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What's On in Whimble

October

- 5th Wasters of Whimble Skills Workshop. CANCELLED – To be re-arranged
- 12th Front Row Club presents 'On the Waterfront' at the Victory Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm - membership details on page 36.
- 15th Soap Box Carting Challenge – see details on poster in the Post Office.
- 25th History Society Quiz Night, Victory Hall, 7.30pm.
- 26th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm.
- 26th Villages in Action at the Victory Hall 8.00pm – Music-theatre from Simon Egerton.

November

- 2nd Coffee morning on behalf of Hospiscare at the Victory Hall, 10.00 a.m. - 12.00noon; Cakes, Christmas cards and gifts.
- 9th Front Row Club presents 'Lincoln' at the Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm.
- 16th Whimble Craft Fair, Victory hall 1.00 – 4.00pm, for Whimble Primary School – see details on page 38.
- 22nd History Society Talk, Victory Hall 7.30pm Roger Smith on 'Whiteways'
- 23rd Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm.
- 28th Sarah Pepper – Christmas decorations – Victory hall 7.30pm. Details on page 21.
- 30th Cut-off date for Over 65s Christmas party replies - see page 49.

December

- 6th Over 65s Christmas Party – Victory Hall. Details on page 49.
- 14th Front Row Club presents a Children/Family Matinee at 3.00pm followed by 'Hugo' at 4.00pm and 'The Shawshank Redemption' at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall.
- 21st Soup and Sarnie Christmas Special Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon.

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

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Welcome to our October/November edition, with a guest appearance on the front cover from the Sanders family as they celebrate taking over the village shop. We have a couple of pages inside where Jenny shares her hopes for the future with the shop and its wares. It is a very heart warming story, especially with all the help they have received from an army of friends, and gives you that 'I'm really pleased we live in Whimble' feeling – which I get on a regular basis! The very best of luck to Jenny and Mark and their team. I have to complain about the cakes they are selling – they have a tendency to fly out of the display and thrust themselves into my hand, upon which I hear a disembodied voice saying 'Oh, and I'll take a cake as well as the paper today, please'. And when I get home and see my purchases with fresh clarity, I am shocked to see how I have been led into such temptation...but you can't take food back, can you?

The current Mrs H and I had a wonderful time up at the Cricket Club with the Abba Tribute band – so wonderful to have a set of international English-speaking musicians in our village!! It was good to see so many people there, especially those who had gone in fancy dress (well I hope it was!). The Cricket Club had organised it very well, with real ale in the bar and a selection of food tents. Plus lots of dancing especially to embarrass the children. Well done!

I love the 2014 Calendar from the History Society – a great idea to use village groups/societies and colour – it makes it a lot of fun. Mini competition time now gentle reader – Margaret Burrough is one of two people who appear in the calendar four times – who is the other person? Answers to me by November 1st – the prize is four cakes from the shop, on me!

Whimble has lost two villagers and one ex-villager over the last few weeks, so our thoughts are with Martin Gammell, who has supplied us with a touching tribute to Marion on page 17 (and despite his sad loss, he has still given us his Councillor's report, which I think is very impressive and professional of him); we join Vic Skinner in his sadness at the loss of Margaret. And Tony Hindle has died, who lived at the Old Fire Station before moving to Sidmouth with Annie some years ago. Our thoughts are with them and all their families.

There is some useful advice on page 53 from Vale Vets – and much of that can apply to us slightly older people as well. I have told the current Mrs H that I too will be looking to settle comfortably under the stairs on November 5th, with a couple of bottles of red, a torch and a newspaper. ...and perhaps a cake or two.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the Whimble News, which will be our Christmas edition, then please either leave it with '27 and a half Shades of Grey' Creasy at the PO, or whizz it on the internet to bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 12th November. This will be an important issue for any of you planning Christmas events that need publicity via our ever-stunning pages.

Ed H



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Whimpe Post Office News

We would both like to wish Mark, Jenny, Harry and Dulcie all the very best of luck in the 'new look' Whimpe Stores. If you haven't been in yet, do pop in and take a look around, you will be sure of a warm welcome, and a lovely fresh loaf of bread (the cakes are rather nice too !!)

