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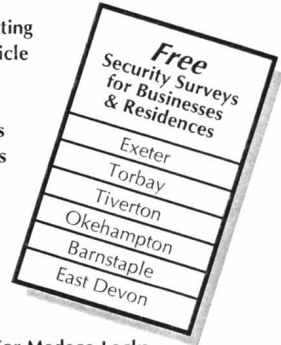
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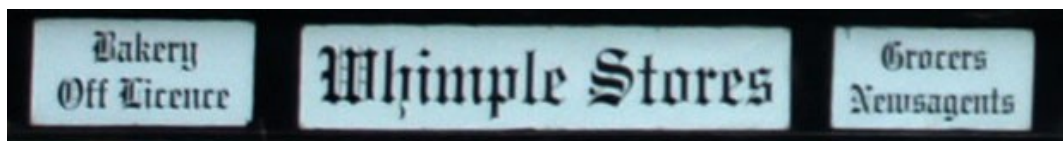
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We have tried a number of new products recently that we hope to stock in the future. From a delicious sugar free chocolate to burgers made from Dartmoor pony (delicious and helping to keep ponies sustainable on the moors). We also hope to be making sandwiches in the near future but we value any suggestions anyone may have.

As you know we like to support local business so if you know anyone who has a great product that would interest people in the village, please let us know.

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Postage costs have increased on 27th March. Feel free to come in to check the cost of parcels you are sending.

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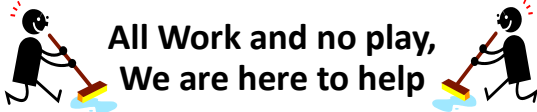
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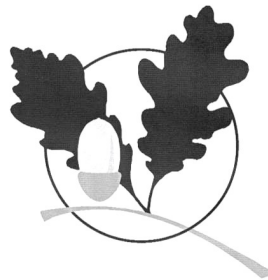
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- 8th Front Row Club Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 11th WI Meeting at the Victory Hall 7.30pm – Reuben Ayres – ‘Bowel cancer’
- 11th Whimple Tennis Club AGM – details page 25
- 13th Whimple and Broadclyst Young Farmers – Easter Bingo at the Victory Hall – eyes down 7.30pm.
- 15th Race Night at Whimple Cricket Club – 8.00pm
- 24th Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.00pm – details page 40
- 28th A talk by Jim Rider ‘Mayday in June’ – the story of the Viscount airliner crash at Salston Fields, Ottery St Mary - in the Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 29th Soup ‘n’ Sarnie – Victory Hall 12.00 noon – 1.30pm

May

- 13th VPA Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, Victory Hall 10.00am - noon
- 13th Front Row Club Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 14th A talk by Todd Gray in the Victory Hall 7.30pm about his 116-mile hike from Lyme Regis to Hartland to promote interest in Devon
- 27th Soup ‘n’ Sarnie – Victory Hall noon – 1.30pm

June

- 3rd Front Row Club Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 17th Whimple Church Abseil and Fete – details page 39
- 24th Soup ‘n’ Sarnie – Victory Hall 12.00 noon – 1.30pm
- 24th Whimple Primary School Summer Fair

July

- 1st-9th Village Week
- 1st Whimple Summer Ball – details page 13
- 1st The ‘Unearth Whimple’ performance in the Victory Hall – (details page 21) - time to be confirmed
- 8th Whimple Fair Day and Fun Run – details pages 21 and 30
- 29th Soup’n’Sarnie Summer Special - Victory Hall 12.00 noon

August

- 12th VPA annual Flower and Craft Show
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Sal the Ed

Well, I must admit to being a bit shocked at being asked to be stand-in Ed again after the last time... I hope you will bear with me and, be assured, the irreplaceable Mr Ed H will be back for the next issue. You will have probably seen him in the shop by the time this goes to print, parading his sun tan about and telling tales of the High Seas.

Meanwhile, in a slightly damp Whimble (as I write) we are looking forward to all the exciting events the coming sunshine will bring - especially Whimble Week. There are some brilliant new additions to the main day this year, as you will see in the article enclosed.

There is also the Church Abseil coming up (*I hope all the ladies taking part have watched Bridget Jones*) and I am thinking of having a go. The more the merrier, plus they are making a day of it with a fete and some music.

As the Village Panto is so close to my heart, we have given a few pages to it this issue. The Whimbletons all had a great time putting the show on for you, and thanks to everyone who supported us. Look out for our fundraising Dame Racing posters, once we have set a date. This event has really helped us with much-needed improvements in costumes, props, sound, staging and lighting - giving our audience a better experience each year, we hope!

Also in this issue, a poignant article from Peter Bowden, who is leaving Devon to emigrate to Australia, and a fascinating piece about the history of Midwifery in Whimble. Plus much more....

Being lucky enough to be a part of the News Team, I am constantly amazed by how many things happen in the Village all year round. There are lots of group and club get-togethers going on weekly and monthly alongside these, for everyone to enjoy. None of this would happen without it being someone's idea in the first place and isn't it great that so many living here take that first step? As a relatively new 'blow in', it has made meeting people and feeling part of the Village so much easier than I had expected, so a personal thanks from me to those 'first-steppers', too!

The team thank everyone who has contributed to Whimble News this time, and please feel free to send us anything of interest at all for our June/July edition. Submissions can be sent via email to Bob at bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk or popped through Ed's letterbox at Dairy Cottage, opposite The Fountain Inn. By **May 10th** would be perfect.

