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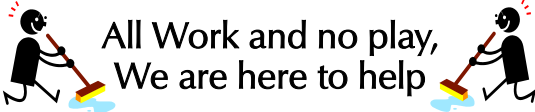
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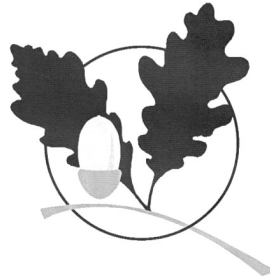
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What's On in Whimble

October

- 11th WW1 Banner at the Heritage Centre.
- 11th (Saturday) Front Row Club present 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' - Victory Hall . 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
- 19th Soap-Box Carting Challenge – details on page 11.
- 24th Whimble History Society – Auction of Pledges and Promises. Victory Hall 7.30pm. Details on page 19.
- 25th Soup'n'Sarnie Lunch. Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm.
- 26th Whimble History Society – apple pressing at the Heritage Centre from 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- 31st (Fri) Front Row Club present 'Ghandi'. Victory Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

November

- 8th Preloved Sale Victory Hall, 10.30am – 1.00pm See page 37.
- 8th (Sat) Front Row Club present 'The Railway Man'. Victory Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
- 14th Toy Hearts and Julian Dawson presented by On a Whim Promotions, Victory Hall – see posters for details.
- 15th Whimble Craft Fair – Victory Hall 1.00pm – 4.00pm See page 25.
- 21st Whimble History Society talk – Victory Hall 7.30pm – Lt. Col. Tim Courtney on 'The Devonshire Regiment in WW1'.
- 22nd Christmas Coffee Morning, Victory hall 10.00am – 12noon on behalf of Hospiscare –details on page 45.
- 27th Villages in Action – Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman Victory Hall – details on Page 31.
- 28th (Fri) Front Row Club. Victory Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. See posters for details.
- 29th Christmas Shopping at The Heritage Centre 11.00am to 2.00pm.
- 29th Soup'n'Sarnie Lunch Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm.

December

- 5th Over 65s Party – Victory Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm – details page 57.
- 6th Christmas Shopping at The Heritage Centre 11.00am to 2.00pm.
- 6th Orchard Harmony Christmas Concert – Victory Hall – more details later.
- 13th Whimble History Society – Annual Christmas Lunch at the Cricket Club, starting at 12.00noon.
- 13th (Sat) Front Row Club Victory Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm. See posters for details.
- 20th Soup'n'Sarnie Christmas Special. Victory Hall 12.00noon.

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Welcome to our October/November edition of your free Whimble News – we hope that you enjoy it! Our cover is group of villagers enjoying a gentle stroll in the country a few weeks ago – called the Commando Challenge - and well done to Claire Podbury and the team! A great achievement. Some years ago, the current Mrs H also did the Challenge with a team of people from her work, and I volunteered to video the proceedings. The quality of the video was fine, but ruined by an old man off screen who appeared to be asthmatic and sometimes close to death from the state of his breathing as he tried to race ahead of the team and film them as they completed all the obstacles! It was much better with the sound turned off!!

We are delighted to include the Over 65s invitation in this edition, (see page 57) and it is great that Eileen Lascelles has picked up the reins on this event for our village – please offer any help that you can to for this wonderful Whimble tradition.

The Front Row Club goes from strength to strength and continues to offer a broad range of films in the comfort of our very own Victory hall, accompanied by a ‘Bring Your Own tippie’. We also have Villages In Action offering Sean Lakeman and Kathryn Roberts, again, in our very own Victory Hall – what a coup that is!! Well done to the VIA team.

I was delighted to see that that our very own ‘Bill and Ben’ team tidied up the Lomas seat (see page 22) and it looks so much better. It is one of those lovely surprises that you come across as you make your way up the hill either from Woodhayes Lane or Hollyball.

