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Aug/Sept 2014

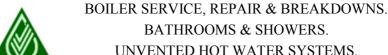


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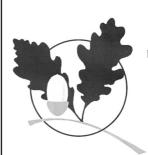
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What's On in Whimple

August

- 9th VPA Annual Flower Show see posters for details
- 16th Whimple and Broadclyst Young Farmers Big Breakfast in aid of PAPYRUS 9.00am 12.00noon Victory Hall details page 41
- 22nd Hospiscare Tea Party Bradcott House, The Green; details on page 12
- 23rd Dog Racing gates open 3.00pm details on page 45

September

- 3rd Orchard Harmony Open Rehearsal 7.30pm. 9.00pm in St Marys Church
- 5th Whimple Cricket Club End of Season Band Night -details on page 19
- 13th (Saturday) Front Row Club Victory Hall AGM at 7.00pm., followed by '12 Years a Slave'.
- 13th Barbara Lambert's Autumn Plant Sale details on page 40
- 19th Whimple History Society talk Victory Hall 7.30 pm Dr Anthony Saunders on 'The Evolution of Trench Warfare'.
- 20th Soup and Sarnie Lunch Victory Hall. 12.00noon to 1.30pm

October

- 11th WW1 Banner at the Heritage Centre details on page 17
- 11th (Saturday) Front Row Club Victory Hall . 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. See posters for details
- 19th Soap-Box Karting Challenge details on page 13
- 24th Whimple History Society Auction of Pledges and Promises, Victory Hall 7.30pm Details on page 17
- 25th Soup and Sarnie Lunch Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30 pm
- 26th Whimple History Society apple pressing at the Heritage Centre from 11.00am to 3.00pm
- 31st (Friday) Front Row Club Victory Hall. 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. See posters for details

November

- 8th (Saturday) Front Row Club Victory Hall . 7.00pm for 7.30pm. See posters for details
- 21st Whimple History Society talk Victory Hall 7.30 pm Lt. Col. Tim Courtney on 'The Devonshire Regiment in WW1'.
- 27th Villages in Action Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman Victory Hall details on page 38
- 28th (Friday) Front Row Club Victory Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. See posters for details

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Welcome to the August/September edition of your wonderful Whimple News. Our cover picture shows the skittles outside the Thirsty Farmer during Village Week. Well done and thank you to all involved with the Village Week – all the events appear to have been well supported, and enjoyed! The organising Committee still need more help for next year, and that planning usually starts now. If you are able to offer help, then please do so – details on page 29!

A fine example of such volunteering is Eileen Lascelles who will be leading the Over 65s Christmas Party organisation, which is great news...thank you Eileen, and I am sure all the normal helpers will want to continue with this very worthy event. Watch out for further details in the next edition of the News.

Welcome back to Martin Gammell who has been in some serious hospital travel arrangements by helicopter; it is good to know what is happening behind the doors of the council chamber again. We look forward to seeing the new-look and fully-fit Martin gliding through the village in all his new clothes.

The Front Row Club have now announced the dates for the rest of the year, and that includes Fridays and Saturdays which I have noted in the 'What's On in Whimple' page to lessen any potential confusion about turning up on the wrong night!

I am always pleased to give personal praise to advertisers whose services I have used and I was recently very impressed with my birthday cake from Sam, of Sam's Country Cakes (advert on page 10) - it was a very tasty sponge, and on top, a figure of a rugby player scoring a try, linking to my support for the Chiefs - very creative!

I saw a story in one of the national papers that highly amused me – it was in the US and a plane had just landed, and was taxi-ing to the airport buildings. As ever, many of the passengers ignored the 'Remain seated' signs when the plane stopped, and had stood up, retrieving their bags from the over head lockers. Until....a steward made the announcement over the PA system asking passengers to resume their seats as the captain needed to be able to see as he reversed the aircraft. Everyone sat down!!

If you would like to contribute to the next edition, then please either leave it with the Travelling Van People at the Post Office, or send it direct to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by Monday 15th September. Thanks!

Ed H

If your Association has an event which you would like listed in 'What's on...' please contact **Ed Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail edhitch@btinternet.com.



