more light and space to that area of the footpath. However, we have, as yet, been unable to find a suitable solution to the poor lighting under the rail bridge by the play ground.

- If you have anything to report regarding the footpaths or the footpath furniture please contact the Parish Clerk on 823385 or Sue Ayres (Footpaths Warden) on 823082.
- The Rights of Way map in The Square will give you information about our footpaths.

## Street Naming

**The formal naming of the roads and lanes in the village continues.** With the help of the History Society, plus anecdotal and local information, the names of three previously officially un-named roads have been registered. In the next few weeks road signs will be erected on:

- **Woodhayes Lane** starting at Church Road and ending at the junction with Larkbeare Road.
- **Lilypond Lane** starting at Lilypond Cross at the junction with Woodhayes Lane and ending at the junction with Holly Ball Lane.
- **Holly Ball Lane** starting from Holly Ball Cross at the junction with Larkbeare Road and ending at the junction with Talaton Road at Perriton Cross.

A map showing the roads mentioned above, including the roads previously registered, can be found on the Parish Council's notice board in The Square. If you have any questions regarding street naming please contact the Clerk.

Many thanks

**Whimpe Parish Council**



# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 2nd



2pm start

the Orchard up Wood Hayes Lane  
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers for their many gifts and good wishes that we received for Christmas. I must admit the two prior weeks were very exhausting with the underfoot conditions. Unfortunately we failed to deliver on Monday 20th December which was the only day we have missed in 41½ years. In the 1970's we used the tractor (even with 2 young children) when we had had a blizzard, but our tractor days are over!!

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## An article from the Group Scout Leader of Whimple!..

Very sad to be at Paul Mallett's funeral yesterday and our thoughts are with Gill and her family at this time. It made me think though of the help & support that Paul and Gill have and still continue to give to our group.

When their son Chris was at Scouts Paul & Gill hosted a number of Bonfire night parties & summer BBQ's to help us raise funds for equipment and camping trips. When I first took over running the troop in the mid 1990's, my Friday lunchtime ritual after the mail delivery was to have cooked lunch up at The Fountain with a pint of Tetley's before going off to prepare the troop's evening activities and not having to worry about supper till after 9.00pm; that usually consisted of another Tetley's and a bag of pork scratchings up at The Fountain (There wasn't a "Fitness Challenge or Healthy Eating" badge to worry about 15 years ago!!), and being entertained by "BUMBLE" who would sing Bing Crosby tunes upside down with a brick in his mouth.....



Oh.....and just for the record, if you ever attempt to sing or play the "Westcountry Way" live in the bottom bar whilst your partner (who you are unaware at the time is pregnant with your first child) is sat listening in the top bar minding your pint, be prepared for it to be poured over your head **BUT WHATEVER YOU DO**, always finish the song before leaving!! Thank goodness I didn't wear hearing aids back then.

Happy Days.....

So long Paul!

Alex A.K.A 'YODA' - ask the Scouts!





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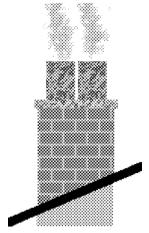
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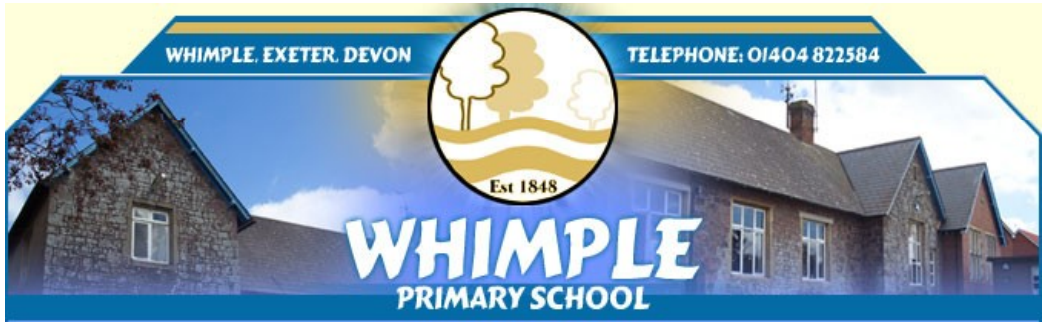
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## Christmas at Whimple School!!

This Christmas at Whimple School has been a very busy one!!!!

First of all, we had the Christmas Fair where everybody bought lots of lovely things to wrap up and give as Christmas Prezies! We also had Santa come to say Hello to everyone at School – and that was very exciting!!!!

The next thing we did was have a wonderful Christmas dinner with ice cream and jelly for afters – YUM YUM!

While we were eating the teachers were judging the hats that we had made during our spare time. The three overall winners of the competition were Freya Willingham who won first place with Oliver Wellesley as second and Jasmine Gribble who came in third.

