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What's On in Whimble

June

- 10th Pre-School Summer Fair 10.00am - 12.00noon in the Victory Hall garden.
- 12th Church Fete, Hindstrete, Church Road, 2.30 pm – in Victory Hall if wet
- 21st Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall Committee Room, 7.00 pm
- 26th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon – 1.30pm

July

- 3-11th **Village Week – see Pages 29-36 for details**
- 10th Wasters of Whimble – local produce sale – see Page 19 for details
- 19th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall Committee Room, 7.00 pm
- 25th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm
- 30th Whimble History Society – Conducted Village Walks, starting at The Heritage Centre at 6.15pm Book with Roger Smith on 822244

August

- 6th Whimble History Society – Conducted Village Walks, starting at The Heritage Centre at 6.15pm Book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 14th VPA Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall

September

- 11th Ade Edmondson and the Bad Shepherds at the Cricket Club
- 17th Whimble History Society, Victory Hall, 7.30pm, a talk by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- 20th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall Committee Room, 7.00pm
- 25th Wasters of Whimble – Village Garage Sale

October

- 15th Whimble History Society, Victory hall, 7.30pm, (doors open at 7.00pm), Auction of Pledges and Promises

November

- 19th Whimble History Society, Victory Hall, 7.30pm, a talk by the Devon Family History Society

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 nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk

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I am delighted to introduce you to our bumper Village Week edition of the Whimble News – we have some eight pages that outline a tremendous programme of events for Village Week. Well done to Bob, the Village Hall team, Friends of Whimble School and everyone else connected with the organisation of all the events. The egg throwing competition looks to be great fun... and whilst we mention eggs, gentle reader, I have been delighted to see Range Eggs offered at no cost to the passing public, which I think is very generous. Or have I misunderstood the signs for 'Free Range Eggs'? Perhaps 'Range Eggs' is the name of a political group who have been falsely incarcerated and the sign encourages us to join a movement for their release, similar to the 'Free the Renault 5' campaign some years ago? Answers on a postcard.....

It is good to see the VPA getting some well-deserved praise for their work on the new pots in The Square, and we mustn't forget their other projects at the Victory Hall and by the railway bridge, plus of course, their more visible Plant Sales and Annual Flower Show. Well done and thank you!

Congratulations to Jim, Alison and Ruby for their successful completion of the Wight Walk. Apparently Jim is still touchy about finishing a little later than Alison and Ruby, due to him having to carry a flask of tea, without which he would not have survived the trek. Miles and I would think nothing of that as we continue to provide Training and Back Up Support to the Bra Babes who recently blazed a trail at the Exeter Night Walk and finished a fine first – despite it not being a race! We had to provide detailed logistical support for that walk whilst, at the same time, checking the calorific value of half a crispy duck at the Oriental Promise. And now onto the Torquay Night Walk in a couple of weeks, then the Bristol Half Marathon when they will be in the walking section and up against some tough time restraints. We will so fed up with duck.... And then we hear they are gazing into Europe for 2011!

Well done to Sue Wilson and the Barn Dance in the Blossom team – unfortunately I had to take my legs out of the country that week, but never fear, gentle reader, the little white sticks have been unleashed on an unknowing public this week, on the great cycle to Ottery and back.

Please support Village Week with all your normal enthusiasm – it is OUR village and this is OUR week, so get out there and have fun!

CUT-OFF DATE FOR NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWS IS MONDAY 12th JULY
If you would like to contribute, then please either email it direct to Bob at bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, or leave it with the Wight Walking team at the Post Office.

Ed H

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Our grateful thanks for your support.

Jim and Alison Creasy
Whimble Post Office Tel 822359

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Our Square looks like a garden and most of us delight in creating it. We had a lovely surprise when we least expected it. The Whimble Village Produce Association donated some new and very elegant flowerpots and as the frost had damaged some plants, new colourful ones now charm our eyes and our souls. I am so looking forward to the summertime now - how blissful. A poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson is so very charming and delightfully old-fashioned "Come into the Garden Maud", describing so prettily the roses in June. It is well known as a song I learned in my childhood in Switzerland many, many years ago.

Come into the garden Maud, for the black bat, night, has flown,
Come into the garden Maud, I am here at the gate alone;
And the woodbine spices are wafted abroad, and the musk of the roses blown.
All night have the roses heard the flute, violin, bassoon;
All night has the casement jessamine stirr'd to the dancers dancing in tune:
Till a silence fell with the waking bird, and a hush with the setting moon.
Said to the rose, "The brief night goes in babble and revel and wine.
O young lordlover, what sighs are those for one that will never be thine?
But mine, but mine", so I sware to the rose, "For ever and ever, mine".

A lecture of much morality might be read into this poem of the love of the rose, but for me - it is simple and charming. I so love roses that I wish the sky would rain them. Nature has a habit of responding so well to our wishes. Roses once were wild, hanging over our hedgerows. They were given an extra chance, so thanks to dedicated and inventive horticulturists worldwide they bloomed out and filled themselves with colour and exquisite perfume. What is sweeter than the first rose in June? When I go into my garden as the first sunshine sparkles in the morning dew and enjoy with thankful happiness the loveliest of scenes. Such diversity yet harmony in their colour. There are pure white roses with 'tears of joy' on their petals. My favourite striped rose is the Rosa Gloria Mundi - aptly named Glory of the World. I also love the glowing gold Sutter's Gold, which vividly reminds me of the adventures of my great grandfather Johannes Gerber. He founded the Colony of New Helvetia in Sacramento, California. The story is quite amazing because he farmed with his family in the Bernese region of Emmenthal (famous for the cheese with holes). He decided to emigrate to America leaving his wife and sons in charge of the family farm.