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It was great being part of Village Week this year - singing at the New Fountain on Tuesday 8th (meeting our surfer dude Chris!), the ever rocking picnic and ending the week by singing in the Church for Coffee and Cake on the Saturday morning. We had a blast!

We start again in September with our Christmas Concert booked for the 6th December - this year in the Village Hall (watch this space for more details), and a booking for the History Society's Christmas Lunch on 13th December.

We are recruiting new members with an Open Rehearsal on Wednesday 3rd September 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Church. If you are interested come along and have a glass of wine with us and sample the kind of things we get up to on a Wednesday night! There is no commitment - this is just a chance to find out a bit more about what we do by joining us for the evening.

Until then - Happy Summer!

Julia Green

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Just to say...... THANK YOU!

We were blessed with good weather on Saturday 14th June for the Whimple Church Fete and were delighted to welcome so many people. The Pimms and ice cream both sold out and everyone enjoyed the stalls, games and cream teas whilst being entertained by the Ottery St Mary Silver Band (Brass Class) and the Whimple Primary School Choir. All in all, a very enjoyable and relaxing afternoon with a great atmosphere spent in lovely surroundings.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and contributed so generously to raise £1,791.05 for the church and to Mike and Avril Ellingham who so kindly let us use their beautiful garden. Our sincere thanks to our very good team of stall holders and helpers, to those who made donations, and to the "heavy gang" who moved furniture and gazebos, all done in good humour! Thanks to Helen and Lester Bowker for allowing us to park cars in their orchard and to John Ball who performed his duties as Traffic Management Officer with utmost efficiency.

It was great fun this year and we look forward to seeing everyone next year! Co-ordinators:

Mike & Tamara Snell



A tea party will be held at Bradcott House, The Green, on Friday 22nd August, from 3.00pm until 5.00pm. Cost of tea will be £5.00 and all proceeds will go to Hospiscare for the new centre at Honiton. Everyone is welcome. There will be a raffle.

Any enquiries to **Ann Bowden** 823450.

Are you ready to Roll??

You may remember last October the inaugural Soap-box Karting Challenge took place. A rather bizarre spectacle in the centre of our village........ if not, you missed a great afternoon of minor chaos. Together we raised £121.00 for Whimple Primary School.



Well it's back again! The date for your diary is the Sunday 19th October at 1400hrs, participants to be there by 1330hrs. Strictly traditional soap-box kart designs only, not exceeding £100 build

costs.

Teams will consist of two folk aged 16 years or over (one must be a Whimple resident).

A £15.00 entry donation is required, with all proceeds going towards Whimple Primary School.

Will the inaugural champions (John Griffiths & Alex Tooze) be able to retain their trophy?



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The Group are pleased to announce the re-opening of the Cub Scout Pack from 6.15pm to 7.45pm on Wednesday 17th September.

We welcome boys and girls aged from 8 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ years, and helpers, including Young Leaders, are also welcome.

The Beaver Scouts have a problem!



We are the 1st Whimple Beaver Colony but have NO young people from Whimple.

Beavers will re-start after the summer holiday from 5.00pm to 6.15 pm on Wednesday 17th September. and we welcome boys and girls aged from 6 to 8 years.

Further details from Fox (Beavers) and Badger (Cubs) at 01404 821861. Please leave a message and we will ring you back.



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People visiting the banner can mark one of the red silk poppies with a message about a family member who died in the Great War. Written accounts are also displayed in a book alongside.

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY AND COME ALONG.

Auction of Pledges and Promises on Friday 24th October

The Auction of Pledges and Promises will take place in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm. It is hoped to make the evening a social event and members and friends will be encouraged to bring their own 'refreshments'. Tables will be laid out in the main hall. Entry will be by catalogue, costing £1.00, which can be purchased in advance or on the door.

The Committee has already secured a number of promises/pledges but we would be grateful for any more that you can provide either yourself or from local businesses etc. Any one wishing to provide a pledge should contact the Secretary on 822244

Fancy joining the technical crew for the annual Whimple Pantomime?

The Whimpletons would very much like to hear from anyone who could assist with the lighting & sound equipment. You don't need to be a technical whizz, but must enjoy working in the dark at the back of the Hall!