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The Whimble Midwife

From the early 1900's to 1920 Whimble drew on the Broadclyst and Ottery St Mary District Nurses for all nursing services. 1921 saw the arrival of Nurse Sheasby, the first Whimble based nurse. After leaving the training college in Plymouth, Whimble became her first, and only, post as she married Herbert Breyley and became a true 'Whimplite'. Her practice was to cover an area from Clyst Hydon to Rockbeare; Talaton to Broadclyst.

Immediately upon arrival she was met by an anxious father-to-be from Talaton, whose wife had gone into labour. When she asked how she was to get to Talaton she was shown a bicycle. Never having ridden one before she told the father-to-be to go on ahead and get everything ready and then proceeded to teach herself to ride! She arrived, battered and bruised from falls but in time to deliver the baby.

Nurse Sheasby went to live in Bridge Cottage (or The Reading Room) with Mrs E Dunn. There was no telephone, so a slate was fixed in the porch with the list of houses and times where the nurse could be found each day.

In 1927 a second-hand Austin 7 car was purchased and George King, of King's Garage, taught the nurse to drive. Naturally, after so much bicycle pedalling around her area, the car became her pride and joy and it was forever being cleaned and 'bees-waxed' - a process that had unexpected results on one occasion when a swarm of bees descended on it and Gertie Ruttley had to be fetched to remove them!

Driving down the lane just past Down House towards Whimble one day, the car turned over on its side, just after passing George Rowland. Nurse Breyley got out through the roof and between them the car was righted and she continued on her way unharmed.

It is said Nurse Breyley was averse to reversing and would go well out of her way to avoid doing so.

A new invention of gas and air apparatus to assist mothers in labour was introduced. The first time it was used in Whimble, the nurse tested it herself to be sure it was working. As it is odourless she was not convinced the apparatus was in order and took a second deeper breath and promptly fell across the bed! The patient was quite convinced then that it worked!

It was at this time that nurses were instructed to cease treating terminally ill patients when they were also attending a confinement. Many other changes were taking place, which affected everyone. The National Health Service came into being in 1948 and, now that all services were free, the District Nursing Association was disbanded.

Shortly after there were moves made to bring all mothers into hospital for the delivery of the baby, though the District Nurse still carried out the ante-natal and post-natal care. Gradually the nature of the nurses' work changed.

Changes were also taking place in Whimple. Nurse Breyley retired and she was followed by Nurse Tucker, who married and became Nurse Belcher. She was the last nurse to reside in the village.

Extracted from research compiled by Mrs. Foukes, 1991.

Mrs. Foukes noted that because of the many years Nurse Breyley cared for the village, and the whole-hearted way she became part of the village scene, most of the villagers' reminiscences were concerned with her and her care and generosity to her patients.



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A chat with Paddy Macwatters of The New Fountain Inn



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Our most recent landlord is Paddy Macwatters, who took over the running of The New Fountain Inn just before Christmas in 2016, so I popped in to have a chat with him for The News. (He began by offering me a free drink at the end of a long day, so that was a good start!).

Paddy grew up locally around the Exmouth area. His family had a long history in hospitality, with his grandpa running a well-known pub in Cornwall and his parents also being in the industry. He started working in pubs, helping out in the kitchen during his teens and then throughout his college years in Somerset. At that time he was studying Sports, Maths and Media in Somerset, but he decided that cooking was his real vocation when he left college.

Paddy returned to East Devon and began his formal training with Nicola Davey, who owned Baraza in Sidmouth at the time. She encouraged him to take his NVQ on day release and started him on his professional career.

He did consider going back to college to study again full time, but decided to 'learn on the job' and worked in various places, until finding himself back with Nicola in the Exeter Museum restaurant from age 22 to 25, which he really enjoyed.

After a brief time in his next employment at The Devon Hotel, he heard about the position of Head Chef at The Fountain, under the new ownership of Dominic and Steve, deciding to go for it. He was delighted to be offered the role and to finally have his own kitchen, as such.

After 18 months, Dominic offered Paddy the opportunity to take over the lease of The Fountain, as he had decided to move on and concentrate on his other work. Paddy, as we all know, happily agreed!

Taking over the reins took a little longer than expected, meaning that he took the big leap very much closer to Christmas than he had hoped, and he admits that he had a challenging time getting to grips with running his first pub - but has loved every minute. He would like to mention how supportive all his locals and the staff were at that time, which gave him a real boost of confidence.

Paddy now feels he would like to progress the pub a little, in his own way, starting by reintroducing more events - beginning with the popular Steak Nights.

In readiness for the warmer weather, he hopes to develop the outside area of the pub to include some comfortable seating, with the potential for BBQ's and afternoons chilling in the sunshine.

In summary, Paddy intends to grow The New Fountain into a very sociable, active pub for the Village, holding regular events and get togethers, whilst remaining a good 'local' with traditional values, encouraging drinkers and diners alike by offering quality, affordable food and great beer.

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Sally Wilde (Roving Pub Reporter)



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Andy Hughes

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Andy played cricket at Whimple for over 30 years, during which time he was bar steward, committee member and organised and developed Colts teams for a number of years.

Andy was an elegant middle order batsman and tended to score his runs quickly or not at all.

He was also an occasional spin bowler — he had a very safe pair of hands in the field and his extra cover fielding can only be described as a cross between Jonty Rhodes and Albert Trotter.

