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What's On in Whimble

August

10th VPA Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall.

September

- 7th 'Voices of Abba' and 'Carnaby Street' - Whimble Cricket Club; details on page 27
- 9th Victory Hall AGM 7.00pm
- 14th Scouts Table Top sale - details on page 16
- 14th Devon Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride
- 14th Front Row Club Victory Hall - AGM 7.00pm followed by 'Argo' at 7.30pm - details on page 12
- 20th History Society Talk, Victory Hall 7.30pm - 'RAF Exeter in World War Two' with John Smith
- 22nd Harvest Festival Service followed by lunch - details on page 50
- 28th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm

October

- 5th Wasters of Whimble 2.00 - 4.00pm Skills Workshop. Details in a future edition of the News
- 12th Front Row Club Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 25th History Society Quiz Night, Victory Hall, 7.30pm
- 26th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm
- 26th Villages in Action at the Victory Hall 8.00pm - Music/theatre from Simon Egerton - details on page 20
- 27th Apple pressing at the Heritage Centre

November

- 9th Front Row Club Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 22nd History Society Talk, Victory Hall 7.30pm Roger Smith on 'Whiteways'
- 23rd Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm
- 28th Sarah Pepper Flower Demonstration - details to follow

December

- 4th Front Row Club Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 6th Over 65's Christmas Party - Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Soup and Sarnie Christmas Special Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon
- 14th Front Row Club Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm



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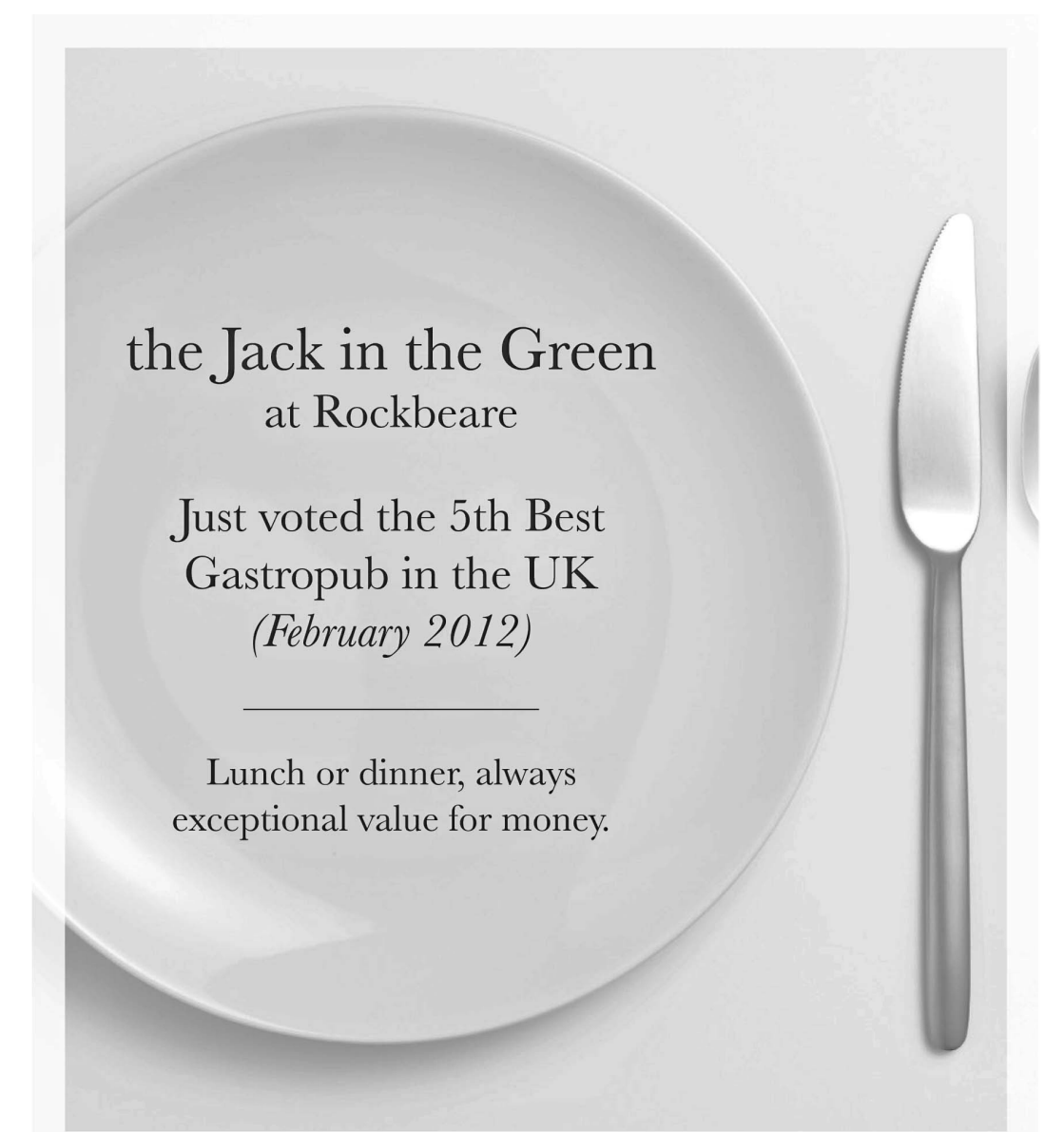
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Having kicked off my last editorial about 'still waiting for summer' I have to admit that it is well and truly here...the streets of Whimple are now thronged at mid-day with hundreds of Englishmen in Panama hats with mad dogs perambulating their way round the village. And on alternate days they have life jackets and rain coats! Variety is the spice of life in Whimple.

Well done to young Bob Scanlan and his hard-working team who masterminded the excellent Village Week that we all enjoyed. One year you have to delay the Village Day because of torrential rain and the next you stand in the beer tent and watch your beer/cider/pimms evaporate in front of your very eyes. Have you noticed that we have a small gang of people who obviously want a second career as bar workers, because you will always see the same old faces at events like the bar at the pantomime, the School Fete and Village Day..what selfless sacrifice. See if you can spot them in our centre spread of photos!

