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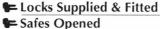
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What's On In Whimple

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- 11th Whimple Church Fete 2.30pm details page 16 & 17
- 14th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall speaker Julia Green 'Sing away stress'
- 18th VPA trip to Hestercombe details page 48
- 25th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon 1.30pm
- 25th Whimple Primary School Summer Fayre 1.30pm 4.00pm details page 19
- 25th Pantomime Dame Racing with the Whimpletons details page 36 & 37
- 25th Summer Party/Barn dance Woodhayes Farm -details page 29

July

- 2nd Masqerade Ball -details page 11
- 3-10th Whimple Village Week details pages 30 to 33
- 5th Treasure Hunt starting at the Heritage Centre 5.30pm
- 6th Afternoon Tea 2.00pm at the Heritage Centre
- 6th Village Week Quiz with the Whimpletons
- 9th Village Day in the Parish Field
- 12th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall -Short verbal holiday snapshots presented by members
- 16th An Afternoon Assortment, St Mary's Church details page 12
- 29th Village Walk from the Heritage Centre at 6.15pm...please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 30th Soup'n'Sarnie Summer Special Victory Hall 12.00noon -1.30pm

August

- 5th Village Walk from the Heritage Centre at 6.15pm...please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 13th VPA Annual Flower Show Victory Hall details page 48
- 20th Whimple Dog Racing 3.00pm start, at field near Cricket Club

September

- 10th` Whimple Cricket Club band Night 'Joey The Lips' details to follow
- 14th Cream tea at the Heritage Centre 2.00pm
- 24th Soup'n'Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon 1.30pm
- 30th VPA Illustrated Talk Victory Hall 7.30pm Devon Gardens Trust -details page 48

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Ed the Ed

And suddenly we are putting together the June/July edition of your Whimple News..we hope that you enjoy it!

As ever, we have many events mentioned in this edition, especially with Village Week coming up – and a special vote of thanks to the Village Week Committee who quietly get on with organising the week during the year – thank you! And whilst we are on 'Thank you's', we owe one to Bob Scanlan who compiled the last issue from a variety of places – Whimple, Enfield, Norfolk and France – thanks Bob!

Still on the topic of Village Week, you will notice that this edition includes the annual addition of Raffle Tickets – details of what to do etc., are on page 34.

I was delighted to see that Jim Causley is at the Victory Hall on Sunday 3rd July (tickets from the shop) – that should be a good night. If you want to see more of our very own Wassail star, then come along! The Whimpletons are also supporting Village Week with a quiz on 6th July, plus a repeat of the wonderful Pantomime Dame Racing, that hilarious cultural event that bemused many train passengers as they passed through our fair village last year!

Well done to Claire and Gill for completing the Moonwalk in London in May, plus others in the village who also enjoyed a quiet stroll in our capital as we all snoozed comfortably in our beds. They raised a wonderful amount of money (see their article) for Breast Cancer...and whilst we are on the subject of the 'Big C', I am delighted to say that my own tests after all 33 radio therapy treatments, showed that I had returned to the land of the normal, and there were no traces of cancer. The current Mrs H and I have been celebrating non-stop ever since!!

Compiling 'What's on in Whimple', I was struck with what is the magnetism of the 25th June?...we now have four events scheduled for that day, having been joined by Soup'n'Sarnie! And in the morning, you can pop along to the church coffee morning and discuss the church Statement of Needs document (see pages 26 and 27). This could also be the long awaited opportunity for the WI Topless Marching Band to display their skills that they have been warmly honing over the winter, clad in vest and woolly hats...now there's an image......

Jan Begent has written a short piece thanking the good people of Whimple for all their help during George's three year battle, which he sadly lost recently – our thoughts are with Jan and the family – George was a lovely man and was someone who also got involved in Whimple , the village that he and Jan loved.

If you would like to add an article for the next (August/September) edition of the News, especially if it reports on an event in the village, then please either send it to Bob at bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, or if you are a quill and parchment fan, then drop it into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by 11th July 2016. Thanks!

Enjoy Village Week

EdH

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As most of you know we are very interested in climate change and what we can do to help reduce our CO2 output. We are looking at more energy efficient lighting which will help with this but will also be one less head hazard for all you tall people.

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The little plastic and paper we have is taken to the recycling centre, so we are trying. We invite you all to help minimise your CO² input by having fruit and veg available to buy in whatever quantity you need, to avoid overbuying and heavily packaged produce. We try to buy local seasonal veg where possible as this is usually excellent

produce. We try to buy local seasonal veg where possible as this is usually excellent quality at a great price. At this moment in time our purple sprouting, from Thorverton, is £3.45 a kg compared to local supermarkets charging £2.00 for only 200g i.e. £10.00 a kg. This is a prime example of local produce that is delicious, not over-packaged and excellent value for money.

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We are hoping to improve the shop further by installing a new kitchen area and replacing the damaged woodwork around the front of the shop. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.

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We have just celebrated our first birthday as a Post Office and we are certainly kept busy by all that this side of the business entails. We feel as though we are still learning so please bear with us if you have a request that we haven't encountered before. We have a help manual and a help line we can phone so we can work out most things, but it may take us a little time. We also have the odd occasion where the computer system will be down. Usually they undertake maintenance works on a Sunday morning but there is the occasional breakdown that is out of our control.

