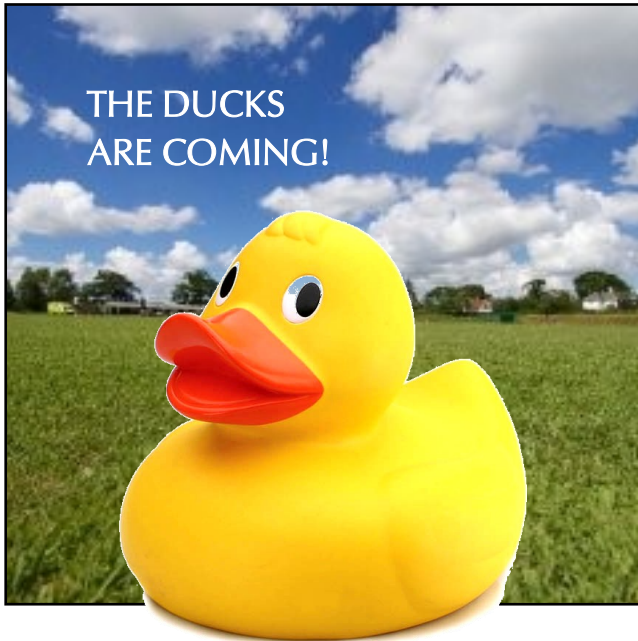


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June/July 2017

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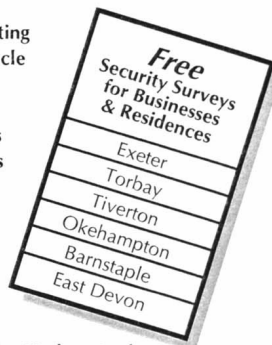
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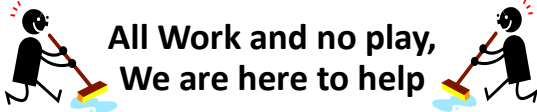
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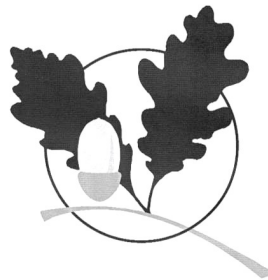
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What's On In Whimple

June

- 17th Whimple Church Abseil and Fete -2.30 - 4.30pm - details pages 48 & 49
- 24th Whimple Primary School Fayre 1.30 - 4.00pm – details page 27
- 24th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon - 1.30pm

July

- 1-9th Village Week – details pages 32 & 33
- 1st Whimple Summer Ball – details page 15
- 1st The 'Unearth Whimple' performance in the Victory Hall –7.30pm (details page 16)
- 8th Whimple Day and Fun Run
- 8th Front Row Club – Special showing – 7.30pm Victory Hall – details page 59
- 15th Film at Victory Hall – Embrace – 7.30pm - details page 47
- 17th Primary School Farewell Event - 4.00pm Cricket Club
- 19th Provisional date for VPA visit to St Bridget Nurseries - details page 52
- 29th Summer Special Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon -1.30pm

August

- 12th VPA annual Flower and Craft Show , Victory Hall –details page 52
- 19th VPA trip to Rosemoor Flower Show – details pages 52 & 53
- 28th Whimple and Broadclyst Young Farmers Big Breakfast at the Victory Hall 8.00am - 12.00 noon

September

- 15th VPA Talk by Hugh Roberts –Soil pH – Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 23rd VPA trip to Malvern Autumn Show – details pages 52 & 53
- 30th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon - 1.30pm

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Welcome to your Whimble News which contains details of the wonderful plans for Whimble Day and Village Week– well done to the planning team for putting together such a great programme. I know that in our house, the current Mrs H is very excited about bringing along a couple of the Munchkins from the Miniature Shetland Rescue and introducing them to the good people of Whimble. There is something to do every day during Village Week – see the centre pages -please support these events!

And please buy the raffle tickets that came with this edition (details on page 35).

There have been wild and continuous celebrations in our house following the fantastic victory by the Exeter Chiefs at Twickenham – we saw more Whimble people up there than we would normally see at Sandy Park! So we just had to join the Chiefs supporters in the village by flying our celebratory flags. It is a shame that Exeter City were unable to join us in our winning streak – good luck for next year!