If you have posted a parcel here in the last few weeks you may be wondering why we have had to ask you what your parcel contains? We are not being noseey!!! Royal Mail are now being very particular about what items are being sent through the post. Some everyday items do come under the category of 'dangerous goods', and some 'restricted'. So, if you are posting anything (either inland or overseas) we will ask you what your package contains. We have leaflets available for your information.

As a rough guide-

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We are now offering you the opportunity to play the Health Lottery. It is still £1.00 to play and the draws take place on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The National Lottery introduce some changes to its Lotto game on Saturday 5th October which will mean bigger jackpots and more chances to win, but the price of the tickets will rise to £2.00.

You can now book National Express Coach tickets from our office.

Please help us to raise money for Children In Need this year by buying (and wearing) a Pudsey Bear Paw print tattoo which we will be selling in our branch ready for November 8th when you will, hopefully, find something interesting going on in the Post Office that day.

Christmas is now not far away. Advice on packages and details of last posting dates can be found on page 11.

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We would like to say a huge thank you to so many of you who have offered us support and encouragement during our first few weeks at the shop.

We have been overwhelmed by many things. The amount of work involved and the new things we have to learn have been much more than we had expected and we must thank Graham for all his help. Most of all we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support from our friends and neighbours. The Betts, Bunkums, Sharkeys, Cossletts and Bowdens have been behind us in these early days with hammers, dusters, muscles and hugs. Without their help and time we would not have been able to get so far as we have so quickly. We are hugely touched by their care and hugely grateful.

As well as their time and support we have also had many others who have helped and we are hugely grateful to you all. Whether you cleaned, scraped, helped unload the stock or supplied us with cake – Laurel your cakes are delicious – we are very grateful. We can't forget Jim and Alison who have also encouraged us with cakes, kindness and good, helpful advice.

For those who have been in shopping, you will see that we have tried to keep stocking what Graham and Karen had supplied in the past and the same milk, eggs and bread that Jim and Alison had supplied. We have added some things that we hope will be useful and we have been particularly pleased to add fruit and veg. Thanks to Rosie we have had a weekly supply of veg from Broadclyst Community Farm and Len Luck, Sue Wilson and others have been very kind to us and we have been delighted to sell delicious local produce. We hope to offer some kind of community shelves for people to sell their own goods, but we need to investigate this further. At the moment we are giving most of the money back to growers, keeping 5% for the shop and giving 5% to local projects. Some produce is being donated fully and all of this is going to local projects. This is a bit cumbersome at busy times so we may need to refine this over the coming weeks.

We hope to keep offering the convenience goods you are likely to run out of and fresh produce you need on a daily basis. When we are more organised we hope to be able to offer fresh fish on a Wednesday when the fish man comes. He is suggesting he is phoned on Tuesday. So, if you wish to place orders we will keep it ready for your collection. Hopefully also fresh meat – orders will be taken for those not around during the day. We hope to offer special days one day a week, when you can buy all the ingredients you need to make a quick meal – this will hopefully happen as we get more organised as it will take some time to prepare.

Milk is predominantly coming from Ashclyst Dairy. It is organic and not homogenised, which makes it really creamy and delicious. They also offer cream and yoghurt which means we have a great local product that is grown and processed within a few miles of Whimble.

We are carrying on with the newspapers and magazines seven days a week and are happy to take orders for this, milk or bread.



This is all quite a lot to organise for starters. We would love, in a few months time, to add a few tables and chairs and a really nice coffee machine as well as a craft hub for Whimple's wonderful talented crafters. All of this would be subject to planning consent so may take some time to sort out.

Hopefully we can provide something for everyone at a reasonable price. This depends on the supplier prices which can go up and down with each order – especially the fruit and veg. We are trying to order fresh milk and bread daily and fresh fruit and veg every other day. We hope to stock enough daily requirements for everyone but please bear with us if it takes a while to get this right. Last week we were selling out of fruit and veg but not bread and this week it is the other way around. The less waste we have, the better prices we can offer. So hopefully we can provide a consistent product with consistent demand. We are trying to test out all products – especially the cakes – but if you have any problems with anything you buy from us, please let us know.

