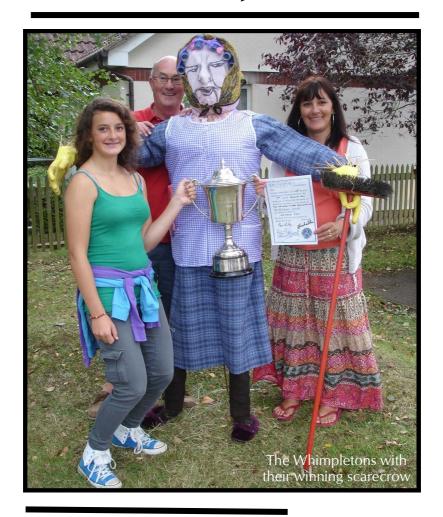
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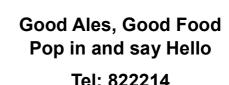
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October

- 8th Endorphin Effect Workshop Victory Hall, 9.30am 1.00pm details 822687
- 9th Whimple Over 60's Club; Trip to Wye Valley & Monmouth
- 14th History Society presents 'An Antiques Evening' with David Williams and friends, Victory Hall, 7.30pm
- 20th Wasters of Whimple A Solar Celebration; Victory Hall 8.00 9.00pm See page 36 for details
- 22nd Whimple Cinema Victory Hall. 5.00pm Family Film ...details on page 11 plus posters
- 22nd Whimple Cinema Victory Hall, 7.30pm Evening Film..details on page 11 plus posters
- 29th WACY Kite Flying Parish Field, 12.00noon. Details on page 24
- 29th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon 1.30pm

November

- 1st Whimple Over 60's Club; Trip to Barnstaple
- 5th Whimple Primary School Craft Fayre; Victory Hall, 1.00 4.00pm Details on page 49
- 12th Hospiscare coffee morning, Victory Hall, 10.00am 12.00noon. Details on page 28
- 18th History Society talk 'Devon Inn Names' in the Victory Hall, 7.30pm
- 19th Wasters of Whimple Christmas Food Fayre, Victory Hall, 1.00 4.00pm Details on page 36
- 25th VPA talk Victory Hall, 7.30pm 'Plants for autumn and winter interest'. Details on page 33
- 26th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon 1.30pm
- 27th Richard Digance Victory Hall, doors open 6.30pm, Details on page 18

December

- 10th Whimple Cinema Victory Hall. 5.00pm Family Film ...details on page 11 plus posters
- 10th Whimple Cinema Victory Hall, 7.30pm Evening Film...details on page 11 plus posters

Please use the Whimple 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



Ed the Ed

The Whimple News team hope that you enjoyed our colour centre spread of photos that captured the variety and spirit of the Village Day way back in the balmy days of mid July. How nice to see a picture of the Parish Council Chairman, John Griffiths, properly attired rather than his normal cross-dressing escapades in the pantomime. Keep that copy, and remind yourselves of that fun summer.

This edition has photos of the excellent Scarecrows who were outside the Victory Hall on the Saturday of Village Week. I was delighted that the Whimpletons entry of 'Nora Batty' won the competition and we are now the proud custodians of an enormous silver cup. You can see this on our front cover – you have to guess which one was the scarecrow!

I note that curse of the MUGA has struck – remember the injury to the football-playing Jim of the PO – well, another 'gentleman' who should know better at his age, has broken his arm playing football with like-minded men who mistakenly believe a scout from Manchester United is watching. The only people that will be watching in the future will be an ambulance crew and a lawyer who specialises in compensation claims!

We are pleased to welcome to our pages, our newly elected local councillor, Martin Gammell who we have asked to keep us up-to-date with what is happening in the hurly-burly of local politics. We look forward to his contributions to our magazine.

If you cast your eye, gentle reader, down the 'What's on in Whimple' page, you will see a veritable host of events to attend – it is good to see that the Whimple Cinema is returning, with two sessions of free family films which is great for the village, and two more sessions of evening films (titles to be decided in the next few weeks). Plus there are Craft and Food Fayres, AND, an evening with Richard Digance which promises to be a lot of fun with a wonderful blend of singing and humour from a very experienced performer. This is close to my panto heart because The Whimpletons will be sharing some of the profits from that evening, so please come along!