He joined another Swiss by the name of Johann August Sutter who was also heading for the New World - California which was then a province of Mexico (hence all the towns and places with Spanish names). I have often travelled there, just boarding a plane at Heathrow flying over Canada to Vancouver and following the Pacific Coast to San Francisco. In Sutter and Gerber's time, things were very different as voyages were long and hazardous. Sutter and Gerber eventually arrived in a Spanish Franciscan Mission in Yerba Buena in the grandiose Bay of San Francisco. They negotiated with the Spanish Governor Alvarado for the purchase of farmland of the fertile valley of the Sacramento River. There the ranch of the Colony of New Helvetia was born and went from strength to strength with thousands of cattle. Gerber's sons joined them 16 years later and all went well until the fatal day that gold was discovered and their land was invaded by gold diggers. Grandfather had the presence of mind to go back to San Francisco where he founded a factory making the first processed cheese - Swiss Knight Gerber Cheese. Colonel Sutter faced complete devastation and the only souvenir left of him is that extraordinary rose, Sutter's Gold. And here it is, in my garden, in The Square. The colony of Helvetia is now has a most interesting museum in Sacramento, which in my yearly travels I naturally visited. I also attended the yearly picnic of The Swiss Club in one of the most beautiful Redwood Forests on the Pacific Coast. I have many magic memories of those special moments.

There is no brighter better place my eye may ponder over
Than one small comely garden before my cottage door
I talk with many flowers there and smile upon them all
I breathe the fragrance of the air of a summer festival
Sweet violet and lavender blue respond to friendship true
Along with rose trees as they bear fine blooms of golden hue

In July we are always looking forward to our Village Fete with stalls in The Square. The fancy dress party held for the children being such fun. At these times it is so important to keep our village traditions alive. Our Heritage Centre is open all day to visitors from far and wide. Our History Society has gone from strength to strength since we founded it. I am sure it is one of the most interesting places to visit as it never stands still - just like our Whimple Produce Association who have something new planned every year.



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couldn't have done it without you. We cannot say a big enough thank you to all of you who wished us well and kindly sponsored Ruby. Also a big thank you to Brenda and the Thirsty Farmer Quiz night which, in itself, raised £62.00.

The walk started at Carisbrooke Castle, which is the central point of the island, and took us along the Tennyson Downs, via Freshwater Bay and along to the Needles at Alum Bay, with breath-taking views all the way, 14 miles in all.

Ruby certainly looked the part in her fluorescent jacket sporting her walker's number, she loved the attention. We even caught the eye of the local Radio Solent team who interviewed us (so embarrassing - very pleased that no one would have heard that!) and we are hoping her picture will appear in the local paper. A local celebrity (never did find out who he was) presented her with a medal on the finishing line but she was sadly disappointed by its taste.

We appreciated the weather conditions, the heavy drizzle made a pleasant change from the monsoon experienced last year, and we managed to complete the walk in 5 hours (5½ for Jim).

Thanks again

Jim , Alison and Ruby from the Post Office



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It has been a busy last couple of months for Whimble Scouts with much happening in the camp. Many thanks to all those who were involved/attended and supported our Grand Jumble Sale in March. We raised just over £1000 so well done to all!

The roof fund is coming along well. With a pledge of £1000 from the church once work commences and a cheque for £1000 to be presented on behalf of the Devon Mark Association next Monday, we are approaching the £4000 mark. This means we are a quarter of the way in less than 12 months of fundraising! Also many thanks to Jim and Alison for their continuous 'mini book fayre' outside the PO on dry days!

On the leader front we now have two new Beaver Section Leaders, Sarah Meade and Fiona Joyce who very kindly stepped into the breach and joined us at Easter from Ottery Scout Group. This section now meets on Wednesday nights from 17.00 - 18.15hrs for boys and girls aged 5¾ - 8. Anyone interested in a place for their son/ daughter please contact me and I will pass on your details to Sarah and Fiona.

Elaine Grabham will be taking a 'sabbatical' in July after 9 years as Akela and 'Skip'. Many thanks go to Elaine for all her hard work and effort over the last 9 years at Whimble Scout Group and we wish her all the best in her future plans and life ahead. Dare I say it but this means folks that we need a new Scout Leader who is willing to be ready to help our able assistant Tim Ayers from September 2010. This group of 12-15 young people is keen and looking for adventure. It is a vitally important age group to keep interested and 'engaged'. Don't let it shut.....

Cheers

Alex 01404 822844 or 077927 12121



James Harris Cycles the Wight

He's taking to his wheels again over half term to fundraise for our 1st Whimble Scout Group.

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Ain't Misbehavin'

It was with great pleasure that we accepted an invitation to the Ain't Misbehaving concert, by Cantilena and Whimble School Choir held recently in the church. To be perfectly honest it was not the sort of event that would have normally interested us, since our own children have left school we have drifted away from such events. However, we thought we would give it a go. The choir was a breath of fresh air, singing a wide range of tunes both new and familiar, some arranged by the conductor, Iain Cooper. But the stars of the evening were undoubtedly the Whimble School Choir. They sounded as good as they looked. Huge smiles and new coordinated sweatshirts complimented the overall effect of this smashing little choir. They sang a wide range of traditional songs from all over the UK including a couple of Welsh songs, Ysgol Capel Dewi by Allan Shiers, and Oes Gafr Eto, a traditional goat counting song with very complicated lyrics, and not a word sheet in sight. The children were so well rehearsed, compliments indeed to Emma Palmer, their conductor and tutor. Recorder groups can sometimes be a little tedious to listen to but on this occasion Whimble rose to the challenge and astounded the small but appreciative audience to the toe tapping Song of the Western Men and the Road to the Isles. The two choirs, with voices from 6 - 60 years, joined forces to sing The Rhythm of Life, very apt.

We really enjoyed this evening and can't help but feel the audience was a little sparse, so next time you hear of either of these groups performing drag yourselves away from the TV and see real talent, live, on your doorstep.

Alison Creasy



Whimble School Choir performing alongside Cantilena. They sang a selection of songs from England and Wales, and also joined forces with Cantilena to sing 'Phil The Fluter's Ball', and 'The Rhythm Of Life'.



