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April

- 4th Heritage Centre re-opens
- 4th Easter Egg Hunt, Orchard, Woodhayes Lane, 2.00pm
- 6th St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Victory Hall
- 9th Easter Bingo, Village Hall, 7.15pm
- 10th 'The Crucifixion' by J Stainer, St Marys Church, 1.30pm
- 25th WOW Plastic & Cardboard Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00 -11.00am
- 25th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00 -1.30pm
- 27th Annual Parish Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 28th Wasters of Whimple Meeting, see page 37

May

- 9th Bell Ringing Festival, St Mary's Church, 2pm onwards
- 9th Barn Dance in the Blossom, 1, Higher Woodhayes Farm,
- 15th Fashumble Show, Victory Hall, see page 36-37
- 18th Parish Council AGM & Re-election of Members, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 30th WOW Plastic & Cardboard Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00 -11.00am
- 30th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00-1.30pm

June

- 13th Church Fete - details to follow
- 22nd Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 27th WOW Plastic & Cardboard Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00 -11.00am
- 28th Whiteways Employees Reunion, see article

July

- 9th Whimple Tennis Club Summer Social, Tennis Club, 7.00 - 9.00pm

August

- 8th VPA show

For Easter Celebrations and
Church Services see page 20

Please use the Whimple Diary held in the Post Office for checking availability of venues and booking events.

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Welcome to your April/May edition which the News team hope that you will enjoy. We have a great variety of articles for your delectation and amusement, including a report on the panto, Beauty and the Beast; an update on our very own explorer, Ann Daniels;

my visit to see Joy Little, and many more. Clyst Vale College have supplied us with some news on their recent achievements which we hope will be of interest.

Congratulations are due to the Wasters of Whimble for running a very well attended meeting in late February (see page 36), and to the WAC4Y team for obtaining a grant of just under £50,000 (see page 25) - both excellent examples of enthusiastic villagers putting a lot back into our community. Thanks and well done.

Whilst on the theme of Thanks', thank you to the Parish Council who have given us a generous grant to help with the printing cost of this magazine; thank you to our brave band of deliverers; thank you to the kind villagers who replied to the call for help with the proof reading of this mighty mag - we have a keen team of four who can now share the blame for the quality; and thank you to the kind donors of money left at the PO for the News.

Both Sara Randall Johnson and Peter Bowden, as Chairman, and Deputy of the Parish Council, have announced their intentions to stand down from those offices at the May AGM, but they will remain as Parish Councillors, which is great news for Whimble. Thank you to them both for all their hard work that they have put into those positions, often unrecognised, but always helping the village through various decisions and legislative minefields. They have always supported the News, for which the team is very grateful.

Tom Perry had a good Whimble send off at his funeral on 23rd February, and Rob Wilkinson conducted the service for us. So now the Beadle of Whimble has joined the Mayor of Whimble, John Shepherd...! have no doubt that they are having a good chinwag over a beer or two, and keeping an eye on the village. Tom was a kind neighbour - so much so that he single-handedly propped up a fallen fence of ours after some storms one day, and at the ripe age of 85!

Don't forget that the Heritage Centre opens again on Saturday 4 April and every Saturday (all day) and Wednesday afternoons during the summer. The Ann Daniels exhibits will be refreshed/updated, and new themes about Dinky Toys and the village butchers should bring in more visitors to the Centre. Have YOU been yet or when do YOU plan to drop in? The History Society Committee did have some concerns about the title of 'Butchery in Whimble' sounding a bit like a 'red top' paper report of a Texas Chain Saw Massacre in a sleepy Devon village! Please support the Heritage Centre.

And don't forget the Barn Dance in the Blossom is happening on 9 May....see the advert inside for details. Well done to Sue Wilson and her team for continuing with this. Always great fun!

If you feel the need to put pen to paper etc , we would love you to contribute to this worthy magazine. Please either leave it at SO of the PO, (or with Ruby) or direct to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, by Monday 18th May. We do not accept anonymous contributions, so please include your name and contact details.

By the time you read this, we shall be in Summer Time...I know that the bike is ready for the Ottery cycle but the legs refuse to believe it is warm enough, so perhaps in a few weeks before they dazzle oncoming cars. Enjoy the start to a great summer! EdH

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**Jim & Alison**

p.s.

As some of you may be aware we have a new face behind the counter, Ruby our new Labrador puppy, we so missed our lovely walks around the village when we sadly lost Molly last year. Its hard work having a puppy in the house, but she's excellent at stamp licking – so I think we'll keep her on !!

p.p.s

On 7th May I shall be taking part in 'Walk the Wight', which is a sponsored walk across the Isle of Wight for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice. Post Office Ltd has promised me £200 if I can raise the same amount myself. The sponsor form will be on the counter if you feel you can help, or a bucket for cash donations. Thank-you. I'll let you know how it goes.

# FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Suddenly the world is radiant  
Under a sky of blue  
People smiling secretly as if all dreams came true  
Green county hedgerows blossom forth  
In lacy pink and white  
Awakening every heart to gladness  
Breathing new delight  
Yet suddenly it is Spring again  
Earth holds its breath with joy  
In every heart there is joy  
The ghost of winter hides its face  
And quietly slips away

Once only in the year, yet once, does the world we see shows forth its hidden powers and in a manner manifests itself. Then the leaves come out, and blossoms on the fruit trees and flowers and grass and corn spring up. There is a sudden rush and burst outwardly of that hidden life which God has lodged in the material world.

Surely the most joyous festival of the year is Easter. They say if Easter is early it will be gold with daffodils, it is late it will be white with narcissi. If there is one day of the year when all Christians in the world should feel optimistic it is on Easter Sunday. Spring the renewal of all growing things bring gladness. I don't know if anybody who is not touched by this season of lengthening days and light.

Some years ago when we moved into a new house we found an old key with the inscription "If I rest I rust". I found that quite a sound saying and have never forgotten it and notice that a key which is constantly used is bright and shiny. It is a bit the same with people and life. As it is, we may have limitations imposed on us by age or infirmity but important it is to keep active so that we do not get too rusty. Good company and a good laugh are a tremendous tonic.

