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June

- 4th Village Picnic – Parish Field (details page 15)
- 4th Diamond Jubilee Beacon Lighting event at the Cricket Club from 7.30 p.m.; Open to all the village - the beacon will be lit at Cotley Farm around 9.30pm. (details page 15)
- 7th Jubilee Picnic Lunch at Cadhay in aid of the Ottery Help Scheme 10.30am to 2.00pm
- 14th VPA trip to Burrow Farms Gardens,
- 16th Whimble Church Garden Fete – (details on page 13)
- 23rd Whimble School Summer Fayre 1.00pm – 4.00pm (see page 11)
- 26th New Fountain Inn 8.00pm – Raddon Hill Clog Morris Dancers
- 27th VPA trip to Highgrove
- 30th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon- 1.30pm

July

- 4th Whimble School Choir 2.00pm at the Victory Hall (details page 50)
- 6th Cantilena 25th Anniversary Concert Broadclyst Church (details page 19)
- 8-15th Village Week (see details centre pages)
- 27th Guided village walk from the Heritage Centre. Contact 822244 to reserve a place.
- 28th Summer Special Ploughman's Lunch from 12.00noon, Victory Hall with the Soup and Sarnie Team

August

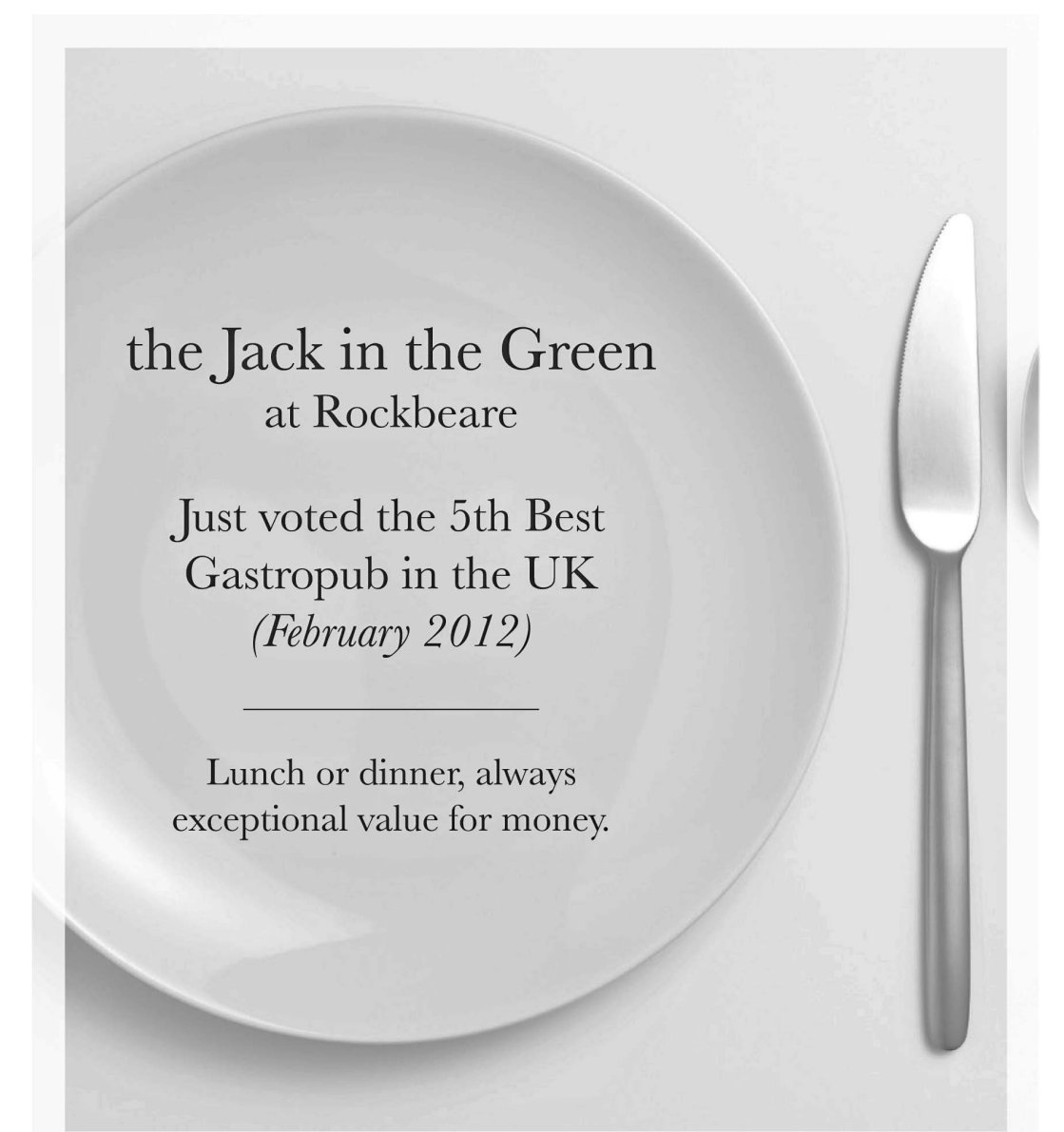
- 3rd Guided village walks from the Heritage Centre. Contact 822244 to reserve a place.
- 30th Storytelling at the Heritage Centre

September

- 1st VPA Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall
- 21st Living history presentation. 'Roman Army - fact and fiction' at the Victory Hall 7.30pm.

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

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Gentle reader, this edition of your Whimble News is full of the details for the fabulous Village Week that Bob Scanlan and his team have put together - it looks very good with lots of activities to appeal to all ages. There is also an appeal for help with the setting up, on the day itself, and dismantling after the event. These Village Days just don't happen, a lot of help is needed from the rest of the village to continue the success of these events – so please offer what support you can, and contact Sue Ayres or Bob as per page 35 – that would be great. Thank you!

Speaking of doing something for your village, please take a moment, next time you are in The Square, to take a look at the brook. On Friday 25th May, a team of volunteers, led by the wonderful Sue Ayres, spent a long hot morning clearing the sides and channel of the brook. We managed to take away several trailer loads of cuttings and earth, and I hope you will agree that it looks wonderful now. All the brickwork of the channel base has been exposed, and cleaned up; the sides and overhanging branches have been lopped and tidied. So that is why there is bunting along one side of the brook, in celebration of a job well done. Thanks team!

And again, about doing something for your village – I had two volunteers contact me about the Whimble News delivery vacancies in the last edition, and we now are back up to full strength! Hurrah and thank you.