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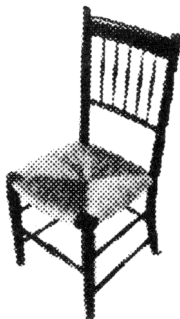
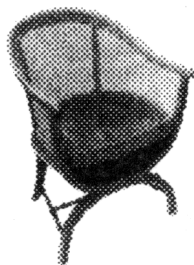
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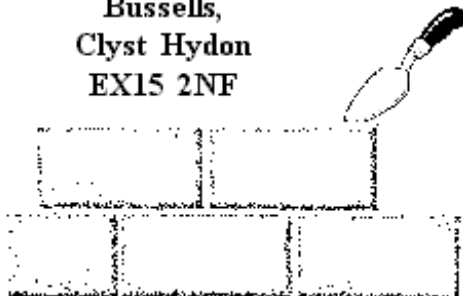
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Fashumble 2010

Many thanks to our many helpers and supporters who hopefully had a fun evening. We had a great array of clothing again and the children's section was very popular. Despite continued advertising and 70 sellers packs being distributed, less people attended this year. However, takings for clothes still came to nearly £700 of which 80% will go back to those selling and hopefully those who did attend managed to buy something new to them. We were pleased as this is not only kind to the environment but fun and hopefully brings joy to those who take part.

Local Produce sale Saturday 10th July

A gap has appeared in the Village Week programme for something to happen in the Square in the morning when the fun run is on and you can get delicious coffee and cakes in the church. In the true spirit of Village Week's community we would like to take this as an opportunity for all villagers to bring along their own goods for sale. We welcome any surplus fruit and veg from your gardens or allotments and any homemade produce or products.

This is an exciting chance for you all to show off your wonderful skills. There is no charge for this event. If you have things to sell just bring them along and sell them. There will be some tables to share or bring your own. It would be lovely to see a wide array of fruit, veg, eggs, flowers, home-made cakes, bread, jams, honey, juice, woodwork, pictures, clothes, etc.

It would be great to see all the things available in our own village and be able to buy produce with the smallest of impact on the environment. Whether you have just a few lettuces or a small business, we would love to see you in the Village Square from 9am until noon. You will be responsible for your own sales and if you would like some guidelines on home baking, health and safety, we will be able to provide them.

It would be great to make this a regular event during the Summer and we would be happy to organise this if there is enough interest.

Next Events

Village Garage Sale Saturday 25th September

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Going potty over parking in The Square

Gerri Turner (Parish Clerk) and members of the VPA - planting the planters

In the past cars have frequently parked on the narrow section of the road outside Ivydene in The Square preventing large vehicles such as dust carts, fire engines and ambulances from accessing the houses in Webbers Close, Henry Lewis Close and beyond. It was clear that for the safety of all residents - action was needed. In a bid to improve access, the Parish Council last year positioned four pots on the highway opposite Ivydene.



The pots have been a great success and this year, to replace the tatty ones, the VPA have donated four very classy planters which, I am sure you will all agree, look great. The Parish Council, on behalf of the community, wish to thank the VPA for their generosity. We would also like to thank West Hill Garden Centre at Daisymount for donating the plants.

Whimpe Parish Council.



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Whimble History Society



EXTRACTS FROM THE WHIMBLE SCHOOL PUNISHMENT BOOK

(part of the current display in the Heritage Centre)

Whilst stewarding in the Heritage Centre one Saturday, I was able to spend some time looking at the exhibits for this year relating to the Whimble School. I thought that I would share some of the Punishment Book entries as I found them of great interest. Ed H

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| October 1913 | Offence – inciting 6 others to smoke |
| November 1941 | Offence – smashing eggs
Punishment – 2 strokes |
| November 1942 | Offence – smashing Whiteway’s windows
Punishment 1 on hand, 3 on buttocks |
| July 1944 | Offence – stealing peas
Punishment – 2 strokes on hand |
| October 1945 | Offence- defiance
Punishment – smacked on seat |

OTHER OFFENCES

- Trespassing on railway line
- Swearing
- Laughing
- Lying
- Disobedience
- Urinating in school yard
- Continual dirty habits – lifting girls clothes on at least 3 occasions and also exposing himself in school
- Playing in girls WC
- Carving desks
- Throwing water over small boy

These are only extracts from a wide ranging display; there are also some wonderful School Daily Logs written in fine copperplate script, going back to the late 1800’s – do pop in and take a look. **Ed.H**

THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE TIDY DAY - WAS A SUCCESS

The Bank Holiday weekend was not the best time to choose to have a Village Tidy Day - but that didn't deter everyone - Edna and Derek Cutts spent time tidying the area at Hand and Pen, collecting numerous bags of litter and debris. Nick and Wendy Williams who only moved to Whimble a month or so ago collected litter whilst exploring areas of the village for the first time. The Tooze family set off enthusiastically with empty bin bags, as they do each year and even the PC Chairman's wife did her bit - thank you Penny.

Many others came to help or pledged their ongoing help in certain areas of the village. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who gave their time, with special thanks to Mike Ellingham, who swept, weeded, shovelled and then turned his hand to sanding and staining the notice boards, and thanks too to Mike and Ann Street from the VPA.

We ask that you all please continue to help keep our roads and lanes free of litter, not just for the Best Kept Village competition but all year round. **That includes dog poo too** - I can't tell you how many small plastic bags of dog poo are left around the village everyday. It is an offence to leave dog poo in public places so please be considerate to others. If you feel a dog bin is needed near you, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Many thanks once again - see you next year!