I wonder if anybody will make an April fool out of me, on the first of April? Nobody really knows how the custom started. It seems to be a feast going back as far as Roman times. It may be connected with the comic pagan god Lud whose name starts the word ludicrous, so if at any time someone pulls your leg, take it in good part and have a laugh. They say laughter is the best medicine, it keeps the rust away.

Then sing birds, sing a joyous song  
And let the young lambs bound  
As to the tabor sound  
We in thought will join your throng  
Ye that pipe and ye that play  
Feel the gladness of the May



What though the radiance which once was so bright  
Be now taken for ever from my sight  
Though nothing can bring back the hour  
Of splendour in the grass, or glory in the flower  
We will grieve not, rather find  
Strength in what is left behind

William Wordsworth

Every year I marvel anew at the simple beauty of the bluebells round the trees in The Square. Their inscape is mixed of strength and grace like a rose tree. The delicate design of the little bells, the strength of the stem yet moving daintily in the morning breeze. I wonder if Spring came only once in a century instead of once a year or burst from the sound of an earthquake and not silence , what wonder and expectation would be in all our hearts to behold the miraculous change. Homo Sapiens.

Suppose you planted people in a row  
A line six deep of half a mile or so  
People of every shape kind and colour  
The little ones in front, the big ones behind  
Suppose when they were nicely planted out  
You sheltered them from rain wind and drought  
Suppose they were inspected every day  
And all the weedy ones thrown away  
Would fond admirers come from near and far  
And say how very lovely people are.

I am sure all of the people who lived in the village around the turn of the century will remember the grand photo taken at the cricket club on a sunny day, the little ones in front, the big ones behind. How many of those in that photo are still with us, but all I remember as lovely people. And I will never forget that warm and sunny day in November 2008 when I was celebrating my ninetieth birthday, how many lovely people in our dear village came for the celebration. It was a wonderful day and it is with great joy that I now look at the photos in my album. Thank you lovely people.

### **ROAD SAFETY IN WHIMPLE**

Following a recent incident, it would appear timely to remind drivers in the village, especially at school times, to take even more care. You need to adhere to the 20 mph limit and remember that the village has very few pavements, so you should expect to meet pedestrians and drive accordingly.

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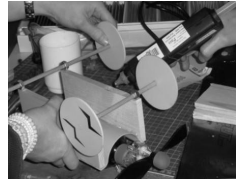
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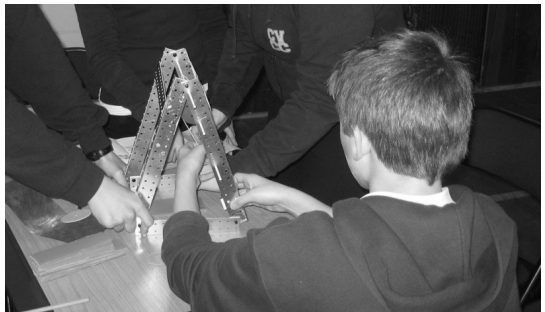
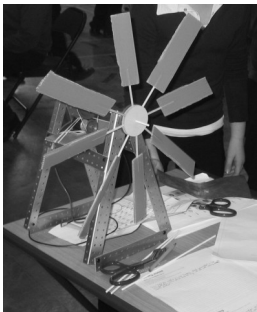
## GIFTED AND TALENT TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Teams of students in Years 7-9 worked in groups of mixed ages, helped by a sixth former, to design an air-propelled vehicle from whatever materials they could find in a typical school Technology workshop. This was a partnership activity; Ian Wilson, who works with the Student Associate scheme linking university students to support projects in schools, involved the University of Plymouth who supplied students to help on the day. At the same time, other university students filmed the day as part of another project on behalf of the National Academy for Gifted & Talented Students. The day was great fun for all who took part - and the finished designs worked!



## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March

Various activities took place during the week including a Wind Turbine Project. Forty year 7 students were lucky enough to take part in the project in association with STEMNET. During the event the students were given the opportunity to design and produce their own wind turbines. The students then tested their designs at the end of the day and the winners were awarded a prize. The project will be put towards the students receiving a Bronze CREST award from the British Association of Young scientists. All of the students which took part enjoyed the event and each team managed to produce a working turbine by the end of it.





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## A Conversation with Joy Little

Gentle reader, you will remember the lovely Joy who was 99 in December, and who has lived in the village for a mere 93 years – soon Joy will be regarded as a local! She had some poor health over the last few months and has decided to let other people look after her, and give up some of her independence. So Joy is now nestled comfortably in a residential home in Rockbears, and I popped over to see her recently. I had been warned that Joy has a succession of visitors every day, so best to phone ahead and check she is free! Apparently Joy can have up to 5 visitors a day, which is great for her. Whilst I was there, another 2 arrived to see her! Joy knows more village gossip than I do!

We had a wonderful wide-ranging chat that covered so many topics, and I wanted to commit these memories to paper – so here we go.

Joy was born in Broadhembury, where her father rented a farm of 300 acres. He had been promised another farm, which didn't happen, so he gave in his notice and came to Whimple because he had family here. They moved to Woodhayes Farm, and Joy can remember the site of the old Whiteways factory being fields. When she was 11 or 12, she pushed the 2 Whiteways boys – Eric and Dick – in their prams. And these 2 became our local captains of the Cyder Industry!

As a child, Joy recalled seeing the Victory Hall arriving in pieces on a train, and Mr Granger, the local builder, collected it in his cart with 2 horses and then assembled it. Sounds like some huge IKEA kit. And I bet they didn't have the instructions in English!

Joy left school at 14, and went to work on the farm helping with the milking, the pigs and the poultry. She was not allowed to go 'out' to work, but stayed on the farm. She had 7 brothers and 5 sisters, so her father had his own family workforce. Another thing that amazed me – on her 8th birthday, she had a gift of a milking stool. A very unsubtle hint here! Imagine unwrapping that...'Ooh, I wonder what this is.....oh goody, look everyone...'

And Joy was expected then to get up at 7, and help with the milking and then go to school. Even at 6 years old at the Broadhembury farm, Joy can remember going out in the fields to do stone picking, putting them in buckets and then tipping them all into a cart. Joy showed me picture of her and one of her brothers taken when she was around 10, looking very tidy and pretty! Apparently she took the same photo recently to Whimple School, and described herself as 'a scrawny young maid'. One boy in the class disagreed with her, and told her that she looked lovely, which really made her day. Well done to that young lad!