Reading Martin Gammell's article, about Cranbrook, I was bemused by the fact that the council are now thinking up a reason for Cranbrook...a little late now you may think! As I remember, the reason is simple...the Council were told to do it by John Prescott when he was the Deputy Prime Minister, and they had two choices, to either get involved and participate in the design, or sit back and let central government run the whole thing. Simple!

Speaking of Cranbrook, I have been enthused by the Cranbrook 'straplines' on their signs - **IMAGINE DISCOVER BELIEVE**. May I build on those words...

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And what do we have in Whimble?... 'Please drive carefully' We need a competition for a Whimble Strapline....send your ideas to me.

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This week we celebrated Marian's retirement. It's been a bit sad of course, we shall miss her, but she certainly deserves to put her feet up after so many years of dedicated service to the village. We had a small gathering outside the Post Office for her on her very last day, where she was presented with a voucher for a trip in a hot air balloon and a bouquet of flowers. This was a token of thanks from her customers, a party was planned and is due to take place later, (probably already happened by the time you get this !)

We wish Lucy the very best of luck with Marian's paper round and would like to remind everyone that milk can be purchased from the Post Office.

Of course with Marian's retirement we have ceased selling papers, as we were her customers too.

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The Post Office has announced that it will be stopping the pre-paid air letters which are now no longer on sale and cannot be used after 31st October. If you have any please ensure you use them before this date, after which they will be invalid.

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Due to the Jubilee we have an extra Bank holiday , please note our closures.

Monday 4th June	Closed
Tuesday 5th June	Closed

Any benefits and pensions due on a Bank Holiday can be accessed on the previous working day. On this occasion benefits due on the Monday or Tuesday are available on Friday 1st June.

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We still have a bunny awaiting collection after the Easter raffle. If you have the winning ticket number 5 then please let us know.

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We have introduced some new local products for you to try. Award winning Luscombes organic drinks from Buckfastleigh, ideal for a treat. Devonvale Cakes from Honiton, individually packed, great for lunch boxes and picnics. And Burt's hand fried potato chips, using only the finest and freshest natural ingredients from Roborough, Devon.

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This issue of Whimple News will be delivered over the Jubilee weekend so some events may well be either over or already under way by the time you read this. For those that aren't here are the details.

On Saturday 2nd June

10.15am Coffee and Cakes in the Church with celebration bells at 11.00am

5.00pm Barn Dance at Cotley Farm

On Sunday 3rd June

11.00 am Jubilee Celebration Church Service with Scouts' Church Parade and with refreshments afterwards.

On Monday 4th June

12.00noon Village Picnic in the Parish Field.

7.30pm History Society Celebration at The Cricket Club (WHS members only).

9.30pm Everyone invited to The Cricket Club to view the lighting of the beacon.

Village Picnic

Everyone is invited to a Village Picnic
in the Parish Field at 12.00noon
on Monday 4th June
to celebrate the Queen's Diamond jubilee.
Bring a picnic and something to drink

Whimple History Society

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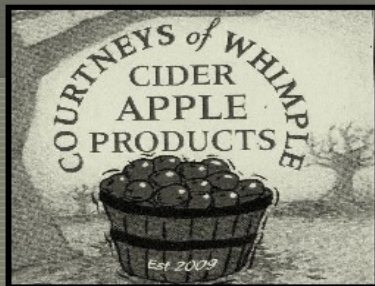
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Your particular organisation, or individuals, might like to contribute to this by suggesting suitable **public** sites which would benefit from trees, this could even extend to a small copse.

In Autumn we will be busy with tree planting and this would be an excellent opportunity for young people to get involved, particularly with the **very special Jubilee Oak**.

We hope that there will be a wide interest in the Village and if you would like to become involved please contact me.

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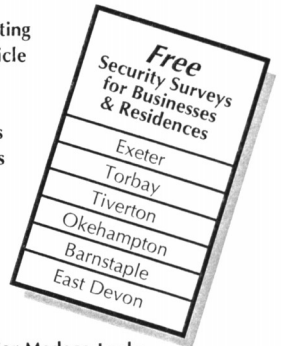


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FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

by Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Do you remember that lovely song of Tommy Steele's 'Fings ain't wot they used to be'? Marian Daniels has just retired, our faithful and devoted 'milk lady'. The village has just lost this great lady. Come rain or shine she never failed to turn up, always with a very cheerful smile. I always made sure I put a bag out with the empty bottles by the front door, because if it was not there Marian would be concerned about my well-being.

There are so many stories of her remarkable bravery and her concern for others. It was well above her call of duty.

Alison and Jim and a small crowd gathered at the Post Office to wish Marian well with a friendly send off, a bunch of flowers and a gift. A little social party will be arranged at the Victory Hall so we can all say a heartfelt 'thank you' to her.

All that remains for me now is to wish Marian and her family a well deserved retirement.

'For she's a jolly good fellow, and so say all of us.'

EMLG

Dear Friends,

The words "Thank You" seem totally inadequate for all the wonderful gifts and tributes given to me on my retirement and also many thanks to Jim and Alison for organising a collection at the Post Office which will provide me with a Hot Air Balloon ride, which I greatly appreciate.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Tea Party at The Victory Hall which I hope you will have attended.

Once again, my grateful thanks to you all & with very best wishes

Marian

Cantilena Concert

Cantilena is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year, and to mark the event it is putting on a concert in Broadclyst Church on Friday 6th July, 7.30pm. With a wide variety of music being performed, including some past conductor's work, it promises to be a lovely evening. Admission is free, and there will be a retiring collection in aid of Kidney Research UK. Come along and help us celebrate.

EAST DEVON COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

After a year in the job it is time to drop the 'on becoming' part of the title of my report, although every meeting reminds me that I am still pretty wet behind the ears. Speaking of wet, a word of warning to those even dafter than I am: put a non-slip mat in the bath when you take a shower! An embarrassing incident involving a bonny young lady paramedic and – even worse – a bonny young firewoman helping to get me out of the bath, cold, wet and covered in little more than a towel left your Councillor without a shred of dignity and a severe whiplash injury. This has kept me out of circulation for a while.



This report just looks at the item on everybody's lips –Cranbrook and its potential for your community.