Our thoughts go to Geoff Gardner and his family on the loss of Phyllis – what a full life she lived, and what a great contribution she made to her medical missionary work. We also offer condolences to relatives of the late Nancy Giles, who lost her fight with cancer recently.

I am still offering a unique view of customer service in the Whimble Stores – I really enjoy meeting so many different people! Jenny and Mark are doing a great job there, and this week we have been selling local mini green peppers, and some lovely pale pink mini aubergines, plus lots of local apples, fruit and vegetables with minimum mileage! The bread, milk and eggs keep flying off the shelves – sometimes I think the whole village must be having omelette sandwiches for tea, where we have the rare empty shelf!

The next edition, gentle reader, will be our Christmas edition, so if you have any events planned for that period, please let me know and I can add them to the What’s On in Whimble page. If you want to send us an offering for inclusion in this august magazine, we need to receive it by Monday 10th November, either via the Small Outlet at the Post Office, or direct to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

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This years theme for BBC's Children in Need is 'Be a Hero'. The Post Office will be supporting this and we will also be doing our bit here in Whimble, so watch this space.

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We have a rather lovely bedspread here, which was left with us for dry cleaning. Now the nights are starting to get a little chilly I am sure someone must be missing it!

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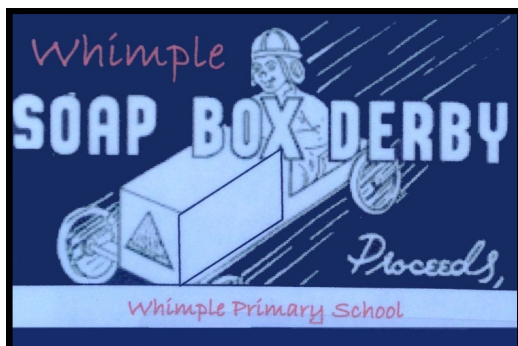
## Well it's back again!

The date for your diary is Sunday 19th October at 2.00pm, participants to be at the Parish Field by 1.30pm, refreshments will be available for a small charge.

Teams will consist of two folk aged 16 years or over (one must be a Whimble resident). *Strictly traditional soap-box kart designs only*, not exceeding £100 build costs.

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

**Deadline for entries 12th October 2014.**



For full entry details and rules please contact:

Ross at [tiggers.rest123@btinternet.com](mailto:tiggers.rest123@btinternet.com)

Paul at [paul\\_walsh14@hotmail.com](mailto:paul_walsh14@hotmail.com)

or

John at [hdicksrecords@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hdicksrecords@yahoo.co.uk)

## Phyllis Gardner

Geoffrey Gardner and his family want to say a huge 'Thank you' to the many people who supported us over the loss of Phyllis, for the generous words of comfort and of appreciation of Phyllis, and for the wonderful crowd of Whimble people who attended the Thanksgiving Service.

Whimble is such a great community!

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# WHIMPLE FRONT ROW CLUB

The new season of films has started and we have a great programme over the coming months. All the details can be found on The Front Row Club website with our October and November presentations shown below. If you would like to have a preview of what is coming up please ask me for the password you will need to enter the site.

We are screening a number of new releases and we would love to have your company at our events.

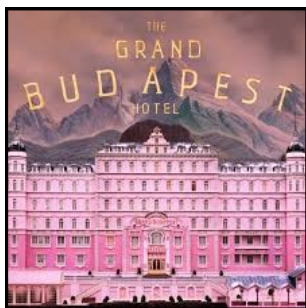
The subscription for this season has been reduced to £20.00 which represents excellent value for the screenings over the coming year.

If you would like to renew your membership please contact Richard Davies or me and we will be delighted to add you back on our list.