We have a wide range of articles for you this month and we hope that there is something for everyone. One excellent article on page 39 is about gauging interest in a Basic Computer Skills Course under the sponsorship of the Parish Council - well done to Alan McArthur for his hard work here. If you would like to take advantage of this great offer, please contact Alan as soon as possible.

I would like to apologise for the use of the 'C' word in the Post Office article - far too early!

I am delighted to offer you another conversation with my friend Lucy Smith, and I hope that in the next edition we can find some room for photos of the 'Rainbow Revue', a village variety show that Lucy took part in.

Apropos of nothing, I was reading recently of someone who had just returned from a holiday to New Zealand, and was very confused by a regular airport announcement they kept hearing for 'Mystic chickens'. It was only by the end of the holiday that they realised they were mishearing an announcement with a strong Kiwi accent, for 'Domestic Check-ins'. Made me smile anyway!

Many thanks to Brenda and the Quiz teams at the Farmer for their kind donation of £53 for the News, and to the anonymous donor at the Post Office.

I welcomed Sue Draycott with the launch of her new photographic business in the Feb/March edition; recently I asked Sue to take some family photos and I was highly delighted with the quality - I know Sue was fighting an uphill battle with her subjects but we loved the results. So it is good to know that our advertisers provide excellent service to their customers.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition of the Whimple News, then please either leave it with 'Small Outlet' at the Post Office, or send it through the ether to bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by Monday 16th September...thank you.

Ed H



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I know many of you enjoy Courtney's Apple Juice, well there are two new additions to the family, one including beetroot, and one with added ginger. Both of these new products are very different and are a welcome addition to their range. We will be stocking these new flavours very soon and hope you will enjoy trying them.



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

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Whimpe Christmas cards will be out soon. We have sourced some really different designs for you this year including a new drawn design by Lewis Greenslade -Trump, which we know will be as popular as it was last year.



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The Bellringers' Outing - A Ringer's Tale

What a day it turned out to be; sunny morning promised a good one. We had not expected the Farmers Market in the square at Axbridge though. The ringers disregarded it stoically and climbed the central tower for the heaviest six of the day at 19cwt. Sonorous and stately to handle, they sounded very good and I hope added something to the scene below.



Driving on to Ubley haziness threatened to restrict the view of the lake but it came to nothing and once the driver found himself in the right direction we arrived on time. A much lighter six and a pretty village that everyone warmed to.

After an hour the coach continued along the edge of the Mendips before a detour north to Chew Stoke. Another lightish six and lovely bells to ring. The spectacular carvings of angels that would have delighted the non ringers amongst us went unappreciated because the coach driver wasn't confident he could reach the church (how often have we had to say that?!). A parked car didn't help, but we shall never know. Strangely, he took himself and the remaining party on the coach off to Wells leaving the ringers at the church to squeeze into the three cars we had and follow as best we could. What a good job some of us took cars.

Wells was popular and also had a street market, though nearing its close at four o'clock. Lots of places for refreshment and soaking up the atmosphere. An additional bonus was a cathedral wedding and the ten bells ringing out across the little city.

Finally on to Stoke sub Hamdon, the last tower of the day. A pretty little church set against a backdrop of fields of Ribena bushes, and across a little street edged by small cottages with well tended gardens. In fact several of our party enjoyed a seat in the sun with a cup of tea chatting with one kind lady who happened to be gardening and enjoyed their company and listening to the bells. We eventually bade our farewells to our friendly hosts and set out for home.

Roger Algate

Ding Dong - A 'Groupies' Tale

On a hot sunny day in July, the Whimble bell ringers and 30 odd "groupies" set off by coach for their annual summer outing. First stop was at the lovely market town of Axbridge. The bell ringers rang, and the rest enjoyed a coffee break with time to explore the farmers' market and admire the architecture.

On to Ubley, a picnic lunch in the church yard, and off again to Chew Stoke. Time in the afternoon for a visit to Wells, no bell ringing, but more street markets, antique fairs and even a wedding party arriving at the Bishops Palace whilst we sat enjoying a cream tea in a nearby cafe. The last church was at Stoke sub Hamdon, and a tired but happy group arrived back in the village at 7.30pm.

Well done Roger for arranging the day, most enjoyable, and an opportunity for many folk to see places they would not normally visit.

Frankie Wilson

FRONT ROW CLUB

Dear Members, prospective members and non-members.

The film club season ended on the 8th June and we hope you enjoyed the mixed programme over the last year. We would like invite you to join/renew your membership, if you haven't done so already. The new membership cards for 2013-2014 have now been printed and will hopefully be delivered to paid up members (or given at the door on film night if payment is too late to deliver). Membership offers you at least ten films a year and sometimes we slot in a few extras as we did last year. You only need to go to a minimum of six films to make it more economical to join than pay £4.50 each time.

Village Week: On Monday 8th July at 7.30pm we put on a village week special – **Life of Pi**. In place of the usual salacious B movie, for this event we were able to show a very old silent film on a very old projector with original music which we managed to synchronise.

The 2013-2014 season commences on Saturday September 14th at 7.30 pm and we will be screening **Argo**. This is a dramatization of the 1980 joint CIA-Canadian secret operation to extract six fugitive American diplomatic personnel out of revolutionary Iran. Director: Ben Affleck and starring Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston and Alan Arkin.

The **AGM** will also be on the 14th September starting at 7.00pm and will last ½ an hour. Following some brief reports the members will be asked to offer their views on all matters to do with the club including the programme for the coming year.

The current programme plan for 2013 - 2014 derived from poll of members is:

**Argo, Lincoln , Love is all Around, Shawshank Redemption,
The Third Man, On the Waterfront , The Great Gatsby**
plus 2 new releases TBA

The dates booked so far are 14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov and 14th Dec

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The order will be as before, alternating modern and classic films.

We look forward to welcoming returning and new members in the new season.