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Just a reminder that the Post Office is open the same time as the shop. That is Monday to Friday 7.30am to 6.00pm, Saturday 8.00am to 1.00pm and Sunday 9.00am to 1.00pm.

The only exception will be on Bank Holidays and days that the shop is only open for a couple of hours as agreed with the Post Office. The time needed for setting up and completing the end of day reports makes it unviable.

Mark and Jenny 822316

Sheepwatch UK

How to reduce the number of dog attacks on sheep



Over 600 sheep - most of them pregnant - were killed by dogs in the first 12 weeks of 2016.

Sheepwatch UK is a new initiative, recently featured on BBC Countryfile, which is trying to help people work together to reduce the number of attacks on sheep and to support responsible dog ownership.

Dog attacks on sheep seem to be increasing: a situation that affects rural businesses, animal welfare, community relations, access to the countryside, food prices and much more. The problem can be addressed by bringing people together and using education and awareness to gradually change behaviours.

Sheepwatch UK is trying to encourage all farmers to report incidents to its website so that there is a better picture of the scale, nature and costs of the problem. The campaign offers ideas and advice to farmers and a 'Toolkit' for local communities.

A national conference (free of charge) is being arranged for Friday 3rd June with full details via the SheepWatch UK website. http://www.terena.co.uk/sheepwatch-uk.html. Why not join in and help make a difference?

There will be no 'quick fix' to this issue but, hopefully, if lots of communities take an interest and help to raise awareness then changes should be seen over the years ahead ... please help by raising awareness in your area.

Doug Jones and Terena Plowright, SheepWatch UK

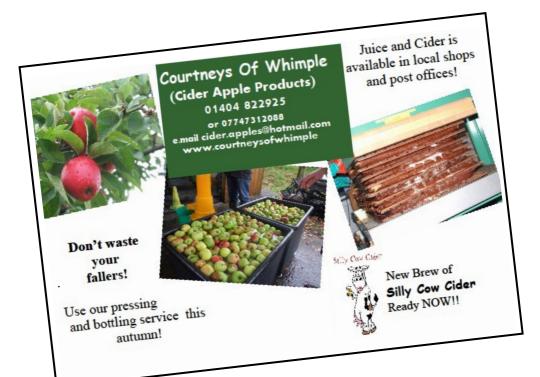
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Annual membership costs £20.00. Newcomers are very welcome and may join on a temporary basis for a fee of £4.50, which provides membership for one calendar month.

Membership entitles you to free entry on club nights and discounted tickets to events that involve payment to performers or which incur additional costs (for example, opera screenings).

You can 'upgrade' from temporary membership to annual membership at any club meeting or by contacting Richard Davies at any club night or via email at rldavies0@gmail.com

Membership fees can be paid via cheque or cash and posted (or dropped in mailbox) to Richard Davies, Sandfords (the big house opposite the school). You can also pay on line - details on our website (www.frontrowclub.wordpress.com).

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Village Litter Pick and Tidy Up

It was apparent in the weeks leading up to this year's litter pick on the 23rd April that Whimple was already a very tidy village. I feared there wouldn't be enough litter to pick up – and do you know what – I was sort of right.

When the annual Litter Pick day started in 2007, loads of people turned out and HEAPS of litter (and other unmentionables) piled up in The Square. Thanks to secret litter picking elves and those who dispose of litter in the proper manner, we are now a TIDY VILLAGE. However, thanks must go to the stalwarts who turned out this year. Special thanks to Alison Betts and Jenny Jones who walked the length of Church Road collecting rubbish which must be thrown out of car windows!!! Well done dog owners too and those who tend the now lovely 'Welcome to Whimple' signs. Photos of previous litter picks and tidy ups.

Sue Ayres

















WHIMPLE CHURCH GARDEN FETE Saturday, 11th June 2016 at 2.30 pm

Venue: Ferndale, Hindstrete, Church Road, Whimple

It is the Queen's Official 90th Birthday on **Saturday, 11th June 2016** and coincidentally we are holding the Whimple Church Garden Fete on the same day. Gates open at 2.30 pm. The Ottery St Mary Silver Band (Brass Class) and the Whimple School Choir will be entertaining our guests.

We will have a Grand Draw and a range of stalls including plants, toiletries, cakes, chocolate, tombola, books, bottles, toys, bric-a-brac, crafts and produce, face painting, crockery bashing and other amusements for all the family. Delicious cream teas, ice creams and other refreshments will be served and there will also be a Pimm's bar. We have a number of new games this year. If you feel you would like to make donations for any of the Stalls we would be most grateful.

To celebrate the Royal occasion there is an opportunity for everyone to arrive in fancy dress. The outfits should be of a 'Royal' theme, and judging will be for an age range of 0 – 5 years, 6 – 11 years and 12 years and above. The competition is open to adults as well!

There will be lots to win and enjoy in a relaxing atmosphere and we hope you will join in the fun, and at the same time help us raise funds for St Mary's Church in Whimple. Car parking will be available in the field opposite the venue. Come and join us on this very special day!