I am also pleased to report that the Bra Babes (the current Mrs H and Mrs Leonard) successfully power-walked the Bristol Half Marathon for a second time in early September. Now the support team (Miles and me) are preparing for the attempt on the Cardiff Half Marathon in mid October. You will probably see us, heads bowed in earnest discussion of logistics, chafing gels and where the good pubs are close to the Half Marathon route. whilst testing a variety of energy drinks in our local pubs. Selfless!

Thanks to the kind Quiz Teams at the Farmer, who kindly donated some £90 for our coffers, and whilst we are on 'Thanks', we must never forget our gallant band of distributors, so a big thank you to all of them.

If you feel that you would like to offer an article/thoughts for inclusion in the News, then please let us have your words for the next edition by Monday 14th November, either via Jim (Smugly uninjured) and Alison at the Post Office, or through the ether to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

Ed H

THE NEXT ISSUE WILL COVER DECEMBER/JANUARY, SO LET US HAVE DETAILS OF ALL THE EVENTS THAT YOU PLAN IN THE VILLAGE DURING THAT TIME

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After mentioning mobile top-ups last time we have been greatly encouraged by the increase in the number we have sold recently. This tells us we must remind everyone now and then of the different things we can do for you.

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If you have presents to send to Australia or New Zealand consider sending them by surface mail. However you will need to be ready with them earlier. The rewards are considerable, especially if you have several to send.

Last posting dates will be released soon.

Whimple Christmas cards will be out soon, we have sourced some really different designs for you this year including a newly drawn design by Lewis Greenslade -Trump, which we know will be as popular as last year's.

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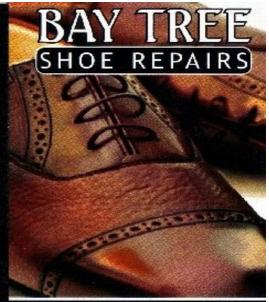




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On the day we made £300.02. This was a fantastic achievement. Added to the £1,354.80 that we made in November it makes a total of £1,654.82. Not bad for a village the size of Whimple. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

The Church Fete on the following Saturday used up some of the excess cakes!

Lets see if we can beat it next year.

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Village Week 2012

This year's Village Week was a great success and the new-look Village Day in the Parish Field seemed to work well. Although Village Day was intended to be a fun family event for the Village rather than a fundraiser, the day did produce a surplus of nearly £2000 which has been shared between the various village organisations that formed the planning team.

The key to the success of the day was the involvement of so many different organisations working together and this is an approach we are adopting again as planning begins for Village Week 2012. So if any other village organisation would like to join us to share the in planning work and receive a share of any surplus from Village Day, please let me know.

Village Week next year will run from Sunday 8th July to Sunday 15th July. It will begin with a concert in the Victory Hall; there will be activities for the kids and various events throughout the week. The climax will be Village Day in the Parish Field on the Saturday with Songs of Praise in the Church on Sunday to round the week off. We will have the egg catching competition again next year but we will hold it in the Parish Field rather than in the road. We would also like to have rather more activities and games in the field on Village Day so if anyone has any large garden games we could borrow or any suggestions for activities they would like to see, please let Sue Ayres (823082) or me know.

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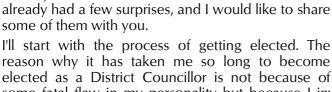
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Being a District Councillor Part 1 Counting clothes pegs

I have been trying to become a district councillor on and off for some thirty years and now, suddenly, to my surprise, consternation and delight, I have been elected to serve as Councillor for the Whimple and Talaton Ward. And now I realise that most people don't know what is actually involved. How do you get yourself elected? What does a District Councillor actually DO? What does the District Council do? I've already had a few surprises, and I would like to share some of them with you.





some fatal flaw in my personality but because I invariably stood as a political party candidate in wards where another party always had a majority. Really, this is a silly situation to be in at local government level, where, ideally, we should be voting for the candidate's personal qualities and desire to represent and serve the community, and not his or her political affiliation. But that is not the way things are, and, of course, I am a member of a party whose policies I believe in. There is also a very practical reason for taking the party ticket: you get the support of party members and help with the costs of fighting an election (leaflets, posters and poster boards). Members will help to compose and print leaflets, and, most importantly, deliver the leaflets, put up the posters and canvass on your behalf. Believe me, doing all these things on your own is very exhausting. So, hats off to those independent councillors who have been elected purely on their own efforts and at their own expense.