Rob Davis Chairman, **Richard Davies** Treasurer, **Neil Walker** Secretary

Membership fee of £25 per person can be paid in cheque or cash and posted (or dropped in mailbox) to Richard Davies , Sandfords (opp. The school). You can also pay on line to: FRONT ROW CLUB Cooperative Bank, Sort Code 08-92-99 Account number: 65616549

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District Councillor's Report July 2013



Well, not much to report this month because (a) the Council is only just getting up to speed after the formation of the new council in May 2013 (the District Council formally reconstitutes itself every May of its four year term, changing membership of committees etc) and (b) because I have been off on holiday. However, something that came out of the TEN hour – yes ten hour- planning meeting, with a ten minute break for lunch and 15 minutes at 6.30 (you can see that we do work very hard on your behalf) I must report to you. This time we won great favour with the enormous number of people who attended the meeting to oppose one or other of the proposed plans, when we, the elected councillors, overturned the recommendations of the Planning Department four times. This is a result that challenges the sense of helplessness that members of the Parish Council often express about planning applications. Our ears were ringing with the sound of the applause! On the other hand, the constant barracking and interruption from the public gallery we've been getting in the last few months does increase the time needed to get through the agenda – hence the ten hour meeting. This leads to a reduction in the efficiency of the Councillors as we become so tired. Also, it is hardly democratic if elected representatives feel they are being bullied by a very small part of the electorate who are sitting in the public gallery.

More news on dog poo

EDDC is to make dog tagging compulsory and the Council will be providing free chipping for the next two years. Contact the Knowle to find out how to apply. Dog poo must now be picked up *everywhere*, not just in the 30 mph restricted area, and anybody failing to pick up will be fined if they are caught. There is now a phone number to ring to allow you to report offenders, anonymously. The number is 01395 151651.

Two Small Snippets

The airport has been sold to a private investor who has already turned around one ailing provincial airport. Let's wish him well in doing the same thing to Exeter. Next door in Cranbrook some 96% of the houses already sold have been purchased by families who live within 50 miles of the new town. Not exactly local but it is comfortingly close.

The Talaton Development Meeting.

A report which should give us all food for thought. Although what follows is rather polemical it does raise issues that have pertinence to the Parish, even though we are not under assault from building developers *at the moment*. This is a situation that could change rapidly, so roll on the ratification of our new Devon Plan next year – which, incidentally, will be the subject of a special planning meeting on July 18th prior to its submission to the Secretary for State.

Residents of Talaton filled the village hall on 5th June to hear guest speakers Dr Margaret Hall of the Campaign for the Preservation of Rural England (CPRE) and Dr John Withrington of the East Devon Alliance (EDA) and leader of the 'Fight for

Feniton' campaign group explaining how best to protect our local countryside from being concreted over. They suggested that East Devon villages face an unprecedented threat from the 'free for all' existing under the new National Planning Policy Framework (N.P.P.F.) which has swept away many planning controls, and encouraged applications from developers. The speakers explained the vulnerability of our village is a result of EDDC's failure to get a five year land supply in place. Feniton is a good example of what can happen, with developers swooping down to put in applications to build hundreds of houses on three different sites. If development on this scale were allowed, it would increase the size of the village by 40% in a very short time with serious consequences. School places are already heavily oversubscribed, GP surgery enrolment oversubscribed, and increased flood risk add to anxieties. Many questions were raised from the floor. Whilst all agreed that that they were not against appropriate growth, it was argued convincingly by the organisers that development on this scale and at this pace is just not sustainable.

With 80% of planning applications being accepted without even being referred to the Planning Committee, and with only 21 days in which to register objections once an application is made, it is essential to be ready to act promptly, so it was encouraging to see residents from all areas of Talaton in attendance. There was a clear and positive mood to go forward, ideally led by the Parish Council, to prevent large scale, inappropriate development anywhere in the village, and to restrict building to the smaller number indicated in the village consultation exercise. Remember, this meeting was not called by the Parish Council, neither were they invited to take part in it. Consequently, the deliberations express only the views of the meeting's organisers. There are many alternative views, arguments and actions possible. I look forward to the continuation of this debate.

A further thought, provoked by this report: in the last three EDDC planning meetings there has been little reference to the old Local Plan and much more use of the N.P.P.C. as the justification for determining action in planning decisions. Remember, the N.P.P.C. document states that the goal of planning is to 'smooth and enhance the passing of planning application decisions.'

Ottery St Mary Health Summit

At least here is something where our opinions *are* being sought and acted upon. The new Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is responsible for buying in health services on behalf of the communities in their area (which includes Talaton and Whimble) and the contract for these services is up for renewal next year. These services need to be specified before Christmas 2013 so the Commissioning Group is extending an offer for members of the public to be involved in influencing the design of community services that will be offered, for example district nursing, local hospital services etc (NOT the clinical services provided by our GPs at the medical centres). The CCG is now holding 'Health Summits'.

The first of these was held in Ottery on June 24th and there will be more in other East and Mid Devon market towns. So, this was an opportunity for local people to become involved with designing the content of what the new commissioning group will provide.

The meeting was attended by fifty people and included a number of interested parties e.g. three District Councillors and Ottery's County Councillor, and healthcare activists and practitioners. The attendees were first addressed by one of the senior doctors from the Ottery St Mary practice who outlined the structure and functions of the new C.C.G. as well as the area it covers, which is enormous. Then the audience were divided into smaller groups to discuss the areas of care which concerned them, and make suggestions as to how improvements might be made, all within a very tight budget. For example, if people felt that there should be more home visits from specialist doctors, or that more people should spend time recuperating in a community hospital then that would be 'paid for' by having fewer district nurses or physiotherapists. Well explored themes were the future of Ottery St Mary Hospital, and the development of the new 'hospital at home' arrangements which will entail teams of specialists providing health services in the homes of the sick and elderly to keep them out of hospital for as long as possible.

All in all this was a successful exercise in both informing people and asking them to help shape the nature of what the C.C.G will be providing at a local level as the contributions and ideas of the audience were taken up by the organisers to be worked into the final plan of provision. It would have been nice to have seen far more locals, whose healthcare needs will be provided for, attending and participating in this excellent democratic exercise.

Contact Nicola Webber on 01392 356129 or Nicola.webber@nhs.net for details of the future Health Summits where you can participate and have your say.