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Councillor's Report

A year ago I was reporting the outcome of local elections and my election as your District Councillor. Just a year later and many of the concerns I voiced at the time were justified. Cranbrook continues to expand, the future of planning in the countryside is of some concern but our own Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward. Whilst the government moves goalposts and guidance changes on a weekly basis, EDDC is moving to ensure that East Devon remains a great place to live. I am pleased that I have been asked to Chair the policy 'Overview' committee and also to sit as Vice-Chairman of the newly formed 'Strategic Planning' committee. I will do all I can to protect the future of our communities.

In the village, concerns have been raised about traffic and parking in the Square and nearby. I am trying to put together a meeting with DCC/EDDC/Police and others (including conservation officers and residents) to see if anything can be done. In any event I will ask all of you to come to reach an agreement. This is not the first time this subject has been raised but traffic is not getting any lighter and I hope the Neighbourhood Plan team will also discuss the issue in the future.

In Devon County my work with the Foster Panel continues. New policies regarding adoption services have been laid down to reduce the time that children (and their new parents) have to wait for the process to catch up. The County has been praised for many aspects of our care systems but we are all too often embroiled in the aftermath of serious failings of care for the elderly which are not of the County's making.

Elsewhere the principal concern relates to highways. Parts of Church Road are to be resurfaced (again) and the impact of Road Wardens on lanes and streets is eagerly awaited. The government have released funding to help but, as always, it is never enough.

Not all is doom and gloom however. The County Show proved once again that our county and its people are of the very best and Exeter Chiefs have given many of us cause to reach for the pastilles to hopefully ease the hoarse throats before all who can make the journey to Twickenham.

My best wishes to you all.

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On the Scouts front, I find myself currently in charge of 19/20 very keen young people aged 10 to 14 who have returned from another great 'Woodland' camp over The May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

We have some new parents, keen to help on a regular basis. This has helped somewhat to keep my enthusiasm up, particularly now that my eldest two are both Explorer Scouts and my youngest is not quite old enough for Cub Scouts yet!

Our gardener, Steve Bellamy, has had to pack up cutting the grass due to changing work commitments......after a very long stint of 8/9 years...so big, big thanks to Steve!

If anyone would like to cut the scout lawn and strim the bank for us on a voluntary basis (fuel provided, but your own machinery preferred), please get in touch with me! 822844, to save me a (another!!) job

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Another Bit From the Belfry

The ringers arranged an evening in the tower to showcase aspects of Bellringing for Whimple's Venture Scouts. There are a surprising number of interests which stand alone today that combine for the bellringer. One of the things that interested them was the discovery of how old the bells were, so lovers of history took a deep breath reading that our oldest bell, the 5 was cast in 1400 at a foundry in Exeter. How do you begin to appreciate how old that is? And how do you begin to recognise the heritage within the village? Somehow hearing the bells does not convey that age so much as seeing and touching them does and all the scouts went up to the belfry to see for themselves. So it occurred to me to set the bells in the context of what was happening at the time.

What did 1400 look like when the 5th bell in the ring was cast? Well to start with Henry IV was on the throne. He quells an attempt to restore Richard II and executes Richard's noble supporters. Owain Glyndwr is proclaimed Prince of Wales by his followers and begins attacking England. In December that year Manual II Palaiologos becomes the only Byzantine Emperor to ever visit England. Shortly after that, the De Heretico Comburendo Act made a heretic of anyone owning an English translation of the bible.

The previous year, John of Gaunt died and 23rd April - St Georges Day in England - is celebrated as a holiday for the first time. Throughout the early 1400s one Richard Whittington was in his first term as Lord Mayor of London, and soon also of Calais. (How would that sit today, if Boris was mayor of London and Calais?!)

Meanwhile in Exeter, a carrier business existed to take woollen cloth from the Westcountry to London, such was its dominance in the market that cloth in bulk was valuable and weighty enough to stand the cost of carriage by road to London. Otherwise carriage was of small, high value items and money. Dartington Hall had just been completed with the latest in roof design - the hammer-beam. Exeter had a renowned school of master carpenters whose work is evident in the Deanery roof, c1420, and the floor substructure, c1400. Even then, trade between Exeter and Gascony and Portugal flourished; cloth and fish going out, wine coming in.

Luckily the ringers are not quite as old as the bells, but we could do with some youngsters to take the tradition into the future.

Roger Algate, Tower Captain.

Church Events

Our **Saturday Morning Coffee** sessions have now re-commenced, with tea, coffee and home made cakes being served in church from 10.15am to 12.noon every Saturday. On Saturdays 25th June and 2nd July , members of the PCC will be present to discuss thoughts and opinions arising from the 'Statement of Needs' document. Funds raised from these popular coffee morning sessions will be used towards the maintenance of our church building, so please do come and support these enjoyable (and tasty!) events.

Our annual Church Fete takes place on Saturday 11th June in the garden of Hindstrete, Church Rd commencing at 2.30pm. Admission and car parking in the adjacent field is free, and this year's fete again features the OSM Silver Band Brass class and the Whimple School choir. Cream teas and a Pimms bar are a feature of the afternoon as well as a wide variety of stalls and competitions. As it coincides with the Official Birthday of the Queen, there is a 'Royal' theme and you are invited to come in suitable fancy dress.

We look forward to the many events taking place during Village Week. On Saturday 9th July we will be holding our regular Morning Coffee in St Mary's Church and in the afternoon the Mothers Union will be joining with the WI to provide refreshments. The following day will see our popular Songs of Praise in St Mary's Church Everyone is welcome to this event..