The young Joy Mingo (as she was) became the Secretary of the Young Conservatives, and a young Arthur Little was the Chairman. As Joy told me, they kissed in the summer, got engaged at the Christmas, and married in the following September. Apparently, the people who owned Down House came across Arthur and Joy having their first kiss in a lane, and walked on, averting their gaze.

Later they approached Joy and offered their congratulations on her getting married – that’s how rumours start! And then, gentle reader, interfering or what, they accosted young Arthur back at his home and asked if his intentions were honourable! I thought that was wonderful.

On her marriage, they lived at Whimplewood Farm, firstly in a bungalow and then in the farmhouse. Over the years, Joy has been in charge of the Whimple Brownies and Cubs, and was a member of the Civil Defence. They helped when Exmouth was flooded (especially around Phear Park) – but I didn’t get the year!

On a personal note, Joy knew Jimmy Pyne who used to live at our own Dairy Cottage, and they used to rent fields from the Rectory when it was further up Church Road, and strangely enough, called The Old Rectory today! For some reason, Jimmy Pyne was known as ‘Jimmy Truckles’, but not to his face. Joy told me of a young lad who was sent to Jimmy to get some milk for his tea - ‘Go and get some milk from Jimmy Truckles’. And that was how he asked for the milk, and was rewarded with a cuff round his ears with Jimmy’s cap. Jimmy used to sell fresh milk from two pails that were on either end of a yoke that would be balanced across his shoulders, and he would deliver around the village.

I also found out that Dince Hill Close was called the ‘shelf’ but Joy couldn’t remember why, and that Grove Road had a pig farm somewhere, and that was lovingly called ‘Pig Turd Road’, so I may suggest a title change to the Parish Council.

Joy has promised me more information about Dairy Cottage, so I will go back again and have a fascinating and fun couple of hours with a fine lady.

Ed H

## A Message from Joy

Thank you to everyone who helped me to celebrate my 99th birthday on 21st December 2008. I am sorry not to have thanked you before but, as you know, I have been ill – I am pleased to say I have now fully recovered.

Among the many cards I received was a beautiful hand made card from the Year Six pupils of Whimple Primary School which contained a Birthday greetings and a message from each child. I had the pleasure of meeting these children when I visited the school three years ago and I was so pleased to know they remembered me. The card is still on display in my room and everyone who calls admires it.

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**Joy Little**

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# BEAUTY & THE BEAST

First and foremost I thought the painting of the scenery was excellent, all the colours sang out. The village street was just marvellous highlighting the infamous Small Outlet (Jim & Alison's PO). A very well done and congratulations to all involved as your hard work and attention to detail on the scenery and stage setting was very professional.

I couldn't wait for the pantomime this year – due (mainly in part) to seeing Ed performing as a man which was quite novel (albeit a pretend one). As usual, there was something slightly amiss with his 'personage'. Everywhere he went there was the small problem of comfortably fitting in his balls! This double entendre invited much comment and mirth as you can imagine and as the night wore on – his crown just got wonkier (which I'm sure you had concluded already)!

The other that stuck out by a wild mile was the crotch on Pirate Sparky. Again, I have been assured that no trickery was involved at all – but being a member of the fair sex I was far too shy to prod too deeply!

The children kept their end up, remembering lines and adding some modern day personality to the whole evening, particularly the boys playing the 'Chavs'. The lad in the black & white hat must have spent many a happy hour downloading the likes of Snoop Dog and JayZee for his moves (see, I am hip after all)? The witches were... bewitching – a pleasant interlude betwixt scenery changes as well as the lovely singing voice of Princess Mary.

Keeping the audience apace with the pantomime were the story tellers, whilst ably prompting the odd line that drifted into empty space (well... it's these kinds of things that keep it fun).

Thanks must also go to 'Slack Ma' Girdle' for their full bodied intro and backing to the songs, as well as the Scouts, Pre-School and Friends of Whimble School ladies who provided ample refreshment.

All others not mentioned (on and off the stage) must know your efforts were as always very much appreciated.

As is the norm, we simple folk gladly engaged in a bit of audience participation, the singing and barracking being particularly robust from the back row Saturday night (you know who you are)!

Each performance is such a laugh (I'm not kidding). So much more than just a 'bunch of amateurs' – these people give up a lot of their time so that we can have the pleasure of 'sending them up' in that age old tradition that is uniquely ours - Pantomime!

We are so lucky to have our own Whimbletons who in turn help fund our own village clubs and schools – deserving not only of our praise but of our full support.

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**Julie Millward**



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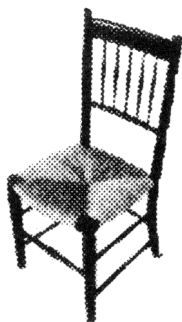
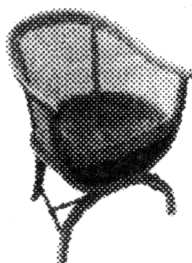
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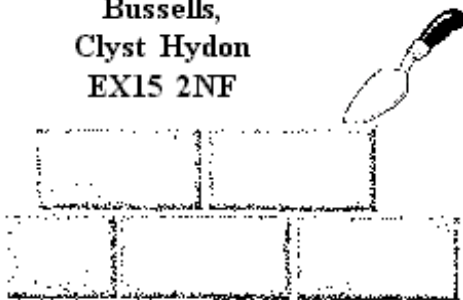
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First was what has now become almost an annual event - the Hospiscare Coffee Morning and Sale of Christmas Cards on 25th October last year. May I express my deep gratitude to everyone who came and contributed so generously and helped to raise the wonderful total of £812. A great compliment to Whimble was the number of people who commented on a lovely morning and such a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

More recently, we held our Spring Coffee Morning on 21st March 2009. Again "Thank you" to everyone who supported this event so generously. It was arranged at quite short notice to try and give Hospiscare a little extra help in the present financial climate. It was a very successful morning and the splendid sum of £404 was raised - the net total after all expenses have been paid. There was a real 'buzz' and again the comment was made "Whimble is my favourite place to come, there is always such a wonderful atmosphere".