We are finding ourselves in need of a break during the day so we will be closing between 2.00 - 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Otherwise our opening hours are 7.30am - 2.00pm and 3.00 - 6.15pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 8.00am - 1.00pm and Sunday 9.00am - 1.00pm. We may review this in the future depending on demand.

Finally for now, we wish Graham, Karen and the family all the very best for the future and thank them for all their work at the shop in the past. We hope they can enjoy good health and happiness in their new home.

Mark, Jenny, Harry and Dulcie

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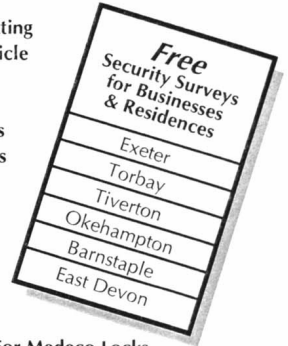
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Marion was the centre of my life for forty two wonderful years. Oh! if only I could have had many more. I miss her so very much and I feel rudderless without her.

A local girl, she was born in Sidmouth, grew up in the Sid valley and went to The King's School in Ottery St Mary. From there she won a place at The London School of Economics where she obtained a very good honours degree in Economics. We met at work four years later and never looked back from that time on.

Marion was formidably well organised, clever, imaginative, and versatile and possessed both an inquiring mind and a powerful intellect. She was interested in everything and everybody in the world and even shared my passion for railways (which was a great asset as we lived in a Railway Station!). At the same time she was the most gentle, caring and loving person who made the most perfect home for me and the children whilst we lived in both the 'North' and in Letchworth, Hertfordshire. In our time together she always supported and encouraged me in the many things that I attempted to achieve in my life with her

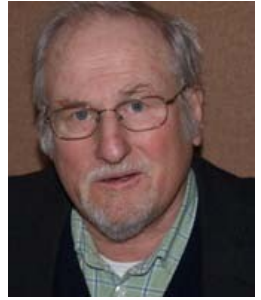
When we came back to Devon nine years ago, amongst other things, we joined the Devon Association where she made an immediate impression, quickly becoming involved in this organisation and its activities in Devon. She rapidly became an officer in several branches in which roles she will be sadly missed. In addition, she took on the editorship of the National Trust magazine Devon Oakleaves which she made a similar success of. In fact, she refused to go to hospital until she had completed what, sadly became her last edition. At a personal level, we loved to travel and had explored most of the world together. At the same time we had plans for places never visited which I will now never get to, as I shall not go on my own without her.

Marion is survived by her loving mother, our loving children and their partners and the grandchildren all of whom are a great strength to me in coping with the loss of my lovely girl. We, as a family, thank our many friends and neighbours for their support and sympathy over the length of her final illness and its awful aftermath.

Martin Gammell

Whimble District Councillor's Report

More delay on the New Local Plan?



Planning have received a letter from the Inspector who is handling E.D. D. C's application in response to his receiving of the draft local plan which looks as though there will be even further delay to the sanctioning of the plan. The inspector has presented to the Council a list of 53 amendments that the Council had made to the plan which they (the Council) considered were minor and would not require public scrutiny. Unfortunately, the Inspector disagrees and states that it would not be in the interests of natural justice for him to consider these proposed changes unless they are subject to consultation in accordance with the 'Council's Statement of Community Involvement and Regulations'.

If further consultation needs to take place this could possibly mean some months of delay whilst that consultation occurs, which is a pity because the plan is already substantially late and more delay means more months of the dominance of the N.P.P.F. (National Planning Policy Framework) in the planning process.

The Solar Panel Blight.

1. At the August planning meeting there was an application on land north of Crannafoord House between Broadclyst and Whimble for a large scale (27.9 hectares) solar farm which was approved. There are already five solar farms either in or near the vicinity of Whimble because of the proximity of the area to the electricity station on the Whimble - Broadclyst road which allows easy transmitting of the electricity created to the National Grid.
2. At the September planning meeting the members will be contemplating another application from Pithayes farm at Hand and Pen for a similarly sized solar farm. I sensed at the August planning meeting that Councillors are beginning to question this proliferation of solar farms as our district becomes saturated with them. Consequently, it will be interesting to see if this coming application is accepted or not.