Alan Smith



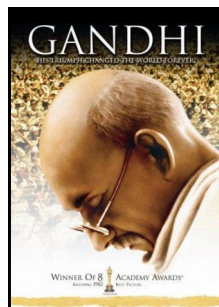
## Coming Soon



11th October  
The Grand Budapest Hotel



8th November  
The Railway Man



31st October  
Gandhi

# Whimble Loose Women Get Down and Dirty

Five of Whimble's finest, Claire Podbury, Juliet Dines, Karen Fanzo, Sarah Dines and Emma Sidebotham, got down and dirty on Saturday September 6th at the 2014 Commando Challenge. A good time was had by all. Weeks of preparation pounding the lanes of Whimble paid off as the Loose Women raced to the finish in 21st position! Forty all-female teams competed in the 10K Royal Commando Challenge.

Although the day got off to a good start with clear blue skies and brilliant sunshine, temperatures were raised during the 15 minute warm up whilst the serving marines put us through our paces. At 3.00pm we set off on the three kilometre climb from Bicton Arena to Woodbury Common, knowing that the four kilometre endurance course lay ahead. When we reached the woods, rolling in the mud was the order of the day. It was literally down hill from there on. The obstacle course included the adder filled tunnels, the murky waters of Peter's Pool and the notorious sheep dip which ensures the competitors are fully submerged in a water-filled tunnel - much to the spectator's delight!

The sheep dip marks the end of the obstacle course and the start of the 3 kilometre run back to the finish at Bicton Arena - in a bedraggled state! We completed the run in 2 hours 25 minutes and raised £370 for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and the Royal Marine Charitable Trust Fund.

If there are any Loose Whimble Men who would like a challenge in 2015 please get in touch.

**Juliet Dines and Claire Podbury**





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Advent and Christmas are the busiest times of the year for the choir when it takes a more prominent role in the carol services. We are always pleased to have new people join us whatever they sing but we would particularly welcome, at this time, trebles or sopranos (children or adults) and basses.

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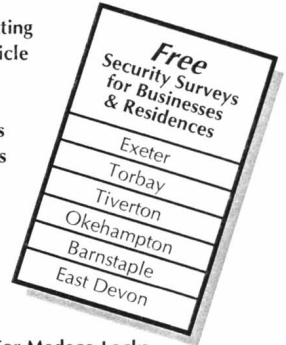
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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** At the beginning of September the Choral Society began rehearsals for their next concert. Although Christmas still seems a long way off at this point, plenty of rehearsal time always helps to produce a varied programme of Christmas music as well as a major choral work.

This year we will be performing **Dvořák - Mass in D** and a selection of Christmas music. As usual you will also have the opportunity of chatting to your friends and society members, while you enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and a mince pie. There will be a leaving collection for our chosen charity Hospiscare.

**Tickets** will be on sale in November from Society members or from the Ottery St. Mary Tourist Office:-

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the local community for their continued support of the Choral Society.

For more information regarding Ottery St Mary Choral Society please contact:

osmcs@hotmail.co.uk or telephone **Annie Bassett** - Chairman 823331

[www.otterystmarychoral.org](http://www.otterystmarychoral.org)

## Whimble History Society Auction of Pledges and Promises on Friday 24th October



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

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

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# HRH QUEEN TRIBUTE BAND – CROWNING GLORY!

Another wonderful Whimble night out was had by all at the Cricket Club on 5th September, when HRH came to entertain us and brought the weather with them too.

Loads of preparation and organisation was involved as always for these big events, and it all showed. From the (very handsome, I must add) car park wardens to the great staff behind the bars and food stalls, everyone did a fantastic job.

Whimble favourites, Stiletto, opened the show and were worth the ticket price alone. They got the dancing going, and there was a good crowd there by the time they had finished.

I was never a big Queen fan, so wasn't sure how much I would like HRH. But, from the minute they came on, their performance was so great that I really liked them. Steve Littlewood has to be one of the best Freddie Mercury's out there. He worked so hard, belting out all the old favourites and changing costumes several times. An amazing showman; backed by a brilliant band.