"Thank" you to everyone who attended and gave so generously and special appreciation to WI members who gave so unstintingly of their help in so many ways.

Rosemarie Burrows

HDR

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Over the past few weeks at Whimple Church we have enjoyed welcoming many visitors, as well as our regular growing congregation, at our Sunday services. At a recent Celebration Service we were joined by time-travellers Abraham & Sarah from the Bible (acted out by members of Contact), who we have been learning about in our sermon series from the book of Genesis. As our special guests, with the children in tow, 're-lived' their journey into an unknown future, we were encouraged to trust and act on God's promises confident that He can be fully relied on.

On 17th March, St Patrick's Day, we packed out the Victory Hall for our **Shamrock Supper** when we enjoyed live Irish music, an Irish quiz, a few words from our "Paddy Priest" and an excellent four course meal.



In the run up to Easter we are meeting weekly for a **Lent Course** on the theme of Responding to God's World. The choir is hard at work practising for **The Crucifixion** by J Stainer on Good Friday, 10th April at 1.30pm, as well as for our Easter Day family communion service at 11.00am. Please do join us for these special services, as well as at our Palm Sunday Celebration Service on 5th April at 11am.

After Easter we will be running **Christianity Explored** to which everyone is welcome. This is an informal course for people who would like to investigate Christianity or refresh their understanding of what it means to be a Christian. You will not be asked to pray, sing, or read aloud, and you can ask any question you like. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can come along and simply listen. The CHRISTIANITY course will run on Wednesday evenings from 6th May to 24th June, 7.30pm at The Rectory Grove Road, Whimple. Please **EXPLORED** contact Rob Wilkinson (822521) to book your place or for more information.

Other important dates are Whimple **Church Fete** on 13th June and "**Grill-a-Bishop**" on Thursday 18th June at Cotley Farm. This event is part of the 2009 celebrations for 1100 years of Christianity in Devon, and will include a hot pork roast supper, and an opportunity to 'grill' Bishop Bob with questions about the Christian faith. We would love this event to be full with people from the village as well as guests from across the Deanery, so please do put the date in your diaries.

Following on from the popularity of our Women's Breakfasts, we are starting **Men's Breakfasts**, the first one being held on Saturday 4th April 8.30-9.45am in the Victory Hall.

There will be a cooked breakfast followed by a talk about life as a Christian in the Royal Air Force by Ben Laite entitled 'A Lighter Shade of Blue'. Cost is £3 and all men are welcome – please let David Smith know if you plan on coming (822123). The next **Women's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 6th June.

St Mary's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, when we review the past year, look ahead to the future, and elect Churchwardens and PCC members will be held on 6th April in the Victory Hall.



Thank you for your generosity in previous years in supporting **Christian Aid Week**, which this year will be 10th–16th May. We would invite you again to support the work of this relief agency, which works to relieve poverty, working wherever the need is greatest, irrespective of religion or race.

There will be significant changes in the coming months as Clyst Hydon joins Whimple, Talaton & Clyst St Lawrence to form a new '**Mission Community**'. As we work together we are planning to be able to offer across all the parishes a greater range of styles and times of services, mid-week activities, and other events. We would appreciate your suggestions about how we could make church more welcoming and accessible to you and your family—please email [admin@whimplechurch.org](mailto:admin@whimplechurch.org), or deliver written suggestions to The Rectory, Grove Road.

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimple Church as well other interesting articles can be found in the **United Benefice Magazine**. Sample copies can be obtained free of charge from the back of church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged - please contact Kate Hamilton (823201) / [admin@whimplechurch.org](mailto:admin@whimplechurch.org) for further details.

## St Mary's Church

### Monthly Programme of Services

|            |         |                                 |
|------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1st Sunday | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                  |
|            | 11.00am | Celebration Service             |
| 2nd Sunday | 11.00am | Holy Communion                  |
|            | 10.45am | Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut |
| 3rd Sunday | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                  |
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| 4th Sunday | 11.00am | Holy Communion                  |
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## WELL DONE WAC4Y!!

The Whimple Action Committee for Youth (WAC4Y) have succeeded in securing funds from the Big Lottery Fund for a new "trim track" in the Parish Field. The award has come from the Lottery 'Playful Ideas' programme, which specialises in supporting projects, often in rural communities, where recreational opportunities are be limited.

"Well we,ve done it! We've managed to secure a Grant of just under £50,000 !! Quite amazing." says Liz Silk "If all goes according to plan and, weather permitting, the Parish Field will be transformed in time for a launch party at the beginning of Village Week. A huge THANK YOU to all committee members, both past and present, and to those who supported and advised throughout."

The trail will be a 'fun fitness' area for the benefit of teenagers and adults alike. There will be various 'aids', such as pull-up bars, balance beams and net swings situated along the trail, which have will meet all necessary safety regulations.

The long-awaited BMX bike area and a wooden adventure trail will also be incorporated for the younger children.

Volunteers will be needed to help with some of the work, look out for the posters.

This trail will be a fantastic addition to the village, and well done WAC4Y!!!



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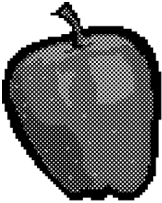
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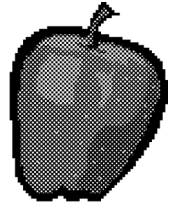
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Please contact Gloria Westley on 822505.



A dozen or so retired gentlemen meet together for coffee every Monday morning in St Mary's Church.

We enjoy each other's company and conversation for an hour. There may well be other retired gentlemen in the village who would like to join us. They would find themselves very welcome.

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### WANTED - ACCOMMODATION IN OR NEAR WHIMPLE

I am a 52 year old non-smoking male in full time employment who is good with cats and dogs, and will consider anything - house share, lodger etc.

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My present tenancy contract ends on June 1st.

Text or call Michael Heath 07596 113 170.



Whimple Cricket Club requires a bar person to work two or three evenings per week during the winter and weekend evenings during the summer. Other special events by agreement. Pay £6.50 per hour.