Whimble Parish Council

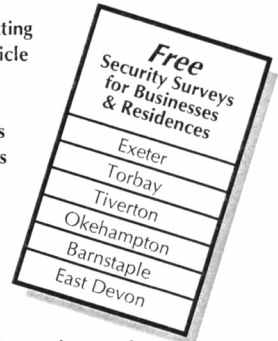
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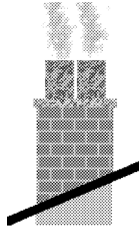


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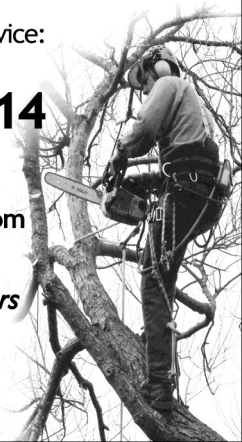
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Update on plans for affordable housing in Whimple

As most parishioners will be aware there is a proposal for a small development of affordable housing at the top of Grove Road. A large audience attended the Annual Parish Meeting in April to hear the Rural Housing Enabler from the Community Council of Devon, Sue Southwell, give an overview of this project to date. She will be updating the Parish Council on developments as they happen and Spectrum Housing Association will hold a public consultation to give everyone in the village an opportunity to examine the proposals and to comment on the plans once these have been developed.

Summary of the issues

The lack of housing in rural areas that local people can afford is a national issue and one that affects most villages in Devon. In East Devon a household income of £42,043 is necessary to buy a house in the lowest quartile (£163,500) with a deposit of 10%. The average income in this area is about £26,000 per annum. This makes home ownership completely impossible for most people. Renting in the private sector is slightly more affordable but still beyond the means of a great many people. For instance the income required to rent a 1 bed flat (based on rent at 25% of annual income) is £22,672.

As a response to this problem the Parish Council commissioned a Housing Needs Survey to assess the housing need in the village.

The Housing Need Survey 2008 - results

- 31 households are in housing need with local connection to Whimple (live/work/ close family relation)
- Main reason for moving - to set up in independent accommodation
- None could afford to buy on the open market. (20 households in need had incomes below £15k per year)

The people identified in the survey	The property sizes required
17 single people (one over 60)	20 one and two bedroom properties.
3 couples (2 over 60)	4 two bedroom properties
11 families with children	6 three bedroom properties
	1 four bedroom property

Seven might be able to buy a 40% share of a shared ownership property. A site was identified by planners of East Devon District Council at Grove Road.

The land is owned by the council and is in a good position in relation to other services and facilities in Whimple.

There is also potential for allotments on the same site. Spectrum Housing Group has been asked to work up a proposal on this site for 11 houses (5 two bed, 4 three bed and 2 one bed flats), which will remain affordable in perpetuity and with a Section 106 local connection clause to ensure the houses will always remain available for local people.

This project is still in its early stages. A draft Option Agreement on the land has been agreed between the Council and the Housing Association. Spectrum has commissioned Devon Wild Life to carry out wildlife surveys over the summer and will be arranging geophysical tests on the site. Spectrum will present an initial indicative layout to the village as soon as possible. In the meantime the Parish Council are requesting the transfer of allotment land to them from EDDC.

Obviously there are a lot of questions that remain to be answered, many of which were raised at the parish meeting. Issues that were raised included the effect of increased traffic on Grove Road and the parking needs of people using the new allotments. These concerns have been noted and will be explored fully during the consultation.

In the meantime please contact **Sue Southwell** with any queries you have about this project. (01392) 383419.



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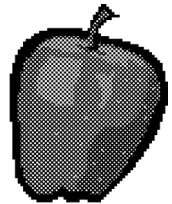
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Village Week 2010

As I write this at the end of May the sun is blazing outside and the temperature has soared. If only it can be like this for Village Week!

First of all I must give my heartfelt thanks to the PTFA, or 'Friends of Whimple School' as they are now known, for co-ordinating events for the last few years. They have done a great job. This year it has fallen to the Victory Hall to do the co-ordinating but, worry not, the PTFA (FOWs) are still very much involved and are focussing their efforts on Village Day itself as you will see on the facing page.

Our planning team have been working away putting together a programme for this year which I hope you will enjoy. Most of the old favourites are there along with some new ventures .The full programme is on pages 32 and 33.

The new events being introduced this year are the Quiz in the Victory Hall on the evening of Saturday 3rd. Come along and exercise those grey cells – there will be a bar. The next day is the 'Picnic in the Park' in the Parish Field. Bring along a picnic or enjoy the food that will be available on the day. Bring along a game to play. There will be cycle races for the children, Maypole dancing and a perhaps a Tug-of-War. That will be followed by the Folk Evening in the Victory Hall with Jim Causley and friends. All the details are on pages 34 and 35. This should be a great evening. On Friday evening there will be a Tea Dance in the Victory Hall - for all you fans of 'Strictly...' this is your chance to strut your stuff.

On Village Day there is the Egg Catching competition. Come along to the Thirsty Farmer at 5.00pm and have a go. It should be great fun!

We are also arranging some sporting events in the early evenings for the children and some 'come and try' sessions for more grown-ups so here is chance to try something new - for example have a go at short mat bowls or try your hand at 'trick shot' snooker. Watch out for posters nearer the time with details.

So from the Village Breakfast on the first Saturday to 'Songs of Praise' in the Church on the following Sunday evening, there will be lots going on.

Come and enjoy!

Bob Scanlan



Don't forget to come along to **The Salsa classes** on Monday 5th at the Victory Hall - Children 6.15pm - 7.00pm Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm. It is great fun, great exercise and all proceeds are kindly being donated to the school.

Village Day - July 10th 2010



Fun Run : This will be starting at 10.00 am in The Square. Registration will start at 9am and entrance fee is £1.50. Come along and join in the fun.

Breakfast in a Bun - Come down to the Village Square for bacon or sausage in a roll, from 9.30am onwards.

Teas and Cakes in the Church from 10.15am to 12.00noon

Fancy Dress - Open to adults and children.

1.00pm in The Square for judging followed by a parade up to 'The Victory Hall' for the start of the Fayre.