Everyone had a great night, and it was good to see the fancy dress gang out, too. Well done, Cricket Club!

**Sally Wilde**



# LOMAS SEAT TO GET SOME TLC

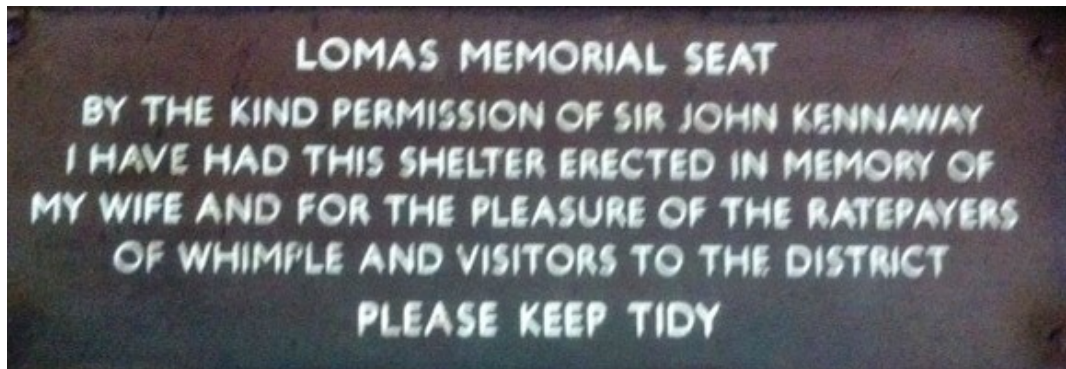
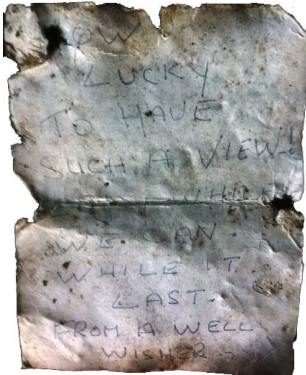
The Parish Council are very pleased to announce that they have commissioned Billy and Den to tidy up and clean the area around the Lomas Seat, and also give it a new coat of paint.

For those of you not aware, the Lomas Seat is situated overlooking Whimble by the crossroads at the top of Holly Ball Lane. There are some great views of Whimble and the outlying country side from the seat. I was told about it when I went on the Whimble Walk when I first moved here and was so interested that I walked up to find it the next day. It really is a peaceful spot.

Fascinatingly, whilst cleaning up the seat, Billy found an old note, which had been left anonymously by someone using the seat and saying how lucky Whimble is to have such a lovely resting place.

It has become a little neglected of late, so it's great that the Council are taking action. They hope that this clean up will encourage more people to walk up and use it.

Sally Wilde



# Apple Pressing

Our annual Apple Pressing event will be held at the Heritage Centre on Sunday 26th October from 11.00am until 3.00pm.

Please bring your apples for pressing – last time for apples to be accepted is 2.00pm.

If any of you can make it just before 11am you may find yourself in a photograph to be included in the 2016 History Society calendar!!!

Alan Smith



## Whimpe Victory Hall

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Everyone brought their own everything (some better equipped than others) and the evening started with a highly amusing speech from the Health and Safety Officer for the night, Peter Bartlett-Horwood. Luckily for us, there was even an escape if the field and the house both caught fire at the same time.

Then Alex from On A Whim introduced the oh-so-talented Nuala Honan, who bravely stood in front of total strangers and sang mostly her own compositions with no backing band. Many of the songs were about her life growing up in Australia and her early memories of teenage heartbreak (we've all been there!). Some songs were ably accompanied by Bruce The Dog whenever a new person arrived. I didn't realise how well he could hold a tune!

Nothing phased Nuala, though, and she had a sweet, engaging nature when she was chatting between songs. After a short interval, we were treated to more of her music, plus a great cover of 'Jolene'.