Further details and application form from Jon Silk 822389

# The London Moonwalk

May 16th 2009

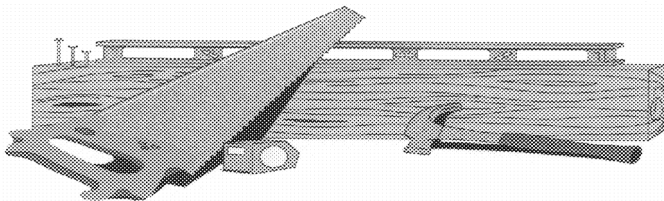
Nicky and I would like to thank all those in the village who donated money to our collection at the pantomime and to those who have sponsored us.

To date, the good people of Whimble have donated or pledged nearly £500 to ensure we walk our 26 miles (or as Nicky keeps reminding me 26.3 miles) through London at midnight in our bras. Between us we have raised just over £1300 and we still have over a month of fundraising and training to go.

If you would like to sponsor us we both have pages on the Just Giving website - [www.justgiving.com/nickyhitchcock](http://www.justgiving.com/nickyhitchcock) or [www.justgiving.com/vivleonard](http://www.justgiving.com/vivleonard)

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# Our Ann

You would have to have been on another planet not to know that Ann Daniels is with the Arctic Survey Team that recently left the relative 'warmth!' of the UK to establish the real effects of global warming on the ice cap.

We had a bit of a send off for her and were all the worst for wear, but Ann STILL managed to go paint balling with Tom and the children on her last Saturday before leaving! A few of us received this email whilst Ann was waiting to set off from base Camp...

**24th February 2009 05:49**

We are now holed up in a small village called Resolute Bay in the far North, where its -34 degrees on average and much colder today as the wind was fierce. Half the village is made up of mainland Canadians, the other half of Inuit. Most people are friendly and stop us in the street to ask about the expedition and how it's going. We arrived here about a week ago and had hoped our freight would be waiting for us when we got here as it was shipped weeks before but life is never that simple in the wilds and it only arrived two days ago. We have gone from having nothing much to do, except eat a lot (I now can't fit into my sledging suit) to working 14 and 15 hour days to get ready.

This is a dry town and so there are no pubs or bars (thank God). Having said that I am having a glass of red wine Ian snuck in while I am writing to you good people.

Now the kit has arrived we have been spending more time outdoors and it's absolutely freezing. I know what did I expect, it's not the Bahamas. (Maybe next year?) Most of our days are spent practicing putting the tent up and getting used to pulling a heavy sledge again. We had a bit of a shock the first time we tried to put the tent up. We had used it a few weeks ago during our trials but it was only -24 and was fine at those temperatures. Unfortunately at -34 the tent fabric shrank and we couldn't get the poles in the ends. As we will be suffering -40's and -50° we thought we should do something about it and so took the radical decision to saw the end off our tent poles. Here's hoping the fabric doesn't stretch again when the temps rise to the -20°s in the middle of the expedition.

I have been sorting our food and getting used to navigating through weird terrain in a blizzard. We have also been changing just about every piece of kit we will use. Nothing really works in very cold temperatures. We have even super glued matches to our flask lids and covered them with horse bandage so we can open them when they freeze and our hands don't stick to the metal.

All in all we are in good order and can't wait for the off, which is planned for Friday, weather permitting.

Each of us has big pre match nerves. This is a big one and we all know we will go to hell and back to pull it off. The media are already hounding us. Even up here there is no escape and we have to do mad videoing and photos for the TV and news plus a strange computer conference thingyajig.

We also have an ex Royal Marine up here in the support team and he takes me out in the blizzards for the odd run, which is interesting in itself. Mad? I will be!

Both Pen and I have taken to staying in bed (not the same one) for a while after we wake up and just roll around in the warmth because we know we won't have it for long. It's a bit weird but we really appreciate all our comforts right now. Anyway I am off. My thoughts are definitely of home right now. Take care and I will see you in June.

For those without access to a computer, here are just a few tasters of what info is available on the site...

The Ice Team members (Pen Hadow, Ann Daniels and Martin Hartley) have all reached the North Pole before, so this project is not about getting to the Pole, but rather about securing relevant scientific data. The choice of route has been dictated by the need to obtain the maximum amount of data possible along a scientifically relevant transect. The North Geographic Pole was the natural end point. The team will be travelling on foot, hauling sledges from 81°N 130°W, across 1,000km of disintegrating and shifting sea ice, for around 100 days, in temperatures from 0°C down to -50°C.

### **'KNICKERS'**

**Posted by Ann Daniels Saturday, 7th March 2009 20:48**

Support for the ice team has come from many quarters over the last few months, most recently in the form of a pair of knickers. These were kindly donated by a supporter of the Survey prior to departure, and have now been shredded and attached to one of my ski poles. This then allows me to navigate using the wind. Due to our proximity to the Magnetic North Pole; our compasses are currently going haywire. The earth's strong magnetic field on this part of the ocean means that the compass needle simply spins uselessly in its housing.

As such, we're currently relying on more traditional methods for day-to-day navigation, using the sun (for those few precious hours each day when it graces us with its presence), and using wind direction, as indicated by the panties...

### **'UTTERLY, UTTERLY MISERABLE'**

**Posted by Simon Harris-Ward Monday, 16th March 2009 00:00**

Given the recent light hearted website entries highlighting Pen's talk to DfID and the use of underwear for navigational purposes, it is easy for us here in civilisation to assume that life on the ice is comfortable, or at least bearable. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Every living moment currently hurts for the Ice Team. I believe it was Robert Swan who once said, "Antarctica wants you dead," and the same is most definitely true of the Arctic. There is a reason that nothing lives far out on the floating sea ice. The conditions are simply too torturous.

For Ann, Martin and Pen, body temperatures are currently bordering on hypothermic, exposed skin freezes in seconds, sledges weigh over one and a half times their own bodyweight and the terrain underfoot each day resembles a frozen rock fall. Even the tent offers little sanctuary, since the team's breath freezes to the tent inner overnight and they wake up entombed in a cavern of ice crystals, whilst their low temperature-rated sleeping bags struggle to offer even a modicum of warmth during the bitter Arctic nights.