Downgrading of lanes to Byways

I was recently reassured by our County Councillor that the likelihood of this strategy being employed by the County Council is very, very small. So we can relax on this subject. Apparently the Council cannot close or fail to maintain roads if they service dwellings. At the moment there is a deficit in the road fund which will mean a slowing in the maintenance of the roads rather than their being abandoned. It will, apparently, take some years to get rid of the deficit but roads will be maintained, albeit more slowly.

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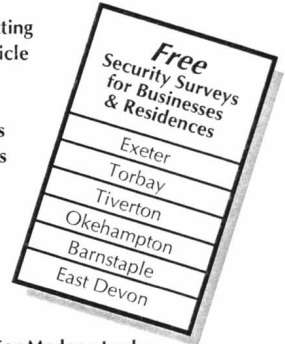
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By the time this gets to your door steps you will all no doubt be putting your finishing touches to the many exhibits you will all be entering in our annual Flower Show on Saturday 10th August. Please note that we are only taking entries on one night this year, Wednesday 7th August. Please bring your entries to the Billiard Room at the rear of the Village Hall between 6.00pm and 9.00pm.

Tickets have been going like the proverbial hot cakes for the autumn trip to Weston-birt and at the time of writing there were only a very few left. So if you haven't booked your tickets yet, and want to go please contact Doreen Staddon on 823594 to see if there are any tickets left as soon as possible. You might just be lucky!

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Flower Show which we are hoping will be another great show. Details of all our events are listed on the website which is:

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Whimble History Society

GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE COMPETITION

A big thank you to everyone who supported the History Society during its 10th Anniversary Open Weekend in May.

During the weekend we held a celebratory cake design competition. 10 year old Grace Tierney's design won as was reported in the previous edition of the Whimble News.

Samantha Watson of 'Sam's Country Cakes' in the village kindly agreed to make up the winning design and very expertly recreated Grace's idea on four small individual cakes put together as one. We held a competition to guess its weight.

We had guess's ranging from 6lb to 36lb – extremes from the men of the village!

HOWEVER, THE WINNING WEIGHT WAS 13lb 9oz

Congratulations to the four winners who each received a quarter cake.



A BIG THANK YOU ALSO TO SAM

Roof woodwork maintenance - a challenge?

Wood-framed windows could be viewed as a desirable 'feature' - even for a relative new build. However, I doubt wooden roof fascia/soffits would ever be considered so. I have oft exclaimed to the effect that the original builders should have used uPVC plastic to preclude the challenge of significant maintenance 10+ years hence.

Anyway, here we are 10+ years hence and said roof woodwork is looking a little tired at the edges (though thankfully intact with no obvious rot).

I'm resisting the expense of 'contracting out' to paint/replace and I'm resisting asking someone else to risk life and limb on a ladder. Of course, uPVC would be a selling point.....

So, what are the DIY options for painting roof fascia/soffits?

1. Scaling a multi-section ladder isn't the safest option and that apex is a long way up (and currently hosts house martins).
2. Buy/hire a scaffold tower - safer than a ladder but doesn't really work with a detached garage adjacent to one end of the house.
3. To resolve the garage challenge, I've contemplated an arrangement involving a ladder securely restrained atop the garage roof.

The latest cherry-picker models come with 'traction drive' and 'telescopic booms' which are essential for flexible positioning but not widely available for private hire. This remains my favoured (relatively inexpensive) option and aids guttering removal. I've wondered about a 'shared hire' with neighbours in similar need. A little planning required and probably a hire period of at least a week. Though insurance arrangements will likely scupper the shared approach.

On the 'shared' and '10+ years' themes, perhaps it is time to pool roofing requirements and seek quotations from appropriate companies based on multiple customer 'volume deals'. Similar vein to the Whimple community approach to solar panel installation. Keen to hear others' thoughts. kmkeighery@btinternet.com

Kevin Keighery (1, Whiteway Close)

WHIMPLE NEWS DELIVERIES IN ELIZABETH CLOSE

Ken and Sheila Wills are hanging up their delivery bag with this edition, so thank you very much to them for their help over the years. They have played a fantastic part in our army of volunteer deliverers; without them there would be no Whimple News

This means that there is a vacancy for a new deliverer for Elizabeth Close, starting with the October/November issue. If you can spare some time every 2 months to deliver the News, please ring me soon to volunteer your services. Thank you!

Ed Hitchcock 823194

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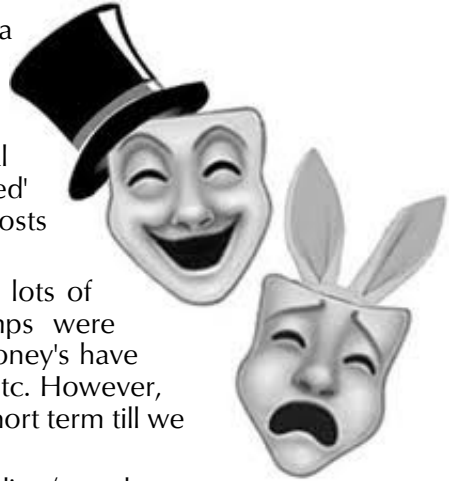
Can You Help The Whimbletons??

Hopefully, most of you will have seen a Whimbleton Panto at some time, and may have noticed the array of costumes and scenery used for each performance. These have been created over the years by several hardworking volunteers, and are often 're-worked' for the next production, to help keep costs manageable against ticket sales.

Storage of these items is a tricky problem and lots of folk have helped with this since the Whimps were formed. Most recently, the Podbury's and Mahoney's have been very generous with their sheds and lofts etc. However, we are now looking for a more permanent (or short term till we find one!) solution.

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OPEN GARDENS AT YELLANDS FARM AND HIGHER YELLANDS

Sarah and Sue would like to let everyone know that the money raised from our Open Gardens held on 9th June has totalled £1245.00. We both would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported, bought a plant and had some refreshment.