We'd like help with setting up lights, microphones, loudspeakers & related equipment before the pantomime, and then controlling the lights & sound during each performance.

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The Choral Society is currently taking a summer break from rehearsals, which will resume on Wednesday 3rd September.

For the season of 2013-2014 the Society once again nominated *Hospiscare* as the local charity which we would like to help in some small way. As well as having a retiring collection at the end of both our concerts, we also held a bumper raffle at our annual dinner in February. The total raised this year was £660. Last month our chairman Annie Bassett presented a cheque to Margery Whittington of *Hospiscare* at Otter Nurseries. Also present were Liz Govier of *Gilbert Stephens Solicitors* and Sabine Taylor of *Otter Nurseries*, two companies who have generously sponsored the Choral Society in the past year. Michael and Vivienne Gascoigne-Pees, organisers of the annual dinner, and committee member John Neal attended the presentation as well.

Many thanks to all our patrons who continue to support our concerts and helped to raise this impressive sum.

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The total raised was over £1400 which was fantastic and meant we exceeded our goal to raise enough for our new iPads which the children are already loving and benefiting from.

Sam Walker

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Keeping our pets cool this summer

- On a hot day, walk your dog in the early morning and late evenings if possible, either take water with you or walk where there is somewhere for the dog to paddle or swim. You can buy dog coats specifically for keeping them cool too!
- Cats notoriously love the heat, but make sure you check sheds and green houses for those sunbathing moggies because they can get locked in by accident.
- Rabbits and guinea pigs need plenty of shade and water. Keep them
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Signs of heatstroke and what to do

- Heavy panting, profuse salivation, a rapid pulse, very red gums and or tongue, lethargy, lack of co-ordination, reluctance or inability to rise after collapsing, vomiting and diarrhoea.
- Dogs with heatstroke need their body temperature lowering gradually to give them the best chance of survival.
- Immediately douse the dog with cool (never cold) water if possible.
- Move the dog into a shaded cool area and give small amounts of cool water to drink.
- Go straight to your nearest veterinary practice and call ahead so that they are expecting you.

Whimple Ringers' Outing

The forecast offered showers of thundery rain and lightning across the east of the county. This year the ringing route went west and south so we set off in hope of missing the worst of it. And so it was that Broadhempston provided a good start for everyone. Even the coach driver got there eventually! Nice bells, 'The Monks Retreat' was a good inn for coffee and an interesting Church with a modern appliqué panel to excite the needle women among us. The day got better, and warmer. Halwell presented a challenge with shortish ropes which kept us on our toes, literally. By the time we reached Stokenham the sun was beating down rewarding those bringing sunglasses. Lovely bells and a delightful place to savour the smells of mown grass and summer flowers. Then via the coast road by Slapton Ley to Dartmouth for tea and a stroll in the sun. Apparently the Navy delayed the

coach pick-up by twenty minutes, though quite how was not made clear. Back through Totnes to Collaton St. Mary, a light ring of only 7cwt. but we managed them well enough. The party rolled in to Whimple about 7.00pm after a thoroughly enjoyable day by common consensus, and not a hint of thunder. Later the ringers and spouses met for a convivial meal at the New Fountain Inn to round off a most enjoyable day.



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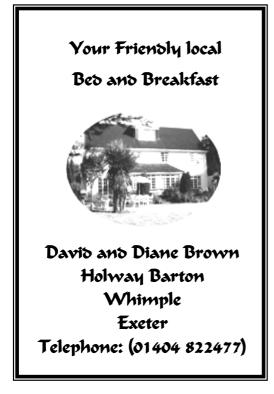
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Well, we certainly picked the right weekend to stage our Open Gardens event on 21st and 22nd June as the weather was very much on our side, though it may have been a bit too hot for some. The two days certainly proved popular with many people despite the alternative attraction out at Axminster! It appears that all the gardens had a good number of visitors and the cream teas certainly went down very well. It was very pleasing to get a card from a couple who had come from Exeter who wrote in to thank us for a lovely afternoon. We are very grateful to everyone who very kindly allowed all those people to trample over their gardens. We would also extend a very special thank you to Jenny and Branco Love for running the cream tea café on both afternoons! Hopefully we will be able to pass on a suitable cheque to the Ottery Hospital League of Friends.