As predicted, bits of equipment are breaking daily and despite putting in long, hard days, there is still the feeling that they are going on nowhere, on account of the strong winds and ocean currents that are pushing the ice (and therefore the team) away from the Pole.

So to describe the Ice Team's current situation as utterly, utterly miserable wouldn't be an overstatement. They have all been in this situation before, however, and they continue to battle on. And this is the reason, more than any other, that we use members of the explorer community for data gathering, rather than expecting the scientists of this world to perform such a task themselves.

At the time of writing this article (Wednesday, 18th March 2009) conditions on the ice were: Total Distance Travelled: 24.45 Km Average daily Distance: 1.53Km Estimated Distance to North Pole: 930.07Km Time on Arctic Ocean: 16 Days

What with all the blogs and scientific data available to the 'armchair explorer' (like me!) you cannot fail but to be fascinated by the tremendous effort involved, not only from the Ice Team but their fantastic army of support workers at the Base Station as well as all their families at home!

To follow Ann's progress in more detail with regular blogs and wonderful pictures go to [www.catlinarcticsurvey.com](http://www.catlinarcticsurvey.com).

Take care our Ann, we think of you often and wish you every success in your latest endeavour. Beers are in the fridge awaiting your safe return!

**Julie Millward**

## The Latest Blog Entry from Ann

Ann's latest blog entry was on Wednesday 25th March

"When we set off this morning the visibility was appalling, which makes life pretty uncomfortable. Martin summed it up by saying it's like being in a milk bottle, looking out. A very lumpy, icy milk bottle I'd add. But we ploughed on and after our second session of an hour and five minutes the sun came through and I could see without squinting. The tiny, sparkly ice crystals floating across my skis were pretty, but so dense. I was pleased to be able to see the horizon again.

After we'd stopped and put up the tent Pen went out with the drill and worked until late. We were all exhausted and the temperatures dropped back again, from -24 degrees C to -34.

We're not in any danger of losing our way when we can't see because modern GPS systems work via satellite. Years ago explorers would have been reliant on compasses and these are pretty useless here because of our proximity to the magnetic north pole.

We made good progress in fact, 8 nautical miles today".





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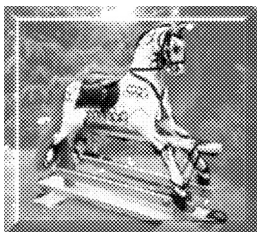
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# Eat Well, Waste Less

National research has indicated that a third of all the food we buy ends up being thrown in the bin costing the average household £420 each year.

Devon County Council is encouraging people across the county to make a resolution to 'Do it for Devon' by helping the environment while at the same saving themselves money and leading a healthier lifestyle. Devon County Council is working with the community to help people recycle more, use their local library, cycle more often, explore Devon's countryside and drive in a more eco-friendly way.

*Don't Let Devon go to Waste* is asking people to think carefully about the food they buy and to try and use up leftovers as part of its Love food, hate waste campaign.

By doing some easy practical everyday things in the home we can all waste less food, which will ultimately benefit our purses and the environment too. Most of the wasted food reaches landfill sites where it emits methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

Councillor Margaret Rogers, Devon County Council Executive Member for Environment, said:

"It's all too easy to over-buy at this time of year and over-estimate what the family need. It is terribly wasteful to see something like a third of all food thrown in the bin".

"By following some sensible buying and storage tips as well as using the recipes on the recycle for devon website, we can all help to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill."

A recent report, 'The food we waste' by WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme) showed that the average household in Devon throws out £420 of food a year. The cost of wasted food to UK households could be as much as £10 billion a year, £2 billion higher than previously estimated.

Researchers found that around £6 billion of food a year is bought and simply left unused or untouched. For example, each day 1.3 million unopened yoghurt pots, 5,500 whole chickens and 440,000 ready meals are thrown away in the UK. The study revealed that £1 billion worth of wasted food is still "in date".

The environmental impact of food waste is significant. Because of the energy and resources used to transport food from producer and supplier to the home, and subsequently to landfill, there is a major carbon impact. Successfully tackling the food waste issue could mean the energy equivalent of taking 1 in 5 cars off UK roads.

# Wasters of Whimple

## February Social evening

We were delighted to welcome roughly 60 people to our first speaker evening. We thank all those who baked and helped to get things ready and everyone who attended. Feedback suggested that most people found the information useful and if you were unable to attend but would like to know what was discussed, please contact Jenny and she will give you a copy of the minutes of the evening. This event was organised in partnership with the VPA and we very much appreciated their support and involvement. £63 profit went to help support their great organisation.

Some useful points you may find helpful are that window envelopes can be put for recycling (although if you separate the window it improves the quality) and below is a list of plastics that can be recycled at the recycling centres i.e. the volunteer collection (this will be different to that collected kerbside in 2020).

- Plastics taken at recycling centres - please make sure everything is clean:
- All plastic drinks and milk bottles (squashed and lid back on or milk lids to the church for charity)
- All plastic household cleaning bottles
- Preformed biscuit or chocolate box trays
- Plastic sandwich containers
- Yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, ready meal containers, etc
- Plastic fruit containers (excluding polystyrene)
- CD's and cases
- Clean plastic flower pots



A list is available of items that cannot be recycled along with this list on the Devon County Council website.

## Cardboard/plastics volunteer collections

Our fabulous volunteers are still working hard and we hope to provide a collection on the last Saturday of every month.

All cardboard and plastics should be clean and crushed if possible and separated into separate bags. We will gladly return your bags for reuse.

**Next collection** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> June 10-11am car park off of the Village Square.

## Skills swap register

Alex Tooze has set up a skills swap scheme which can be found on the excellent whimpleonline website. We hope that this will be useful to all and will help to keep trade in the village and hopefully reduce transportation. This scheme is down to all individuals using it to make it work fairly.

## Fashumble Show – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

We are very excited about this event and hope to make it a fun and entertaining evening for all of you.

We hope to offer a Fashion Show event where all of the clothing on sale will be vintage, recycled, second hand (Call it what you will). The clothing will be displayed in size order around the room and you will be able to browse, have a drink and try things on before you buy.