Thanks must go to Margaret Bucknell who made loads of scones and donated masses of eggs that were used to make the cakes, Lucy Kennaway for supplying the trays, jugs and a huge kettle used for the hot drinks, Otter Nurseries for the clotted cream and for donating some plants for the plant stall, James Farmer for donating one of his fantastic oak chopping boards for one of the raffle prizes and Briony Ewing for donating so many lovely soft toys. Mona Diaz Ramsay for running the plant stall and taking a huge amount of money and to both husbands for doing all the donkey work leading up to and on the day. Thanks go also to my daughters and niece who all helped out with the cooking, sold the food and drinks on the day and then assisting with the clearing up afterwards and my sister for sitting all afternoon in the sun, greeting the visitors and taking the money at the gate.

Both gardens looked wonderful too so all the hard work during the early part of the year had certainly paid off. We were lucky with the weather and thanks to the generosity of everyone who visited made sure we raised a staggering amount for the Breast Cancer Charity.

A huge thank you to you all

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Village Week 2013

I think the photo on the cover says it all - it 'wasn't half hot' for all of Village Week and especially for Village Day itself. What a welcome change from last year when we had to cancel almost all of the outdoor activities due to bad weather and postpone the Village Fair until September.

This year's festivities were opened by a new event, a Single Wicket Cricket competition at the Cricket Club. This was well supported and got us off to a flying start. It was followed by evening entertainment by Jinder and Arthur Smith in the Victory Hall. It was good to see such a well known character performing here in the village.

Throughout the week the kids took part in various sports - football, tennis, cricket and netball as well as joining in on the Treasure Hunt, Beetle Drive, Bingo and Skittles.

Another first for Village Week was the Front Row Club film special 'Life of Pi', an amazing film!

Other events such as the WI Open Evening, The Quiz and Curry, the Tennis Club Social and Orchard Harmony's Singalong were all very popular and the Raddon Clog Morris Dancers drew a big crowd outside the New Fountain where a Mini Beer Festival was taking place.

The Thirsty Farmer played its part with Darts and Skittles Competitions as well as live music.

Village Day itself opened with Bell Ringing and coffee in the Church as a prelude to the Village Fair.

We based this year's Fair on the success of the belated fair last September by concentrating on fun activities rather than arena displays. The Fun Run, Fancy Dress, Tug-o-War and Egg Catching hopefully gave everyone a chance to find something to have a go at.

As ever, the week was rounded off by Songs of Praise at the Church. It was good to see so many people in the congregation.

It remains for me to say "Thank You" to everyone involved throughout the week and on Village Day, In particular I must thanks the Village Week Team of Ali, Ann, David, John, Maria, Mike, Pam, Rosie, Sam and Sue for all their hard work in planning the week.

Our thoughts will soon need to turn to next year when Village Week will be from Sunday 6th July to Sunday 13th July.

We have yet to decide whether the format of Village Day should change, to keep it fresh, or stay much the same as in recent years. We will talk to each of the local organisations involved to seek their views and I would welcome your thoughts on this year's Village Day and your suggestions for 2014.

Bob Scanlan 822262 or bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.



Raddon Morris Clog Dancers perform outside the New Fountain Inn



For more photos like these and lots of Village Day - visit : www.whimble.net







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Village Day

Fun Run Results

Under 3 - Sophie Yendle

Under 5 - Lizzie Yendle

Under 8 - Connor Brookes

Under 12 Boy - Taylor Carpenter

Under 12 Girl - Georgie Tingley

Over 12 and over Boy - Angus Smith

Over 12 and over Girl - Kate Terrett

Adult man - Kevin Keirghery

Adult woman - Rebecca Windows and Becky Harwood (tied)

Overall Winner - Angus Smith

Egg Catching Results

Junior Egg Cup Winners

Alex Giles and Angus Smith

The Egg Cup Winners

Jason O'Dell and Sean Windows

Village Week Raffle Winners

First Prize £150 Michelle Mallett

Second Prize £100 Bekah

Third Prize £50 Sarah Johnson

Edith Marie Louise Grout

Edith would like to thank all her friends who made her 95th Birthday Celebration Party in the Bishop's Palace Garden such a memorable and joyous event. She would especially like to thank the choir from Whimple Primary School who sang for her so delightfully and enthusiastically as well as their choir mistress Emma Palmer.



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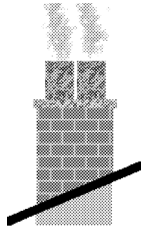
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A CONVERSATION WITH LUCY SMITH

As promised in my last editorial, I spent another lovely afternoon with my friend Lucy talking about 'Old Whimple'. It was good to see that Lucy is on the mend from her tumble (now 3 months ago) but such is the nature of the lady, the recovery is not as fast as she would like. So impatient at 89!

I asked Lucy about what went on in the village on the social side, in her younger days. She confessed to being a very keen dancer from her early teens, and her only entertainment was going to the Saturday night 'Six penny hop' at the Victory Hall – and sometimes cycling to Talaton or Rockbeare with her friends when they held a dance. If you remember from my first article, it was dancing that brought Lucy and the young soldier Eric together, when he first spoke to her about where the local dance was, and they ended up at Talaton Hall...and that was it! Often there would be dances held after a particular village event like a fete or gymkhana. Whimple had its own annual carnival, and that would include a procession of tractors, floats and people on foot who would go up to Hand and Pen. There would be flower shows – still continued today – and something NOT continued – a bonfire around Guy Fawkes time, in the Square. For some strange reason that stopped when someone realised the high risk that was being taken with a large open fire and many thatched cottages!

Lucy was also very involved with the flower arranging in the church, and was introduced to the WI by our own dear Joy Little, who was the current President. Joy taught Lucy all she knew about the workings of the WI and I can bet they had some fun along the way. Joy had been Lucy's Brown Owl in the Brownies, and that was the basis of a life-long friendship.

I asked about the Wassail, but of course, it was a much smaller event then, and could be classed as more 'private' than the current maelstrom that we have today. The old Wassail would be a gathering of farmers at Rull Farm to have a social evening and to encourage the next harvest.

Traffic in the village would be very busy especially at apple harvest time, with many horses and carts queuing for the unloading bays at Whiteways that were just opposite the Thirsty Farmer (but known as the New Inn at that time). And you can't forget the traffic going to and fro from the abattoir where Webbers Close is today.