By the time this gets to your door steps you will all no doubt be putting your finishing touches to the many exhibits you will be entering in our Annual Flower Show on Saturday 9th August. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Flower Show which we are hoping will be another great success. Details of all our events are listed on the website which is: www.whimplevpa.org.uk

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I am painfully aware that I have failed to produce an article for two months and I would like to reassure you all that I am still writing it. This absence is because I suffered a dramatic event in May that led to me being airlifted to North Devon Hospital at Barnstaple. I have always wanted to have a ride in a helicopter but when I got



my chance I was unconscious! I then spent ten days in and out of hospital with relapses. But the silver lining of this is that I lost over two stone in weight and I am going to have to buy a whole new wardrobe of clothes. Yesterday someone in the village failed to recognise me because of my slimness and new outfit so look out and see if you can spot your local Councillor! There are, however, easier ways of losing weight.

Although this is a time of year when the council is starting to wind down a little as Councillors and employees go on holiday this has nevertheless been a period of time when some interesting events have been appearing and below is a snapshot of some of these.

<u>Changes to Development Committee Public Speaking Arrangements and Future Agenda and Meeting Management.</u>

At the Overview and Scrutiny committee meeting on 15th of May there was vigorous debate upon the new speaking requirements for members of the public at development meetings. These included, pre-registration of all public wishing to speak at Development Management Committee meetings three or more working days before the meeting, speakers to be limited to Parish/Town representatives, two objectors and two supporters on minor applications and on major applications up to five objectors and five supporters plus applicant or agent and Ward members. Finally, to hear from adjacent ward members or other non committee members if there is time and subject to the chairman's discretion.

Amongst recommendations to increase comfort were the following:- No meeting to exceed more than two, three hour sessions, and to include breaks, a new timing clock with variable times and a warning buzzer, guidance on speaking by members of the public to be displayed for 20 minutes before the start of the meeting which will also include a list of key decisions which can and cannot be taken. One caveat that was raised in the debate was that the only legal right for members of the public was to be able to comment on an application during the consultation period anything further is in fact, a concession which E.D.D.C. is keen to maintain unlike many other councils.

Integrated, Personal and Sustainable: Community Services for the 21st century

At the June meeting of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 12th Dr Tim Burke and June Tamara Powderly presented and discussed this document. The many conversations they have had over the last 12 months have brought them to the conclusion that individuals, families and local communities are the focus of Health Care provision and that the goal is to improve these continuously.

This, it is argued, means shifting activity and the emphasis of services from acute to community and from hospital to home and compelling co-operation amongst teams and organisations and tapping existing (and hopefully), new sources of volunteers and voluntary organisations. In addition, to recognise the vital role of carers, Leagues of Friends and the significant range of volunteers who do a great deal for patients and services. In effect, mobilising the whole community

Recycling, Waste Collection by SITA and E.D.D.C's Vermin Control Provision

SITA are proposing a kerbside cardboard collection proposal which is being assessed by officers who will present a report to Cabinet for its July meeting. The proposal involves a fortnightly collection which will require a separate re-usable sack. The existing fleet of refuse vehicles will require adaptation and in addition some extra vehicles, drivers and loaders will be required, which will push up the cost of provision for the council. I have done a straw poll in the village and found a lot of support for this venture.

Another new venture is that the Council have taken on a full time pest controller and they charge very reasonable rates to eradicate bees, wasps, rats, mice, fleas and other creepy crawlies. In fact, last week a neighbour of mine called around not knowing what to do about a bee's nest in his chimney (which meant that they were invading the house). I was able to give him the name of a fellow councillor who is a bee keeper and is always looking out for new swarms to collect. I also advised them of the Council's new pest control service – so a happy ending for all.