Update on The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Task Force

The community infrastructure Levy Task Force (TAFF) has completed its deliberations and presented its report to the last planning meeting. Amongst its recommendations is the proposal to set up a new panel to focus on the consideration of strategic planning and economic development issues. This will have to be considered carefully to determine how it would sit alongside the role of the Development Management Committee which currently considers such issues. Formal decision making on the deployment of monies would continue to rest with Cabinet. The report also states that decisions on the mechanisms to deliver CIL will lie with the Cabinet.

S106 Agreements – viability and overage.

S106 agreements secure benefits to militate against the impact of development proposals. Given the present economic climate the Council is facing increasing pressure from developers to reduce or waive mitigating benefits (S106 agreements) in order for their development to remain viable. This is having a bad effect upon the development of affordable housing as developers apply to have their obligation reduced or cancelled. By introducing an overage clause into S106 agreements it would ensure that in the event of the circumstances of a development changing because of the unviability of that development if it should subsequently make a profit then the Council will recover part of that profit in compensation for the lost S106 contribution.

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Christmas Concert - December 14th
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT At the beginning of September the Choral Society began rehearsals for their next concert. Although Christmas still seems a long way off at this point, plenty of rehearsal time is always useful to produce a varied programme of Christmas music as well as a major choral work. This year the society will be performing Haydn's **Great Organ Mass** as well as a selection of Christmas carols. Tickets will be available in November from Stagestruck in Ottery St Mary.

CLASSICS GALORE CONCERT. This year Ottery Choral will also be preparing for Classics Galore on 9th November. This event is staged every two years and since 2007 it has raised more than £35,000 for **Force**, the local cancer charity. It is now established as one of Exeter's largest indoor concerts, attracting well over a thousand people each time. The concert is specially arranged for those with an interest in the lighter side of classical music. Each item is around seven or eight minutes long and is usually immediately recognisable.

Ottery St Mary Choral Society has taken part in this musical extravaganza for the previous three concerts and members are delighted to have the chance of doing so again in 2013. We will be joined by many more singers including St David's Players from Exeter, as well as soloists Penny Daw (soprano) and Mark Hurford (tenor). Lymstone SWT Brass Band will also be participating for the first time. The show will feature a specially selected Classics Galore Symphony Orchestra, comprising 50 top musicians from Exeter and East Devon. The stage at the Great Hall will be extended to accommodate more than 200 musicians and singers, all following the baton of Ottery St Mary Choral Society's renowned musical director Malcolm Matthews .

"It takes a lot of organization but it's so worthwhile," said Malcolm. "I just love making music and to be able to do it on this kind of scale is fantastic. It's such a wonderful cause and by the end of this concert we hope to have taken the total raised for *Force* from Classics Galore! to £50,000." For more information please visit: <http://www.classicsgalore.co.uk>

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A CONVERSATION WITH LUCY SMITH

During our previous chats, Lucy had shown me some photos of what was called the 'Rainbow Revue' which was performed in the Victory Hall by a small team of villagers, just after the war for some ten years. Apparently the Rainbow Revue was started by members of the Whimple Cricket Club around 1945, with a group who used to go carol singing locally. This group of carol singers would travel as far as Ottery, Cullompton, Sidmouth and Exeter with their singing, and would travel in style in a borrowed lorry from either Hansfords, Lewis' or Whiteways. Lucy remembers finishing in Exeter at May's Fish and Chip shop at the top of Sidwell street – this is where they would 'cash up' their takings and celebrate with fish and chips whilst they were there – it would be rude not to, wouldn't it?

The Rainbow team had a number of good musicians who could knock out a decent tune on piano and accordion – Bill Potter was known as a useful pianist, and he teamed up with Den Watts and Den Clapp. Other people from the village joined in, to either be on the stage or to help behind the scenes. For some it continued the momentum of the carol singing at Christmas, and thus created some diversion for the dark winter months until the next cricket season.