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Dear all,

This last year, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's Whimple has been concerned that the growing needs of our church family and its varied activities are increasingly difficult to accommodate within our wonderful church building, and it has therefore undertaken a review of the facilities within the building to identify ways in which it could better support our Mission priorities. The PCC has put together a Statement of Needs (SON) which has been drafted in accordance with those priorities (see below).

We would really value your input into this process as the church building is central to our community. Accordingly, at the Saturday morning coffee sessions on both 25th June and 2nd July, members of the PCC will be available to discuss the SON and there will be some short questionnaires available to enable you to add your comments. I hope you will feel able to come along and share your thoughts, to help enlarge and/or refine the vision.

In light of previous discussions that have taken place regarding our beautiful church, I would like to reassure you at this early stage that no plans have been drawn up; nor have any solutions to meeting our needs been considered. We are simply beginning to dream about ways in which we can better serve the village community, preserve this sacred space for many years to come and without in any way compromising its integrity as a sacred and historic place of worship.

If you are unable to attend the coffee mornings but would still like to comment on the SON, please don't hesitate in contacting myself and/or the Churchwardens - Gerri Turner and Steve Godsiff.

All good wishes,

Rev'd Chris Martin

St. Mary's Church, Whimple: Statement of Needs for the Church Building

Preamble: On 24th September 2015 the PCC held a special meeting to determine whether the church building in its present form, the biggest tangible asset of the church in Whimple, adequately supports the tenets of the Mission Action Plan (MAP) i.e. the strategic plan for the church in Whimple for the foreseeable future.

The MAP identifies three priority areas for the coming years:

- Engaging with children and young people.
- Encouraging belonging to small groups, for fellowship, support and discipleship.
- Deepening our pastoral care.

As well as identifying perceived shortcomings in the structure and facilities of the church building, the PCC also prioritised the identified needs, not according to cost or ease of accomplishment, but according to what was considered most important in terms of aiding the progress of the MAP.

Summary of the Identified Needs in Priority Order

- 1. Address statutory requirements (H&S issues and Disabled Access)
 - Improve access to the church and facilities within the church for the disabled (blind, deaf, physically impaired, etc.), those with mobility issues e.g. the elderly, those with or in prams or wheelchairs, and funeral directors moving coffins.
 - Update fire arrangements and emergency lighting to meet current Health and Safety requirements.
- 2. Relocate and improve the toilet facilities.
- 3. Create larger and more flexible spaces in order to be able to respond more readily to the developing needs of groups meeting under the auspices of church e.g. children and young people or events requiring hospitality.
- 4. Relocate and improve the kitchen facilities.
- 5. Improve specific fixtures and fittings to bring our facilities up-to-date and make the church more welcoming
 - Improve the area immediately inside the front door so that it is welcoming and information on all church activities is available and clearly displayed
 - Improve the audio/visual facilities
 - Improve the church lighting
 - Improve the heating to cover areas not included in the recent heating upgrade e.g. the tower
 - Provide some more comfortable/ergonomic seating without changing the overall ambience of the church, specifically providing space for wheelchair users and seating suitable for those with back or mobility issues.
 - Make the space at the front of church more flexible to accommodate a growing worship band and to improve facilities for community-based events.
 - Provide more storage space.
- 6. Become more responsive to environmental issues and reduce our carbon footprint
 - Consider installing renewable energy measures to generate electricity and heat water

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Whimple Week and how it happens

Whimple Week, at the start of July, has become a tradition for our village. As we all know it brings the village together by providing a variety of entertainment and events throughout the week. This of course doesn't happen by itself.

The first Whimple Week had events including a Snooker tournament, which went on all week, or in my case it finished at about 8.00pm on the Monday. It also had a variety of pub game tournaments throughout the week. The first Village Week also included a Team from The Thirsty Farmer participating in a Phone in Darts competition on Dave Lee Travis' Sunday lunch time Radio 1 Slot. Thinking back on it, the funniest thing was seeing all the members of the team crowded around a public telephone in the middle of the pub. No conference calls back then. Back then Village Day consisted of a morning breakfast and Boot sale in The Square and finished up with the all important Village Hall disco where all the family (Mum, Dad, Gran, Grandad and children) attended.

Events in the last few years have been arranged by a small group of volunteers who have given up their time to make sure that everyone who wants to participate can. This starts in November when we look back to the previous year to see what we can improve, then we meet once a month from January to put together schedules of events and organise the events for Whimple day.

Like every year, we could always do with more assistance, I know that everyone's year is busy but the more volunteers we have, the less each of us has to do. As many of you are aware the committee is made up of old and new residents of the village The one thing we are all passionate about is that Whimple Week is our opportunity. to show off how wonderful our village is and what all our different groups and societies get up to during the year. Whimple Week traditionally has always started on the Sunday before Whimple Day and finished on the Sunday after Whimple Day. As you will see from the following pages, this year is full of events on every day. I'm sure, like me, you all have your favourites and probably already have your Whimple Week planned out.

<u>Well, be careful</u> this year some of the events have moved from their traditional slots, and maybe this is the year that I will do something different, probably the afternoon tea at the History Society. I know that all the events will welcome new attendees. Which different one will you try this year? Look out for the events that need to be booked as you wouldn't want to miss out.

So for this year to be even better than last year, what do we need from you?