Peter and Cathy must have worked really hard to prepare the garden but were the perfect, laid back hosts and everyone donated really generously so plenty was raised for the good causes.

Thanks so much to Nuala, Peter, Cathy, Alex and John for a lovely night (and Gill Wilson for the cosy blanket at the end of the evening!).

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# District Councillor's Report

All my news is a little behind events this month because of the near cessation of District and Parish Council activity in the month of August. This is, of course, mirrored by The Calendar and Whimble News which both publish a two month edition at this time of year. Still, here goes and we will be up to date by the next editions of these two fine local publications.



## Building Half a Million Houses

This is not in East Devon alone but all over Britain! However, it does mean that potentially, every council will be building a lot of houses. The Local Government Association (LGA) has unveiled plans for how Councils could build half a million houses before the end of the decade (2019). The LGA is calling for incentives for private sector builders to speed up the rate at which they are building houses on sites that already have planning permission. They also propose that new local Land Trusts be set up to for the purpose of allocating publically owned land for development. In addition, they argue for the removal of existing borrowing caps on Councils (which limit their ability to borrow money for house building), so that they could become major social house providers again. Does this mean a return to the idea of Local Councils as major house providers and landlords? It's funny how policies can come back into favour after decades of political rejection.

## Developments in shared ICT Services between Councils

A corporate ICT manager's presentation on the plan to create a shared ICT service involving Exeter City, E.D.D.C. and Teignbridge District Councils is being planned. The planning so far proposes the development of a separate Limited Company with a joint executive committee and joint scrutiny arrangements between the three District Councils involved. This company will be named Strata Service Solutions Ltd. It will be owned and controlled equally by the three Councils. The conclusions set out by the presentation were that the initial case for this service was sound, the potential savings identified are substantial and the creation of the new organisation would act as a catalyst for business transformation. The proposed "go live" date for this new company is to be the first of November 2014. The conclusions and proposals of the joint group who have been working on this initiative are to be presented to this month's Full Council meeting for approval.

## A New Initiative in Voting provisions in the Country From the 10th of June

In case any of my readers have not yet been alerted to the recent, proposed changes in the electoral system then it is time for them to take action if they wish to be able to vote in the next election (May 2015). This initiative is in the process of being rolled out by the government via the District Councils and is intended to increase the number of citizens who will be able to vote. At the moment E.D.D.C. is gathering data that will bring "the biggest change to voter registration in twenty years."

The major change in the system is to get rid of the current obligation for the head of the household to be responsible for the registration of all those eligible to vote at his or her address. Instead, responsibility for registration will be in the hands of every eligible individual. The argument for this change is that an individual electoral registration (I.E.R.) increases the certainty that everybody on the register is who they claim to be. The public will be contacted by their local Electoral Registration Office (E.R.O.) to inform them what they have to do next – if anything. The Electoral Commission have launched a T.V, advertisement, on line information and a billboard publicity campaign to alert the electorate to the new changes. This is all supported by a new on-line registration where the elector will provide name, address, date of birth and national insurance number. All people who have failed to complete the annual registration form will have been removed from the register and this new system has already provoked a large number of requests to re-register. In addition, where there are still gaps in the records personal visits will be made to people's homes to ensure as near a 100% registration as is possible. In fact, a lot of people who I asked about what they had done about registration have replied that they have already received their new registration without having to take any action themselves. It's the ones who have not heard that still need to get on.

If you want an update on I.E.R. please contact the Cabinet on:  
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## WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Although the 2014 Flower Show will not go down as a record breaking show, it certainly had the usual very high standard of exhibits. The Judges were once again well impressed with the standard of exhibits in all the classes. Although there were about the same number of exhibitors this year, there was a slight reduction in the overall number of exhibits. However, this certainly was not the case for the plants, flowers and vegetables staged in the main hall, which was positively bursting.