By: Daisy and Ruben and Eva

## the grumpy sheep

Our Christmas production was all about a grumpy sheep. We enjoyed performing it and the parents loved our acting. There were some grumpy faces through the cast, not including any names. It was all about the grumpy sheep who didn't want to go to the stable to see Jesus but at the end she arrived and all her grumping was for nothing.

By Ben Pearce and Leon Miller Year 5

# Robin Hood

## Robin Hood

At the beginning of the term M&M theatre productions came and performed Robin Hood for us. We really enjoyed their company and we hope they come again and perform a wonderful production.

By Mya Walker and Dulcie Sanders

### ROYAL CELEBRATIONS

On 29th July 1981, HRH The Prince of Wales married Lady Diana Spencer. Whimble commemorated that event in style. There was a torchlight procession and beacon lighting the night before. Very early on the actual day, at 5.45am, two Town Criers woke the village, followed by a peal of bells and singing, lead by a choir at the top of the Church tower. A 'Wedding Breakfast' was held in The Square, and children's sports were held on the Cricket Field in the afternoon, with commemorative crowns being presented to all children. A family social evening was held in the Hall.

The events were all organised by a 'Royal Wedding Celebrations Committee'. Wonderful photographs, press coverage, tickets and letters are held at the Heritage Centre.

On Friday 29th April 2011, Prince William will marry Kate Middleton. The day will be a Bank Holiday.

A family event is planned for that evening in the Victory Hall. Are you or your organisation doing anything else to commemorate the Royal Wedding? Would you be interested in attending a dinner dance? Should we plan for celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee?

Your views would be welcomed by February 26th – please contact either

Maria Wallis ([maria.wallis@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:maria.wallis@tiscali.co.uk)) or 823992 or

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members in the village. We are pleased to announce that membership has now risen to more than 170 households; driving better prices for all!

The January order has just been completed for 34,700 litres on 53 drops in the village. **Our price secured was 53.35ppl.** This should be seen against a best price offered for a single load of 1000 litres of 58.49ppl and a worst price quoted of 64.95ppl. We are naturally pleased for everyone that we have avoided the worst of the huge, recent hikes in price.

(I am informed that a villager - who shall remain nameless - bought on their own in late December at 100 ppl. Ouch !!!! Hopefully, with increased oil production, we can look forward to a lower price for the March order.

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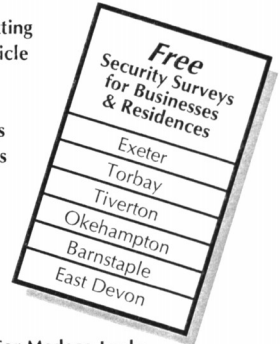
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In reporting our November meeting and the 'Vaguely Come Dancing' I omitted to mention the two 'professional dancers', Miranda and Abby, who showed us the correct way to perform the dances. A special "thank you" from all of us.

December was our Christmas meeting and the evening started with some games and competitions and this was followed by a 'bring and share' supper. As usual this was most successful with a variety of truly delicious food and something to suit everyone's taste.

The theme of the January meeting was 'Grumpy Old Women' when several members related experiences that they had found particularly irritating, and sometimes funny, and produced quite a forceful and often amusing reaction.

We have welcomed four new members, a sparkling start to the New Year.

Craft afternoons have taken a break over the Christmas period, but these have now re-started.

If you would like to join the Women's Institute just contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822495) for further details.

Rosemarie Burrows

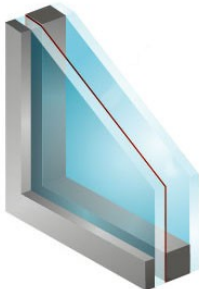
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As a receptionist is not available at Whimple branch surgery, a patient check in screen is in operation. Please check in via the computer screen in the waiting room when you arrive. It is very easy to use and will alert the GP or Nurse that you are in the waiting room.

In due course the Practice Nurses plan to increase the number of appointments they offer at Whimple to include asthma, hypertension, carers etc.

The Whimple surgery provides an ideal environment for training doctors. The aim of our GP Trainers will be to utilise this facility increasingly in the future.

## **PRACTICE NURSE TELEPHONE TRIAGE**

Telephone contact with the practice nurses has now changed. The practice nurses are running a new telephone triage service called 'on the day nurse'. The 'on the day nurse' has allotted time between 10:30am and 12:00noon to manage queries from patients. The type of queries the nurse can deal with remain the same i.e. travel vaccinations, immunisations, wound care and general health enquiries. A nurse is available during the afternoons to deal with urgent problems and all other queries are dealt with the following morning by the on the day nurse.

To help us please make sure that the contact number you leave is current and if you are not available between 10:30am and 12:00noon please let the receptionist know the most convenient time to be called back.

This is a new service and we would welcome your comments and feedback.

## **GP TELEPHONE TRIAGE**

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