If you go down the old A30 towards Exeter you can't fail to see the houses going up at the roundabouts. A fortnight ago a large group of District Councillors had a guided tour of the site. It was the day after the torrential rain that refilled the county's reservoirs, and we were made very aware of the low lying nature of the site! We were confronted by large lakes of muddy red water everywhere (maybe the builders should have started with The Lake which will be a central landmark as well as a reservoir for water run off). Despite this there has been a lot of progress. There is a roof on the main school building: by September it will be open for the children from Clyst Honiton. The railway station is being laid out; the car park raised by more than a metre to ensure it will not be flooded. In fact they seem to be raising the height of the whole site! The show homes and the sales offices are finished and on the 12th May they were open at 6.00am for potential customers - with Buck's Fizz on offer! (We didn't get any). The districts in the town have been determined and, as you know, some of the street names have been decided and road signs installed - albeit blanked out at the moment. The power station is being developed, as is the Clyst Honiton bypass which feeds into Cranbrook. The multipurpose building that will house the Town Hall, Council offices, Library, and gym already has its roof on. The main roads and sewers have been built and the streetlights have been erected

We also visited the Flybe site to see how this complementary development on the edge of Cranbrook is getting on. The flying school is already in action, construction of the hotel next door has started and lots of other buildings are also taking shape. Finally we explored the 'Bridge to Nowhere' over the M5 and the developments at Junction 29 where bus shelters are erected and roads are appearing that will lead to even more development.

All in all, it is exciting to watch the embryo of a town growing from the green fields and farmsteads that were there before and we must hope that it matches the planners' dreams. By this time next year there will be a community up and running and it is now possible to imagine a town here. The developers expect to build 170 houses by Christmas, and they will add about 450 houses each year.

Over time Cranbrook will create some 1,200 jobs (shops, teachers, health workers, town maintenance, doctors' surgeries, park rangers, small businesses). These will be jobs created by the town itself, quite apart from the hundreds that are to be generated by the 'multimodal park', the Flybe Academy and the Science Park. The town will have a shopping centre to rival Honiton or Exmouth and eventually there will be a town council and possibly, a new District ward.

This all sounds wonderful, but things have a way of not turning out as planned, and Councillors are musing about what the *reason* for a new town of this size will be. All the towns in Devon have grown over centuries starting with a market, an industry, a mine, tourism or the railways, not just a plan in a government minister's head. The Council wants Cranbrook to be a community in its own right too and not just a suburb of Exeter, but what's it all *for*? Answers on a postcard, please.....

Incidentally, Cranbrook is supposed to be a "green" town: it has been named after the stream running through it - "the brook of the cranes". Wouldn't it be wonderful to see those majestic birds exploring The Lake one day? The Council are determined to keep the mature trees and some of the landscape, and the Council's tree officers will be taking members of the public around the site on July 2nd to look at the work they have been doing. If you are interested, phone 07814-477-422 for details to book a place on the tour and see for yourselves how Cranbrook is coming on.

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Jubilee Community Award

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On 17th May the Chairman (John Griffiths), Vice Chairman (Sue Ayres) and Clerk (Gerri Turner) of Whimble Parish Council were invited, along with all other East Devon Town and Parish Councils, to attend a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration Town and Parish Awards evening at East Devon District Council, to recognise local achievements. Parishes were invited to provide details of projects they have led or helped to deliver.

There were 3 awards in each section:

- Community Award – best achievement of a council in the last 4 years which has directly benefitted the local community.
- Youth Award – best council initiative that has directly benefitted young people.
- Future Project Award - the most exciting plan(s) already in the pipeline.

The entries were judged by an independent panel of judges who were looking for ideas which were innovative, demonstrated partnership working/community involvement, achieve value for money and of the greatest benefit to the community.

Whimble Parish Council nominated the regeneration of the Parish Field in the Parish Council Community Award section – and WON!

The judges said “This project was impressive as it involved the whole community and it was given to Whimble for the regeneration of its parish field for the benefit of the whole village.”

The Chairman was presented with the special award and £100 cheque.



The parish field, close to the village centre was grossly underused with untapped potential as a community space.

A local youth group approached the parish council for help in improving facilities within the village. This led to plans, fund raising and a successful lottery grant bid.

The project was completed in 2009, the field now has – a cycle/walking/running track, 12 piece trim trail, BMX cycle humps, extra seating, signage and litter bins.

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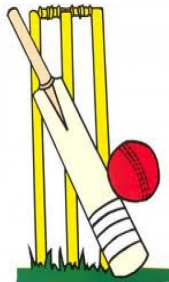
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Tim Wright

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Several members attended the Devon Federation Spring Council Meeting held in the Riviera Centre at Torquay. An interesting and stimulating day. The Annual Meeting was held in May when Avril Ellingham was elected President for the coming year. Our speaker was Yvonne Johnson whose topic was 'Fabric, fantasy and fashion fun!' She showed some spectacular combinations of colour on a variety of fabrics and some very original ideas on recycling different fabrics.

One disappointment this month was that our visit to the gardens at Highgrove has been cancelled, but we hope it can be arranged for 2013.

If you would care to join Whimble Women's Institute just contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822945) who will be happy to give you more details.

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Mark's Ultimate Running Challenge

Having done the London Marathon a couple of years ago, and twice failed to get in since, I looked for an alternative challenge and I came across 'The Wall Run'. Most are thinking of the Great Wall of China, but I am not mad enough to even attempt to do that, but Hadrian's Wall is more of a possibility.

So on the 23rd and 24th June I will be attempting the 69 miles from Carlisle to Newcastle with an overnight stop at about half way. Having been pounding the lanes of Whimble and surrounding area since October last year the date is fast approaching. In doing a challenge like this I have come up with a unique sponsorship idea as well. All monies raised will be split between Children's Hospice South West, The Baton and The Parkinsons Association.

Any sum is greatly appreciated, but my parents have kindly donated a week's accommodation only, in their apartment in Portugal, so for a £10 donation you will get 1 ticket entry and £25 will get 3 tickets into a draw for this excellent prize. The website to see what's on offer is www.holiday-rentals.co.uk property no 54208. There will be some restrictions as to when this can be taken, but they will try and accommodate as best they can.

So if you want to make my pain feel a little easier and help me raise money for good causes let me or my wife Ali (Hall Booking Secretary) know and we will add you to the list.

Mark Tierney 822724, markj.tierney@btopenworld.com



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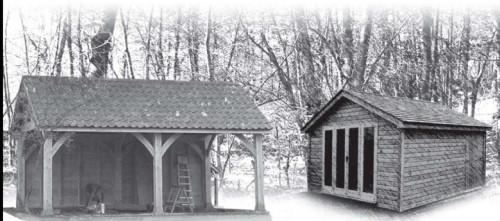
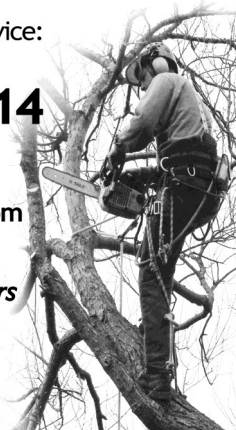
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
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Village Week

Arrangements for Village Week 2012 are coming together well. The Village Week team are doing a fantastic job so this year the week promises to be even better.