Thus, although anybody over the age of eighteen is eligible to stand, for most people, party membership is a first step. Then you have to be asked to stand by the local party branch. Having agreed, you are then interviewed by the selection committee. This is quite a tough interview where you are quizzed about all sorts of things. Being selected to stand is, therefore, not a foregone conclusion. Having 'passed', I was registered as an official candidate. Little did I realize what I was letting myself in for. In previous elections I had been a "paper candidate" where I was a name on a ballot slip for supporters to vote for but with no real chance of winning, so I had no need to do much work. This time the seat was, apparently, "winnable" and worth fighting for. If I am going to do something then I like to do it to the best of my ability. So, I flung myself into the process, making my wife an "election widow" for the three weeks from the published date of the election to the Election Day. In those weeks I devoted every available minute to leafleting, poster making and canvassing.

There are only about 1,000 households in Whimple and Talaton, but many of the houses are scattered about the countryside. Consequently, it takes time to get to individual houses and an awful amount of time to get to all of them. I got leaflets to all but a handful (envying a friend whose ward was an estate where the houses were in long rows and he could run from one letterbox to the next in less that 20 seconds) and I apologise to those householders who I didn't call upon.

I lived and breathed the election. I found myself striking up conversations in the street with possible voters. I was canvassing at the drop of the hat - passersby when I was at home, patients in the surgery waiting room, passengers waiting for trains, people gardening as I went by - all were victims of my campaign. But the greatest effort was poured into calling on people - something I have very mixed feelings about. I had many rewarding conversations and arguments and I learned much of local peoples' feelings, and hospitality. But I also had doors slammed in my face and hostile encounters that could set back my spirits. Still, with only three weeks to meet, greet and convert voters, you have to keep on in the face of offensiveness and rejection - and the sheer fatigue of driving, tramping, standing, talking hour after endless hour. However exhausting and time consuming, I firmly believe in canvassing because it does allow you to present yourself to the electorate. It also allows you to learn about people's concerns and get a feel for the nature of the ward. Oh, and I have learned an awful lot about farming!

And, finally, the process of the Count itself. After the votes have been cast the black boxes are taken from the polling stations to the council offices and tipped up onto long trestle tables. Then the tellers unfold the voting slips and put them in piles according to the candidates chosen. The slips are counted into bundles of 50 and then pegged with a coloured, plastic clothes peg (red for Labour, blue for Conservative, yellow for Liberal Democrat, green for the Greens, purple for Independents). The one with the most pegs wins! After checking the votes, the Returning Officer announces the winner for each ward election.

The Count used to be quite a social event. Picture a very large room full of dozens of people - candidates, their agents, their supporters, chatting to each other and circling the trestle tables where the tellers are counting the votes, checking for errors, and trying to count those clothes pegs! At frequent intervals the returning officer would announce a result. This could go on until the early hours of the morning. If you failed to get elected the combination of fatigue and disappointment would be very deflating and the journey home would be a dispiriting experience. Nowadays, the Count can be delayed until the following morning and much of the excitement has died down. Ironically, after all those years of being in the thick of a late-night Count, I was several hundred miles away from the scene of my eventual "triumph", and heard the result on my mobile phone in a pub halfway up a Welsh mountain!

To be continued ...

Martin Gammell Cllr Tel: 823535

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Finding another supplier.

It is inadvisable to sign a contract with a cold calling salesman as it is most unlikely that he or she will take the time to explain the proposed tariff(s) fully and you will probably not think to ask the right questions yourself – until afterwards when it may be too late. However, remember that in all cases you always have the 14 days 'cooling off period' to change your mind. Fixed tariffs are also available but you may be locked into some form of contract so it depends on whether you wish to keep your options open. You could also contact a prospective new supplier's sales department directly by letter or telephone but I would suggest the former will be convoluted and the latter confusing especially with any high pressure sales talk. However, don't let inaccessibility to the internet stop you from saving money, find someone you can trust to help you, preferably by recommendation.

Most people do go to energy comparison sites. They will give you an estimated saving for numerous suppliers based on the figures you supplied for either your monthly/annual spend or consumption. NB. Enter your gas and electricity usage in kWhs, rather than your monthly/annual spend, as kWhs do not fluctuate with price changes, unlike your spend. Check that the kWh rate is not more than you are already paying. The tariffs can also be confusing where a company charges a different higher rate for a certain initial number or percentage of the total units used. This is usually instead of a fixed monthly/annual standing charge. There could also be other incentives or discounts for such things as taking dual fuel (electric & gas), paying by direct debit, online billing or an ongoing system of cashback. However, of late, some customers increasingly place as much importance on easily understandable bills, good customer service or having all their utilities on a single bill, as they do on saving money.