I was always surprised about the three bakers that existed together in Whimple and how they all found enough business, but Lucy explained that they all had their own vans which would supply customers in outlying areas to the village. The three bakers were at the Jays, the Post Office and at the shop.

As both Eric and the young Roger were keen cricketers, Lucy was drawn into the world of cricket teas (of which I know a bit as my dear old mum got involved in those back in Hampshire when I was a boy). Whimple was a favourite stopping place for touring cricket teams – and sometimes the team could be playing three times a week in the busy season. The old cricket field was famous for the magnificent oak trees and many visiting teams would set up a 'kitty', and the first batsman to hit the tree nearest the boundary would win the money in the kitty.

This wasn't the first time that I had heard about the great oak tree, because 18 years ago, before the current Mrs H and I moved to Whimble, Nicky managed the hotel side of a Training Centre for the National Air Traffic Service. Whilst talking to a customer who was a keen cricketer, Nicky mentioned that we were moving to Whimble, and he immediately told her about the oak tree and its place in Whimble cricketing history! Small world!

Ed H

Parish Council News

Basic Computer Skills Course.

I have been able to acquire the skills of an IT trainer and the use of the computer facilities at Whimble school.

The course which would initially be aimed at complete novice standard would be held between 4.00pm and 6.00pm, in one hour sessions over a period of six weeks.

We would hope to commence courses in October 2013.

Further courses to extend an individuals computer skills will be available in the future.

To determine if this course is what the community want I need to know what response there will be.

Anyone interested in attending such a course should contact me on either:

823079 or 07802 310497 by phone

or e-mail at : alanmcarthur47@gmail.com

Alan McArthur

Parish Councillor.



Lost and Found on Village Day

When Village Day was over a picnic blanket was reported as lost and an umbrella, two sun hats and a fetching black trilby style hat were left behind.

If you have found an unexplained picnic blanket among your belongings or are missing the said umbrella or one of the hats, please let me know.

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Unusual beast seen on Whimble cricket pitch

This could be a village first!!! If any village visitors caught a sight of this one Sunday in June, they would rightly be very, very confused!



Derek the Otter appeared at Whimble Cricket Club in June this year as part of the Ottery Brewery and Exeter Chiefs Supporters Club annual cricket match, and got the top score ever for an Otter. There's a challenge for future teams!

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Led by Ottery Town Council and joined by Aylesbeare, Talaton, Rockbeare, Feniton, Buckerell, Newton Poppleford and a small contribution from Gittisham, parishes were asked to work together to agree to fund a project of benefit people in their parishes. The Ottery Help Scheme was approached and the 'Spotlight on Ottery Help Scheme' agreed as the project to support.

The parishes involved contributed £1.10 per elector amounting to £12,714.

'Spotlight on Ottery Help Scheme' is a 12 month project aimed across the parishes (including Whimble) to increase awareness of the scheme by:

- those who may need support
- those who wish to give some time to volunteering
- those who would like to donate

to help strengthen communities and develop the charity's work throughout next year and beyond.

The Parish Together Grant will be spent on a temporary increase in staff time to promote the scheme, increasing the funding opportunities, follow through on new requests for help and to recruit volunteers. It will also provide a laptop, projector, screen and display board and cover the cost of leaflets, posters and flyers and general additional expenses and costs for volunteers.

The Ottery Help Scheme has been running for over 20 years, it is unique in the services it provides and the supportive community that it serves. It supports many people in Ottery and surrounding Parishes, but there are still many people who may need help who are not aware of the services it provides.

- Transport to and from medical appointments
- Voluntary Nail Cutting Services
- Bereavement Support
- Memory Café supporting people with dementia and their carers
- Visiting/Befriending
- Sitting for carers
- Tuesday Group supporting people who are feeling isolated to build up friendships with others
- Wheelchair hire
- Many other individual one off requests for help

We want to reach out to everyone and 'give a little help when it's needed most'. The reason we have not been able to reach out to more people is that we do not have the capacity to do so. The 'Spotlight on Ottery Help Scheme Project' will support us to make this happen. Working together with the Parishes and community groups creating awareness of our services, the need for more volunteers and need for funds will help us build a stronger future for the Ottery Help Scheme and the communities it works within.



Here we are at the end of another school year. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the school throughout the year – the school fair was great and it raised well over £1000. I have ordered two cheerleading kits and two gymnastic benches with our Sainsbury's vouchers. Lastly I would like to say a fond farewell to our Year 6's who have been fantastic ambassadors for the school with many talents between them as well as being great role models for the younger children. See you all in September.

Carole Shilston

On the 14th of June Class 3 travelled to Charmouth Heritage Centre. When we arrived we settled down on the beach for our snack. It was very windy and the sky was grey. Then we were arranged into groups to do some beach art. Each group created either a dinosaur or an ammonite fossil, but they were all different. It was amazing how brilliant they turned out and we were all very proud of our work! In the afternoon, we were shown into a mini-theatre to watch a film all about fossils and the history of the Jurassic Coast. Then we met an experienced fossil hunter, called Phil, who worked at the centre. He showed us lots of different fossils and how we were going to fossil hunt safely. After that we set off across the beach to hunt for our very own fossils! We were really excited! Most people were able to find belemnites and, those that were lucky enough found ammonites or some iron pyrite otherwise known as 'fool's gold'. There was an old landslide further along the beach.

On June 27th Year 2 went on a trip to Pennywell Farm. We had a brilliant time and the weather was hot!!

Milking the goat - We all had a turn at milking the goat. It was much harder to do than we all thought. The goat was very patient!

Feeding the sheep. - We fed some lambs –they were very excited and greedy. They sucked hard on the bottles and we had to hold on tight

The Red Rocket - We had great fun on the red rocket. What a bumpy ride- we all got covered in dust!

Pond Dipping - We used our fishing nets to go pond dipping. We found newts, tadpoles, snails and waterboatmen. Nobody fell in!

Petting the animals - We all sat in a circle and held lots of animals like mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, chicks, ferrets and tiny piglets. We all loved the piglets.