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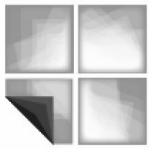
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This year we have a very special one-off show at the Victory Hall on Saturday 1st.

The Front Row Club and The History Society have joined a project called **UNEARTH**. The project team consists of many different people and includes, a songwriter (our very own Jim Causley), a producer, a scriptwriter and an actor. Together, the whole team will be putting on a show based on village stories and material from the Devon Film Archive. We have no idea what will be produced but I'm sure it's going to be an interesting evening.

Other Village Week events will include all of our favourites; Treasure Hunt, Quiz Night, Beetle Drive, Rounders, Songs of Praise, Tennis, Cricket, Darts, Skittles, Afternoon Tea, Bingo, Coffee and Cake, Table Tennis, BBQ's, Disco, Music and entertainment galore. **Raffle tickets with prizes of £150, £100 and £50 will be on sale.**

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Coram Hammett

I mentioned Coram in my editorial for the October/November edition; he had asked that his body be used for medical science and Bristol University have now completed their studies relating to replacement knee and hips trials. Coram's cremation has now been arranged, and friends are welcomed to the service that will be held at the South Bristol Crematorium, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS13 7AS on Thursday 27 th April at noon.

His relatives appreciate the distance for friends from Whimple, but they look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend.

(I have contact details for Karen, Coram's relative who is organising the cremation , if needed)

During December, a collecting box for the RNLI was placed in the Village shop, and a sum of £55.00 was raised – his relatives are very grateful.

Ed H



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AGENDA

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM held 5th April 2016
3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes.
4. Membership Statistics
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts.
6. Election of Committee Members
7. Subscription Rates
8. Grounds and Court Maintenance
9. Juniors Tennis
10. Key Dates
11. Any Other Business



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Marianne Randall

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News From Your Local Pre-School



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Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Quiz & Curry at the end of January, it was a great night and raised a fantastic sum of money again, some of which will be put towards a new laptop and online software to record the children's early learning journeys.

The preschool children have been enjoying more time in the garden now that the weather is starting to improve. We have begun planting some seeds and getting our garden tidied up, we have been on walks to the park looking for signs of spring. We are going to be observing some frog spawn from our pond. The children enjoyed taking part in a Pyjama Drama session on World Book Day based on the book 'The Tiger

Who Came to Tea'. We will be busy doing lots of Easter crafts and baking over the next couple of weeks.



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Dates to Remember...

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Every Friday
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Consultation for the provision of Home Care Services



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As a responsible and professional organisation providing of Ottery and beyond, it is hugely important that Ottery Help Scheme ensures, to the best of its ability, that it not only provides appropriate, high quality services but also does so in a way that is *sustainable*. This means making sure that the Help Scheme can go on providing services to all those who need them, now, *and in the future*.

To this end, we are considering various options which will provide additional valuable services to our clients and, at the same time, add sustainability. One such development currently under consideration is the **provision of Home Care Services**, for example cleaning and/or gardening in the locality of Ottery St Mary and its surrounding areas.

Therefore, in order to better understand what, if any, Home Care services local people would like to see made available, we have compiled a questionnaire. We would be hugely grateful if you, as residents within the locality of Ottery St Mary, would be so kind as to complete the questionnaire opposite. We will then use your views and ideas to inform any decision making process.

We hope you can spare a few minutes out of your day to help us with this exciting development process and very much look forward to receiving your feedback.

Helen Harms, Chief Officer, Ottery Help Scheme



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- WITCHES OF WHIMPLE PANTOMIME REVIEWS -

It was with bated breath that I awaited the start of this years Whimbletons Pantomime. I had not sat in the audience for about eight years and I was very excited to watch a complete performance.

I had decided to step back from doing the costumes for a year, so when a team of prosscoco induced (thanks Neil!), sorry - willing, ladies agreed to help out, it meant that I had an easy job this year creating the costumes.

So here we were, the family and I, awaiting the curtain up when hubby turned to me and asked me if I would "be bored as I'd seen it so many times already". Reality suddenly dawned and I realised I probably knew the script word for word (note to cast!) would I get bored? Would I laugh before the punch line? Oh dear, this may not bode well.

Well I have to admit, I need not have worried... as soon as the curtain went up I was spell bound (pun intended).

The witches cauldron with realistic flickering flames, creeping smoke and glowing green light from their lair set the scene and I was gripped. From the opening line I laughed, booed and hissed 'ahh-ed' and even sang along. The script was really well written and a tad more risqué this year which was a brave move, but definitely paid off.

Dave Jones played the princess like a pro, and must have had quite tight pants on to have been able to keep his voice so lady-like throughout the performance.

The witches were hilarious, even when they weren't speaking their facial expressions spoke volumes and they worked really well as a trio.

The younger members really came into their own with their version of Abba's 'Does Your Mother Know' as was the girls' Whitney Houston song 'I'm Every Woman' both of which I sang along with great gusto.

For me though, the highlight of the pantomime had to be John and Tony's 'beach ball dance' I had seen it in rehearsals, had seen their costumes, and knew about the challenges they had had to overcome due to using a slippery ball wearing nylon suits, but from the outset I knew it was genius! Within a couple of minutes there was mass hysteria throughout the audience, my family were guffawing like lunatics by this point and I struggled to see the performance through my tears. Jenny being called up on stage to assist John with his ball was a classic end although I think she was quite disappointed when the lights went out!