It will open with the 'Three Bonzos and a Piano' concert on Sunday 8th July and end with Songs of Praise in the Church on Sunday 15th.

The full programme for the week is shown overleaf. Sporting activities have been arranged for the kids each afternoon with football, cricket, netball and short mat bowls. There will be a Fun Quiz in the Cricket Club to follow the History Society Treasure Hunt and an Orchard Harmony 'Sing-along picnic' on Friday evening.

Last year we had a special Village Week competition - Guess the Weight of Diesel - This year we have tried to find another competition just as unusual. We have come up with the chance to guess just how far Paul, our local postman, actually walks in a typical week in the course of delivering our post. So look out for the opportunity to make your guess closer to Village Week.

The climax of Village Week will again be the Village Fair on the Parish Field on Saturday 14th July. More details of which can be found on Page 34.

In order to raise the funds needed to put on these events we are again running a Village Week Draw with a total of £300 in cash prizes. You will have received a book of draw tickets with this edition of Whimble News. Your generosity is vital to the success of the day so please buy some tickets and return the completed stubs and money to David Myers at 1, Henry Lewis Close by 1st July. All proceeds will go to support Village Week and any profits go to the village organisations that work together to make the week a success.

Bob Scanlan

**Please support Village Week by
joining our Grand
Village Week Draw
With prizes of
£150, £100 and £50**

Village Week 2012

Sun 8th July
to
Sun 15th July



Village

Date

Event & Venue

Sunday 8th July

Three Bonzos and a piano

Victory Hall 7.00pm

Monday 9th July

Kids Football

School MUGA 3.30 - 4.30pm

Dancasize for all ages

Victory Hall 6.00-7.00pm for children - 7.00 for adults

Darts tournament

Thirsty Farmer

Tuesday 10th July

Walking Treasure Hunt

Heritage Centre 5.30pm start

WI open meeting

Victory Hall 7.30pm

Quiz Evening

Cricket Club 8.00pm

Skittles tournament

Thirsty Farmer

Wednesday 11th July

Short Mat Bowls

Victory Hall 7.00pm

Kids Tennis

Tennis court 5.00 - 6.00pm

Beetle Drive

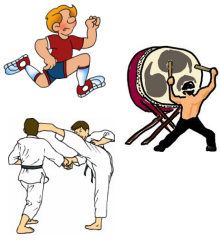
Primary School 6.30pm start

Skittles tournament

Thirsty Farmer

Week 2012

Date	Event & Venue
Thursday 12th July	<p>Kids Cricket Cricket field 3.30 - 4.30pm</p> <p>Prize Bingo Whimple Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30 start</p> <p>Tennis Club Summer Social Tennis Court 7.00-9.00pm</p> <p>Skittles tournament Thirsty Farmer</p>
Friday 13th July	<p>Kids Netball MUGA 3.30 - 4.30pm</p> <p>Orchard Harmony Victory Hall 7.30pm</p> <p>Skittles final - children Thirsty Farmer</p>
Saturday 14th July	<p>Village Day morning bells Coffee and cake St Marys Church from 10.15 am</p> <p>Village Day in Parish Field 12.00noon - 5.00pm</p> <p>Hog Roast in Parish Field from 4.00pm</p> <p>Egg Catching Competition Parish Field 5.00pm</p> <p>Skittles final - adults Thirsty Farmer</p>
Sunday 15th July	<p>Songs of Praise St Marys Church 6.30pm</p>



Village Day Fair Saturday 14th July In the Parish Field



The Fair will open at noon with the Fun Run starting at 12.30pm in the field. The Fancy Dress Competition will take place at 3.00pm (there will be a changing area if needed). For your entertainment there will be food and drink, games and entertainments for the children, demonstrations and displays including Dance, TaeQwonDo and Japanese Drumming.



The tug-of-war competition was great fun so that will happen again this year with the final taking place shortly before the Egg Catching Competition at 5.00pm which will also take place in the Parish Field this year.

There will be food and drink available throughout the day with a hog roast in the evening. There will be stalls to browse and a bouncy castle, sumo suits and other fun activities for the kids (and adults too). Details of all the events will be displayed in The Square as last year.



You will see that we are asking for volunteers to help on the day so if you can spare an hour or so to help run one of the stalls, we would welcome your involvement. Please also show your support by buying some tickets for the Village Week Draw which has £300 in prizes and will help.

So come along and enjoy the week and support our Village Fair.

Bob Scanlan

Back by popular demand ! Orchard Harmony invite you to join them on Friday 13th July at 7:30pm in the Victory Hall for a **Sing-along-a-Show Picnic**

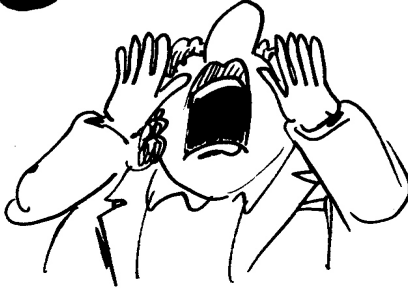
Tickets: £5.00 (available from Post Office, and Choir Members)

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*Why not come dressed as Abba or your favourite character from
Grease , Chicago or Oliver for extra fun?*

Volunteers!



needed for
Village Day
on
Saturday 14th July

The small number of people organising village day (volunteers themselves) need your help to make village day a success.

Help is needed to help set up on Friday 13th before, during and after the fair on Saturday 14th and to pack away on Sunday 15th

Your offer will be much appreciated, no matter how small.

Please contact.

**Sue Ayres 823082 sue@reubenayres.com
or Bob Scanlan 822262 bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk**

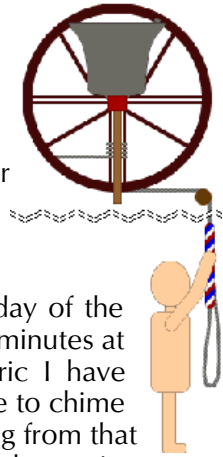
The Bells, the Bells!

You all know this year is remarkable for the number of national events occurring. You may not know that the country wants them to be marked by the ringing of bells across the land. First came St George's Day, and like many places we rang the bells at 6.00pm for half an hour. Next, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Whimble's bells will be rung for half an hour at 11.00am Saturday 2nd June as our compliment to Her Majesty.