We welcome Kevin Finch as the new Parish Council Clerk, and wish Gerri Turner a happy retirement but I think that she will not be relaxing in the garden with jugs of Pimms if her new employer has anything to do with it!

Brian and Frankie Wilson have written a lovely article about this wonderful village, 10 years after writing their first article when they moved in. We are so lucky to have such a strong community spirit here – and this time of year is when it really comes to the fore! Well done Whimble! There were a couple of teenage girls who came into the shop this week, and one said that it was their first visit to Whimble – she thought that it was lovely, and she especially liked our shop – and the staff (I know, she must have just been looking at Karen the PO and not me!). Great to have such nice feedback.

We also have a very interesting article about the Fire Brigade attending a fire at Whimble Wood in 1913 – what they had to do to get a pump out to the village!

The Whimbletons tell me that me that Pantomime Dame Racing is taking a break this year due to problems with getting everyone together, which is a shame, but will provide the dames with valuable rest time so that they are fresh for Pre-Season Activity ready for next year.

Thanks to Sally for picking up the Editorial reins last time whilst the current Mrs H and I were in the foreign. If you would like to pass us articles for this wondrous magazine then please either send them to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, or drop them into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by 12th July – thanks!

Enjoy Village Week and have a great summer!

Ed H



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Correction:

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Entirely my mistake.

(Sorry Sue).

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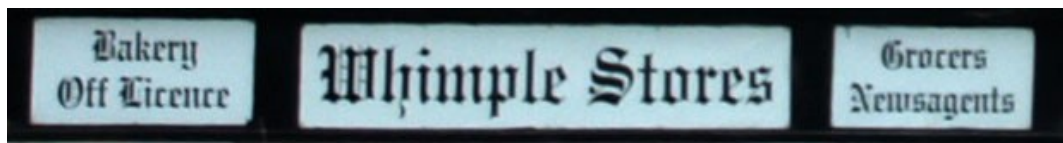
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The other thing we try to do is avoid food waste. For the customers we are very happy for you to buy small amounts for just what you need with no waste. We try to keep a tight control of stock levels. This works well most of the time although we do get caught out if we have an unusual buying period. The other restraint we have is the size of our fridges for storage. We have a milk delivery on a Friday and that needs to see us through the weekend, but we only have a certain amount of space so Sundays and Monday mornings can seem a bit sparse.

We are very lucky at the moment to have some great veg coming into the shop from Len Luck. He is harvesting spinach, chard, pak choi, beetroot, lettuce, new potatoes, early in the morning and bringing things into us in great condition and very fresh. If you are not sure how to cook any of these veg, just ask and you could have delicious, healthy, fresh food that has travelled very little food miles and you will be supporting local business.

We very much enjoy the buzz in the shop when people are in having tea and coffee. Lots of people comment on the lovely coffee which is from a company in Budleigh Salterton and our teas come from blenders in Somerset.

We hope the redecoration works on the shop front does not cause too much disruption. It is essential for us to secure the woodwork so we apologise for any inconvenience whilst the work is being done, but at least we should be able to stay open as usual.

Post Office News

We are kept very busy with parcels from local business. The Post Office does offer a service some may find useful, called Drop and Go. This allows you to have a card that you pre-load with some cash and then you bring in your parcels with the card and a list of instructions and you can leave them with us. We'll process them when it is quiet and your card will settle the account. You can pick up your paperwork and your card whenever it suits you and you don't need to wait. Feel free to ask for details or visit the Post Office website.

Just a reminder that the Post Office can be used for personal banking services for the majority of UK banks. The Post Office does not charge a fee for cash withdrawals but you cannot make withdrawals with a cashpoint card or a credit card. There is a move to improve banking services so that more can be done automatically with your card.

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- TV licences can't be paid at the Post Office.
- Yes we can let you have some float but we do not keep a lot of money in the counter. If you would like change, it is better for us if you order it a day or so in advance. If you are a business we can provide larger quantities when you provide your change card.
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- **Bank Holidays** - We will always try to open the shop on a bank holiday between 9.00am -1.00pm to give you the opportunity to pick up some essentials and your newspapers. The Post Office will not be open at this time as there is no support available if there are any problems. This means no cash withdrawals and no stamps will be available on bank holidays.