Well, WE NEED YOU.

This year's Village Day event like every year's event needs volunteers to man stalls and also put up and take down the numerous tents. Last year a wonderful and generous group of people helped to achieve this and you know who you are. If your group or society have not yet planned to put out a stall then it's not too late, please contact Sue Draycott on suedraycott@rocketmail.com. This year is the year that I know the village can bring it together. So if you can spare any time the evening before on the 8th July or on the day, 9th July, please contact me on my e-mail below.

So here's to another wonderful Village Week and to many more. May it be to see what On a Whim have planned for us on the Sunday or if it is to see if you can become a Winner at the Annual Darts tournament on the Monday at the Thirsty Farmer (I'm three times a runner up) or if it's to see if you can finally find that clue on the Tuesday Treasure Hunt that involves a Manhole cover that I can never find.

To keep abreast of the events please keep an eye out for our Whimple week programme and also keep looking at The Jays display window for updates. Finally I want to thank Sue, David, Bob, Heather, Caroline, John, Sue, Gary, Rosie, Ali, Alex for all your past and present work on this week and to all of you reading this today that will be contacting me to become a part of this magnificent and rewarding team.

Tony

tony.bickel@gmail.com

WHIMPLE VILLAGE WEEK WILL



SUNDAY 3rd to

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Sunday 3rd

Single Wicket Cricket @ the Cricket Club – All welcome. Competition starts at 11.00am.

Jim Causley @ the Victory Hall – Folk Evening Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £8.00 from the shop.

Monday 4th

FREE Children's Cricket @ the Cricket Club. Arrive at 3.45pm play starts at 4.00pm.

Beetle Drive @ the Victory Hall. Doors open 6.00pm to start driving at 6.15pm. All ages welcome 50p.

Darts Tournament @ the Thirsty Farmer

Tuesday 5th

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

Table Tennis @ the Victory Hall time and detail to follow

Skittles Tournament @ the Thirsty Farmer

Wedn'day 6th Afternoon Tea @ the Heritage Centre from 2.00pm. Cakes and a chat with friends.

WHIMPLETONS Quiz Night @ the Victory Hall With Bar. Doors open 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.00pm. Teams of 6 - £2.00 per person.

Skittles Tournament @ the Thirsty Farmer

Thursday 7th

FREE Children's Football @ the MUGA.

Ages 5 - 12 years from 4.00pm till 5.00pm.

Young Farmers Bingo @ the Victory Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

Adult Tennis Social in the evening @ the tennis court - 6.30pm.

Skittles Tournament @ the Thirsty Farmer

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SUNDAY 10th JULY



Friday 8th Morris Men @ the New Fountain Inn

Band Night @ the Thirsty Farmer - Carnaby

Street - starts at 9.00pm.

Skittles Final - Children @ the Thirsty Farmer

Saturday 9th Morning Coffee and Cake @ St Mary's Church

(Village Day) 10.30am until 12.00noon.

Village Fair @ the Parish Field from 11.30am
Film Night @ the Victory Hall with the Front
Row Club – James Bond Evening - see website for
details - 7.00pm. Members free, Non Members

£4.50. Tickets from the shop or on the door **Skittles Final - Adults @ the Thirsty Farmer**

Sunday 10th Songs of Praise @ St Mary's Church 6.30 pm

SATURDAY 9th on the PARISH FIELD 11.30am-5.00pm'ish

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Registration on the day, see forthcoming posters for details.

All ages and levels of ability are very welcome
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3 loops of the parish field = 1km, 5 loops =1 mile

So its Ready......FUN RUN!

Heather Pye

Village Week Raffle Prizes of £150, £100 and £50 to be won!

In order to raise the funds needed to put on these events we are again running a Village Week Draw with a total of £300 in cash prizes.

You will have received a book of draw tickets with this edition of Whimple News. Your generosity is vital to the success of the day so please buy some tickets and return the completed stubs and money to:

David Myers 1, Henry Lewis Close by the end of June.

(Henry Lewis Close is just beyond the end of The Square. Just follow the stream and it will take you there).

All proceeds will go to support Village Week and any profits go to the village organisations who work together to make the week a success.

Bob Scanlan

George Begent

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many people who gave George and me support and friendship over the difficult last three years.

George was a fighter, and there have been many ups and downs, but despite the fact that our family live abroad, we never felt alone, and we received a constant stream of visitors and offers of help.

George enjoyed all aspects of village life, and got involved in the Village Hall, the History Society, Soup and Sarnie, and the Over 60s. Our decision to move here in 2002, was one of the best that we ever made, and I truly would not have managed throughout, without your care.

Thank you all.

Jan Begent





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Following the fantastic success of our Drag (oops!)...Dame Racing last year, The Whimpletons are proud to announce a return visit from our glamorous and athletic Dames on June 25th at the Scout Hut.

The gates open after the School Fete at about 5.00pm and the first race starts at 6.00pm.

Have a little wager on your favourite as they stumble down the course in their stilettos, and enjoy a snack from the BBQ, maybe washed down with a glass of bubbly, while you cheer them on! Whimple has never seen anything so glamorous – and neither have the train passengers from Waterloo. Be sure to wave

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See you there!!

Sally Wilde

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Preventative Health Care for your Pet.