Changing energy supplier.

- 1. Before you sign up to a new energy contract, read the terms and conditions in the contract. If there's anything you don't understand, ask the energy company, salesman or representative.
- 2. Sign a new contract with the energy company. The transfer process should take about six weeks to complete.
- **3.** Give your existing supplier 28 days' notice that you plan to switch. If you do this by phone, follow up with a letter or email to confirm. *Important*: If you forget to give notice, this can delay the date you switch.
- **4.** Take a meter reading on the day you change supplier and record it. Write down this reading and the date it was taken in case you disagree with the cost of your first bill. The companies concerned will usually agree on a particular reading
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You can find a list of LPG suppliers on the website for UKLPG, the LPG trade association. *Important*: If the new supplier can't (or won't) use your existing tank, they may charge you for a new tank or to replace service pipe work.

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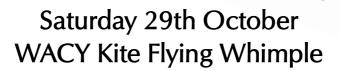
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Whimple Parish Council - preparing for the coming winter.

Snow may be on the way - would you like to help?

Following the extreme weather of the last two winters DCC has set up a

Snow Warden and Community Self Help programme.

The programme is about communities coming together to help each other on a voluntary basis during times of extreme weather. To those parishes that register with the programme DCC is offering advice, guidance and training – and also up to 5 tonnes of salt free of charge.

During the early months of 2011 Cllr Sue Ayres underwent Snow Warden training and is now the local contact .

During the winter DCC will commit to;

- Delivering a comprehensive winter service as defined in the Winter Services and Emergency Plan.
- Refill all the county grit bins. The Parish Council was recently asked to
 identify the location and number of the grit bins and those identified have
 been added to an inventory (you will see a number and telephone number
 under the lid of each bin). Only the bins in the correct location and listed
 will be refilled each year.
- Provide registered parishes with up to 5 tonnes of salt free of charge for use on highways and footpaths only.
- Train Snow Wardens and provide Public Liability Insurance to all volunteers who offer help under the terms of the scheme (more information available).

Registered Parish Councils and Snow Wardens will commit to:

- Determining what the local priorities are
- Taking responsibility for delivering local self help.
 - o Recruit volunteers to help under the terms of the scheme.
 - o Demonstrate suitable storage for salt and be accountable to the local community for the way in which the salt is managed.
 - o To use the salt on public highways including footways and paths.
 - Encourage responsible use of the grit bin facility and help minimise abuse.

James Ware-Baker from Holway Farm, who very kindly helped last year, has already agreed to store the salt and help with delivery when needed – but able volunteers are needed to help with

distribution.

The Parish Council is also investigating the option of buying a pull along mobile salt/grit spreader for use by volunteers.

If you would like more information, be the volunteer for your immediate area or have a 4x4 available to use.

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A not to be missed fascinating lecture by fine art photographer Lucilla Phelps FRPS FBIPP will be held on Saturday 22nd October in Matthews Hall Topsham, 7.00pm. Tickets £10 each are available by calling 01392 688020

In 2004 Lucilla went on a trip to Antarctica on a Russian ice breaker to follow in the steps of Shackleton. This lecture follows her journey and also shows some of the images taken on the expedition of 1914 when disaster almost overcame the crew of the Endurance. Due to Shackleton's leadership and courage all members of the expedition were saved. We visit some of the places he visited and see the unchanged landscape of this fascinating continent. Compare some of the original photos of Shackleton's journey to the modern day ones taken by Lucilla in some of the places Shackleton and his team visited.

A coffee morning in aid of Hospiscare will be held in the Victory Hall on Saturday, 12th November from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. There will be the usual cake stall and a good selection of Hospiscare Christmas cards will be on sale. For further details contact **Rosemarie** on 822422.



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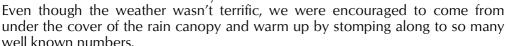
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WHIMPLE CRICKET CLUB SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

I just had to say a big thank you to all involved for bringing to our village such a wonderful evening of first class entertainment.

When we arrived the place was really warming up with 'local boys' The Chris Stuckey Band, to be followed later by Eddie and The Hot Rods who covered many 70's and 80's rock numbers.