Again, we need to thank our lovely team at the shop for their help and support recently and the kindness of our lovely customers has been very touching. It has been a huge help and support and we are very grateful.

Mark and Jenny



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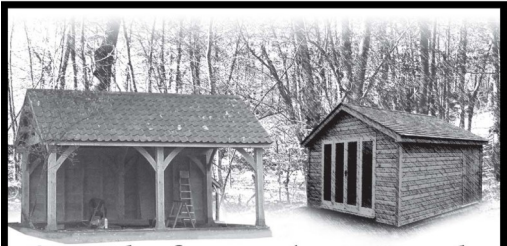
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Tales of Whimble

The day the Fire Brigade arrived by train!

In 1913, nine months after Lieutenant Colonel K Chesney and his wife purchased Whimble Wood – described as a country residence set in the midst of charming scenery – a devastating fire broke out.

The house was old, consisting partly of bricks and partly of cob, with a thatched roof, and was ivy clad. The Chesney's brought the interior up to date by installing "a hot water apparatus and an acetylene gas plant". They also made provision against fire by having a large cistern placed at the top of the house and connecting it with a hose. Unfortunately, full use could not be made of this at the very time it was needed because the fire broke out in the thatched roof.

The Chesney's cook, Mrs Mary Mogg, was preparing lunch and she noticed what she thought was steam originating from the hot water apparatus but it soon became apparent the house was on fire.

Mrs Mogg went outside and saw the thatched roof was ablaze. It is thought the fire was started by a spark from the flue. She raised the alarm and Mrs Chesney immediately mounted her bicycle and rode to Whimble Post Office and told the postmaster to both telegraph and phone the Exeter Fire Brigade.

Meanwhile Colonel Chesney and neighbouring farm hands valiantly tried to bring the fire under control but it spread quickly through the entire house. They then tried to salvage the furniture and personal possessions. Mrs Mogg bravely went into a burning room to drag out the Chesney's dog but two cats did not survive. Mrs Mogg's dress was caught alight during the salvage operation but was put out before she suffered any injury.

Superintendent Pett of Exeter Fire Station received the call shortly after 12 o'clock and, in view of the distance to Whimble Wood, he immediately called Queen Street Station for a special train to carry the Brigade and its 'steamer' (a steam powered fire fighter) to Whimble. After only a few minutes the engine was boarded and within an hour of the message being received the firemen were at work at the property. The 12.05 motor from Exeter was shunted at Pinhoe to allow the fire-fighting special to have an uninterrupted run to Whimble and it was followed by several firemen on the one o'clock train from Queen Street.

The only water supply for the steamer was from a duck pond and it was soon exhausted. Whimble Wood was supplied by a main laid on from a water storage supply some distance away but, although this was tapped, it was of practically no use and the fire brigade could only let the fire burn itself out. They did manage to prevent the fire spreading to a range of outbuildings as fortunately the wind was blowing in the opposite direction.

When the Chesney's lunch guests turned up they found only a smouldering ruin and salvaged furniture scattered about in the lane and adjoining field.



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Secondly our apple orchards are producing apples for human consumption and our customers do not want their apples to be contaminated, as I'm sure you understand.

We therefore ask please in future to keep to the footpaths (of which there are several in the village) and keep your dog on a lead so if they do defecate you can find it and bag it.

We have not made this decision lightly but we hope you understand it is our workplace too.

We are trying very hard to maintain a beautiful environment around the village, particularly maintaining old orchards when many other farmers would have grubbed them out by now. We strongly believe that the orchards, in particular, are an important defining feature of this village and we have recently planted a new orchard to continue this tradition.

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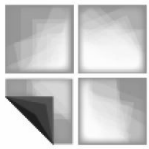
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We will be raising much needed funds to enable us to continue to rescue Shetland ponies and either re-home them or provide them with a home for life, if re-homing is not an option. Shetlands come to us for a number of reasons, some are ill treated or neglected living in terrible conditions or, sometimes, owners just cannot care for them anymore.

So please come along and have a go on our tombola, groom a pony, win a Munchkin cake or just come and chat to us about the work we do and meet a couple of the ponies who have promised to be on their best behaviour. Also, if anyone has any spare carrots, apples, swede or parsnips all the Shetlands back at Munchkins love a treat!