A typical show would last for a couple of hours, and would be made up of songs, dances, music and individual offerings like Lucy's husband Eric, doing his 'Yorkshire Monologues'.

The show would be held over two or three nights in the Victory Hall, with the Post Office selling the tickets. Every show would be a sell-out (how envious am I with my panto hat on!) – you have to remember that a lack of transport meant that the village was truly a 'captive audience'. On the last night, they would have an 'End of Revue party' in the hall, and cast and helpers would bring their own food and drink and celebrate another successful production.

If you look at the photos that Lucy has loaned me, you can admire all the costumes, props and scenery – and the legs of the ladies of Whimple. A lot more skin than in pantos of today (apart from John Griffiths!) – well done them! The legs of the ladies had make-up applied, to give the appearance of a sun tan, and then at the end of the performance, they had a large water trough – as used for cattle - in the billiard room of the hall, where they would wash it all off again.

Lucy is in all 3 photos – and here's hoping I've got all these details right – apologies if I have made an error -

- ❖ In the Ferry Boat Inn scene, Lucy is the young lady kneeling at the front on the right hand side of the stage, with Sheila Lovering last on the right, and Joyce Hansford the left hand lady of the middle couple holding crossed swords.
- ❖ In the row of dancers, Lucy is second in from the right, with Joyce Hansford fifth from the right, and Sheila Lovering third from the left
- ❖ In the Gypsy scene, Lucy is third in from the right, with Olga Potter on her left. Sheila Lovering is the second from the left of the two ladies kneeling.

Eric would help with the scenery, and Bill Hitchcock was the stage manager and head scenery maker. Costumes were in the skilled hands of Lucy's mum and Olga Potter. Lucy can remember a Scottish theme that demanded sporrans, and her mum very creatively had some old cord which she had to 'unthread' and then comb out to make the hairy decoration (technical term here!). That's dedication for you.

When they held their dress rehearsals, they invited the people from St Loyes so that they had an audience, rather than performing to an empty hall, and Lucy can remember taking the Revue to St Loyes itself.

The Revue lasted for some ten years but petered out as people got older, and that style of entertainment didn't attract the younger people in the village. I am pleased that the Whimbletons have re-kindled that creativity in Whimble and can carry the Rainbow Revue torch, in a slightly different form, for a long time yet.

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A picture of Henry Shepard can be found in the Heritage Centre.

It would be great to piece together the lives of all those from Whimble who fought in the Great War - but we do need your help. If you are happy to research a name you will be offered help by members of the History Society plus others expert in research and searching military records. We aim to display your findings in an exhibition at the Heritage Centre next year. PLEASE HELP – contact us by email Info@whimble.org. Leave a message at the Heritage Centre (in the post box) or call us on 01404 822499. The HC is manned by volunteers and we are not there everyday so please don't worry if you are not contacted immediately. We hope to hear from you. Thank You

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Although the 2013 Flower Show will not go down as a record-breaking Show, it certainly had the usual very high standards of exhibits. The Judges were once again well impressed by the standard in all the classes. A wonderful array was on display. Although there were slight fewer exhibitors this year, there was a welcome increase in the number of exhibits which was a great relief.

For the record there were 69 exhibitors this year and it was good to see exhibits in all the Children's classes again.

The entries in the Children's Classes were of their usual high and very imaginative standard which gave the judges a hard task selecting the winners. There was a bit of a family affair in the two youngest classes with Georgie Baker winning the Owen Cup for the Under fives and Daniel Baker winning the The Basildon award for the five to seven age group. There was a three way tie in the eights to elevens for the The Fletcher Cup and they were Grace Tierney, Thomas Tooze and Alice Wooldridge. In the final Class for the twelve to fifteen year olds, The Children's Challenge Cup was won by Katie Ackland.