A performance artist has put forward the idea that the opening day of the Olympics be marked by every bell in the land being rung for three minutes at 8.00 o'clock in the morning. Since the Olympics is Sport-centric I have invited the sporty types in Whimble to put forward a representative to chime a bell. The bells are hung downward when at rest and can be swung from that position to chime and sound quite safely. Later the regular band can ring some changes specially commissioned called Five Rings Triples, but adapted for six bells. You can probably find this on YouTube.

So if you hear our bells ringing at unaccustomed times, now you'll know why - I hope you feel pleased that Whimble can contribute to the national celebrations in this way.

Roger Algate, Tower Captain.



Whimble History Society



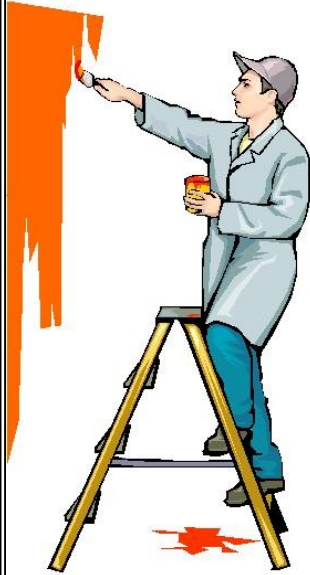
You will have seen in the Heritage Centre several old photos of Whimble houses/cottages with the occupants posed on the front step. The History Society would like to invite the village to do the same for 2012 during the Jubilee celebrations.

So if you would like to contribute something to the history of this wonderful village, and this idea appeals to you, please arrange for a photo to be taken with you and your family in front of your house during the Jubilee weekend, and then pass it to the History Society by leaving it in the Heritage Centre post box or email it to info@whimble.org. Please make sure that your names and house number/name are noted on the back. Thank you!

David Rastall

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Easter Concert

A capacity audience was thrilled by the glorious soaring music of Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle on Saturday 31st March. The Choral Society and Orchestra were conducted as usual by Musical Director Malcolm Matthews and on this occasion they were joined by four outstanding soloists, Soprano Héloïse West, Tenor Leslie Baker, Bass David Fouracre, who all have strong connections with Devon, and from Sweden Sofia Flodin who had previously flown over to sing Verdi's Requiem with the choir in Exeter Cathedral.

The choir has become well known for successfully tackling difficult works and gave a sensitive rendition of this piece. The final Agnus Dei for contralto and chorus was the highlight of the performance and Sofia Flodin's rich voice was well balanced with the choir for a magnificent ending to an outstanding work.

To recognise the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and as a great contrast, the other works on the programme were three of Handel's four Coronation Anthems. They were all performed with enthusiasm and some parts were given to the soloists to create an interesting balance. Once again, as in the past, the choir was able to draw on one of its own members, Pauline Belton, to sing with the soloists in the quintet in 'My Heart is Inditing'. Her voice blended well in this slow section.

Our thanks go to those of you who supported the Choral Society in the hope that you once again enjoyed a night to remember in the magnificent setting of the Parish Church.

The Society is now taking a seasonal break and will begin rehearsals in September for the Christmas Concert on Saturday 8th December 2012

For any further information regarding OSMCS please contact:

Liz Hooper - Publicity - 42116

Annie Bassett - Chairman - 823331

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Dog Poo

It appears that someone is collecting dog poo from their garden and depositing it the rubbish bin in the children's playground. As the volunteer who empties that bin I will refuse to do so in future if this practice continues.

John Ball



WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children all participated in a sponsored fun run/obstacle course for raising money for Sports Relief. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed using the facilities of the Parish Field. In total we raised £1024.59! A sterling effort by all.

We are now well into the summer term and, as always it is full steam ahead! The younger children have been walking around the village regularly in recent months – they have been searching for all sorts of things including shapes, numbers and words. So if you see children spying into your gardens that is what they are up to! They have also just sent 'Fred' the bear off to Dunkeswell Airport for a 15,000 feet sky dive. They are baking cakes and biscuits to sell in order to raise money for The Red Cross.

Saturday 23rd June is the school fair starting at 1.30pm – there will be lots for all to see and do. Let's hope the weather is as kind to us as it was last year! Also Wednesday 4th July at 2.00pm, (in the Victory Hall) is our next music assembly, where the choir and instrumentalists will entertain us. Anyone is welcome to join us for these events.

Whimple school choir



Last term the Whimple School choir took a trip to the Cathedral. In the morning all the school children were practicing then after lunch they walked up to the Cathedral. Three or four other schools went too. And

everyone sang a song or two. At the end, all of the schools came together and performed three different songs. By Aaron Young (Year 4)

Whimple school choir goes to the Cathedral, ground breaking event. Huge, gigantic, awesome, the choir made a huge performance and lit up the Broadway with all the other schools. They heard all kinds of schools songs and then we all learnt three songs to sing all together, it was phenomenal!

By **Harry Tandy** (Year 5)

Some of the choir are going to Bridgwater for a concert on the 12th of May in St Marys church. The song they're going to sing is 'O Fortuna' (Latin).

The choir have to practice every Friday at 8:30 and we finish at 9:00. We have had lots of fun!

By **Charlotte Thomas and Daryl Heale** (Year 5)

The Queens Visit!!!

We saw Her Majesty at Exeter University on the 2nd of May when we went to an opening ceremony for a new building, The Forum. We drummed in front of hundreds of people to celebrate the Olympics. Back in March, we went to a drumming workshop about the five Olympic rings, that's why we were invited back to the university!

The Queen had her Purple Suit on with her beautiful matching hat with her priceless pearls!

When we were lined up waiting to see the Queen there was a little girl standing in front of us whose dad was in Afghanistan. She had been making people happy instead of sad.

By Mya Walker, Dulcie Sanders and Bethany Carter.



Mrs Jessop and the maths lesson of doom!!!!!!

First Tuesday back after the Easter term the school had a play called Mrs Jessop and the maths lesson of doom!! It was a very good maths show that taught the whole school lots of maths. It was a funny show with lots of problem solving. It was about the actors being school children and protecting the earth from an alien invasion. At the end of the play one of the actors said an easy riddle and destroyed the alien and saved the earth.