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Whimble Heritage Centre is taking part in a Heritage Lottery Funded project called 'Raising the Standard'. The project aims to help communities to repair and conserve historical flags and banners. We know that Whimble had a thriving Scout troop as early as 1911, so it's not surprising that we have two flags of interest. The Baden Powell Scout Flag and the Wolf Cub Flag pictured below are both included in the project and are currently in Bristol being repaired and cleaned.



To help us celebrate their return, The Heritage Centre is hosting a 'Design a Whimble Flag Competition'. The winning entry will be professionally made up and put on display with the two Scout flags during a special Open Day to be held at the Heritage Centre some time in August or early September.

If you would like to take part, can you please download and complete the entry form. Forms available from the Heritage Centre or available for download on 'Whimble What's On' or by email from Sue Ayres (sueayres1@btinternet.com).

Using the space on the reverse of the sheet, draw what Whimble means to you and the design you would like to see on a flag.

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Junior coaching is well underway with Eddy and Will Kerr - further details are available from Eddy (edward.kerr14@yahoo.co.uk). It is so good to see the youngsters of the village taking an interest in our sport and supporting the club.

The Wimbledon ticket draw was part of club night on Thursday 11th May - Frankie Wilson won two tickets for Centre Court on 10th July 2017 (day 7) and Tracey Bunkum won two tickets for Number One Court on 11th July 2017 (day 8). We hope they have a really good time at this year's Wimbledon Tennis Tournament.

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Councillors past and present hosted a retirement buffet for Gerri Turner at the Thirsty Farmer on Tuesday 18th April. Gerri, who has served the Parish Council so well for the past 14 years, will be greatly missed by all but will remain an active member of the Whimble community. In her 'retirement' Gerri will be spending more time helping her husband Simon Turner in his St James's Place Financial Advisers office.

The councillors also welcomed in the new Parish Clerk, Kevin Finch. Kevin has recently been managing a compliance casework team in The Charity Commission in Taunton and prior to this was an Area Director in the Banking Sector. Kevin and his family have lived in the village for seven years and he is looking forward to his new Parish Clerk role and being able to spend time getting involved in the various local clubs and societies.

For more information on Whimble Parish Council see:

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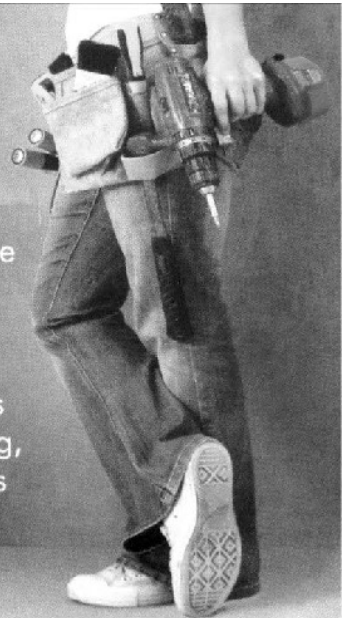
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Heather Pye

WHIMPLE VILLAGE WEEK WILL H



Saturday 1st to

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Saturday 1st **Unearth @ the Victory Hall!** Doors open 7.00pm. Tickets £6.00/
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Sunday 2nd **Single Wicket Cricket @ the Cricket Club** – All 
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Monday 3rd **Beetle Drive @ the Victory Hall.** Doors open 6.15pm. 50p per
person

Darts Tournament @ The Thirsty Farmer 8pm £2.00 per pair

Tuesday 4th **Treasure Hunt @ the Heritage Centre.** Entry between 5.30 and
6.30pm only. £1.00pp and children under 12 years 50p

Alfresco BBQ @ The New Fountain Inn (weather permitting) PLUS
other entertainment from 6.00pm

Skittles @ The Thirsty Farmer 7.00pm £1.00 per adult for 3 goes.
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Table Tennis @The Victory Hall 7.00 - 9.00pm £3.00

Wednes' 5th **Afternoon Tea @ The Heritage Centre from 1.00pm.** Cakes, tea
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6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.00pm. Teams of 6 - £2.00 per person.
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Friday 7th **Skittles @ The Thirsty Farmer** 6.00pm

Band Night 'Embezzlers' @ The Thirsty Farmer 9pm

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Saturday 8th



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We found a Village - 10 years on

Back in 2008 the Feb/ March edition of the Whimble News carried a piece about how 'We found a Village'. So here we are 10 years on and what has changed. The answer is, not a lot. Just more of it.