All in all I think this is one of the best Whimbleton Panto's I've seen to date, with the last several years getting better every year. No pressure for next year then Neil...

Sue Draycott

See over for another review

A Review of – The Witches of Whimble



This was the Whimbletons 21st year of offering the annual pantomime to the good people of Whimble...what a great achievement! It is fascinating to see how many villagers have been involved with this very lively group, and enjoying it – especially the younger folk! In the past, we even had a couple of people from Talaton who were in both their own and the Whimble pantomime. We just prayed that they had the right script in their heads as they paced the boards of Victory Hall. Happy 21st, Whimps!

The entrance hall was expertly decorated, as was the bar, where myself and the current Mrs H had to partake of some light refreshment – always advisable to preload before a village panto – cast included!

Once again, hats off to Neil Walker trawling the depths of his brain cell(s) and coming up with yet another fine script. We were surprised to see the Senior Thespian Simon Van Grudgings appearing as a male, when he has been at the forefront of the Whimble Cross Dressing Club for many a year; however, Neil gave himself the honour of appearing as the Nurse to balance that change – just needs to soften the striding walk though! The Witches were fine cacklers and their makeup was superb, and Cathy BH wore a brilliant red wig which did her proud. The Whimps costumes have always been a very professional affair, and this year was no different. It was good to see some fresh faces in the cast, such as Gemma KIELTY as Billy, and Grace Porter as one of the ‘Miladies’. Paul Walsh was very confident as Prince Lurkio and looked as if he was enjoying himself, as was Tom Palmer as a member of the Cider Mafia.

One of the best bits of the panto was Beach Ball Bobby and Beach Ball Benny (I admit to total bemusement when they first appeared – very surreal!). When Biscuit and Small John finally found their beach ball, they effortlessly glided across the stage, bending their athletic and finely honed bodies into all sorts of contortions – lucky they are both so fit! And all done without words so no need of a helping hand from the prompter. Their ‘piece’ was so unexpected that it had maximum effect, and I know many people also found it hilarious.

The music, as ever, complemented the panto, so well done Slack ma Girdle, who brought a new sense of excitement to the performance especially when Dave Jones, playing the beautiful Princess Davina, shared his/her wonderful singing voice that reduced many of the audience to tears. We are so lucky in the village to have him/her.

The panto was the right length – finishing about 10.00pm is good – even the nice blue seats in the hall can become a little uncomfortable! We had a great evening, Well done to Sally and her team for the great scenery, and to the army of helpers backstage, and a very impressive team of ‘Front of Housers’.

Looking forward to next year’s already!

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Wassail 2017

This year's Wassail was blessed with reasonably dry weather. Just over 100 people turned up to enjoy the festivities. Mr. Ed Hitchcock started the evening with all his usual flamboyant style, humour and gusto and led the wassailing ceremonies as master of ceremonies with equal vigour. The Wassail King, Master Ben Heywood-Rose, and the Wassail Princess, Miss Adelaide Perry, performed their tasks with great confidence. Again, this year the Princess was chosen as a result of a competition held at the local school and through the Village News. The music was provided by Jim Causley and his friends, special thanks are also due to Jim who has always led the singing with great enthusiasm. Ceremonies were conducted at the Whimble Wonder tree at the Heritage Centre, Lower Woodhayes Orchard, courtesy of Mrs. M. Burrough, and Knowle Cross orchard courtesy of Mr. J and Miss M. Chard as well as at the tethering stone in the Village Square where past Chairman, Mr. R. J. Shepherd, was remembered for his contribution to The Whimble History Society. We were also grateful to Mrs. M. Burrough who kindly donated the cider and prepared the wassail cup that was used at all the sites, as well as the people who heated the wassail cup. Mr. Ray Horn yet again illuminated the wassail sites with his flaming torches and fires. We were also indebted to the members of the gun party under the leadership of Mr. Alan Smith for their help in awakening the trees.

The festivities continued at the Whimble Cricket Club with the traditional Wassail Supper kindly provided by Mrs. M. Wallis and her willing band of helpers. The Committee would like to express their thanks to her and her helpers for all their efforts. The Committee would also like to thank all members who provided apple cakes and soup for the feast, as well as all the people who entered into the spirit of the occasion. The supper was followed by the now traditional 'impromptu' folk session led by Jim Causley and a whole host of his friends. An excellent evening was had by all who attended both the procession and the supper. Thanks are also due to the Cricket Club for coping with such an influx of wassailers.

THE UNEARTH PROJECT

Members of the Society and other interested parties have been busily researching items for the Unearth Whimble Project. Selected items will be used by a team of three performers/ artists to produce a multi media show about Whimble in the Victory Hall on Saturday 1st July.

CHANGES TO THE HERITAGE CENTRE EXHIBITS FOR 2017

Within the Heritage Centre, displays and exhibits are being refreshed. One of the new themes for this year is 'Bell Ringing in Whimble'. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with a wide variety of tasks. If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer helper, steward or committee member we would like to invite you to join us.

SCOUTS NEWS UPDATE.....

Beaver Scouts are currently sourcing four new adults who would be able and willing to run our youngest section for the 6 to 8 year olds. Uniform & full training provided!