The Viewpoint Questionnaire

In essence, this was a questionnaire on public satisfaction amongst the residents of East Devon which produced the following results:-

- 72% satisfied with the Council's running of the district. 8% were dissatisfied.
- 84% felt that they were kept informed. 16% felt they were not informed.
- 70% that the Council provides value for money. 6% disagreed. These were mainly planning issues
- 51% that the Council acts on what residents say. 15% disagreed. These were mainly on planning issues!
- 6% were dissatisfied with planning overall
- 49% that Council acts quickly.15% disagreed.
- 43% would speak positively about the Council. 16% would speak negatively about the Council.

As you can see some of these results are very supportive of what the council attempts to do in its services but a number need addressing quickly and I hope they will produce a good debate at Council as well as some suggestions on ways to improve the satisfaction rate amongst the public. After all, the council are our servants not the other way round.

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VILLAGE WEEK 2014



This years Village Week had something for everyone!

Whimple has many assets but its greatest asset lies in the number and variety of activities available to occupy us.

Individuals, clubs and organisations work together every year to produce a great Village Week programme – sports events, artistic entertainment, fun and games, dancing and singing, eating and drinking – we had it all in 2014. A big thank you goes to everyone who freely gave their time.

Village Week also gives organisations the opportunity to fund raise and a big thank you must also go to all those who attended and supported the many events. One couple told me they attended an event every day of Village Week and in doing so had not had a single evening meal at home – that's just what we want to hear.

Village Day and the Village Week programme is overseen by a very small group of people – but we do need help. If you would like to be involved please contact the Village Hall group who will put you in contact with the right person.

If you would like to be involved with any of the Village Organisations a list of contact details can be found at the back of Whimple News. Finally, what would we do without Whimple News? Thanks to Ed and the team.

See you next Year

Village Week Committee.

Village Week Raffle

The winners of the Village Week Raffle drawn on Saturday 12th July 2014 were: 1st Prize £150 - Nick Pye, 2nd Prize £100 - Judy Parnell, 3rd Prize £50 - Colin Down











Village Day 2014























at the Thirsty Farmer













Whimple History Society Walking Treasure Hunt



Well done to
John Griffiths Penny Daniels and
Joan Brown who won the adults (again!)
and to the kids winners who were
James and Ellie Rowe



Egg Catching

This years Egg Catching took place at the Thirsty Farmer. Once again it was well supported with over sixty entrants.

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To see what's showing, see the notice board at the Victory Hall.

Film dates for 2014:

- Saturday 13th Sep (AGM at 7.00pm all welcome)
- Saturday 11th October
- Friday 31st October
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- Saturday 13th Dec

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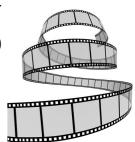
IRENE CARTER

Irene has been a part of the Victory Hall team for at least 20 years and has played an important part in its history and all the changes that have happened. Young as she is, she feels that now is the time to pass on the baton of her cleaning duties, her 'meet and greet' responsibilities, and key holding.

As a member of the Whimpletons, I have enjoyed dealing with Irene over that time, and she has given me a hard time but with a lovely twinkle in her eye. We wish her well in this new stage of her life, and she can now look forward to watching her favourite 'soaps' without the interruption of going to open up the Hall!! It is good to see her back on her bike going through the village after her recent fall.

Irene would like to thank everyone and she will miss you all.

Ed H



Villages in Action Forthcoming Gig

As it's been a few months since our last event, I thought I'd give an update on what we're up to at Villages in Action. For those who are not familiar with the organisation, VIA is a rural touring scheme based in Devon that helps to bring top quality professional performances at affordable prices to communities through a network of local volunteer promoters.



A team of four lovely Whimple folk are your local promoters. We book and run the events and we have been lucky enough to have hosted some fantastic performances over the last few years, including theatre shows, jazz musicians and poets.

We have recently booked our next acts and I'm delighted to announce that we have Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman performing in the Village Hall on Thursday 27th November

This Dartmoor-based duo are two of the British folk scene's most accomplished performers and were the winners of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award 2013 for Best Duo. Tickets will go on sale from the Post Office in September so keep the date in your diaries in the meantime.

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Look forward to updating you again in the next Whimple News edition.

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PAPYRUS was founded in 1997 by Jean Kerr, a mother from Lancashire. She and a small group of parents who had each lost a child to suicide were convinced that that many young suicides are preventable.