By Adam Tooze, Jonathan Westney and Courtney Jones. (year 2/3)

Year 4 - 5 - 6 residential

Years 4, 5 and 6 are very excited to be going on their residential which they've been waiting for, for quite a while now. They will be doing lots of very fun things such as yachting; abseiling; high ropes; orienteering; problem solving; raft building; coastal walks and much more. This little get away will be happening on the 21st of May till the 25th of May. Some children have been a bit anxious about going away from home for that long but I am sure they will all love it!!!



By Indy Carpenter and Elly-Bea Monteiro Neto

2012 months later, here we are in the year 2012....

17th October 1843 was a sad day, the Revd Canon Thomas Heberden died in Whimble, he was 89 years old and had been Rector for nearly 57 years. Six weeks later on 29th November 1843 Revd Lloyd Saunders became the new Rector of Whimble. Queen Victoria was on the throne and the Prime Minister was Robert Peel. Revd Lloyd lived until the 23rd December 1898, by which time he was 84. Lloyd was very evidently someone who made things happen and carried people with him. Within less than seven months of his arrival in the village, Whimble found itself in the midst of a whirlwind of activity and construction; the outcome of which have continued to positively shape and touch the lives of thousands of local people in succeeding years. On 8th June 1844 the Vestry Book records that a meeting would be held on 15th June *'for the purpose of considering means for increasing the present accommodation of the church.'*

The present school did not exist, but there was a 'school room' in the village, to which parishioners were invited to attend the meeting. More meetings were held in the school room over the coming months and perhaps it was the venue for these meetings which got Lloyd thinking about the education of village children, and how a new school could be built.

It is interesting to realise that on 29th July 2012 it will be 2012 months from the first anniversary of Lloyd's appointment as Rector. On 29 November 1844 he had been the Rector of Whimble for just a year and yet plans for a new church building were already well on the way to being settled. He was doubtless thinking of other ways of helping the village. If the vision for a new school was in Lloyd's sights by around Easter 1845, then by Christmas 2012 it will be 2012 months since that happened (167 years and 8 months later). There is an element of conjecture about this, but as within seven months of Lloyd arriving in Whimble the project to considerably enlarge the church had started, it doesn't seem implausible to think that within less than eighteen months of his arrival the vision for a new school had crystallised.

Before the new church building had been fully completed another formal meeting was fixed for Thursday 15th July 1846, again at the school room. The agenda was set for the purpose of taking into consideration the building of the churchyard wall and to consider what should be done to the Poor Houses. Minutes state *'it was also resolved that the Poor Houses be given up for the purpose of constructing School Rooms and a School Masters House one room being reserved for a Vestry room.'* At the meeting it was agreed that plans should be drawn up. We know that the Poor Houses adjoined the Churchyard and the original intention was to create a new Vestry room as part of a new build, which suggests the site was close to the church itself. Three days later on 18th July 1846 notice was given to sell the Poor Houses and a Garden *"to be applied as a site for a school to be under the management and control of the minister of the parish for the time being and to be open to inspection from the inspector or inspectors appointed or to be appointed by Her Majesty or her successors in conformity with the Order in Council bearing the date the 10th of August 1840."*

For some reason which is now unclear the proposed site was then felt to be unsuitable. It is clear that just a few months later it was Lloyd who identified a different site for the school. This notice was issued: *“A meeting will be holden in the School Room on Monday 5th April at 10 o’clock in the forenoon to take into consideration the application of the money arising from the sale of the poor houses to the purpose of building a school and also to consider the proposition of the Revd Lloyd Saunders to grant a site of land for the school upon the Glebe in exchange for the portion of garden now reserved for that purpose behind the Poor Houses”.*

At a Vestry meeting on 5th April 1847 Lloyd proposed *“to convey to the minister and churchwardens for the time being, so long as they shall continue to be members of the Church of England, the Plot of ground No 495 in the Title Map, being part of the Glebe, as Trustees for the purposes of a school for poor persons to be called the Whimble National School and for a residence for the school master or mistress and for other purposes of the said school and for no other purposes whatever...”*

Lloyd evidently had the right to make such a proposition. It was accepted. As part of the transaction, the portion of land and Poor Houses which had been earmarked for a school site was conveyed to Lloyd (in his capacity as Rector), and it was also agreed that the £120 which had been raised by the sale of the Poor Houses would be added to the fund for building the new school.

Now there was a real head of steam and it was time to get on with the next stage of making the necessary applications for a new school. On 5 April 1847 *“It was moved by Captain Buller and seconded by Mr Brook that the.... proposal be adopted and that the Revd Lloyd Saunders be requested to undertake the correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners and the Committee for Education in order to carry the [above] arrangements into effect.”*

It has emerged that sometimes by the time things had reached the stage of being discussed in formal meetings considerable practical progress had already been made! Although the formal motion was agreed on 5th April 1847, records at the National Archive show that the application made for the new school was dated and signed on 29th March 1847. This means that a week *before* the Vestry meeting which formally requested Lloyd to undertake the work and correspondence to “carry the arrangements into effect”, the key deed had in fact *already* been done and vital documents had already been signed!

The school was then built at the cost of £745, of which £126 was given by Government and the National Society; and at the start it was attended by 40 ‘mixed scholars’.

The rest is history, as they say! It seems a fair assumption to suppose that Lloyd would have been gratified to think that around 2012 months after he and others started thinking about a new school in Whimble that very same school would be an outstanding, thriving and much loved village school with nearly 110 pupils in 2012AD; and that Whimble Church would be a much loved place of Christian worship and community.

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Junior - £11 (17 years and under)

Family -£52 (maximum of 2 adults and any number of Juniors)

Application Forms, including renewals, are available from an envelope at the club pavilion or from the Treasurer (Tel 823276) or Secretary (822057). You need to pay before you can play. Half fees will apply to anyone joining from 31st October to 30th April 2012..

Keys for the court are only available on payment of the membership fee or the visitor fee (see below).

Guests and Visitors Fees

For guests accompanied by members, and for visitors, the fees are adults £4 and juniors £2 per booking. The maximum number of times a guest or visitor may play is four after which they must join as full members. Payment (and collection of a key for Visitors) is to be made to the Secretary (Tel 822057) at The White House, Knowle Cross Road, 100m down from the court.

Key Dates

1st May – Season starts. Subscriptions due.

Every Wednesday starting on the 18th April until 18th July, 5.30 - 6.30pm – Junior coaching. Details are posted at the club pavilion.

Every Thursday evening - Club Nights. Just turn up and play. All are welcome especially newcomers and anyone who is thinking of joining the club but perhaps wants a 'taster' first.