The entries in the Children's Classes, although not large in number, were of their usual high and very imaginative standard which gave the judges a hard task selecting the winners. There was a bit of a family affair in the two youngest classes with Joshua Down winning The Owen Cup for the under fives and Georgie Down and William Down sharing The Basildon Award for the five to eight years age group. For the second year running, there was a three way tie in the nine to twelve year age group and the The Fletcher Cup was shared between Dulcie Sanders, Dylan Cosslett and Morgan Cosslett. In the final Class for the thirteen to seventeen years, The Children's Challenge Cup was won for the second year running by Katie Ackland. There was the usual excellent entry for the photography section with numerous outstanding photographs. As in previous years, it was a difficult task for the judge with so many excellent photographs in all of the classes. The standard seems to get higher every year in this section and there were some amazing entries. The overall winner in this section, winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup, was Tony Velterop. The Arts and Crafts Classes had another wonderful display of skills. In this section the winner of the Len Rose Memorial Cup was Jenny Sanders with Peter Betts won the Whimple Craft Cup.

The flower arranging had another good number of exhibits and the judge was very meticulous over her deliberations. In this section the Frances Pratt Cup was awarded to Barbara Lambert, The Roy Horsburgh Trophy was won by Emma Palmer and The Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in the Flower arrangement as voted for by everyone who came to see the Show, was also won by Emma Palmer. The Sandfords Cup which is for the combined Men Only Classes of a floral arrangement and a Bread Roll was won by John Griffiths who was also awarded a certificate of Merit for his Bread Rolls! The Homecraft section was full of excellent mouth watering exhibits and the snooker table was positively overloaded with tasty exhibits. There were cakes and jams galore! The judges did wonder just how they were going to get through all the exhibits! The winner of the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup in this section was our Show Secretary, Sherril Olive. The Pot Plant Section had a very large number of exhibits which we only just managed to get on the tables. It always difficult to know just how large the exhibits in this section are going to be and we did struggle a bit for space. However, we did manage to squeeze them all in and once again the winner of the Briar Shield was Colin Northcott. And finally, but by no means least, there was a superb number of exhibits in the flower and vegetable classes. It was good to see so many exhibits in all the classes giving the judges plenty of work to do. There were many class winners in this section but The Slewton Cup for the most points in the vegetable section was won by Ernest (John) Partridge from Feniton.



The runner up in this section winning the Cranny Cup was Paul Wilson. In the Flower Classes, the winner of the 'Win and Bob Shepherd' Cup for the most points in this section was Ernest (John) Partridge and the runner up, winning the President's Cup, was Michael Mallett. However, when all the classes were combined and the points in both sections were added together, it was not too difficult to see that the winner of The Whimble Folk Cup was Ernest (John) Partridge so many congratulations to him on winning this magnificent trophy.

Then there was the Whimble Challenge Cup which was the fifth year of this venture. This year the subject was a decorated bicycle and there were some interesting exhibits! The exhibits certainly showed a lot of skill in how they were so cleverly put together and the judges had a hard job selecting the winner. However, after much deliberation, The Village Challenge Cup was awarded to Rosemary Davies and Whimble Stores took the runners-up's Trophy.



All the prizes were presented by Jenny Sanders and the Show Committee were very grateful to her for doing this and our Show Secretary, Sherril Olive, presented her with a bouquet to mark the occasion. Sherril also presented a bouquet to Zena Calverly for all her sterling work organising all the Judges Lunches.

We would like to thank and congratulate all of you who made the effort to enter the Show; without you there would be no Show! We are also extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to do this difficult task with such quality exhibits. For those of you who want to check out the winners of all the classes and Trophy winners, full details are on our website which is [www.whimblevpa.org.uk](http://www.whimblevpa.org.uk). A full list of trophy winners is included in this edition of the News. There is a number of photographs on the website and we are very grateful to Sue Draycott for taking these.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped set up the Hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. It is quite amazing that at 5.30 we were still in the throes of prize giving but by 6.30 the hall had been completely cleared and you would not have known the Show had taken place. For those of you who were entering for the first time we hope you enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing you at next year's show. It was very disappointing for our Show Secretary, when at the end of the Show she returned to her car, to discover that someone had driven into the rear of her car causing significant damage. It certainly took the shine off what had been an excellent day.