All the facilities are still here, and doing well. The Village Shop/Post Office is thriving and is also a popular social meeting point. The two pubs are still in business, with the new owner of The New Fountain making a success on that side of the railway line. Whilst the Thirsty Farmer, on the other side of the line, is as popular as ever, especially with those large groups who use it as a location for special events. The recent bike ride for the Devon Air Ambulance raised over £4,000.

The school is thriving with many activities for the children and families taking place, and there is now a new addition with the outdoor classroom at the MUCA. The village Field has been developed so that 'Fitness fiends', dog walkers and wild bike riders can all do their thing at the same time. The cricket club is obviously a popular venue given the ever increasing number of Sponsor boards that appear every season.

The church as always has been a centre for the young and old, 'Hatches Matches and Dispatches'

The Heritage Centre has been updated, with the current WW1 display and the introduction of the book exchange. It is constantly visited by old Whimble residents and local history buffs from far and wide. That sounds like a plug for all those over a certain age !!! The innovation of the 'Front Row Club' has proved very successful. The annual Pantomime is as outrageous as ever and the varying productions by 'On a Whim' are always popular. Along with Village Week in July, which gets everyone involved, the social calendar becomes pretty full all year round and provides entertainment for all generations throughout the year.

The trains still stop at Whimble, the bus comes through as well. The mobile library makes its regular visits, and car parking is an ever increasing problem at times. But as we've said to many folk "if the worst ever happens, you can still live in Whimble without a car" and that can't be a bad thing.

Despite some 'Fake News' regarding the 'Beach Boys' which was included in the Editorial of that 2008 edition of the Whimble News, its publication is a great source of news /views and information for all who live in and around the village. A huge vote of thanks goes to all the team who are involved in its production and delivery.

So there we are then, no doubt we've missed many of the other aspects of life in Whimble, but you can fill those in yourself.

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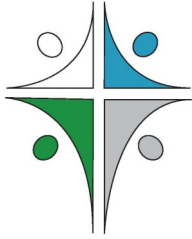
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Our **Saturday Morning Coffee** sessions have now commenced, with tea, coffee and home made cakes being served in church from 10:15 to 12:00pm every Saturday. These are very popular events and funds raised from these sessions will be used towards the maintenance of our church building, so please do come and support these enjoyable (and tasty!) events. If you are able to help host one of the sessions please contact Rosie Davies.

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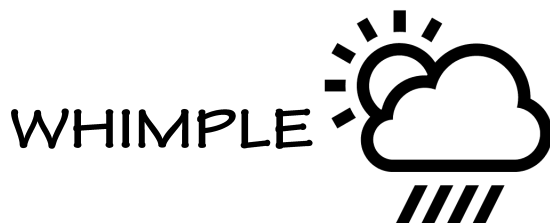
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Temperature				
Maximum (C)	17.5	26th and 30th	21.5	9th
Minimum(°C)	-1	13th	-3.5	27th
Days with frost	4		10	
Precipitation^o				
Days with rain	22		5	
Wettest day (mm)	18.8	21st	39.6	30th
Monthly total (mm)	81.8		56.4	
Monthly total relative to 2016	91%		175%*	
Monthly total relative to average at Exeter Airport	144%		91%*	

*On the 29th April 2017, the figures relative to April 2016 and the long-term average at Exeter Airport were only 50% and 27% - what a difference a day makes!

Weather notes

- Although rainfall in April was close to average and much wetter than last year, these figures hide the fact that there were 25 days without rainfall, and conditions were generally very dry.
- Temperatures were typically mild and there were some unusually warm days in late March and early April. Despite 10 frosts in April, they were generally light and had melted by 7.30 am.
- A prolonged hailstorm late on the morning of 22nd March gave a temporary covering of a few centimetres, resembling a dusting of snow, and melting to a water equivalent of 5.1 mm.