We, as humans, practice preventative health care for ourselves (cleaning our teeth, taking vitamins). However, have you ever thought about preventing disease in your pet? In fact, of the most common ailments suffered by pets; many are very easily preventable with little cost involved. Some common preventable problems include:

Fleas and Worms

Fleas are not only uncomfortable for your pet, but also for you! Fleas rapidly multiply in your house and cause painful bites. Fleas also carry a range of other diseases that affect your pet and can also cause a fatal anaemia in young animals. Regularly treating your pet for fleas with an appropriate medication can save you and your animal a lot of discomfort. REMEMBER - NEVER apply a dog 'spot-on' treatment to your cat, it can be fatal.

Worms can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and malnutrition especially in young puppies. Some worms can cause serious health problems in humans, especially during pregnancy and for young children. Worming your pet every three months with an appropriate medication is recommended.

Tooth decay

We always clean our teeth, but have you ever thought about cleaning your pet's teeth?? Nearly all animals over seven 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.

Pyometra (womb infection)/mammary tumours/testicular cancer/prostate problems.

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 also prevents unwanted litters, straying, scent marking and aggression.

Infectious diseases

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

Many veterinary practices now run schemes that allow you to budget for your preventative health care. This generally involves paying a monthly fee which allows you to pick up all your flea/worm treatment and vaccinations without paying at the time. These schemes usually come with added benefits including discounted neutering/dental care and out of hour's fees. Visit your veterinary practice today to help promote a happy and healthy life for your pet!

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Tim Wright

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Here we are in the final term of this academic year. Hopefully, this is when we can enjoy the good weather and get out and about more. Trips are being organised and events like the summer fayre are being prepared. We are collecting the Sainsburys vouchers so if you have any please hand them in at the school office.

Carole Shilston

Creativity Continues

You can use a cardboard cylinder and..... (a list of items written on the board); make what you want with it but it has to be finished in one hours' time. You can work on your own or with a friend.... Off you go!

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Rocket Science

This term, we have been sent 200 seeds; there are two packets with 100 seeds in each one. What we have been asked to do is to plant both the packets of seeds and see which one grows faster. In the packets there is a type of lettuce called Rocket. Rocket might be on your pizza and it is very healthy to eat.

What is special about these seeds you ask?

The seeds (well one packet of the two), have been to space. These seeds have spent six months up in space with astronaut Tim Peake. Schools were asked to get involved in a huge scale experiment involving these seeds.

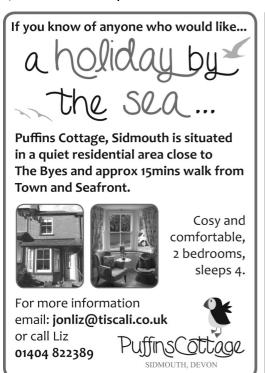


A set of instructions was received and followed on how to plant the seeds. Each seed had been numbered

Every week we have got to water and measure the seeds to keep them alive. The process lasts for 35 days. The results are recorded on a large table in class and at the end of the experiment all the results will be placed on a national database.

The point of the experiment is to see how factors like gravity and the lack of microorganisms in the soil, air and water affect plant growth and development. This will help to identify which crops will be the best to grow in a "space garden", providing a source of food for astronauts.

By Yasmin and Lucy







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Thank you to the small group of members who attended our AGM on April 5th, 2016. The full minutes are available at the court, but just to note a couple of things:

Membership has been gradually falling over the past four years, so more effort will be put in to recruiting new tennis fans – we are hoping that membership of the LTA and entry into the Wimbledon ticket ballot will be of interest to encourage some players to join.

The club wishes to acknowledge the years of effort that Adrian Rushworth has put in as Treasurer now that he has retired from the post. Also many thanks to Justin Harris who regularly pops across the road to cut the grass around the court – most of us never see this, but we always notice when he has been over and are grateful for his kindness.

The club has gratefully received a generous bequest from the late Mrs Dorothy Clapp – one of the founding members of the club. We hope to renew the entrance and gate from the road up to the tennis court in her memory – watch this space!

Eddy Kerr is running regular junior coaching sessions on Thursdays from 5.00pm for 1 hour (contact Edward.kerr14@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested)

Frankie Wilson is the person to contact if you would like to join in with social tennis on Monday mornings, men and ladies, starting at 10.00am (contact 823160 or bewfal@googlemail.com)

During Village Week, on Thursday 7th July, the club will have an open evening and barbeque for members and non-members to come along for social tennis.

We look forward to seeing lots of folk on the court this season.

Marianne Randall

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compelling appeal. All this was brilliantly demonstrated in the performance of 'Creation' given in the beautiful Ottery St Mary Parish Church.

The choir was outstanding. All the choruses were crisp and entries were exact. The balance was comfortable with no one part dominating and it was refreshing to have such a good tenor section. They had obviously been well rehearsed and trained. The soloists, Christine Marsden, soprano, Lesley Baker, tenor and Alex Poulton, bassbaritone, were all of the first order. The orchestra, ably led by Sarah Greinig, was first class with some excellent flute and horn sections.

Malcolm Matthews, who has developed this choir over the last 16 years, has brought it to the point where it is probably the best amateur choir in the district. He should be proud of them. All this added up to one of the best performances that have been heard in the county for a very long time.