Appointments

Chairman- James Terret (822315)

Secretary - Roddy Bridge (822057)

Treasurer – Adrian Rushworth (823276)

Grounds and Court Maintenance – Rob Davis (823721)

Juniors - Nikki Harris (823873)

We are always keen to welcome new members. Do come and join us or try a taster session on one of our Thursday evening club nights. We have a smart newly resurfaced and repainted court just begging to be used. Why not pop along and have a look.

We are also planning to have some group coaching sessions for members. Details will be promulgated in due course.

Ben Silk's Marathon

Well, on the beautiful sunny morning of 22nd April I set off with 34000 others to take part in the Virgin London Marathon. The atmosphere was mixed at the start line with excitement, emotion and people wondering what the hell they were doing there! Then the gun went and we were off; well, we didn't actually move for a while. When we did get going I can't emphasise enough what the crowds were like. It was amazing all the way around. It is tricky running as it is so busy and I was happy with my split times and everything was going to plan. On the way round I got to see some family, then Dave, Jackie and Sammy Mahony and then at about mile 20 Sam, Cameron, Matt and Sean and it was great to see them. I crossed the 21 mile marker then it all started to get a bit tricky and tough and those were the longest 5 miles I had done in all my training! I crossed the line in 4hours 10minutes and 10 seconds and stood there with my medal and thought 'never again'. I met up with my wife and the boys and I started to realise how fantastic it had been and I must do one in under 4 hours! A few celebratory beers later in Mayfair, (I stayed away from Sean and Matt with the jäger bombs!!) I decided that I will be trying again next year and have already applied. I would like to thank everyone in the village for helping me with my fundraising, too many to thank individually, and I'm hoping that when all the money is in I will have raised just over £1800 which in these times is amazing. It's never too late to make a donation and my web page is still open virginmoneygiving.com/bensilk Thank you again.

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St Mary's Church - Village Survey

In the last edition of The Whimble News, I mentioned that completed questionnaires were still coming in. Our final tally was 282 questionnaires returned with responses from 497 people. That represents a return of about 38% which, in a general election, would be considered a reasonable turnout. So thank you to everyone who completed their questionnaires and returned them to us.

I am sure you all appreciate that there is a lot of data to work through and it will be a little while before we are in a position to draw conclusions. However, probably the most positive thing from our perspective was that 443 people indicated that they are interested in what happens to St. Mary's Church. That in itself gives us huge encouragement. Also a resounding 366 people (82% of the 443) indicated that they considered the wider community has a responsibility to help maintain the church as an iconic building in the village. And 351 (79% of 443) indicated they would support updating the facilities inside the church such as: heating, lighting, lavatories, disabled facilities and kitchen.

Updating the heating is high on our agenda as extremes of temperature and moisture, particularly in the winter, are not good for the fabric of the building. Also if we want more community use of the building, for concerts, etc. a better heating system would make the venue much more amenable. However, many of you will be aware that in the last budget the Government decided to impose VAT on changes to historic buildings with effect from 1st October 2012. Consequently, if we wish to upgrade our heating, we will need to do it fairly swiftly or the bill will increase by 20% i.e. potentially additional thousands of pounds. Consequently our focus is on that as a matter of some urgency.

The questions that asked for written comments e.g. how the church can be more relevant to the community, styles and times of services, how the building can be made more fit for purpose and other matters that may be helpful to the PCC, elicited over 350 comments, many of which were quite long and detailed. We have therefore decided to allocate these to small teams to work through to see if there are common themes, areas where we could do better or good ideas that we can take forward as initiatives for the community. It may take a little while to work through these comments and while, even at first glance, it is obvious that whatever we do or not do we may not be able to please everyone all the time, there are undoubtedly some things that we could follow up that would be positive for the village as a whole.

As the analysis of the responses progresses, I will keep you informed about how we are getting on and what we intend to do in response to your comments and helpful suggestions.

Stephen Godsiff
Churchwarden





WHIMPLE CHURCH

www.whimplechurch.org

The Patrons and Representatives of the Churches 4 All Mission Community are delighted to announce that, subject to the completion of the statutory formalities, the Revd. Christopher Martin has accepted the post as our next Priest in Charge. The Revd. Christopher Martin is currently Assistant Curate in the Tas Valley Team Ministry in the Diocese of Norwich. His licensing by the Bishop of Exeter will be in St. Mary's Church, Whimple on a date still to be announced, but probably in early September.

In the event of the services of a priest being required for weddings, funerals, baptisms or any other purposes please contact one of the Churchwardens, Steve Godsiff on 822875 or Gerri Turner on 822587

By the time you read this the various events planned to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will have passed. However there are still lots of things happening over the next few months for you to get involved in.

Our **Saturday Morning Coffee** sessions have now commenced, with tea, coffee and home made cakes being served in church from 10:15 to 12:00pm every Saturday except 9th and 16th June. Funds raised will be used towards the maintenance of our church building, so please do come and support these enjoyable (and tasty!) events.



Let's pull together

The annual Bellringers Outing is taking place on Saturday 9th June, leaving the Square at 9.30am. It is planned to visit churches in North Devon, stopping for tea in Dunster and returning at about 7.00pm. As usual, the ringers invite others to join them on the coach for this 'outing with a difference'. If you wish to come please contact Lis Roberts (822818) or speak to any of the ringers..

On June 16th the Annual Church fete will be taking place at Hindstrete. We hope to have the usual contribution from Whimple School Choir and in also this year we will have additional live music in the form of the Brass Class of Ottery St Mary Silver Band. Please come along to give your support to this popular event.



We look forward to the many events taking place during Village Week.. The Church, in conjunction with the WI, will be providing refreshments. Following on from the success of last year we are hoping to provide savoury rolls as well as tea and cakes. The following day will see our popular Songs of Praise in St Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to this event and we would especially like the younger people to choose a piece of music.

On 16th July there will be an opportunity to spend "An evening with Bishop Bob". This will be held at Kings School in Ottery St Mary.

For further details please contact Dianne Goodwin on 823476 or email:

admin@whimplechurch.org

Future events to put in your diary

Flower Festival 14th - 16th September. Special Events include a preview evening with Sarah Chesters from RHS Rosemoor and BBC Radio Devon on Thursday 13th, a concert by the Wyndham Singers on Saturday 15th, and a special Songs of Praise on Sunday 16th. Tickets will be on sale soon.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of our Flower Festival please contact one of the Churchwardens or any member of the PCC. All money will be gratefully received and you will be included in our list of sponsors

September 23rd Harvest and 'Back to Church' Sunday.