Once again, there was an excellent entry for the photography section with many outstanding photographs. As in previous years, it was a difficult task for the judge with so many excellent photographs in all of the classes. The standard seems to get higher every year in this section and there were some amazing entries. The overall winner in this section winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup once again was Gilly Curtis. The Arts and Crafts Classes had another wonderful display of skills. The winner in this section of both the Len Rose Memorial Cup and the Whimple Craft Cup was Jenny Sanders.

The flower arranging had an increase in exhibits from 2012 and there were some very colourful and imaginative arrangements. In this section the Frances Pratt Cup was awarded to Margaret Bucknell. The Roy Horsburgh Trophy was won by Sherril Olive and what can we say about the winner of the Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in the Flower arrangement as voted for by everyone who came to see the Show? It certainly showed us a different side to the Whimple Postmaster General whose magnificent exhibit clearly impressed everyone who came to the Show. So hearty congratulations to Jim Creasy for his entry in the men only flower arranging class, 'Some Like it Hot'. The Sandfords Cup which is for the combined Men Only Classes of a floral arrangement and a Banana Cake was jointly won by Nick Macklin, Branco Love and Jim Creasy.

The Homecraft section was full of excellent mouth watering entries and the snooker table was positively overloaded with tasty exhibits. There were cakes and jams galore! The judge did wonder just how she was going to get through them all! There was a new winner of the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup this year so congratulations to Jane Tancock on her success in this section.

The Pot Plant Section had a good number of exhibits with all the classes well supported. The winner of the Briar Shield this year was Colin Northcott.

Last, but by no means least, there was a good number of entries in the flower and vegetable classes. This was another testing growing season for the exhibitors in these classes with the cold spring followed by a very hot spell, but it was good to see all the classes were well supported. These classes were somewhat dominated by one exhibitor, and with twelve first prizes it was not difficult to work out who was going to win the cups in this section! The Slewton Cup for the most points in the vegetable section was won by Colin Northcott and the runner winning the Cranny Cup was Paul Wilson.

In the Flower Classes, the winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points in this section was Colin Northcott and the runner up winning the President's Cup was Steve Higginson. However, when all the classes were combined and the points in both sections were added together, it was not too difficult to see that the winner of The Whimble Folk Cup was Colin Northcott. So many congratulations to him on winning this magnificent trophy.

And then there was the Whimble Challenge Cup which was the fourth year of this venture. This year we chose a different subject matter and the theme was a character made from flowerpots! The exhibits certainly showed a lot of skill in how they were so cleverly put together and the judges had a hard job selecting the winner. However, after much deliberation, The Village Challenge Cup was awarded to the VPA and Flip Flop Tours took the runners up Trophy.

All the prizes were presented by Alison Creasy and the Show Committee was very grateful to her for doing this.

We would like to thank and congratulate all of you who made the effort to enter the Show for without you there would be no Show! We are also extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time for this difficult task. For those of you who want to check out the winners of all the classes and the Trophy winners, full details are on our website which is www.whimblevpa.org.uk.

A full list of trophy winners is included overleaf.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the Hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. It is quite amazing that at 5.30pm we were still in the throws of prize giving but by 6.30pm the hall had been completely cleared and you would not have known the Show had taken place! For those of you who were entering for the first time we hope you enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing you next year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Show.

Paul Wilson,

Hon. Secretary.



WHIMPLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2013

TROPHY WINNERS

SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers

The Whimple Folk Cup	Colin Northcott
The Slewton Cup	Colin Northcott
The Cranny Cup	Paul Wilson
The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup	Colin Northcott
The President's Cup	Steve Higginson

SECTION 2 – Pot Plants

The Briar Shield	Colin Northcott
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SECTION 3 - Homecraft

The Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup	Jane Tancock
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SECTION 4 – The Village Challenge

The Village Challenge Cup	Whimple VPA
Runners Up Cup	Flip Flop Tours

SECTION 5 – Floral Arrangement

The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup	Margaret Bucknell
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Sherril Olive
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Jim Creasy

SECTION 6 – Arts and Crafts

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Jenny Sanders
The Whimple Craft Cup	Jenny Sanders

SECTION 7 - Photography

The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup	Gilly Curtis
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SECTION 8 – Children under 5

The Owen Cup	Georgie Baker
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SECTION 9 – Children aged 5 to 7

The Basildon Award	Daniel Baker
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SECTION 10 – Children aged 8 to 11

The Fletcher Cup	Grace Tierney, Thomas Tooze and Alice Wooldridge
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SECTION 11 – Children aged 12 to 15

The Children's Challenge Cup	Katie Ackland
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On Saturday 14th December we present a Christmas Special - a Children/ Family Matinee at 3.00pm will be followed by 'Hugo' at 4.00pm and 'The Shawshank Redemption' at 7.30pm.