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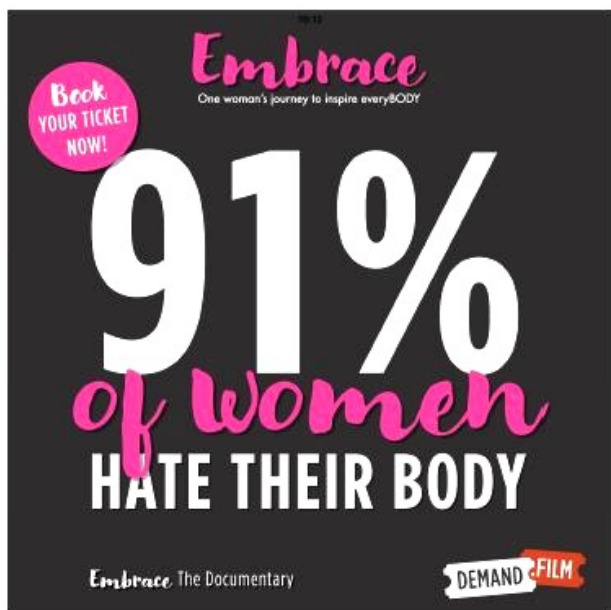
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If so, then come along to St Mary's Church on Saturday 17th June to let him or her take part in a special Zip wire challenge.



Adults and older children can join in the fun by abseiling down the Church tower.

Full details can be obtained from

Bruce Truscott, whimple.abseil@yahoo.com,
Tel 01404 823063.

Whimble Church Abseil and Fete, Saturday 17th June

St Mary's Church, with the help of the Rock Climbing and Caving Centre, is holding a sponsored abseil.

REGISTER NOW

Pick up a form from the Whimble village shop or the church or alternatively request one from Bruce Truscott,

whimble.abseil@yahoo.com, Tel 823063.

Not good with heights? No problem, come along and enjoy the Fete,

2:30pm – 4:30pm

in the Church grounds and Square.

Fun for all the family, including live music, games and delicious food and drink.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get involved by helping with the fete!

For further information please contact:

Ian Spicer. Tel: 823640.

All proceeds are in support of Whimble Church





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St. Mary's Church.



OVER 65'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

I hope everyone who attended the Christmas Party last December enjoyed themselves, and I would like to thank all those who helped in any way.

However, following a very poor response to my invitation in the Whimple News it was necessary to encourage further people to attend in order to make the event viable.

As the party has been held for over 50 years it would appear that it is no longer needed as much as it once was and I have therefore decided not to be involved with any further Christmas party.

However if anyone feels able to try and revive it, I would be very pleased to offer my assistance.

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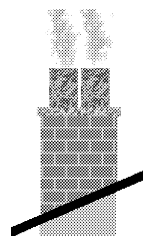
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The trip to the Boconnoc Gardens on 1st April was a very successful and hugely enjoyable trip. Although the weather wasn't perfect, it was apparently a better day than we had in the village! Those that went, came away with many excellent purchases which we hope will produce some excellent exhibits for this flower show. Once again our thanks to Doreen for organising this.

On Saturday 13th May we staged our annual plant sale, and what a manic morning it was too!. Although some of us lost some plants due to the sharp frost at the end of April, we were fortunate that it only lasted a couple of nights. Despite that, we still had a vast array of all kinds of plants for sale. It was clearly the best attended plant sale we have staged and for the first hour, the hall was packed with bargain hunters and hopefully nobody went away disappointed. It did look like everyone went away with what they came for. We are very grateful to all of you who came and supported the event. The proceeds from this plant sale will go towards the costs of staging our annual flower and craft show in August.

We have a provisional date of Wednesday 19th July to visit St. Bridget Nurseries to learn all about Rose Grafting. There will be no charge for this trip but they do ask for a donation to the Air Ambulance as this is their chosen Charity. There are only 20 spaces available so this will be on a first come, first served basis. Please let Doreen Staddon know if you would like to go by email on doreenstaddon@btinternet.com or by telephone on 823594. The time of the visit has yet to be confirmed by St. Bridget's but we expect to hear from them in the middle of June. There won't be a coach for this trip as we will be travelling by car so when you book a space, can you also let Doreen know if you can take anyone if you have a car.

Our Annual Flower and Craft Show will be on Saturday 12th August 2017. Hopefully the Show Schedules out by the time this edition of the News is published. The schedules and entry forms will be available from the Whimple Stores, and our thanks to Jenny and Mark for facilitating this.

As mentioned in the last edition of the News, on Saturday 19th August we are arranging a coach trip to the first official Rosemoor Flower Show. This will include a wonderful selection of plants from west country nurseries with a selection of hard to find plants. So this should be a very worthwhile trip. A booking form is at the end of this report.