Then come up to The Victory Hall For the Summer Fayre from 1.30-4.00pm.

There will be Cream Teas, Beer and Pimms, lots of fun stalls to have a go at, crafts for sale, a raffle and much, much more !!!

All proceeds from these events will go to Whimple Primary School so please come and support as many as you can.



Teddy Bear and Cuddly Toy Show

If you go down to Whimple School on Village Day you will be sure of a big surprise for that is the day of the Teddy Bear & Cuddly Toy Show.



Friends of Whimple School are running this fun event as part of Whimple Village Day Fayre. Anyone can enter their favourite Teddies and Cuddly Toys. So come along boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen, join in the fun and help raise funds for your local school.

Classes

- v Best Named Teddy/Cuddly Toy
- v Most Loved Teddy/Cuddly Toy
- v Happiest Teddy/Cuddly Toy
- v Smartest Teddy/Cuddly Toy
- v Best Family Group
- v Best Homemade Teddy/Cuddly Toy
- v Most Unusual Teddy/Cuddly Toy
- v Teddy/Cuddly Toy the judge would most like to take home

If anyone wishes to help on Village Day or has any great ideas please contact **Sam Walker** 822649 or walkersaj@tiscali.co.uk

Entries (50p per class) will be taken on the day of the show from 1.30pm. Judging will take place at 2.30pm, rosettes will be awarded for 1st - 4th place and a special trophy will be awarded for the Best in Show.

We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Friends of Whimple School



Village

Date	Event & Venue	Organised by
Saturday 3rd July	Village Hall Breakfast Victory Hall 10.00am - 12.00noon Cream Teas in the Church St Marys Church 2.00pm - 4.00pm Quiz Evening Victory Hall 7.30pm	Whimble Victory Hall Committee St Marys Church Whimble Victory Hall Committee
Sunday 4th July	Picnic in the Park Parish Field 12.00noon - 6.00pm Whimble Folk for Whimble Folk Victory Hall 7.00pm	WAC4Y Races, Games, food... Whimble Scouts
Monday 5th July	Kids Football School MUGA 3.30 - 4.30pm Salsa Size for all ages Victory Hall 6.15-7.00pm for children - 7.30-8.30pm for adults Darts tournament Thirsty Farmer	Whimble Football Club FOWs Thirsty Farmer
Tuesday 6th July	Kids Tennis Tennis Court 3.30 - 4.30pm Walking Treasure Hunt Heritage Centre 6.00pm start Skittles tournament Thirsty Farmer	Whimble Tennis Club History Society Whimble Football Club
Wednesday 7th July	Short Mat Bowls Victory Hall 5.00 - 7.00pm taster session - 7.00pm competition Beetle Drive Primary School 6.30pm start Skittles tournament Thirsty Farmer	Whimble Short Mat Bowls Club FOWs Whimble Football Club

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Week 2010



Date	Event & Venue	Organised by
Thursday 8th July	Kids Cricket Cricket field 3.30 - 4.30pm Prize Bingo Whimble Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 start Tennis Club Summer Social Tennis Court 7.00-9.00pm Skittles tournament Thirsty Farmer	Whimble Cricket Club Whimble & Broadclyst Young Farmers Whimble Tennis Club Whimble Football Club
Friday 9th July	Trick Shot Snooker Victory Hall Billiard Room 7.00pm Tea Dance Whimble Victory Hall 8.00pm Live music Skittles final - children Thirsty Farmer	Thirsty Farmer Whimble Football Club
Saturday 10th July	Village Day morning bells Breakfast in a Bun The Square from 9.30am Coffee and Cake in the Church St Marys Church 10.15am - 12.00noon Fun Run Village Square 10.00am start Fancy Dress parade Village Square for 1.00pm judging Summer Fayre Victory Hall 1.30pm start Egg Catching Competition Thirsty Farmer 5.00pm Skittles final - adults Thirsty Farmer	St Marys church ringers FOWs St Marys Church FOWs FOWs FOWs Whimble Victory Hall Committee Whimble Football Club
Sunday 11th July	Songs of Praise St Marys Church 6.00pm	St Marys Church

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Whimble Folk for Whimble folk

On Sunday 4th July, Whimble Victory Hall will be hosting an evening of traditional English folk music with Rosie and Jim. No, not the children's TV characters! Read on ...



The main act will be Whimble's own Jim Causley who many of you will already know, especially if you have attended the annual Wassail where he has been providing musical accompaniment to the usual bashing of trees and firing of guns. Jim presented 'Jim Causley's Devon Folk' on BBC Radio Devon, but in his own right as a singer/songwriter has been nominated for a number of Folk awards

including Best Newcomer 2006, Best Album 2007 (as a third of the trio 'The Devil's Interval') and Best Group and Best Traditional Track 2010 (as singer in Mawkin:Causley). *"Causley has become renowned for his warm, rich and mature singing voice (quoted as being akin to the fruitiest of real ales!) his natural gift for interpreting song and his wry and cheeky stage presence."* (www.jimcausley.co.uk, www.myspace.com/jimcausley).

In support will be Rosie Eade. In her spare time, Rosie works at the Met. Office. However, she also manages to fit in gigs and festivals all over the UK. She headlined last year's Ely Folk Festival with folk-rock band Hedgepig, and appeared at the Glastonbury, *Beautiful Days* and Burnham Folk Festivals. *"Rosie's own songs ... are infused with a sense of urgency. A balance of powerful yearning and personal reflection."* *Scrumpy 'n' Western*, Nov. 2008. (www.rosieeade.com, www.myspace.com/rosieeade).



We also have a special guest appearance from an act who will be performing their own, unique style in public for the very first time, so go easy on them! Nothing recorded yet, so no preview of this one.

There will be a licensed bar available on the night, so come along and start Whimble Village Week with some music appropriate to an English summer. All profit from this event will go to the Scout Hut Roof Fund.