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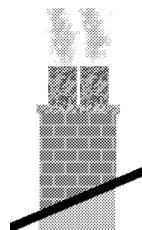
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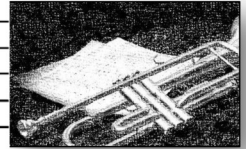
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The speaker in September was Pam Inkson who talked about the National Osteoporosis Society and the help it is able to offer both sufferers and carers.

Several members visited Greenway, the holiday home of Agatha Christie. It was a beautiful day and I think everyone appreciated the wonderful views and the fascinating house.

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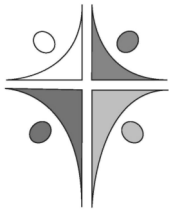
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Firstly a big 'Thank You' to all those who helped with the Church Saturday Morning Coffee sessions throughout the Summer.

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

After the long summer break we have returned to some normality with all our various groups meeting as usual. We have a number of Homegroups meeting regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and also Thursday mornings. Please feel free to come along to any of them—you will receive a warm welcome. Full details are provided in The Link or contact Dianne (823476) for more information.

The Mother's Union meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. Please contact Heather on 822051 or Margaret on 822257 for more information. The Mother's Union are also making a plea for help with Brass Cleaning. If you would be able to help keep our beautiful church looking its best please contact Heather or Margaret.

This year the **Impact Weekend Away** will take place over the weekend of 1st - 3rd November. This year we are going to Heatree which is near Manaton on Dartmoor. The weekend will be packed with great activities such as canoeing, climbing etc, games, chill-out time with friends as well as opportunities to hear more about the Christian faith. Please contact Ian or Maggie Spicer for further information (823640).

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

Please join us for our **Remembrance Service** on November 10th at 10.50am when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

Our popular Advent Carol service will be on Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm. Full details of our services for December will be circulated later.

We are holding our popular breakfasts during November. The first of these on 2nd November will be a Women's Breakfast and it will be in the Village Hall at Talaton. The Men's Breakfast will be on 9th November in the Victory Hall, Whimble.

The speaker at both of these will be Gill Luckings who will talk about the work at St Petrocks. Further information about services and events in the life of Whimble Church as well as other interesting articles can be found in The Link magazine. Sample copies can be obtained free of charge from the back of church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged - please contact Dianne Goodwin 823476 for further details.

It's shoe box time again! Whimble Church is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child - packing up shoe boxes with children's toys for needy children. Empty shoeboxes will be available from the back of the church. These need to be returned by 10th November so that we can make sure they get to the children in time for Christmas.



Wasters of Whimble



Skills Swop

I am sorry to say that we have had to cancel the planned skills swop which had been planned for the 5th October in the Victory Hall.

We very much hope to organize another date in the not too distant future as it should be a great way for some of us to learn some new skills and have a fun afternoon.

Many thanks,

Wasters of Whimble

If you have a skill that you would like to share at a future event then drop me an e-mail at walkersam66@gmail.com or you can speak to Jenny Sanders at the shop.

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OVER 65s PARTY

Friday 6th December 2013

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THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The Ladies of Whimble Village invite the Villagers of Whimble who are over 65 years of age (before Friday 30th November 2013) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimble on Friday 6th December 2013 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Ann Bowden by Friday 30th November.