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Services for June

3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Special Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This is a Family Service and will include a parade by 1st Whimple Scout Group
10th	11.00am	Holy Communion
17th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Celebration Service
24th	11.00am	Morning Worship

Services for July

1st	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Worship
8th	11.00am	Holy Communion
15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Village Week Songs of Praise
22nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
29th	10.30am	Mission Community Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's, Whimple



'Rockin' Royals'

Wednesday 4th July,
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Calling all former members of Whimble School Choir. I am putting an album/scrap-book together, following the school choir, (easier to start now than try in 20 years time) and would like any photos you may have - particularly from early choir days - 2005 to 2009. We have lots of recent events, but some informal snaps & newspaper cuttings would be great. Please drop any spare prints you have into the Post Office in the next few weeks. Many thanks, in anticipation,
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Martin Morgan, a resident of Manley Close, was selected as one of the 8000 torchbearers who helped to carry the Olympic Flame on its epic journey throughout the country before it finally ends its journey in London.

Martin, who is now studying at Loughborough University, started to learn Tae Kwon Do at the age of seven and became a Black Belt when he was just ten. Whilst attending Kings School in Ottery St Mary, he became an Ambassador of Sports, and a part of that role was promoting the Olympics and getting others to take an interest in, and try out different sports so they may one day have a chance to compete.

Martin is a keen cyclist and has cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats, and has also completed the 'Three Peaks' challenge, helping to raise money for Help for Heroes amongst other charities.

Martin's torch relay took place on 21st May in Okehampton.



BUDLEIGH SALTERTON MALE VOICE CHOIR COMES TO OTTERY ST MARY PARISH CHURCH

On Saturday June 16th at 7.30 pm this well-known choir are holding a concert in aid of Hospiscare.

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Our newly formed 'Explorer Scouts' for 14-18 year olds is growing rapidly and their escapades are proving to be a real hit amongst its members.

By opening up this section it means we can continue to capture the interest of some of our older members as they approach adulthood and hopefully get them to stay with the group and take

over from the likes of me in the years ahead! New ideas and fresh blood are a vital ingredient to the success of our group. As Bear Gryll's keeps harping on at us - Vision 2018 - Scouting will become a movement led and inspired by young people for young people.

All these modern ideals put aside though - we still need adults able and willing to organise, manage and run the sections on a weekly basis. We now have a group with four sections containing 80 + members - this isn't bad when you consider the group is run by seven Leaders and one Sectional Assistant at Cubs.

As always, we are indebted to the time & effort put in by our leaders - Tim, Simon, Shelley, Chris, Sarah, Fiona and Stan. Many thanks to you all (and for still putting up with me as the 'gaffer'!).

Also important and vital to our groups' success is our committee, in particular our treasurer, Andy Hart, for keeping the group 'on track'!and not to mention our long serving gardener, Steve Bellamy, who keeps the grass down for the kids to play on!

Look out for the AGM posters when they appear sometime in June and if you want to join a 105 year old success story you are all more than welcome! At the very least we will require a new Chairman this year so if you feel you have the necessary skills/interest give us a shout.

Cheers, **Alex** 822844



This is a few of the things the Scouts have been doing since Xmas:

Beat-Boxing, 2 incident hikes, 2 Woodbury Common walks, Audition for entertainment night, 2 camps, Whittling, Map Reading , Block and Tackle, Planning Summer camp (day visit to Buddens Scout campsite in Dorset + Lulworth Cove) and lots of other fun activities.

This is a few things the Cubs have been doing since Xmas:

The Weakest Link, Fire Station visit, Street Dance, Cooking, planning camps, disco's, challenges, group activities, cub posters, and much more exciting things.

Beaver's are also having lots of fun and are looking forward to their first 'sleepover' at the hut at the end of May.

Cheers

Graham Spry, Whimble Scouts News Reporter

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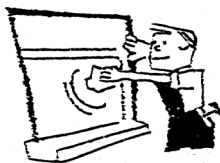
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Whimble, being 'so far south', is blessed with strong sunshine (though you may find that hard to believe sometimes)! A number of people have asked me how my panels are doing, partly out of curiosity and partly to compare their production to others. If you have panels, it is important to 'benchmark' their performance with similar nearby installations, to check they are working properly. But also the data is a fascinating history of Whimble's wonderful sunshine - so hopefully will be interesting to other Whimble News readers too!

(Note all values are per kW, so are not dependent on the size of my panels.)

Production at 35 Slewton Crescent	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Actual Average (kWh/day) per kW	1.4	1.0	1.3	1.9	3.5	3.3
Actual Total (kWh) per kW	41.9	29.7	39.0	54.3	108.2	99.3
'Normal' Total (kWh) per kW	44.3	31.1	37.6	52.8	84.4	103.5
Total Actual/'Normal' (%)	94.6%	95.2%	103.9%	102.8%	128.1%	95.9%
Actual Cumulative (kWh) per kW	41.9	71.5	110.6	164.8	273.0	372.3
'Normal' Cumulative (kWh) per kW	44.3	75.4	113.0	165.8	250.2	353.7
Cumulative Actual/'Normal' (%)	94.6%	94.8%	97.9%	99.4%	109.1%	105.3%

Sunshine / weather review - My panels only went up last October, so my sunshine stats only extend fully from November. It can be seen from these figures, that generally November and December were duller than normal. In fact the duller day was 14th November (0.1kWh/kW) while the duller week was between Christmas and New Year (2.5kWh/kW). January and February were slightly sunnier than normal, then March was fantastic! One of the sunniest and warmest ever apparently, with unbroken sunshine for 8 days from 23rd to 30th (46.6kWh/kW). Sunniest day in the last 6 months was 1st April (6.2kWh/kW). But then the rest of April was lousy! Much cloudier and wetter than normal.

Solar PV review - to compare my figures above against yours, you need to multiply them by the quoted maximum kW that your panels can produce. My panels are unshaded and face almost due south (200°) and incline 42°. From other data given to me, SE-facing or SW-facing are likely to be about 10% less and due east or west facing may be up to 50% less. Next review will be in 6 months time, with a whole year of data! Any enquiries please contact: **Phil Dominy** 822163 dominypr@hotmail.com



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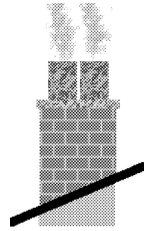
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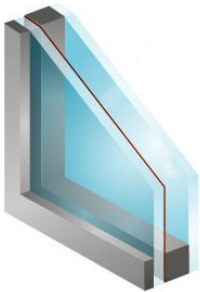
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