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The trip to the Cardiff Spring Show on Saturday 16th April was another great success with some 41 people going. This was an excellent trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Those who went made specific reference to the brilliant exhibitions by the children from all the schools in Cardiff. Our thanks to Doreen for organising this.

At the time of writing there were still some seats left for the trip to Hestercombe on Saturday 18th June which is also another joint trip with the Ottery St. Mary Gardening Club. The cost of this trip will be £15.00 for Members and £17.00 for non Members. The coach will be leaving The Square at 09.15hrs. Please contact Doreen Staddon on 823594 if you wish to reserve a place by telephone. You can book by email on doreenstaddom@btinternet.com or you could complete the form at the end of this report and leave it at the Whimple Stores – thanks to Mark and Jenny for their help with this.

The flower arranging workshop in the Village Hall was very beneficial and informative for those who attended and a report on this appears elsewhere in this edition. Our thanks to Barbara Lambert and Emma Palmer for arranging this.

On Saturday 14th May our annual plant sale was another great success. There were serious worries in April with the very challenging growing conditions but fortunately the May sunshine seemed to have just about saved the day. As in previous years, there was the usual mayhem for the first hour as everyone sought out the bargains but it appeared most people went away content with their purchases. We look forward to seeing numerous exhibits in the Flower Show in August!

We are still hoping to stage another Open Gardens weekend where we hope to have some ten to twelve gardens available for people to look round. Although we have some gardens on our list, we would welcome one or two more. If anyone else has an interesting garden they wouldn't mind people exploring then please let us know. This will take place over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd July. Watch out for the posters for more details.

Our annual Flower and Craft Show will be on Saturday 13th August 2016. Hopefully the Show Schedules will be out by the time this edition of the News is published. Just a quick reminder that for the Village Challenge this year the subject is a "Freestyle Scarecrow" of any character. We are looking to run a Scarecrow Workshop to help anyone who wants some guidance on how to build one and hopefully encourage more entries this year.

On Friday 30th September we will be having an illustrated talk from the Devon Gardens Trust. This will be in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The talk will highlight what the Trust does in terms of conservation, research and education about Devon's rich heritage of designed landscapes. We are also hoping to have another talk from Paul Rendell in November, details to follow when this is confirmed.

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

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Whimple VPA Flower arranging workshop

A big thank you to mother and daughter team, Barbara Lambert and Emma Palmer for running a flower arranging workshop in the Village Hall, Whimple on Saturday 7th May.

Attended by a group of eager novice flower arrangers, they were shown by the experts the art of making a simple but beautiful arrangement. Providing the flowers and display kit, Barbara demonstrated from start to finish a table display which resulted in everyone achieving their own design to a standard to be admired by many.



A very enjoyable morning, perhaps encouraging more entries for the Floral classes in this year's Flower and Craft Show to be held on Saturday 13th August

Jane Tancock

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TEL 01404 823400 New Inn Cross, Whimple. Devon. EX5 2TS We have had a very enjoyable couple of months, At our March meeting, Margaret Barnes, a retired barrister, gave us a very interesting and amusing talk about her 30 years in the criminal justice system, a very male dominated profession. She brought along her wig and gown etc. and we enjoyed hearing about some of the cases she had covered, mostly burglary!



A Coffee Morning was held at our Secretary, Ann Bowden's, home. Good refreshments, cheerful company and an excellent book sale; our thanks to Ann for the venue.

A number of us attended the WI Group Meeting hosted this year by Ottery St. Mary's WI. There was a 'craft' display on large boards and a rather unusual talk given by Jenny Dainton, a member of the quilters guild, about her family's history in the cloth business and Jewish immigrants' history in the USA through stitch – we weren't quite sure what to make of it! The evening concluded with a musical performance by two pupils from The Kings School and a most excellent feast of sandwiches, cakes and drinks.

At our April meeting, Simon Tootal, a volunteer coordinator from the Royal Albert Museum in Exeter, came to tell us all about the refurbishment. He talked about the history of the museum and then showed a fascinating film recording the major alterations that have been completed over the past few years. Ariel shots showed the extent of the work, pulling down old storage buildings, uncovering some of the original features and bringing it all into the present day. Much coverage was shown of moving Gerald the Giraffe and we were all encouraged to visit the museum and see it for ourselves.

In April, seven of us joined some 800 other members of the DFWI for the Spring Council Meeting in Torquay. Following two presentations and the business, which included welcoming five new WIs in the County, the highlight of the day was Benjamin Mee of Dartmoor Zoo. As author of 'We bought a Zoo', Benjamin told us how he came to buy the zoo and about some of his experiences, which were interesting, funny and at times very sad. A good day out was had by all.

Our bi-monthly social lunch was held at The New Inn, Broadclyst with 20 members attending. All the ladies were in good form, with much chat and lots of laughter, plus delicious food enjoyed by all.

A social skittles match was held, again at The New Inn, Broadclyst, where two teams of 10 battled it out over four games, with lots of laughter and various dubious techniques! It is doubtful we would win any serious competitions, but all agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with good refreshments thrown in. Another match will be arranged later in the year.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on 10th May when there will be a Bring & Buy and Book Sale. As you see we are a thriving institute and would welcome new members. Do contact our Secretary Ann Bowden on 823450 if you are interested in joining us.