In September we have two events planned. Firstly, as mentioned in the last edition, there will be the hands-on Workshop and Talk by Hugh Roberts on Soil pH. This should be another entertaining evening to help us understand more about the soil we have in our gardens.

Following that, we are arranging a coach trip to the Malvern Autumn Show on Saturday 23rd September 2017. This is another big event with much to see and do. Highlights of the show include the RHS Flower Show, Plants Shops and FREE RHS Gardening Advice. There is also a booking form for this event at the end of this report. Details of travel times for the coach will be in the next edition of the Whimple News.

We are also looking to communicate directly with all our members via email. Hugh Roberts has very kindly offered to collate email addresses so if any of you who are members would like to get information from us direct, then can you please email Hugh direct on hughroberts@cooptel.net

Finally, we are in the process of setting up a new website and hopefully this will be up and running very soon. As soon as it is functional, we will let you all know.

We look forward to seeing you at all these events as well as any others we can arrange during the year.

Paul Wilson,
Hon. Secretary

Booking slip for the trip to ROSEMOOR FLOWER SHOW – Saturday 19th August 2017

I would like to book places on the above trip, leaving The Square at 09.15hrs. I enclose £8.50pp for members, or £9.50pp for non members (please delete as appropriate). Please make cheques payable to Whimble VPA. The coach will leave Ottery St. Mary at 09:15hrs and The Square in Whimble at 09:30hrs.

Name

Tel No

Address.....

Email.....

Amount enclosed

Booking slip for the trip to MALVERN AUTUMN SHOW – Saturday 23rd September 2017

I would like to book places on the above trip. I enclose £30.00pp for members, or £31.00pp for non members (please delete as appropriate). Please make cheques payable to Whimble VPA.

Name

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WHIMPLE

PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the end of the summer term the staff and children of Whimple Primary School will be saying a fond, (but very sad) farewell to three long-serving members of our team who are retiring. Mrs Alyson Smith has been our school administrator for over twenty years and has welcomed many families into school in that time.

Both Mrs Jayne Lindsey and Mrs Miranda Killen have taught for many years and have been involved in the education of many children and now young adults in the village.

In order to acknowledge their long commitment, for all those who have come into contact with them over the years, we are holding a farewell event which is open to anyone who has had the privilege of knowing these fantastic people.

It is to be held on Monday 17th July at the Cricket Club from 4.00pm. If anyone would like to make a financial contribution to their leaving gifts, please place in a named envelope and drop into the school office.



Some notices:

Just a quick reminder that our orchard/MUGA area is private property and not available for general use.

Help required. Do you like gardening? Could you spare a couple of hours a week? Could you help our children with growing flowers and vegetables? If you would like more information, please call into school. All volunteers are subject to DBS checks to safeguard our children.

Cleaning up after your dog – we have recently had a problem with dog mess being left outside the school gates. Please clear up after your dog; not only is it a health issue, especially for children, it is also an offence to leave dog mess in the street.

Fisheries Visitor

Beech Class had a visitor on the 9th May from Lyme Bay's Fisheries and Conservation Reserve.

Their education outreach representative, Neville, brought lots of costal objects, videos and slides to show the pupils in order to help them to understand why everyone needs to put a stop to overfishing and has a duty to protect marine life.



Neville introduced the class to some of the wonderful life that exists below the waves in Lyme Bay, including cuttlefish, crabs, scallops, lobsters, pink seafans, starfish and lobsters.



Then he talked about how people can fish sustainably, using single lines and nets with large holes rather than nets with small holes. This means that only some of the older fish are caught and allows other younger ones to go free. This results in the healthy numbers of mackerel, wrasse, sole and other species of fish in our seas.

Some of us acted as fishermen and some of us pretended to be different fish, which was great fun. Right at the end, we all met Larry (a live lobster) and learnt about his life cycle. Many of us were brave enough to touch him and to ask some questions about him as well.



We all really enjoyed joining in with all the activities and everyone learned a lot.

Whimble WI hosted a Group Meeting on the 4th April, with Ann Widdecombe as our guest speaker. Over 100 attended from the WI's of Whimble, Ottery St Mary, Clyst Hydon, Whipton Heath and Cranbrook & Rockbeare.