At the top of the show we had Nine Below Zero whose lead singer was sooooo laid back he was nearly lying down! They were very 'tight' and the harmonica player was excellent. Again, such a varied selection of music that if you didn't know the first one - you certainly knew the next! His cheeky banter between sets also added to the evening.

After presenting their now third outdoor event, I am happy to say the evening turned out to be a very slick operation hosted by people who really knew what they were doing.

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Another year and here we are, reflecting on another successful Flower Show. After the huge success of last year's Show, we did wonder how this year's would measure up. It certainly did not disappoint. Although maybe not quite reaching the heights of last year, there was definitely much to admire, not least the second running of the Village Challenge! As last year, it generated a huge amount of interest outside the Victory Hall and although there were fewer entries they were definitely just as imaginative. As to the Show itself, it was another good year for exhibitors and exhibits. This year we had 91 adult exhibitors and 23 in the children's classes which resulted in 584 exhibits. This was another good entry, so many thanks to all of you who made the effort to enter this year.

Although there were not quite so many entries in the Children's Classes, the exhibits were up to their usual high standards and the judges certainly had a hard time selecting the winning exhibits. The trophy winners in these classes were Isabella Fry who won the Owen Cup; Alice Wooldridge who won the Basildon Award; Thomas Tooze who won The Fletcher Cup and Katie Ackland who won The Children's Challenge Cup. The photography section was again a difficult task for the judge with so many excellent photographs in all of the classes. The song title class certainly had some very good subjects. The overall winner in this section, wining the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup, was Gilly Curtis. The Arts and Crafts Classes had another wonderful display of skills. The winner in this section of the Len Rose Memorial Cup and the Whimple Craft Cup was Jenny Sanders.

It was good to see an increase in the number of entries in the flower arranging with another display of floral artistry. In this section the Frances Pratt Cup was awarded to Rosemary Davies. The Roy Horsburgh Trophy was won by Emma Palmer who also won the Marie Louise Grout Cup which is for the best exhibit in flower arrangement as voted for by everyone who came to see the Show. The Sandfords Cup which is for the combined Men Only Classes of a floral arrangement and a sultana cake was won by Sam Palmer who beat all the adult males to take this trophy! The Homecraft section was full of excellent mouth watering exhibits and the snooker table was positively overloaded with tasty entries. The judge did wonder just how she was going to get through all the exhibits! Congratulations to Vicky Clough and Margaret Burrough who were joint winners in this section and they shared the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup.

The Pot Plant Section had an excellent number of exhibits with all the classes well supported. The winner this year was Colin Northcott. And finally, but by no means least, there was another very good entry in the flower and vegetable classes. The hot dry weather in the preceding months meant lots of watering for the exhibitors and the results proved that all the effort was well worthwhile with another excellent display with quality exhibits in all the classes. In the Vegetable Classes, The Slewton Cup for the most points in the vegetable section was won by Paul Wilson and the runner up in this section, winning the Cranny Brook Cup was Colin Northcott. In the Flower Classes, the winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points in this section was Paul Wilson and the runner up winning the President's Cup was Michael Mallet.

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However when all the classes were combined and the points in both sections were added together, it was not too difficult to see who had won the Whimple Folk Cup, yes folks it was Yours Truly. Having put my first exhibit into the show way back in 1984, largely due to the pressure from my next door neighbour, one Mrs. Pratt, it certainly came as a very pleasant surprise as it wasn't a trophy that I ever expected to win.

And then there was the Whimple Challenge Cup which was the second running of this new venture. Once again it was for the Scarecrow Competition and although we didn't have quite as many entries as last year, there were certainly some entertaining exhibits. Needless to say it was an immense task to determine which of these imaginative exhibits would get the magnificent trophy that was to be awarded. After much deliberation and checking of the scores, the winning Scarecrow was the one of Norah Batty which was expertly put together by The Whimpletons. This year we also had a runner-up trophy and this went to the VPA.

We were very pleased to have Gill Mallett to present the trophies and, on behalf of the Show Committee, Dulcie Sanders presented a bouquet to her and Dulcie was also presented with a posy. We are very grateful to Edith Grout who arranged these floral presentations. We were also very fortunate to be able to add some decorations to the hall this year and the Withy Sculptures that were all round the room had been expertly made by the children at the Primary School. So our grateful thanks to them for their very colourful creations.