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- Campaign as a UK charity to prevent young suicide.
- Listen and Learn supporting and disseminating research and knowledge.
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I welcome this opportunity to thank all of the Pre-School Staff, Parents, Committee members and Children, past and present, for your support and input in making my time at Whimple Pre-School most enjoyable and fulfilling.

It has been a joy and privilege to have known and worked with you. The time has now come after eight enjoyable years at Whimple Pre-School for me to move on to a new and exciting challenge. So it is with mixed emotions and sadness that I am saying goodbye to the job, but not the people. I will still be a part of our wonderful community and I'm sure that I will bump into most of you in the pub and around the village.

So thanks again.

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Ann Bowden



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Summer Fun

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We have also had our sports day which was a great success - the children really enjoyed this and had great team spirit.

Playhouse

We now have our lovely wooden playhouse up in the garden which the children are loving. Thank you very much to all those who helped to build it.

Trips Out

We have a trip to Exmouth beach planned for this week where we will be exploring rock pools and having lots of fun activities.



School Starters & Pre-School Leavers

The September school starters have been busy preparing for their transition to school by having visits to the reception class. We would like to wish all these children lots of happiness in their new adventure at school.

We will also be wishing Tanya lots of luck and happiness as she is leaving pre-school at the end of term to take on an exciting new role in a nursery in Exeter. Tanya has been at the preschool for over 8 years and it has been a very special part of her life. She will be sorely missed by us all.

Information...

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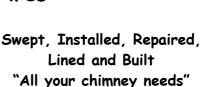
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The weather that weekend was glorious and picnic hampers, champagne, tea and cakes mingled in amongst a few straw boaters and striped jackets made for a truly British occasion!! Their 1st race, on Friday, was a tremendous victory against Worcester R. C. A win by three lengths by Exeter was a fantastic achievement. The training was paying off!! The following day the competition was about to get even tougher as Exeter were drawn against Thames R.C., one of the biggest rowing clubs in the country and a team that had been rowing for approx ten years.

Exeter ladies had a fantastic start and 250m into the race were ¼ of a length ahead. "Come on Exeter!!" we all shouted. However, at the half way stage Thames crept up to take the lead and eventually won. After initial disappointment by our crew, there were smiles of proud achievement to have even made it to race at Henley.

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As our July meeting came within Village Week we had an open meeting where our speaker was Dr. Ian Campbell. His talk about 'Bell Ringing in Devon' included the history of bells and bell ringing. He brought various sized bells which he used to demonstrate the various systems of ringing. We were very pleased that several non-members came along including some of our Church bell ringers.

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Firstly some "Thank you"s.

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In June we had our annual Church Fete. Many thanks to Mike and Avril Ellingham for hosting this event and to Mike and Tamara for the hard work in organising it. Thank you also to everyone who helped in any way, both church members and non-church members, and to the large number of people who supported the event. About £1800 was raised for Church funds.

Thank you also to those who supported the Church events during Village Week. There are lots of events to look forward to over the next few months

On Saturday 2nd August Clyst St Lawrence are holding their annual Church Fete in Walkley's Field at 2.30pm.



Another date for your diary is Saturday 13th September, which is this year's **Devon Historic Churches Trust Day.** You are invited to visit as many churches as possible., This is an all-age event, and if you would like to join a group, please contact Mike Ellingham on 822945.

On September 28th we will be having our Harvest Service followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Details of this are still being finalised so look out for information in The Link nearer the time.

Please note that on Sunday 17th August there will be no Celebration Service or Holy Communion. Instead there will be Morning Worship at 9.30am.

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Welcome to our last pieces from this academic year at school. It has been a particularly busy term with children in class 5 having two days residential at Escot, sleeping overnight in some very smart yurts with bunk beds!



Class 4 had an overnight stay in the village hall (which was not so luxurious!) although a good time was had by all.

Children have also been involved in two Local Learning Community projects; display Exeter an art at Cathedral based on World War 1 and 'When Exeter and a music played Brazil' Vale concert at Clyst Community College.





The staff took all the children to Paignton beach and luckily we had great weather and we all had a lovely time.



The weather was also kind for our sports day at the cricket club.