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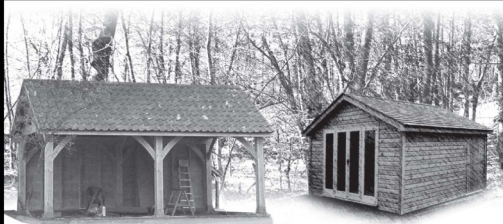
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It is a time of explosive celebrations that can cause terror for dogs, cats and rabbits. There are several things that can be done to make it as stress free as possible.

Most dogs have a favourite place to go and hide. If not you need to create a hideaway where he (or she) can feel safe. A room that is quiet and has minimal windows is the most suitable. Installing an Adaptil™ diffuser close to the refuge area may encourage him to settle, feel relaxed and confident. This should be done two weeks prior to the expected stress.

Provide blankets for him to hide under and burrow. A woolly jumper that has your scent on can be comforting. Close curtains to block out flashes of light and as much of the sound as possible. Take your dog out for a walk an hour before the expected stress to go to the toilet and feed him an early evening meal to help him feel relaxed. A meal high in carbohydrates such as pasta or rice is ideal. Play some background music that your dog normally hears, or leave the television on.

Offer chews and treats to your dog in his hiding place. He will then see this hiding place as a good place to go, and he can chew on these to relieve his tension.

Ignore the sounds of the fireworks yourself and do not soothe or comfort your dog. It may be difficult to do this but it is the worst thing to do. It gives your dog the impression that there is something to be frightened of and rewards him for being scared.

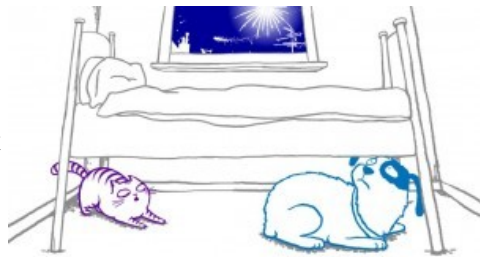
Cats need to be confined to the house and provided with a litter tray. They also need a hideaway where they can feel safe. Plugging a Feliway™ diffuser in can help them relax and relieve stress. Ideally this should be plugged in 4 weeks before the anticipated stress, so the beginning of October.

If your pet gets particularly distressed we recommend you talk to your vet about short acting medication. Old-fashioned sedatives have been replaced with modern anti anxiety drugs which help treat the problem, rather than just mask it.

Small mammals like rabbits and guinea pigs that live outside should not be forgotten. If possible move them into a shed or outhouse. Covering the front of the hutch with a blanket can help cut out some of the noise and flashes of light.

If you require any more information about helping your pet, then just call and speak to either a Vet or Veterinary Nurse who will be happy to help.

(with thanks to Vale Vets)



Voices of ABBA

Many thanks to Whimple Cricket Club for a fantastic evening with Voices Of Abba (or Abbal as they are known in my home town of Bristol) and Carnaby Street on the 7th September.

It was really well set up, with plenty of cover in case the weather turned (which, thankfully, it didn't!), good food, an excellent 'real ale' bar and a great turn out from the Village and outside.

Lots made a great effort with fancy dress and danced the night away in style – well as much as you can in platform boots on grass, anyway.

We all had a fabulous night and I thought the mini-disco afterwards was a really good idea.

The usual trip through the parish field home was as tricky as ever thanks to such quick service at the O'Hanlon's bar throughout the night.

A top team involved setting the whole thing up, helping on the night and clearing out the next day, ready for a match. I hope you raised enough to treat us all to another event next year.

Sally



Whimple Victory Hall

On Wednesday 18th September there was a break-in at the Victory Hall. A certain amount of damage was done and a rechargeable carpet sweeper was stolen. On the same evening a window was broken at Whimple Stores in what is assumed to be an attempt at another break-in. Luckily this was not successful.

It is unfortunate that the newly refurbished shop and a volunteer-run community building were targeted in this way. If you saw anything suspicious that evening, or have any relevant information, please let the local police know by phoning 101 or by email at:

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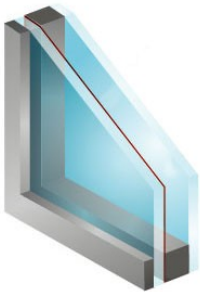
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