This section is great fun to run and would predominantly suit those experiencing life with 6 to 8 years olds at home currently, who would benefit from joining an organization where they can have fun, make new friends and experience the great outdoors :)

From personal experience, I have to say the period in which Shelley and I ran Beavers was a very rewarding one. Don't be shy, give it a try!

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on 24th April in the Church at 7.00pm. Please join us from 6.45pm for refreshments. There are vacancies on the PCC. If you would like to know more about the work of the PCC please speak to Rev Chris Martin or one of the Churchwardens, Steve Godsiff or Gerri Turner. Please come along to find out what has been happening over the last year.

May sees the return of our popular Saturday Morning Coffee and Cake through to mid-September. This is appreciated by many in the village. Volunteers to help serve coffee and make cakes are always welcome. If you can help please contact Rosie Davis or Dianne Goodwin.

We are also holding our popular Breakfasts. The Ladies' Breakfast will be on 13th May at Clyst Hydon and the Men's Breakfast will be on 20th May at Talaton. Full details of these can be found in The Link and on the website www.churches4all.org

There are a number of major parts of the Church building which are going to require repair or maintenance over the coming months. For example the guttering along one side needs to be replaced. This will not be a straightforward task because of changes to building regulations introduced since the church was built.

To help raise funds for this and other church building projects we are holding a new event - a sponsored abseil from the church tower - on Saturday 17th June. We hope there will also be an opportunity for brave teddy bears to have a go on a special zip wire ride. There will also be some of our usual Church Fete stalls in and around the Church on that day. Full details are advertised on page 39 of this magazine and in The Link and on the website. Please give your support to this special event.

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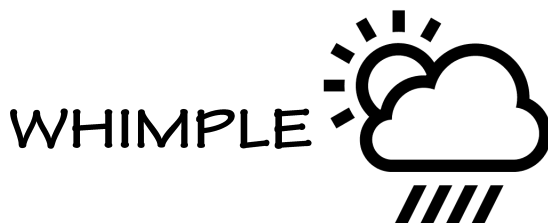
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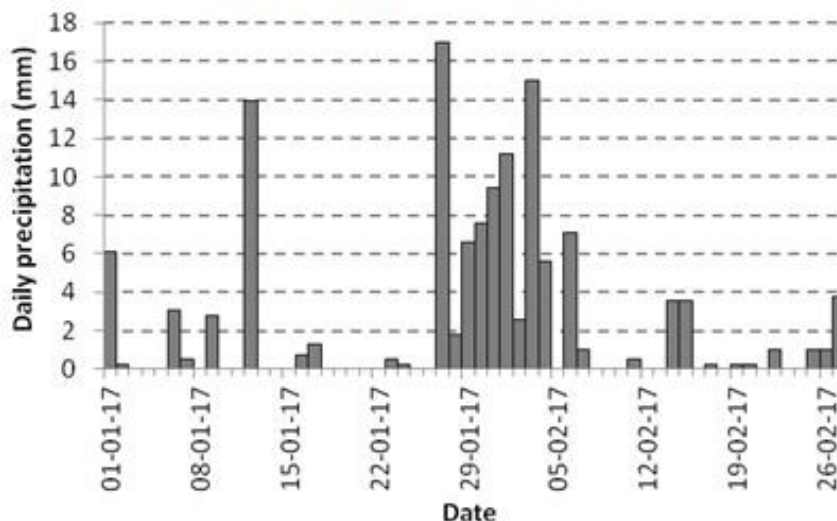


January & February 2017 weather statistics (Dince Hill Close)

	<i>January</i>		<i>February</i>	
	Reading	Date	Reading	Date
Temperature				
Maximum	11°C	31 st	13°C	20 th
Minimum	-8°C*	3 rd	-2°C	6 th
Days with frost	11		10	
Precipitation				
Wettest day	17.0 mm	27 th	15.0 mm	3 rd
Monthly total	71.9 mm		57.9 mm	
Monthly total relative to average at Exeter Airport	87%		95%	

*Corresponding minimum at Exeter Airport was -6.8°C

Jan-Feb daily precipitation, Whimple



Simon Foulds

WILD WEATHER IN WHIMPLE - KEN WAS RIGHT!

For over 41 years, Ken Burrows recorded the rainfall in his garden along Lily Pond Lane. He published his figures annually in the Whimple News and thought they were fairly representative of the Village. One mile down the road, he noted, it might be different.

From our house, approximately one mile along Holly Ball Lane, we can see Ken's house. We watch the weather sweeping in from the West. When the tree at Gatheshayes Farm disappears into the coming storm, we think "Here comes the rain", but, so often, it is not to be. The rain, somehow, stops at Whimple and might slide along the valley to Clyst St Lawrence. Of course, it is black as night in Cullompton and they would look and think the same about us.

Now, you remember from school that your Geography teacher would talk about 'relief rain'? This happens when a hill causes the cloud to rise and cool - then down comes the rain.

This does not seem to happen around here. Everywhere has its own microclimate and Whimple is about 60 metres above sea level. Ken's house is 65metres above and we are 110 metres.

We have been recording the rainfall for the past 15 years and, from the following figures, you can see that Ken was right. From 2002-2010, Ken's annual rainfall was 38.3 inches and ours 29.9 inches - quite a remarkable difference over 1 mile and 45 metres altitude difference.

Over the longer period our average is about 31 inches.

Several years ago, I showed Ken my figures and he said that I was the only person ever to have talked to him about it.