Barbara Ackland



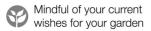


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THE LONDON MOONWALK

Well, we did itwalked 26.2 miles around London throughout the night, in our bras! Whilst we realised that it would be a challenge, I think it's truthful to say that we both found it a lot harder than we anticipated. Maybe we were spoilt by our lovely squidgy footpaths and fields in Devon and the hard unforgiving London pavements took their toll. Maybe the crowds, maybe the traffic or purely the fact that we were walking when we are usually fast asleep; but it was a challenge and one that we're proud to say we rose to.

Whilst an adventure for us both, we never lost sight of the reason that we embarked on the London Moonwalk, and that was to raise as much money as possible for Breast Cancer Research. Whilst I'm not sure that it is ever easy to ask for donations, we put our pride aside and have pestered family and friends for the past six months. We also both decided not to send Christmas cards last year, and instead donated what we would have spent to the cause.

One of the most memorable and touching moments of fundraising, was when we stood outside Whimple Stores for an hour one Saturday morning, 'shaking our tins'. It seems like everybody knew someone who had battled with breast cancer, some had been through the illness themselves and some who were just embarking. It was another salient reminder as to why we were planning on walking around London, in the night, in our bras, and spurred us on even more.

Villagers of Whimple, you did us proud that Saturday morning and the total raised in one hour was £240!!! So, a whopping thank you from both of us, not only for the financial support but for all the encouragement and kind words that kept us going. It was definitely worth all the training and the blisters, as between us we raised £2875.47 for Breast Cancer Research.

Gill and Claire



Help to save Devon's hedgerows and trees!

This article is about the importance of hedgerow trees and why action is needed to ensure hedgerow trees remain into the future. It's been estimated that there are more than half a million trees growing in hedge and bank boundaries in Devon. This makes the county appear more wooded than it actually is. Hedgerow trees are traditionally isolated growing at intervals in hedgerows, but they also exist as lines of trees where a lack of management means the hedge shrubs have grown on into trees. It is however the individual trees growing as `standards' in hedges that have the greatest wildlife and landscape value, particularly the mature ones.

Native oak and ash are the most common species, making up more than half of Devon's hedgerow trees. Smaller species including hawthorn and crab apple are also found as hedgerow trees. Hedges and hedgerow trees are long-lived features. Many individual trees of species such as oak will be more than 100 years old with some being true veterans bearing the signs and scars of increasing age but still being important parts of the landscape. As well as being such attractive parts of the landscape, hedgerow trees have many practical benefits for landowners, including providing important shelter and shade for farm livestock.

Hedgerow trees are vital for wildlife. For example, native hedge trees are magnets for many insects including beetles, flies, moths and butterflies, and so in turn their predators like bats and birds. Research has shown that the presence of hedgerow trees can increase overall numbers of moths in an area by as much as 60% and also increase the number of different species of moth. Hedgerow trees provide vital shelter, food and nest sites. Some bats roost and breed in the holes and crevices in older trees and birds including nuthatch, great spotted woodpecker and tawny owl will nest in them. Some of the different species associated with hedgerow trees are in decline, so ensuring that Devon's landscape continues to be rich in hedgerow trees will be good for much wildlife.

Hedgerow trees are obviously not regularly trimmed so consequently freely flower and set fruit according to the species which has benefits for wildlife. A hawthorn tree will be covered in creamy blossom in May and studded all over with dull red haws over winter (and be a great attraction to resident blackbirds and thrushes as well as winter visiting redwings and fieldfares). The flower and berry yield from hawthorn shrubs that are part of a frequently cut hedge will inevitably not be so great. Hedgerows are the biggest and oldest living things that most of us will see and touch. Their longevity means that, for some people with long-established family links to a place, several generations will have known the same individual trees.

There is a worrying yet silent crisis looming for hedgerow trees in the countryside. Many are mature or moving to the natural end of their lives and there is a lack of young hedgerow trees to take their place.

Diseases such as ash dieback could have a great impact on hedgerow trees – a quarter of Devon's hedgerow trees are ash. We need to take action now to ensure there is a next generation of oaks and other native species in our hedges so that magnificent hedgerow trees remain part of every parish.

To maintain numbers of hedgerow trees in Devon over the long term, nearly half of all trees need to be young. In Devon only about a quarter of trees fall into that category – so we have to double the numbers of young trees to ensure a new generation for the future. To achieve an overall average of one mature tree for every 50 metres of hedge the Devon Hedge Group advises that 2,000-3,000 new hedgerow trees should be planted or allowed to grow each year. There are more than 6,000 farms in Devon so if each farmer or landowner planted or encouraged just one additional tree in or alongside their hedges every year, it would really help. Perhaps there is scope in your parish to encourage a new generation of hedgerow trees? Think what good you would be doing by encouraging this in your community. This is something young local people could help with. The same species of trees could be planted as already growing in your area but ash should be avoided. Others to consider are crab apple, field maple, hawthorn, hornbeam, English oak, mountain ash, sycamore, wild cherry, holly and beech.

More advice and practical guidance on hedges and hedgerow trees is available from the Devon Hedge Group http://devonhedges.org/management-advice/hedgerow-trees/ and there is a handy guide to British native trees at http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/native-trees/

The Devon Hedge Group works to protect and promote hedges encouraging landowners, farmers, rural communities, parish councils and tree wardens to take action to ensure that hedgerow trees and hedges have a safe future throughout Devon.

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