**If you want to sell items** - selling packs will be available from the Post Office, the school or us from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. It will provide you with complete instructions on how to manage your items for sale. 10% of all clothes sold for you will be retained and the balance paid over to you within 2 weeks of the event. **This is an opportunity to name your price for those expensive mistakes and would ask for quality clothing, belts, scarves or bags. Damaged, dirty or tatty goods will not be accepted.**

**If you want to come along** – tickets will be on sale from the Post Office or us from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April (numbers limited so buy early). Cost will be £3 and will include one drink of your choice. **Please note that purchases can be made by cash or cheque payment only.**

The Friends of Whimple school have agreed to work with us on this event and any profits made after expenses will go to their funds. This is an excellent way of recycling and keeping transportation and production costs to a minimum. Whether you think it is a posh jumble sale or a retro clothes fest it will hopefully be a lot of fun.

**Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 8pm at 41 Grove Road.**

Jenny Sanders

01404 823015 jls.sanders@btinternet.com

Alison Betts

01404 823967 alison.betts@yahoo.co.uk

## Bellringing Festival

We thought it only fair to inform you that the Devon Association of Ringers has chosen St. Mary's Church to hold a Ringing Festival on May 9th.

This will mean that the Bells will be ringing from approximately 2.00pm for most of the afternoon and maybe early evening, although not continuously it must be said!

I should mention that this is not a Novice Competition so if any of you decide to stay in the village you 'could' enjoy hearing them!

On a serious note, as it is an honour for Whimple to host this event bringing some expert ringers to our tower, and we hope it doesn't cause a problem for anyone.

You may also notice the bells being rung more frequently in early April as the various teams come here to practise ringing on our bells.

Hopefully if you have rung bells, or would like to learn, it might just spur you on to join us on a Monday evening when we practice from 8.00 - 9.00pm.

Many thanks

Liz Silk

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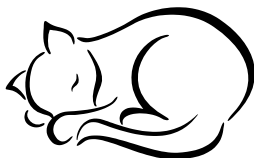
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## This Year's Special Exhibition

Once again Whimble Heritage Centre is putting on two summer exhibitions in 2009.

Although Whimble is still famous for being the past home of Whiteways Cyder it was also well known throughout East Devon for it's thriving butchers business, originally Gloins, then Chards, and finally Webbers which had a busy abattoir and butchers shop located within the village. We shall be displaying numerous photographs in addition to some old originals, or copies of, old documents together with a few artefacts.

Our second exhibition is celebrating 75 years of Dinky toys. Although no longer in production the original Dinky factory in Liverpool started their production of models in 1934 bringing a huge mixture of pleasure and fascination not to mention engendering a worldwide mania for their collection. We hope to have over a hundred models on display, many of them boxed and a number of them in mint condition.

For those 'in the know' we have two large scale 'Mighty Antars', several Guy lorries of differing types, various coaches, cars, agricultural vehicles and box vans.

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# The Legend of Saint Christopher

In 1845 the Parish Church in Whimple was considerably altered, being lengthened and a South Aisle added. May be it was at this time that the two murals dating probably from the 1500's and located on the piers of the North wall were destroyed.

One of the murals showed St. George and had been much defaced. The other was of St. Christopher, the Patron Saint of travellers and pilgrims and as usual was located opposite the South door so that it was the first picture one noticed on arriving at the Church. Today he is commemorated commonly on key rings and other travel souvenirs.

There no basis of fact for the existence of St. Christopher but the legend says that he was the son of a heathen king of Canaan or Arabia and was called Offerus. In time he acquired extraordinary size and strength and so decided to serve only the strongest king and later Satan, but he found both lacked courage and the latter was frightened by the sight of a roadside cross. For a time his search for a new master was in vain, but at last he found a hermit, (Babylas?) who told him to offer his allegiance to Christ, instructed him in the Faith, and baptized him. Christopher, as he was now called, would not promise to do any fasting or praying, but willingly accepted the task of carrying people, for God's sake, across a raging stream.

One day he was carrying a child who grew continually heavier, so that it seemed to him as if he had the whole world on his shoulders. The child, on inquiry, made himself known as the Creator and Redeemer of the world. To prove his statement the child ordered Christopher to fix his staff in the ground and the next morning it had grown into a palm-tree bearing fruit. The miracle converted many.

This excited the rage of the king (prefect) of that region (Dagnus of Samos in Lycia?). Christopher was put into prison and, after many cruel torments, beheaded.

The mural showed St. Christopher (Greek christos, Christ, pherein, to bear. Latin Christophorus, i.e. Christbearer) carrying Christ (though hardly a child in our mural) on his shoulders across the river and in his hand is his staff already in leaf. The river is symbolised by the fish, the mermaid and the boats. On the hill behind him and to the left is the hermit carrying a bible but is more normally shown carrying a lantern (the True Light).



PAINTING ON WALL OF NORTH AISLE OF THE CHURCH OF ST MARY, WHIMPLE, DEVON.  
DRAWN IN MARCH, 1845.

A SIMILAR PAINTING OF ST GEORGE, MUCH DEFACEED WAS ON THE NEXT PIER.

Martin Horrell



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TVCT is preparing for its next project, a music/animation/dance film which will act as a pilot for a much bigger event later on. Young people over 12 are particularly welcome to take part. We have also conducted many interviews for our Verbatim Theatre production on agriculture. The script for this production will use extracts of the real words spoken by interviewees. We will be offering the full transcripts to Honiton Museum. The DVD of New Talking Heads, shot and edited by Ben Vallack of PhotoTropic Productions, is now available at £8.00 plus £1.25 post and packing, or collect from Payhembury Shop. It contains 18 original monologues written, performed and directed by TVCT members, some with original music composed and played by members. Contact John Somers: j.w.somers@ex.ac.uk or 01884 277390, There's a discount for each additional DVD bought at the same time.