Simon Foulds is now recording the weather from Dince Hill Close. Interestingly, his figure for 2015 was 32.85 inches. Ours was 29.6 inches. Again, what a difference a mile can make.

Recent pronouncement from the Met Office weatherman assures us that rain falls from the sky. How much falls on you depends upon where you live....

John Reader

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2005	781	30.74	43.26
2006	741	29.17	34.92
2007	797	31.37	40.16
2008	929	36.57	44.52
2009	806	31.75	41.40
2010	624	24.59	32.20
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I would like to thank Karen, Geoff and Jack for organising a party to celebrate my 85th birthday. This was held at the Thirsty Farmer – thank you Vicki for putting on a lovely spread. I had a really lovely time, it was nice to see all the family and friends, some I had not seen for a long time.

Many thanks to all who came and for all your lovely cards and gifts – my house looks like a florists shop! Also thank you for all the donations to the Devon Air Ambulance – the sum of £150 has been sent to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

Thank you one and all

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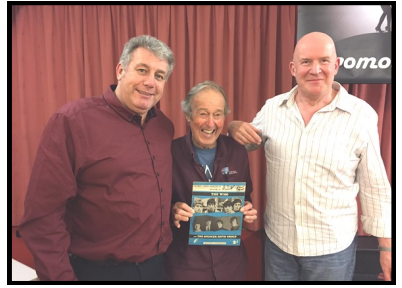
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Spencer Davis comes to Whimble

On A Whim Promotions did us proud last night, after somehow persuading Spencer Davis to make Whimble his only UK tour date, before heading off to Germany for the next leg. Forget the NEC - Whimble is where it's at!

Spencer was accompanied by fellow musician and autobiographer, Julian Dawson. Julian has been researching his book about Spencer's life and they discussed some of his achievements (and early antics) throughout the evening.



Now living in California, Spencer actually grew up in Swansea and was from a musical family. He eventually ended up in Birmingham for Uni, having by then become a huge Blues and Jazz fan. He treated us to some great Blues last night - opening his set with Midnight Special. It was in Birmingham that he met Steve Winwood, whom he thought a genius, and the Spencer Davis Group was formed. They signed up with Island Records and everything happened very quickly for them. These were exciting years, and he knew The Beatles, The Who and The Stones well - telling us a great story about being in Newquay with The Beatles, who were filming The Magical Mystery Tour there (he had a cameo role), and the evening ending up in a guest house lounge in Perranporth, with Paul playing piano whilst Ringo drank the bar dry.

He treated us to a wide variety of songs, including 'Irene Goodnight', 'Norwegian Wood', 'Big Boss Man', 'Easy Rider' and, of course, 'Keep on Running'. All played just with guitar and harmonica.



There were loads more anecdotes and some hilarious letters, which Julian read out, from obsessed girl fans in the 60's (it seems Spencer keeps everything!), and it was just a lovely, intimate and fascinating performance.

Sally (Roving Live Music Reporter)

Garden Share possibilities in Whimble



People who have biggish gardens and who would be prepared to share them with others for vegetable growing (share the veggies too!) might like to make it known via the magazine.

To start the pumpkin rolling, there is a garden available in Grove Rd which is in just that position. Would interested persons contact me in the first place please.

Thanks

Hugh Roberts 822651

WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

As mentioned in the last edition of the News, our AGM was held on Monday 23rd January 2017. It was a packed meeting and once again we were able to reflect on another very successful year. We were very pleased to welcome Brian Nelson who was the Chairman of the Ottery Garden Club which unfortunately folded at the end of 2016 and we are delighted he has agreed to join our Committee. It was good to be able to make donations to some worthwhile causes and last year this included donations to Ottery St. Mary Hospital League of Friends and to the Parish Council to help with the purchase of a Defibrillator.

Our first event this year was on Friday 10th March 2017. Unfortunately, it was arranged after the copy date for the last edition of the News and we could only advertise it through our posters. Nevertheless, there was an excellent attendance for this event. We had a very interesting talk by Nick Eales from Green Thumb, the lawn specialists. His talk was entitled 'Love Your Lawn'. It was a fascinating talk and gave a large audience valuable information on how to care for their lawns. Furthermore, there was an opportunity for a free assessment of everyone's lawn and quite a few took up the opportunity to have this done.

The first trip this year was to the Boconnoc Gardens at Lostwithiel on Saturday 1st April. At the time of writing there were only one or two seats left so hopefully a good number were able to enjoy this visit. A fuller report in the next edition.

Our Spring Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 13th May in the Village Hall. This is now a well-established and indeed, a very popular event and hopefully we will have the same support this year. We aim to provide the usual wide range of plants so get there on time to get the best bargains!

Our annual Flower and Craft Show will be on Saturday 12th August 2017. We are hoping to have the Show Schedules out by the Plant Sale in May. For the Village Challenge this year the subject will again be a 'Freestyle Scarecrow' of any character.

The week after the Flower and Craft Show, we are organising another trip. This one will be to the first Summer Flower Show at Rosemoor. The only costs for this trip will be for the coach as entry will be through our RHS membership. If you want to go what should be a spectacular event, then please contact Doreen Staddon and she can be contacted by email on doreenstaddon@btinternet.com or by telephone on 823594 leaving your name, number of places required and a contact phone number. Alternatively, you can complete the booking slip at the end of this report and leave it at the Whimple Stores. Once again, our thanks to Mark and Jenny for their help in facilitating this.