All the judges remarked on the high quality of the exhibits in all the classes and they asked that these comments were passed on to all the exhibitors. So well done to all of you who entered and give yourselves a big pat on the back for your efforts! In turn, we are extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to do this difficult task with such quality exhibits. 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.whimplevpa.org.uk A full list of trophy winners is included in this edition of the News as well.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped 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 at next year's show. And talking of next year, we have had a serious think about the fact that our traditional date will clash with the final weekend of the 2012 Olympic Games. As some of you may be competing, but more will probably want to be watching, we have moved the date to Saturday 1st September. More reminders will sent out, but it will hopefully ensure we have another successful Show.

Our next event is going to be a talk on 'Plants for Autumn and Winter Interest'. Our speaker will be Chris Burchill who, with his wife Lorraine, runs Tale Valley Nursery at Talaton. The talk will be on Friday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. We look forward to seeing you all then. **Paul Wilson,** Hon. Secretary



VPA



Show





WHIMPLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2011 TROPHY WINNERS

SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers

The Whimple Folk Cup
The Slewton Cup
The Cranny Cup
The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup
The President's Cup
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Paul Wilson
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Paul Wilson
Michael Mallett

SECTION 2 – Pot Plants

The Briar Shield Colin Northcott

SECTION 3 - Homecraft

The Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup Vicky Clough & Margaret Burrough

SECTION 4 – Beer, Wine and Spirits

No Classes

SECTION 5 – Floral Arrangement

The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy
The Marie Louise Grout Cup

Rosemary Davies
Emma Palmer
Emma Palmer

SECTION 6 – Arts and Crafts

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

SECTION 7 - Photography

The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup Gilly Curtis

SECTION 8 – Children under 5

The Owen Cup Isabella Fry

SECTION 9 – Children aged 5 to 7

The Basildon Award Alice Wooldridge

SECTION 10 – Children aged 8 to 11

The Fletcher Cup Thomas Tooze

SECTION 11 – Children aged 12 to 15

The Children's Challenge Cup Katie Ackland

FLOWER ARRANGING & CAKE (men only)

The Sandfords Cup Sam Palmer

WHIMPLE VILLAGE CHALLENGE CUP The Whimpletons VILLAGE CHALLENGE RUNNER-UP Whimple VPA

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Solar Celebration Thursday 20th October 8.00 - 9.00pm

It is nearly a year since our 10:10 event to help people considering the installation of Solar PV panels and we estimate that 20 properties are currently generating in the village. This has an estimated CO^2 saving of 24 tonnes per annum which is amazing.

Some of us experienced problems with our installations and many others had trouble free generation. All of us should have seen less electricity being drawn from grid and some of us will have received money. We would love to hear your experiences – good and bad and would welcome all of those who have installed or who are still thinking about it to come to the Victory Hall on 20th October to share your stories and statistics. This will again be a free event but donations towards costs will be very gratefully received.

Christmas Food Fayre - Saturday 19th November - 1.00 - 4.00pm

Living in an agricultural area we would like to see how possible it is to 'buy local' and avoid that supermarket shop. We are working with an entrepreneur to set up an on-line buying system, which we hope would benefit local producers and consumers.

We invite local producers (large or small) to attend a Food Fayre on Saturday 19th November in the Victory Hall. Whether you already have an established business or are thinking of starting up, please contact us if you would like a table. Ideally food should be produced within a 20 mile radius of Whimple.

We hope this event will be a chance for villagers to place orders for all their Christmas food supplies at competitive prices. It will also give consumers a chance to meet local producers who may become involved in the on-line buying scheme.

Please don't forget that Friends of Whimple School will be holding a Craft Fayre on Saturday 5th November to allow you the chance to buy local craft.

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excellent tea provided by members and were able to wander around and admire the beautiful garden. Thank you Ann. The Autumn programme started with a talk by Gail Forester on Japanese kimonos. Not only did Gail tell us something of the history and traditions of the kimono and the obi, she also brought many exquisite examples for us to admire. We were pleased to welcome several visitors to the meeting.

The informal craft group had a break during August but has recommenced its weekly meetings.

We are always pleased to welcome new members. If you would like to join us please contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822945) for details.

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Christian Aid Week 2011

Our thanks are due to the 13 collectors and 250 donors in Whimple who contributed £1,204 for Christian Aid. Including the tax recovered under Gift Aid, the total comes to £1,336, just over the amount for 2010... Although the donors were fewer than last year , they were more generous.

Collectors in Talaton raised a further £167 + tax recovered £24, a total of £191.