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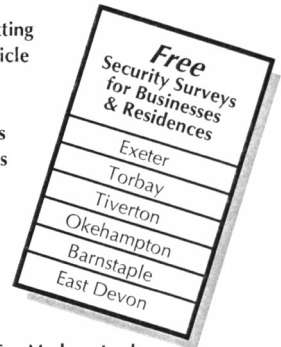


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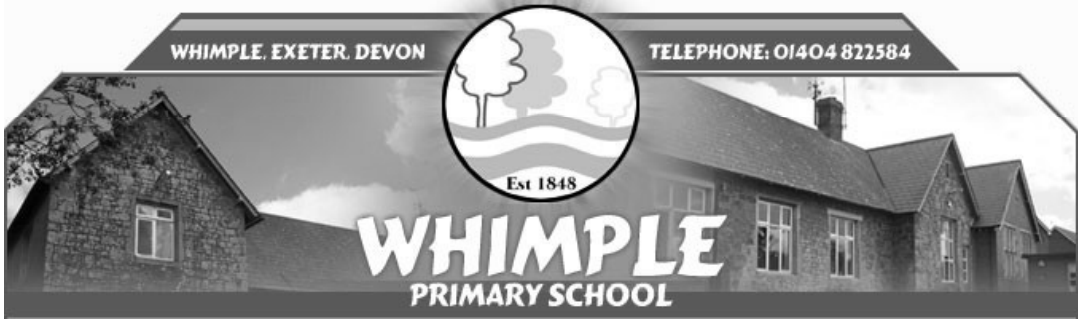
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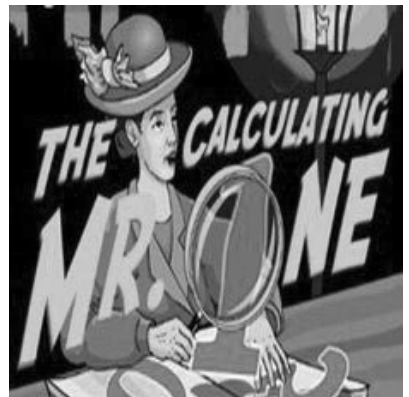
You had about 10 minutes to complete the challenges such as framed! We had to work in teams and listen to each other. It was kindly funded by friends of Whimple School.

By Matthew Parker and Ruben Haywood (Year 4)

## *maths show*

On Thursday the 12th of February key stage 2 went to a maths show in Paignton Theatre. The show was called Calculating Mr. One. It was very funny and we all enjoyed it.

By Peter Betts, Robert Palmer, Samuel Ayers and Max Bowden



# Feel The Force !

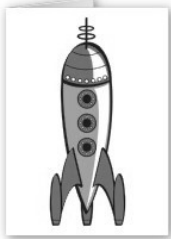


On the 26th of February Year 6's from some primary schools went to the science slideshow called 'Feel the Force'; which was very funny and entertaining. The year 6s thoroughly enjoyed it; the people producing the show were fantasti at doing the experiments this included showing how a rocke works.



They also introduced a movie star frog named Phil, who performed a lot some of superstar stunts.

Phil had to be given C.P.R., after that they hit him with a hammer - which probably hurt a lot. Some of the experiments went a bit wrong so they kept shouting it works! It works!



## traditional tales

At Whimble School the year twos have been very busy by making grotty trolls. We used brown paper to cover the balloons. Then we left them to dry. Then we painted them green, red, black or blue. Next we stuck paper on them to make their faces.



By Dulcie, Laura and Emily. (Year 2)

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## **Dates for 2009:**

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**Sunday 19 April from 10-12.**

**(If poor weather prevents this, Sunday 26th April is our back-up date).**

## Club nights:

We will again run a **rota** to ensure someone will always be there for the first hour on adults' club nights – Thursdays from 7pm, for an informal game or just a knock-up. Club nights will commence on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

**PLEASE PHONE 823240- Judith - if you would like to help by being on the rota.**

## Wednesday Family Night

**Coaching aimed at primary school children, whether members of the club or not**, at a cost of £3 per session per child, will resume on 22 April. 5.30pm – 6.30 pm weekly.

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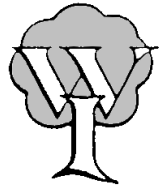


# Whimble Womens Institute

We have started the year with a flourish, February and March bringing us two excellent but very different speakers. At the February meeting Annie Bassett gave a fascinating and lively talk on her experiences of 'Love, Music and Football' and in March we had a very interesting evening when Richard Murphy talked on the broad aspects of hypnotherapy. As usual there have been several extra activities. A small group of members are busy making quilts for the children's ward at the RD&E hospital.

Several members visited the Exeter Hospice and were impressed by the care provided for both patients and families and by the variety of activity undertaken by day care patients. In the early rounds of the Federation competitions our quiz team did very well and finished close to the top, while the whist team go forward to the next round.

April promises to be a busy month with the Devon Federation Spring Council Meeting, where a number of members will be acting as stewards, and at the end of the month Whimble will be hosting the Group Meeting - our superb "Drama Group!" are already rehearsing. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members.



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Our last order was made on the 23rd February and we organised 32 drops in Whimpe for in excess of 21,000 litres in total. This achieved a discount against the average price for just 500 litres of 17%. Amounting to an approximate £1300 saving for all WARTS members to share!

This delivery went relatively smoothly with only one or two disappointments. The individuals concerned have received our apologies. About half a dozen of our members had to wait until Monday 2nd March to receive their oil. This was because the oil company had not managed to contact them for payment in advance. Please remember that payment is required upfront if you have not purchased from the nominated supplier in the past.

We are very pleased that our membership shot up from some 66 to 87 members since the last last order in December.

The schedule of order dates for the remainder of 2009 is as below.

### Intended Order Dates for 2009:-

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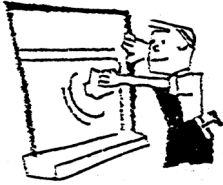
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You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 0800 number listed on the back of your card (0800-VISA) and ask for Security.

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Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works the caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." The last 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you may sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say, "No," the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of £497.99 was charged to our card.

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What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

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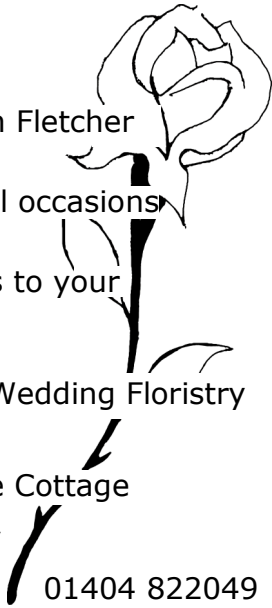
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