The Rules of Egg Catching



The egg catching competition will be held at 5.00pm on Village Day (Saturday 10th July) outside the Thirsty Farmer - come and have a go!

The idea is that, in teams of two, you take it in turns to throw a raw egg to your partner over a measured distance without breaking it or allowing it to touch the ground.

After each round the thrower and catcher change places and the distance is increased.

You keep the same egg, so it has to be carefully protected between throws.

If no one manages a successful catch in any round, the throwers and catchers change places and try again.

The team that manages a successful catch at the greatest distance will be the winner.

The Village Week organisers will supply all eggs. They will be marked for security purposes and the winning egg must be broken at the end of the competition to prove that it has not been switched or tampered with.

Players are not permitted to use any artificial aids when catching or throwing. Aids include any kind of glove, net, propelling instrument (mechanical or otherwise), stick or any other object that gives an unfair advantage to the team.

Any other rules will be made up by the organisers on the day as becomes necessary.

There will be two events, one for 'under 13s' and the other for all comers .

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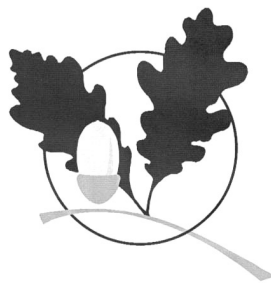
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Barn Dance in the Blossom 2010



It may have been cold and there may not have been much blossom but I think a great time was had by all at this years Blossom Dance.

The children from Whimble Primary showed us what they had learnt at the Maypole Club (kindly run by Alison Betts, Sue Wilson and helpers) and even the younger ones had a try, looking really sweet.



The children devised and ran their own stalls in the Fayre which was a popular new addition this year.

My favorite memory of the night was the dance, which I think was called 'the nine pin'. This saw a variety of people jigging and jostling around the orchard, with John (Handsome Dicks Records) and Jim (the Post office) making a particularly lovely couple!

The success of this event was all down to the hard work of Sue Wilson, Liz Camp and their team and I think we are very lucky to have such amazing women in the village. The aim of the event was to raise funds for the charity Christians Against Poverty and Whimble Primary whilst having a great time and I believe that over £700 was raised for the school alone.

It really is a great village event and I hope it is something that continues- but can we book a warmer day next year !!

A big 'Thank You' to all those who kindly offered their help on the day

Sam Walker



I have to admit that this is one of my favourite Village events as it is such a team effort and is always great fun.

This year everyone seemed happy to be outside again and the earlier start was popular, giving the children a chance to Maypole Dance again.

It was good to see a lot more stalls than usual, raising money for good causes. Some tested your skill, and Alex Tooze pulled off an amazing stunt in the golf game (no camera, so you'll have to ask him!). There was a 'run with the bra' contest as well, which seemed to involve having a weighed amount of sand stuffed into a bra (over the clothes, I'm pleased to say!) and the remainder was weighed again after the contestant had run as fast as possible around the circuit. This seemed to be going on for ages, but I wasn't sure who won it in the end, I'm afraid. Fantastic fun to watch, though!

O'Hanlon's beer was among the beverages available to keep all the adults happy, and there was the usual selection of hot food - both food and drink being served with a smile by the brilliant volunteers all day and evening.

A new addition was crepes! Willam Wilson and his team did really well with these and their efforts were delicious. It got pretty cold towards the end of the evening, which was a good excuse to have more than one!

As always, the band was absolutely fantastic. It's brilliant to hear them playing as you walk through the lanes to the orchard and they had everyone dancing again this year.

Many thanks again to all those involved for all your efforts and for making this such a special day in May for Whimble.

Sue Wilson and Liz Camp wrote the following on the Christians Against Poverty website:

"A great event in the orchards of Whimble; Maypoling, a live band, local food, a bar and barn dancing; A little chilly but fortunately no rain. Thanks to all who came along and supported us and the helpers too. A great profit of £2000 for CAP, and also a donation towards the local school who helped out on the day"

Sally Wilde

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Ann successfully led her two team mates, Charlie Paton and Martin Hartley across torturously cold floating ice fields for 483 miles (777 kilometres) in temperatures sometimes as low as -75° . They have probably seen, trekked, pushed, pulled and swam through about every kind of cold weather condition that the likes of you and I would have nightmares about!

It was widely reported on the news when a large crack in the ice erupted right under their tent causing them to have to evacuate at great speed so as not to lose equipment - let alone lives! (By this time, I think I would have been crying into my gin).

The achievement of reaching the North Pole as well as 'the icing on the cake' (pardon the pun). In fact, their very last sample taking was dubbed 'the Hole at the Pole!' I can only say it must help to have a sense of humour in such torturous conditions!

The team officially reached the top of the world at 20.05 BST on 12th May 2010 and were collected off the ice (with very few hours to spare - phew!) by a pre-scheduled Twin-Otter plane the following day at 04.15hrs BST

The only thing that remains unanswered is - 'are you going to still make an attempt to go solo to the North Pole Ann?' If so, I think you need your bumps read!

Great to have you home and safe and well.

Julie Millward



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At our recent Annual Church Meeting we reflected on the past year in the life of our church and we recognised that we have much to be thankful for.

Much of the landscape in our journey has been familiar as we have enjoyed a regular pattern of Sunday worship and celebrated together the special festivals in the Christian calendar that signpost us along God's way. Familiarity, routine and tradition in our church life are greatly valued by many, both young and old.

We have explored new paths, tried new things and exercised creativity as we have sought to broaden our appeal to the wider village community and encourage others to travel with us along the way of knowing Christ and making Him known.

We are thankful to God as we look back that He has travelled with us and we pray that He will continue to go ahead of us and that we will follow His leading in the coming year with all its challenges and opportunities.

Full copies of our **2009 Annual Report** can be found on the information display in the church building.