Birds of Prey - We saw a Harris hawk, and a young kestrel being trained. The best bit was getting to stroke the baby barn owl.

What a lovely day we had!

Year 6 'Life Skills' at the Donkey Sanctuary

By Daryl Heale, Cameron Kidd, Alice Parker and Jakob Perry

We arrived at the Donkey Sanctuary at about 9.15am. Mrs Killen put us into 2 groups whilst we were waiting for the other schools. Finally they arrived and we started the activities.

There were 10 activities in total: 'Be Safe with Electricity', 'Life Guards', 'I promise not to make a hoax call', 'Be Safe on our Roads', 'Fire Safety in the home', 'Hygiene and Hands', 'First Aid', 'Be safe using the internet and social media', 'The Dangers of Alcohol', 'The Chip Pan Fire Ball'. Here are some brief details about some of them:

Be Safe with Electricity – this activity was all about behaving sensibly and safely around cables and electricity boxes in our community. Did you know that there are 1130 volts in those large electricity sheds we see in our fields and around where we live? Some children have been known to behave dangerously around them by climbing into them and unfortunately, have been killed doing so.

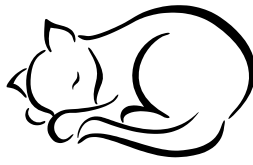
"I promise not to make a hoax call" – this was the commitment we had to make as soon as we sat down for the activity. Hoax calls KILL. We saw a video about children carrying out a hoax call and by doing so, killed one of their friends who was 20 minutes away involved in a real fire. The Fire Service didn't get to her in time because they were dealing with the hoax call. Did you know half the calls to the services are hoax or pranks? 16 million hoax or prank calls were recorded out of 32 million.

Next on our list was the Fire Brigade activity. We all sat in a fire engine and discussed being safe in our homes and creating an escape route for our family. The same Fire Officers had visited Whimple Primary last term to talk about various things including making sure we all have fire alarms in our homes and were very impressed with what we had remembered and how we had gone home and encouraged our Mums and Dads to check our fire alarms.

Then came 'Hygiene and Hands' which surprised us all! We had to wash our hands and then put our hands under a special machine which showed up all the nasty (and not so nasty) micro-organisms (bacteria) on our hands. Even though we thought we had washed them well – we hadn't! So we were shown how to do it properly with an 8 step routine! And it was brilliant – it worked. Maybe not all the bacteria was washed away but our hands were so much, much cleaner!

After a busy morning of activities it was midday and time to walk across the field to the Donkey Sanctuary and have our lunch. WE WERE STARVING. The sun came out for us all to enjoy our picnic. At last the time came for us to make friends with the donkeys – and we weren't disappointed! They are very cute! We walked to the field where Bethany's adopted donkey, "Little Veejay" was happily munching the grass. After stroking and watching lots of the donkeys (plus cleaning our hands lots of times) It was time for an ice-cream and a visit to the maze which was great fun.

All good things come to an end and soon it was time for home!



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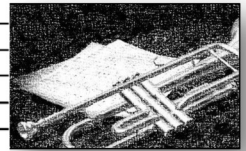
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Arthur Smith - not so Grumpy, after all!

Thanks again to 'On A Whim' productions for a great night in Whimble, when Jinder and Arthur Smith were booked for the Hall on July 7th.

It was a sweltering evening (I'm not complaining, though!) and Jinder warmed us up even more with some gentle banter and lovely songs, mostly written by himself.

After the obligatory number of intervals for which 'On A Whim' are well known - so we spend more at the bar - Arthur Smith came on, to a mass of waving Smartie placards, with which he has an obsession.

He was very relaxed and, although he had a few jokes and a song lined up, he mostly seemed to ad lib his way through, and was all the better for it.

He had done loads of research about the Village (mainly in the Farmer that day, it appeared!) and managed to get the bell ringers, both pubs, and even the Drawer's family history in.

During another interval, he asked us to write notes for him, starting 'I love living in Whimble because...!', and then read out the best answers, examples of which were 'because it's not Cranbrook', 'because it's 700 miles from Aberdeen', and several about how great Handsome Dick was, which were obviously ringers. The winner won a packet a Smarties ...

At one point he came on dressed as Leonard Cohen and sang 'Hallelujah', really rather well, but it was a bit unexpected!

All in all, a fabulous night, and a really good giggle, although the exploding beer barrel all over Alex was one of my highlights.

Sally



President Pam Scanlan presided at her first full meeting in June, when the speaker was Julie Steed, whose subject was garden pests and diseases. An interesting talk followed by a number of questions.

In July Professor Alan Leadbetter spoke on 'The Wonders of Glass', tracing the history and development of this wonderful commodity, which we so often take for granted, over hundreds of years. This was an open meeting and we welcomed a good number of visitors.

A much appreciated and interesting outing was a visit to St Martin's Primary School at Cranbrook. We enjoyed a buffet lunch before the headmistress, Tanya Beard, told us of the background to the school and the planned schedule of developments. The headmistress then took members on a conducted tour of the new building.

As usual, a variety of activities. If you would care to join us just speak to our President, Pam Scanlan (822262) for further details.

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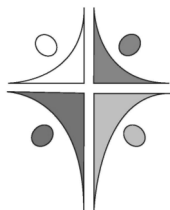
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Firstly a big thank you to all who supported the Annual Church Fete by turning out on a day with a dodgy weather forecast and to those who helped with the organisation of the event. As it turned out we were blessed with a fine, but very windy afternoon. Particular thanks go to Frank Manley for responding to an emergency call on the morning of the fete by bringing and erecting his large tent when it was realised that another which had been lent could not be used. Thanks also to Bob Scanlan for providing the PA and to all those who provided cakes and scones for the Cream Teas.

We were again entertained by Whimble School Choir and the Ottery St Mary Silver Band Brass Class who coped admirably with the difficult conditions.

We are enjoying welcoming young and old to our **Saturday Morning Coffee** when tea, coffee and home made cakes are served in church from 10:15 to 12:00pm every Saturday until 21st September. Please do drop in.