On Friday 15th September we will be having a 'hands on' talk from Hugh Roberts. His theme will be 'A Workshop with, and Practicals on, Soil pH'. There will be various themes on understanding pH, soil pH and the pH scales. There will be an opportunity for people to have free tests on their soil during the evening. The last time Hugh gave a talk on soil it was an excellent and very entertaining evening, so we are looking forward to a similar evening of excitement in September!

The following week we are proposing to run a coach trip to the Malvern Autumn Show. This will be on Sunday 24th September. Full details in the next edition of the News, but make a note of the date if you are interested in going.

We look forward to seeing you at all these events as it looks like being an even busier year than before.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary

Booking slip for the trip to THE ROSEMOOR FLOWER SHOW

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Farewell from Peter and Ann

I began the first draft of this report full of thoughts on achievements and ambitions and whatever the future might hold. Yesterday I watched the news reports with real apprehension as I recognised the site of murder and mayhem that I have walked along so many times in the last ten years or more *en route* to meetings with the great and the good. Nevertheless our lives must go on and Ann and I are viewing our future in ways we had never considered possible as we set ourselves the task of emigrating to join our family in West Australia.



In the meantime we are trying to adjust to form filling on a major scale, the inevitable “we don’t really want to take Grandma’s old green vase with us do we?” and HOW MUCH!!!!; are commonly heard phrases from dawn to dusk. Hiding favourite artefacts away before they are consigned to the ‘charity’ box is a new hobby of mine. Some big advantages include having only a few meetings left in the diary to fulfil and, as a fellow councillor said would happen, we are getting some of our lives back.

I for one will miss my red tractor, occasional evenings happily listening to the grass grow and especially the days spent cheering on the Chiefs to ever greater glory. The nearest decent rugby team anywhere near to our new home will be nearly 400 miles away and they don’t even serve pasties – the Australian equivalent is a chicken sausage and definitely not on my menu!

All the same we have reached a time where reflections of the past twenty years fill a lot of our thinking time. Ann and I moved into Bradcott House in 1998 just after the 1997 flood, knowing that there was a risk but one we were prepared to take. Ann had joined the WI (led at the time by Lucy Smith) and soon trained to become a WI County Advisor. Politics unexpectedly interfered in my life. First I became involved in the Parish Council and then in the County Council as we began the long campaign to see the flood risk alleviated and 50 homes at risk better protected. I stood as a candidate in 2007 (District) and 2009 (County) succeeded and ultimately achieved regular re-election until standing down this year.

The 2008 flood condemned us to a caravan in the drive for some months surviving what felt like the coldest winter on record but we will never forget the support and kindness shown to us by so many. Countless friends have been made, our dog Baggins became a local character, you have quite rightly voiced doubts about my sanity, but we have always felt welcome in this fantastic place. There is no doubt that our move to Whimble was the best decision we have ever made and leaving will be a huge wrench.

I look back on a fantastic career and retirement. Forty years before the mast took me around the world more than once, (three times in one six month tour) and led me into all sorts of adventures that remain in my mind’s eye.

Meeting people of all nationalities, fantastic seascapes, some amazing memories and some scary moments when God and nature held the upper hand. Then retirement - when life is supposed to slow down, and peace overwhelms. Whoever told us that fibbed! Charging around the bush rounding up stray cattle is one thing; being chased by a Tiger Snake is entirely another.

Life in the slow lane evaded us somehow. Potholes and strategic planning, safeguarding, school governance, and ruddy solar panels became new subjects to understand. Frustrations became evident as budgets were cut and the public purse dwindled. This led to different ambitions as politics and the needs of everyday living struggled to co-exist. Nonetheless I am pleased that my work with the Fostering and Adoption services has done so much good. Meeting a foster or adopted family is a particular joy and seeing the faces of children that have been offered another chance by some very special people generates smiles everywhere. Of all my many experiences my involvement with vulnerable children has been the most satisfying.

None of this could have been achieved without your fantastic support and understanding. Ann and I will be sad to go but we will carry some amazing memories with us and wherever we stop for breath we will always remember you.

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Secondly, the only way that we can continue to run as a charity is through the support from people like you! You can use PayPal to send us a donation directly simply visit our website and click on Donate (www.talevalley.com/donate)!

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WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's fantastic and it's finished. We have finally got a shelter in our orchard area so we can use the area whatever the weather.

Thanks to Mr Billy Bloomfield and Mr Geoff Delves for all their hard work. The children in year 5 and 6 helped with the design many months ago measuring out various shapes and sizes in the playground. We wanted to be able to seat all the children from one class.

I am sure over the coming months and years it will be invaluable.

School Library

We are looking for a small group of people to help assist in running our school library. The idea is to initially open up the library to all children one afternoon a week from around 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Our Year 6 librarians do a fantastic job but are limited to a couple of lunchtimes a week which makes it difficult for all children to have the opportunity to choose and change books. Training would be provided so if you feel you are able to help out please let Alyson in the office know. (A DBS check would be required along with a personal reference).