The sun shone for us (most of the time) on 15th May at the **Churches 4 All Away Day** at Weycroft Hall, Axminster. We enjoyed excellent and practical Bible teaching as well as getting to know one another better. Only a couple of days earlier we

had an excellent evening at the **Songs from the Heart** evening of dinner and music at the Victory Hall. We are planning a further 'Connections' event in the Autumn with a murder mystery and 3 course dinner - watch this space.

Thank you for the generosity of so many in supporting **Christian Aid Week** again this year, when more than £1,150 was raised in Whimble for this organisation's excellent work in alleviating poverty throughout the world.

Our **Saturday Morning Coffee** sessions have now commenced, with tea, coffee and home made cakes being served in church from 10:15 to 12:00pm every Saturday. Funds raised will be used towards the maintenance of our church building, so please do come and support these enjoyable (and tasty!) events.





We would love to welcome you at our **Church Fete** on Saturday 12th June, 2:30pm at Hindstrete, Church Road. Come and bash-the-rat, have your face painted (no maximum age restriction!) as well as browse the usual stalls and games and enjoy a cream tea. We are delighted that

Whimble School will be participating again this year. There will something for everyone so please bring the whole family and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Our next **Men's Breakfast** will be on June 26th on the theme of "Reporting on Sport - Fever Pitch to the World Cup". Have you ever wondered what it's like to interview a great sportsman like Usain Bolt? Are you thinking about who might win the World Cup, or particularly looking forward to the 2012 London Olympics? Come and hear about sport from a different perspective, as sports reporter Norman Brierley shares some of his personal experiences over the years and talks about the work of a Christian charity providing international sports media coverage - 2K-Plus. Please contact David Smith (822123) to reserve your place.



We look forward to hosting the Village Week **Songs of Praise** event on Sunday 11th July 6.00pm to which all are welcome.

By way of update on the **village consultation** on proposals to alter the furniture and fabric of the church building, the PCC discussed the matter at their last meeting and it was agreed that all the forms received will be analysed by Mrs Gerri Turner and Mr Branco Love. (Gerri is a member of the PCC, Branco is not). This analysis will take some time and once their task is complete they will report to the Parochial Church Council who will consider the next step.

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

St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

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- 2nd Sunday - 11am Holy Communion;
- 3rd Sunday - 8am Holy Communion (BCP);
11am Celebration Service;
- 4th Sunday - 11am Morning Worship;
- 5th Sunday - 10.30am Churches4All joint service
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Dog Days

You may have seen a strange sight in the village recently - a lady wearing a bright pink hi-vis waistcoat with a changing variety of 3 or 4 dogs and wondered what was going on? Well, I am that person and I have begun a new service in the village - as a dog minder.

Earlier this year, fed up with office life, I decided to utilise more than 30 years of training, working and competing with dogs by offering a quality service to dog owners who need to go to work, have a day out, go on holiday or into hospital etc. Any number of situations can arise when your dog may need to be looked after by someone else and my knowledge and experience is available to you and your dog.

I have discovered that some people are confused by the term 'dog minder'. Unlike a dog walker who comes to your house at an agreed time usually when you are out and takes your dog for a walk; I have your dog at my house for either a half day, a day, subsequent days or if you are going away, then as a guest sleeping in the house. I take a maximum of four dogs, of which two can be staying house guests. They live with us as part of our family, getting the chance to play in a safe enclosed part of our garden as well as taken for two walks a day. Best of all they are not left on their own to think up their own entertainment such as chewing things they shouldn't or howling to let everyone know they are lonely.

Any breed is considered, although the dogs must be at least six months old, house trained with full inoculations etc. and generally friendly with other dogs (and people).

My own dogs are good hosts showing our visiting dogs where to find the most interesting smells in the garden, happily sharing their toys and demonstrating how to walk beside me on our treks around the village and beyond. It is pleasing to see how quickly the dogs settle into our house and accept the few rules of good manners necessary for a harmonious pack. As I write this a lovely dog from the village is snoozing at my feet.

Never having been self employed before; it has been an interesting journey getting started. I have enjoyed doing my website (www.ex5dogdays.com) and have subsequently done another one for someone else. It's a pleasure being out and about around the village with the chance to talk to people. Previously I was too busy commuting and rushing around and making sure my own dogs got the work and attention they deserved, to be able to say much more than "Hello".

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Many thanks to those of you who completed the community questionnaire, the responses are being looked at and used to consider future developments. The school log books are currently in the Heritage Centre as part of a display celebrating 100 years of one part of the school building. Apparently they have been very popular, especially the punishment book!

The children are busy counting Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers so if you have any hanging around at home and you wish to donate them to the school there is a collecting box in the school entrance lobby.

Carole Shilston

The musical assembly

This term the musical instrument is..... The ukulele! Year 3 and Year 5 have been learning how to play it. It is very easy to play and our music teacher is..... Emma Palmer.

She also teaches recorder and guitar. She is a very good choir teacher! A little while ago she got us some choir jumpers. I got to try one on they are really warm! Recently Whimple school choir went to Exeter Cathedral to sing! By the way Emma Palmer designed the jumpers herself! And you will never believe it, a few weeks later we sung at Whimple church.

By Grace Porter, Charlotte Thomas and Samuel Terrett Year 3



volcanoes

A few weeks ago on Friday we were talking about the volcano called Eyjafjallajokull that erupted in Iceland . Each group had to make a volcano. First we had to cover the volcanos that Mrs Wiggins made in news paper, then we painted them and covered them in glue to make the paint not run. We put red food colouring, carbon soda and vinegar. Then splash! The volcano erupted and it stank!

By Freya Westney!!!



First aid

This term Year 6 in our final year, have been learning about first aid with Miss Shilston. We've been learning loads of cool stuff, like how to put people in the recovery position (DR A.B.C), how to treat burns and scalds and how to deal with an asthma attack.