In addition there was a most successful Casablanca film evening which made a profit of £305, so the grand total was £1,832. This is very encouraging at a time when many people are experiencing financial pressures.

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The following item was, unfortunately, missed out from the last edition of Whimple News. So, with apologies to Andy, here it is:

Of Misers and Scarecrows.

Thanks to everyone who had a go at pin-pointing the Miser of Whimple's hidden stash on Village Day. Some of the clues were red herrings, but we had deemed that he used to hide his wad under the floorboards at his friend's house and would just access it when the latter had popped out on an errand to the shop. His friend "lived in a place that sounded both high and low". Yes that could have been Woodhayes or Slewton, for example, but in our clue setter's febrile state of mind it was the cottage known as "Rat's Castle" (a castle sounds high and grand, but a rat's one wholly more lowly). No-one shared our clue setters warped thought processes as Rat's Castle remained unsullied by pinholes all afternoon. However the person nearest to it was Mrs Bridget North who has received the £20 prize. Thanks again to you all for your support.

During the afternoon we were struck by the number of ladies who said there wasn't just ONE Miser of Whimple. They all seemed to know another; and invariably each identified a different Scrooge. Always this seemed to be the figure walking just behind them holding their umbrellas, bags and previous purchases – sometimes whilst propelling a buggy and restraining numerous infants!

So you all know of at least one Miser!

Andy Bratt on behalf of the VPA.



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Morning Coffee

Firstly a big thank you to all those who helped with the Church Saturday Morning Coffee sessions throughout the Summer. The grand total of £796 was raised which will help to defray some of the costs of running the Church. We are also grateful for the support that we receive from our customers who appreciate the opportunity to meet up and make these sessions so happy and successful.

After the long summer break we have returned to some normality with all our various groups meeting as usual Please feel free to come along to any of them—you will receive a warm welcome.

The Mothers' 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 Mothers' 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.

We have a number of Homegroups meeting regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and also Thursday mornings. Full details are provided in The Link or contact admin@whimplechurch.org for more information

Our youth groups have also restarted. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. Please contact Ian and Maggie Spicer 823640 for further information. S Club 11 is for younger children and Impact is for children aged 10 to 13. The Impact Group also hold social events on a regular basis and once a year have a weekend away.

This years Impact weekend away at Bernard's Acre will take place over the weekend of 14th - 16th October. The weekend will be packed with great activities, games, chill-out time with friends as well as opportunities to hear more about the Christian faith. Please contact lan and Maggie Spicer for further information (823640).



Our Harvest Service this year was held earlier than usual on

25th September. There are also harvest events taking place at other churches in our Mission Community.

Please join us for our **Remembrance Service** on November 13th at 10.55am when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimple Church as well other interesting articles can be found in The Link magazine. Sample copies can be obtained free of charge from the back of the church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged - please contact Dianne Goodwin 823476 for further details.

It's shoe box time again! Whimple Church is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child - packing up shoe boxes with toys for needy children. To contribute a box this year, please contact Maggie Spicer (823201) or visit www.samaritanspurse.uk.com for more information.



The process for finding a successor to Rob is now under way. There have been a number of joint meetings of all four Parochial Church Councils with the Archdeacon and the position should now be advertised.

It is anticipated that interviews will take place in early December.

During this time the responsibility for the operation of each Parish rests with its Churchwardens. In the event of the services of a priest being required for weddings, funerals, baptisms or any other purpose one of the churchwardens should be contacted. (David Smith 822123 or Steve Godsiff 822875).

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2nd Sunday 11.00am Holy Communion;

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All existing (and potential new) members with access to e-mail may contact me; Graham Batten with their order/*registration at utilitiesgb@btinternet.com. Whereas any without e-mail are invited to call John Aiton on 01404 823155.

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Here we are again, back at school and we all thought we would have an Indian Summer – how wrong we were! The start of the term sees ten children joining us in Reception with several children joining a range of year groups throughout the school. We welcome them and their families. The topics for the Autumn Term are 'The Romans' for key stage 2 and 'My Busy Body' at key stage 1 and the Foundation Stage. We will again be apple picking as part of Harvest Festival and anyone is welcome to our next Music Assembly on Tuesday October 18th at 2pm in the hall.

Carole Shilston

All of the school did different sunflower designs for arts week which was close to the end of the summer term. Year 1 did large 3D sunflowers which where beautiful!



Year 2 and 3 did awesome Vincent Van Gogh.