On Sunday 22nd September, everyone is invited to join us for a Community Harvest lunch in the Cider Apple orchards opposite Lower Woodhayes, after our Harvest Festival Service.

Other dates for your diary are 14th September, when this year's **Devon Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride** is to take place. Groups choose their route and aim to take in as many churches as possible.

The aim of the day is to celebrate and support the work of churches in Devon.

Devon's churches have been a focal part of life in the county for centuries, providing both a spiritual and physical focus for the communities they serve. They are an important part of our landscape and of our natural heritage but help is needed to ensure that they remain so.

This is an all-age event. If you would like to join a group, please contact Mike Ellingham on 822945.

The **Impact weekend away at Bernard's Acre** for children aged 10-13 will take place over the weekend of 18th - 20th October and anyone within the age bracket is welcome. 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 Ian and Maggie Spicer for further information (823640).

We look forward to welcoming you at Whimble Church where there is a variety of styles of service as well as children's and young people's groups for all ages.

Services for August

4th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Praise
		join us for Coffee and Cakes from 6pm
11th	11.00am	Holy Communion
18th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Morning Worship
25th	11am	Morning Worship

Services for September

1st	8.00am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evening Praise
		join us for Coffee and Cakes from 6pm
8th	11.00am	Holy Communion
15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Celebration Service
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Due to increasing concerns regarding crimes being committed within rural communities the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership has agreed to include tackling rural crime as one of its priorities for the next 12 months.

The Partnership is in the process of developing an action plan which members feel will help in reducing such crime and part of it is about raising awareness of the problem and how we can all help by taking more care and responsibility for our property. We should also be aware of any suspicious activity or behaviour.

Many people working within our own agencies also live in rural areas and the advice is that if they witness what they think is a crime being committed they should not hesitate to dial 999. If they see what they consider to be suspicious behaviour they should dial 101 and that information will then be filtered through for further investigation to a small team of Police Officers working on Operation Newmarket. Operation Newmarket has been set up to coordinate intelligence and to take positive action in respect of criminals engaged in rural crime.

Police Constable Simon Aldred, a member of the Operation Newmarket team told me, "It is vital that officers have such information which could then lead to positive action being taken in due course. We need to know who is out and about in our rural communities acting suspiciously because we will do our very best to disrupt their criminal activities".

Preventative measures that can be taken are as follows:

Clearly mark with your name and postcode any items of garden equipment such as lawnmowers, strimmers, hedge cutters etc. For the farming community this includes all valuable items of farming equipment and quad bikes.etc. Often marking the items clearly in large letters with a decent gloss paint can deter would be criminals. Keep a record of all serial numbers.

Secure outbuildings and gates with quality padlocks.

Consider installing security lighting or even CCTV cameras on your property. Ensure that such equipment is regularly maintained.

Join a scheme such as CESAR to protect your vehicles and ensure that they are fully traceable should they be stolen.

Join the free Community Messaging Service operated by the police to receive information and advice relating to local issues including crime. You can sign up via the police website - www.devon-cornwall.police.uk or contact your local officers by dialling 101.

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On July 4th we were delighted to welcome our recent sponsors to join us at Otter Nurseries, when we handed over a cheque to Hospiscare, our designated charity for 2012-2013. Special thanks go to our sponsors Gilbert Stephens Solicitors, Otter Nurseries and Every's Solicitors (who were unable to attend) for their invaluable support over the last year. Thanks are also due to our audiences who gave so generously to Hospiscare through retiring collections, following each of our concerts. Money was also raised by society members themselves with the grand raffle at our annual dinner for 2013. The final amount donated to Hospiscare was £715, which was received with enthusiasm by Margery Whittington, chairman of the local support group. Ottery St Mary Choral Society plans to raise further funds for Hospiscare over the next twelve months.

The Choral Society is currently taking a summer break from rehearsals, which will resume on Wednesday 4th September.

For more information regarding OSMCS please contact:
Liz Hooper - Publicity - 42116, **Annie Bassett** - Chairman - 823331
www.otterystmarychoral.org



Pictured left to right are Annie Bassett (Chairman OSMCS), Margery Whittington (Hospiscare), Liz Govier (Gilbert Stephens) and Sabine Taylor (Otter Nurseries)

Exeter and East Devon Growth Point Updates

Would you like to keep up to date with what is being developed in the East Devon Growth Point? i.e. Cranbrook, the Energy Centre, Skypark, the Freight Terminal and the Science Park.

East Devon District Council is now connected with several different social media sites, where you may 'follow', 'like' or 'join' them. This will be the quickest way for you to receive the news and press releases as soon as they are released - this is often before they are printed in the local newspapers.

You can follow them on twitter : EEDGrowthPoint

You can like them on facebook: facebook.com/eedgrowthpoint

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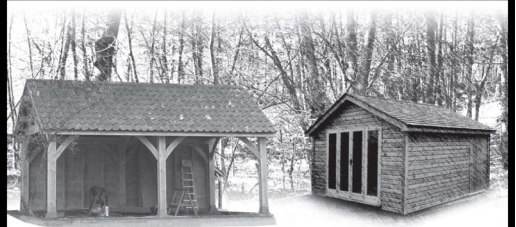
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For more information call 01392 688008 or email volunteering@hospiscare.co.uk. As an organisation we value the time that all volunteers provide to the various roles within Hospiscare. Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to provide the high level of care to our patients that we do.

Great West Run 2013

We are also looking for runners to join 'Team Hospiscare' on Sunday 13th October 2013. The Great West Run is back with a new route and new feel and we are hoping to have as many runners as possible to fill the streets with orange.

It doesn't matter if you're not a regular runner, there is still time to get fit and running before October. If this is something that interests you, please do give Celia a call on 01392 688052 or if you feel you aren't able to run but would still like to be a part of the day, please do get in touch because we are hoping to have lots of supporters positioned at cheer points along the route encouraging our runners!

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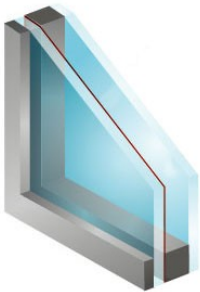
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