Unfortunately, we were not quite so lucky with the school fair although everyone still had a good time and a lot of money

was raised for the children here. Finally,

our summer music assembly was lovely and well-supported. May I take this opportunity to thank all those in and around the village who continue to support the village school and we hope you all have a lovely summer and we will see you all in September.



Carole Shilston

'Crealy 2014' The year 6's went on a trip to Crealy on the 27th of June. It was wet, cold and the sun only started to shine when we left; but we made the most of it. As it was Friday we had most of the park to ourselves, so we went on the 'Maximus' many times (without having to queue). After feeling awfully sick, we went on the 'Swinging Boat', which was not such a good idea. We then had a quick snack and went on the 'Flying Machine'; we had two rounds. After that we went on the 'Water Blasters' and 'The Log Flume' and got absolutely drenched! Next we had lunch in the 'Summer Splash Zone' and got soaked in there too. After feeling tired and cold we decided to go in to 'The Indoor Play Area' to play hide and seek. We were now hot and sweaty so all of us got a large slush puppy. Surprisingly, Eva Penney's slush puppy lasted until Saturday.

By Noah Hemsley (Year 6)

ESCOT On the 16th to the 17th of June, the year 5s and 6s went to a one night residential to Escot. When we arrived we got escorted to our yurts where we were sleeping. The girls were in the Cherry yurt, the year 6 boys were in Beech the year 5 boys were in Walnut. Next we went on a walk down to a river to collect clay to make blobsters which was a ball of clay with things that you can find in the forest attached. Then we went and did the swamp walk it felt stoney' cold and squidgy and it felt like we were being pulled in. After that we walked down to the maze, most of us got lost in that and some of us were racing to the middle. After tea we sat by the camp fire and toasted yummy marshmallows. In the morning we went up to the woods and we made a nest to hold an egg in! Before we had to get ready for leaving we did a scavenger hunt where we had picture on a pieces of paper and we had to look for the places. Then we all had frowns on our faces as we had to leave.

Life Skills at 'The Donkey Sanctuary' On Wednesday the 25th of June, the year sixes went on a trip to 'The Donkey Sanctuary' to do life skills. We saw a very dangerous representation of a child's playroom and a kitchen. After we'd spotted all the dangers, we moved onto a hand washing experiment. We put pretend bacteria on our hands; rubbed it in well; washed our hands with soap, and then put them under a germ detector machine to see how many germs we had on our hands. Most of ours were covered in blue stuff! Then we washed our hands again, with a lady showing us how to do it properly. It was much more successful this time! We then moved onto a big barn to find out what the consequences of being drunk were. I was singled out to wear some goggles, which made you see what a drunk person would see. Then I had a go at doing a child's jigsaw puzzle. It was surprisingly hard! Everybody then had a go at wearing the goggles. Then we moved onto the school nurses, who told us what we can eat and what we shouldn't. Afterwards, we went to a seaside course about lifeboats and beach safety, then we watched a video about hoax calls and men from 'DHL'. To end the course, the fire service set a pan on fire and poured half a cup of water on it... BANG! There was a huge explosion! We then went to meet the donkeys; buy some milkshakes and have lunch. We then did the maze and made our way to the shop. It was great fun and we learned lots, but we were really tired out by the end!



Coffee, Lunch and Garden Walks at Cadhay

Thursday 29th May was rather too damp to attract large numbers to walk in the Cadhay gardens. However, the cool temperatures made folk enthusiastic for tea, coffee and hot soup of which all the three gallons which we made went down very well!

In spite of it being a grey day, there actually was a steady movement of visitors to view the gardens which were truly beautiful. Home-made cakes were all but sold out and by the end of the event we had made over £400 for the Help Scheme.

Many thanks to all who came and supported us, and particular thanks to the volunteers who baked cakes, peeled and chopped a mountain of vegetables for the soup and served in The Barn.

Last but not least, thanks to Rupert Thistlethwayte for generously putting at our complete disposal Cadhay's grounds, and the facilities of the tearoom. We were made to feel very welcome with a lovely log fire burning in The Barn stove. If you didn't come last Thursday, it's worth the journey for the lovely gardens. Cadhay is open every Friday during the summer.

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