Year 4 and 5 drew and then coloured sunflowers using thick wax crayon. Then, the drawing was scrunched up into a tight ball and then opened out again leaving lots of cracks in the wax; this was painted over completely with poster paint which was then gently washed off leaving just some of the paint in the cracks. As you can see the results are fantastic.

By Sam and Robbie (Year 6)



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Whimple Primary School Needs You



- Would you like to be more involved with your local school?
- Do you have some spare time?
- Would you like to help us build on our 'outstanding' Ofsted report?

Over the next year a key part of the school improvement plan will be the development of the outside learning environment to benefit the children and the community. To do this we need some assistance and fundraising and are hoping that there are some community members who have the skills and time to support, or even manage one of the three projects that we hope to have completed by the end of 2012.

The three projects are outlined below;

- 1. 2012 reunion. After the successful joint exhibition with the Heritage Centre in 2010, we would now like to hold an event to invite former pupils back to the school. Next year the school celebrates its 2012 'Monthiversary' and this would be an ideal time to track down former pupils from all corners of the globe and invite them back to celebrate the success of the school.
- 2. Improve outside learning by developing the area below the double mobile. We would like to develop this area into a landscaped garden. Garden design, new fencing, walls, decking and gardening may be needed, hopefully at little or no cost. Do you have the time, skills and interest to lead on this project in 2012?
- 3. Developing the Multi Use Games Area and orchard for school and community use. The site would benefit all users if it had toilet facilities. Could we get funding for an 'Eco Classroom' for the pupils and the community to use? Would you be interested in leading or being involved in such a challenge? Do you represent a community group that would like to work with us to chase funding and make this happen?

If you would like to be involved or think you could help lead any of these projects let us know by emailing us on admin@whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk











THE OTTERY ST MARY & DISTRICT HELP SCHEME AN IDYLLIC DAY AT THE CADHAY JAZZ PICNIC ON THURSDAY 2nd JUNE

The weather gradually improved all week to make a perfect day: sunny and warm with occasional puffy clouds and a cooling breeze. Cadhay Gardens were in the best of health and beauty - the gardeners should be very proud of such a graceful display, all lovingly tended and manicured. The pond was edged with bright rhododendrons, thick with water lilies just breaking bud, baby ducks scuttling across the leaves and scooting around the water.

Strollers and tea-takers started arriving on the dot of 4.00pm and gradually a large crowd built up on the lawn, bringing blankets and picnic baskets, tables and chairs. Soon after City Steam had swung into action at 5.30, the car park was full and overflowing along the drive verges. What a great scene – groups and individuals all peacefully enjoying the happy rhythms of traditional jazz, children playing barefoot on the grass and pushing each other on a swing hung from a huge tree-branch. Wherever you looked, feet and hands were on the move, tapping to the music.

The Tombola sold out. The cakes sold out. The ice-cream bicycle was in constant demand. During the intervals many wandered in the gardens or strolled round to The Barn tearoom for strawberry cream scones, a hot cup of tea or coffee, and on into the allotments to admire the neat rows.

At the 8.30 finish the audience drifted away, little ones in parents' arms, ending excellent family entertainment in the midst of the best of English countryside.

Sincere thanks go to Cadhay for generously making the grounds available to the Help Scheme for this fund-raising event. A happy combination of magnificent weather, beautiful venue, excellent music and generous hearts enabled a final profit of £1,003.75. This will contribute to continuing Help Scheme work in an area which reaches from Talaton and Feniton in the north, as far as Newton Poppleford in the south, giving much needed support to local residents in times of illness or life-changing circumstances. If you would like to know more about how the Help Scheme can help you, or if you are interested in volunteering, please call Jane on 01404 816700.

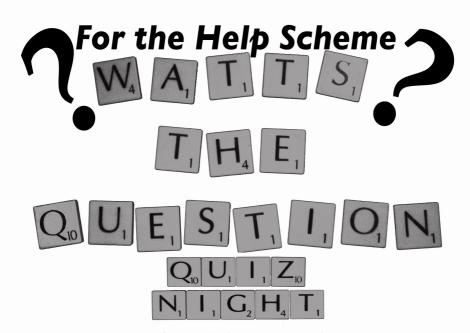
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Strawberry Tea Party

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Pam Scanlan





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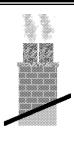
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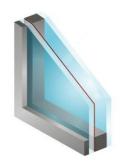
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