As well as that, we have learnt how to bandage people up, how to deal with poisoning and choking. Also, before half term, Mrs Shilston is going to test us on our 'DR A.B.C', so we our hoping we'll all pass that!!!

By Sophie Camp, and Jamie Parker Yr 6



year 5 and 6's Residential

Year 5 and 6's Residential is coming up soon on the 17th of May. We are all excited to go to the Residential. We are all looking forward to all the activities at Grenville House. We hope the weather won't be bad. Some of the activities we hope to be doing are zip wiring, kayaking and the leap of faith. We will inform you after we get back.

By Josh, Harry and Gemma Year 5

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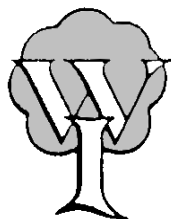
Members have enjoyed a variety of activities over the past two months. At the April meeting Brian Higbee, who was listed as a guitar entertainer, did just that. Not only did he entertain but members were able to join in and sing along - there was much toe tapping and enjoyment. In May we had an informative talk on some of the artifacts found on the Mary Rose and the social history attached to many of the items found. We also discussed the Federation resolution on the need for tighter regulations on labelling the source of food.

Several members attended the Devon Federation Spring Council Meeting at Torquay where there were a number of very interesting speakers. The main guest speaker of the day was Lesley Garrett who gave a brilliant talk on her upbringing in Wales and her singing career.

There has also been a group meeting of five local Institutes which provided an opportunity to meet some of our WI neighbours, enjoy a talk on 'Working for the BBC' and to appreciate an excellent buffet provided by our hosts at West Hill.

The Whimble Institute now has 44 members with an average attendance of 36/38. We have a varied programme and the opportunity to extend and explore a wide range of interests. If you would like to join us contact Ann Bowden (823450) or just come along to the Victory Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

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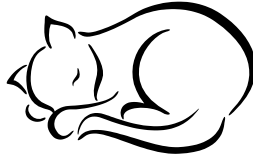
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Well what a busy few weeks it has been! Our first event this year was a very successful trip to Otter Nurseries on Thursday 15th April. Members enjoyed a very informative trip “behind the scenes” to get a valuable insight into how herbaceous plants are propagated, brought on and prepared for sale. No doubt the knowledge gained will be put to good use and some cracking exhibits will be on display at the Flower Show in August.

This was followed on Friday 23rd April when we had a very entertaining talk and demonstration from Kieron Bewes. Kieron had a wide range of exhibits and showed the many types of hanging baskets on the market and spoke of their relative merits. He then showed us how to plant up a basket in what appeared to be no time at all – it all seems so simple when an expert does it, everything does exactly what it should do! The superb basket he put together was then raffled off with the lucky winner being David Rastell. So we will all be eagerly waiting to see just how well he looks after it!! Following the demonstration, members had the opportunity to purchase some quality plants at bargain prices and question the expert on a range of topics.

This event was followed by our annual Plant Sale and coffee morning on Saturday 8th May. Once again this was a huge success with the Victory Hall positively bursting with plants of all descriptions. Even those people who turned up late just as we were clearing up managed to purchase what they came for.

Unfortunately the winter has taken its toll on a number of the gardens we were hoping to have available for our OPEN GARDENS event. A lot of plants have been lost to the severe weather, so we have made the decision to put this event off until next year to give those people kind enough to offer their gardens for inspection a chance to replace the plants they have lost.

Our main event of the year is of course The Annual Flower Show which will be on Saturday 14th August, again in the Village Hall. Schedules are now available and they can be downloaded by going onto the Whimple Online website as well as at the Post Office and Village Stores

As mentioned in previous editions of the News, our Village Challenge is a Scarecrow Competition. We believe that there are a number of groups secretly constructing their exhibits so if you see an unusual number of security people about the village, that could very well be the reason why!!! We are looking forward to a very interesting and indeed entertaining competition!!

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

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.





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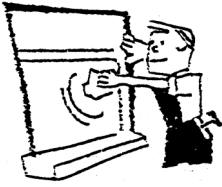
When Pam and I remarried eight years ago, we needed to find a new home and came to look at Whimple. One important consideration was whether there was a lively church community here. On entering the Church we met Margaret Burrough who invited us to an open-air service at the Cricket Club. We duly attended that service and were welcomed by Wendy Wilkinson (of blessed memory) who introduced us to others. Almost immediately we were invited to a home for a meal and this led to forging many new friendships in this lovely village. Since then many younger families have come to our village and joined our Church and have attracted other young people into our congregation. This is therefore meeting a need and should be encouraged.

Clearly after the public meeting, the Parochial Church Council, whose responsibility it is, needs to go back to basics and reconsider its rationale and what is essential for its mission rather than what may be desirable. For the record I come from a Free Church background where the life of its members and their service to the community are more important than the furniture. However I have since seen the Cox report and have a better understanding of what is regarded as historically important, but I cannot accept the outsiders comments that by proposing any changes that the Church is 'turning in on itself'. I do note that on two occasions a few pews have been removed for good reasons and thus precedents have been set.

The editor has pleaded for respect and I second that. Rather than be negative, let us be constructive and decide what common ground there is. I did not hear any criticism of the need for extra warmth or comfort - there's more than one way of solving that. (Confession –I use a prayer kneeler as a cushion!) Nor did I hear any criticism of the need for an accessible toilet or better facilities for light refreshments. I support Stephen Godsiff's plea for more flexibility in the use of the premises other than on a Sunday. The question would seem to be how one can achieve this without ignoring the historical aspects. Perhaps the traditionalists among the church members could make some alternative proposals.

Stephen raised certain practical points concerning any disruption. Here we are fortunate that within our Mission Community we have another Church at Talaton and transport could be arranged for those who needed it. Questions of costing naturally arise once a specification has been agreed and no PCC is going to sign a contract until they have a fairly clear idea where the money is coming from. However first we have to get approval from the Diocese and that is far from being straightforward!

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