Ann Widdecombe was a great success and entertained us with tales of her life after politics. She talked about her career as a successful writer of fiction and non-fiction books, which she brought along for sale, her time on 'Strictly Come Dancing' and her subsequent pantomime performances with Craig Revil Horwood.



She also finds time for other TV work such as Question Time and Sugar Free Farm – such a busy lady and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to her.

During the business part of the evening, our Secretary Ann Bowden announced that she and her husband Peter will be emigrating to Australia in September, to be with their two daughters and their families. She will be greatly missed and we will have more to report on her departure and replacement later in the summer.

Our evening concluded with refreshments, a raffle and the judging of a decorated egg competition which was won by Frankie Wilson from Whimble WI. Well done to her.

There was also another performance by the Whimble WI ladies of @Strictly Some Dancing@ which was given loud applause by the audience. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

And now to skittles – in our quarter finals match we lost against a formidable team from Magnolia in Exmouth. They lost in the semi-final to Shaldon & Ringmore, who were subsequently beaten in the final by Bradworthy by six points. Well done to them, but we are improving each year and hope to go further in the competition next season. My thanks to all our ladies who took part and I will organise another 'social' skittles evening later in the year.



Five of our members attended the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay. There was a presentation by the Samaritans, preceded by WI business and in the afternoon the main speaker was Mandy Hickson on 'Cleared for Take Off' and her 17 year career in the RAF.

Mandy was only the second woman ever to fly Tornados and was a fighter pilot in the Iraq war. As a woman she really had to struggle to succeed in her career and told us that it all started when she joined the local air cadets after her Mother had informed her that there were quite a few boys involved! Her talk was so inspiring that one of our members has decided to leave her comfort zone and abseil down the Whimble Church tower! Watch this space!

At our main meeting in April we had a presentation on Bowel Cancer. We are all aware that screening is a very important aid to good health and Dr Reuben Ayres, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Service Director of the bowel cancer screening service at the RD&E, gave us an insight into the importance of this. His delivery was entertaining and informative, reassuring for those of a nervous disposition on the intricacies of a colonoscopy, but not too lurid. However, there was an audible gasp from one member as we saw the procedure begin on the video. It was too interesting to be squeamish and we looked on with great fascination. Find those polyps before they turn nasty, but if it is cancer catch it early, was the clear message. Our April social lunch was held at the Talaton Inn, with good food and lively chat in a cosy and friendly atmosphere.

Please contact Delia Myerson 822411 if you need any information on the Whimble WI.

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Infectious diseases

Vaccination against many of the more common and often fatal diseases (such as parvovirus, leptospirosis and kennel cough), is usually annually and is relatively inexpensive.

Neutering.

Animals that are not neutered can get a range of hormone related problems including womb infections, mammary tumours, testicular cancer and prostate problems. Neutering your pet at an early age can reduce the risk of contracting these problems sometimes by 100%. Neutering can also prevent unwanted litters, straying, scent marking and aggression.

Tooth decay

We always clean our teeth, but have you ever thought about cleaning your pet's teeth?? Nearly all animals over 7 years have some form of tooth decay. This leads to infections and bad breath and can make heart problems worse. This may result in your pet needing an anaesthetic to remove teeth, which can be a very lengthy procedure for an elderly animal. Fortunately cleaning your pet's teeth even weekly can dramatically reduce the risk of tooth decay.

Fleas, Ticks and Worms

Fleas are not only uncomfortable for your pet, but also for you! They rapidly multiply in your house causing painful bites and can also cause fatal anaemia in young animals.

Ticks also carry nasty diseases affecting our pets and ourselves.

Worms can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and malnutrition, especially in young animals. Some worms can cause serious health problems in people, especially during pregnancy and for young children. Lungworm easily goes undetected and is commonly fatal. For more in depth information visit www.jungleforpets.co.uk

Dietary Supplements

Supplements are an important part of caring for our pets' individual needs. There are many available for our pets that can support them through times of ill-health and old age. They can be an important part of supporting Liver and Kidney health, joint problems, skin problems and gastrointestinal upsets. It is important to use a product that has been carefully formulated to give our pets the best support. Check with your vet that the product you are using is the best one to maximise your pet's health.

(with thanks to Vale Vets)

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