For more information about what is happening in the school, along with loads of photos please log onto our website and with the 'contact' newsletters at:

<http://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk/website>

Carole Shilston, Acting Headteacher



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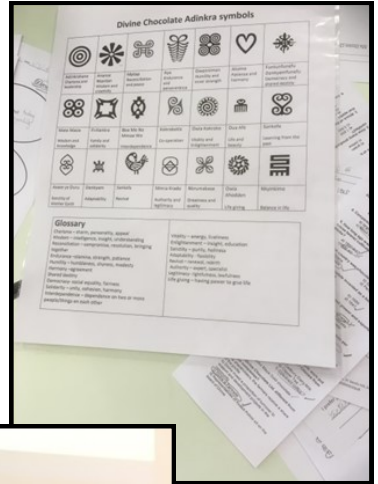
In the first week of March, Willow Class went to Cranbrook Education Campus, for a conference about Fairtrade. We started off by doing a quiz, all about it. Most people didn't get very many right, as they've never heard of Fairtrade before but that was OK because we came here to learn all about it.

Fairtrade is a worldwide company that aims to help farmers and producers in less fortunate countries. 'Fair Trade' means that you get a fair price for everything you get.

We were very lucky to meet Isaac, who lives in Ghana. He was a cocoa bean farmer, who worked in scorching weather. He explained his job to us and how Fairtrade helps him.

During the morning, we got to do lots of different things. From word searches to quizzes to writing poems, everything we did was to do with Fairtrade. It was all very fun and at the end we got to taste chocolate and write down some exciting phrases of what it tastes like.

It was a nice, different kind of school trip, which we would love to do again.



Whimple Primary School

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March all the adults and children in the school dressed up as a book character. The authors chosen by the children as a theme to the day are: Beatrix Potter, Jacqueline Wilson, J K Rowling, Roald Dahl, Cressida Cowell and Oxford Reading Tree - many of these have celebrated recent anniversaries of their works.



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Our February meeting was held at the Cricket Club, as the Victory Hall was being used for the pantomime. The alternative venue felt very cosy and the evening was well attended and enjoyed by all. Christine Smith, one of our long serving members, entertained us with stories from her holidays around the world as a solo traveller. She had visited some very exotic places and certainly gave us some very useful tips on what to pack and what not to. Thank you to Christine for a most interesting talk.



The County Quiz was held as usual at Broadclyst's Village Hall in February, but with only 14 teams entering this year, as more venues had been added around the county. Whimple WI entered a team and came a very respectable joint third – well done ladies! Our institute as usual was responsible for the refreshments and our ladies kindly baked various cakes for sale. Our grateful thanks to them all.

In order to raise money towards providing a defibrillator for the village, we held a coffee morning at 'Ferndale' and a very respectable sum of money was raised. We were however a little disappointed at the poor attendance – where were you ladies? Naturally our thanks go to Avril & Mike Ellingham for the venue and to those who were able to join us and contributed so generously.

And now to Skittles: Our team excelled themselves in February by beating Smeatharpe (but only by 2 points) to get through to the 4th round of the County Competition and then astonished everyone, including themselves, by beating Chulmleigh on the 2nd March (this time by 20 points). We are now through to the quarter finals against Magnolia (Exmouth) at the end of the month. We have never got this far before, but anything is possible ladies! We celebrated this success the following day, with 19 of us enjoying a Social Skittles evening at the New Inn, Broadclyst. Following a buffet supper half way through, there was considerable laughter and chat, which clearly made some of us rubbish at the skittles, but who cares, its great fun and extremely good exercise. The New Inn hopes to refurbish the skittles alley at the end of this season and hopefully there will be some new skittles for us to use, as the current ones are so old they take forever to stand up - easier to knock down though!

Our bi-monthly social lunch was held at the New Inn, Broadclyst. The food as always was very good and our ladies enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere. This event is always well attended and our next lunch will be at the Talaton Inn on Wednesday, 19th April.

As you see from the above, we are a lively bunch and get involved with numerous activities, but we would like to attract some new younger members to our Institute to secure its future. If you would be interested in coming along as a guest to one of our meetings, please contact our Secretary Ann Bowden on 823450 to arrange. It really is a great way of making new friends and there is so much to enjoy.

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- Swollen/painful gums, sometimes receding from the teeth leaving them loose or falling out.
- Bad breath, caused by bacteria (not nice for them or us!). In severe cases the bacteria can enter the blood stream, potentially damaging internal organs.

What can you do to help prevent dental disease?

Brushing

We brush our teeth every day, so why not brush your pet's teeth too?!

There are many different pet toothbrushes and toothpastes available. Don't use your own toothpaste as this is not safe for pets. It is best to start brushing your pet's teeth from a young age so they learn to accept it; however, it is possible to start slowly and gently with an older pet too.



Diet

Feeding a biscuit diet that your pet has to crunch on can help to keep the teeth clean. There are many specially formulated dental diets that contain everything your pet needs. Dental chews can also be used to keep the teeth clean. Remember, these contain additional calories so reduce daily ration to allow for this.



Anti plaque water additives

It is possible to add a special solution to your pet's drinking water. This contains antibacterial agents and an ingredient that helps stop plaque and tartar formation. This can be purchased from your Veterinary Surgery.

Dental treatment

Sometimes it may be necessary for teeth to be cleaned at the vets. In order to examine the teeth and scale them, it is usually necessary for them to have a general anaesthetic. Some teeth may need to be removed during the procedure. This can be a lengthy and costly process and is not often covered by pet insurance.

So prevention is definitely better than the cure!

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Lunchtime and evening meals available every day (except Monday)
Chat with us about private parties, events or wakes buffet menu available
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