To help those of you who enter the Photography Classes, we have already decided on the subjects for the 2015 Show. The subjects are: 'Nooks and Crannies', 'Inn Signs', 'It Wasn't Me!', 'A Market', 'Bridges', 'Curves', 'A Botanical Subject', 'The Spirit of Christmas', 'Daffodils', and finally 'Through The Farm Gate'. Hopefully these titles will give you plenty to work on for next August!

Our next event will be a talk by Paul Rendall on 'The Secret Nature of Dartmoor'. This will be on Friday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This promises to be a very interesting talk so make sure you make a note of the date. There will be a charge of £1.00 for non VPA Members. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Secretary.

# WHIMPLE FLOWER AND CRAFT SHOW 2014

## TROPHY WINNERS

### SECTION 1 – Vegetables and Flowers

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| The Whimble Folk Cup       | Ernest (John) Partridge |
| The Slewtun Cup            | Ernest (John) Partridge |
| The Cranny Cup             | Paul Wilson             |
| The Win & Bob Shepherd Cup | Ernest (John) Partridge |
| The President's Cup        | Michael Mallett         |
| The Novice Cup             | Jean Darby              |

### SECTION 2 – Pot Plants

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| The Briar Shield | Colin Northcott |
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### SECTION 3 - Homecraft

|                               |               |
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| The Sir Henry Imbert-Tery Cup | Sherril Olive |
|-------------------------------|---------------|

### SECTION 4 – The Village Challenge

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| The Village Challenge Cup | Rosemary Davies |
| Runners Up Cup            | Whimble Stores  |

### SECTION 5 – Floral Arrangement

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Frances Pratt Memorial Cup | Barbara Lambert |
| The Roy Horsburgh Trophy       | Emma Palmer     |
| The Marie Louise Grout Cup     | Emma Palmer     |

### SECTION 6 – Arts and Crafts

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| The Len Rose Memorial Cup | Jenny Sanders |
| The Whimble Craft Cup     | Peter Betts   |

### SECTION 7 - Photography

|                                |               |
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| The Paul Henry GC Memorial Cup | Tony Velterop |
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### SECTION 8 – Children under 5

|              |             |
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| The Owen Cup | Joshua Down |
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### SECTION 9 – Children aged 5 to 8

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| The Basildon Award | Georgie Down & William Down |
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### SECTION 10 – Children aged 9 to 12

|                  |                                                  |
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| The Fletcher Cup | Dulcie Sanders, Dylan Cosslett & Morgan Cosslett |
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### SECTION 11 – Children aged 13 to 17

|                              |               |
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| The Children's Challenge Cup | Katie Ackland |
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| The Sandfords Cup | John Griffiths |
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Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutant like grit, sand, dead sheep, and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A: If you are buying a house, they will insist you are well endowed.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow. [He deserved an A]

Q: What is the Fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean Section'.

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport.

Q: Use the word "judicious" in a sentence to show you understand its meaning.

A: Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.



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Formed forty years ago, they were joined last year by Musical Director Michael Graham. A scholar organist at Exeter Cathedral and Director of Chapel Music at Exeter University, Michael is a talented singer and dynamic young man who is inspiring the choir to new heights.

But this was not all. The Exeter ladies' barbershop choir - River City Chorus - also appeared. Musical Director Carole Locke, whose acapella experience goes back over thirty-five years, ensured her thirty-strong choir delivered extra variety and fun with their upbeat syncopated harmonies.

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## Ottery St Mary Hospital League of Friends

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**Ann Bowden**

## Christmas Coffee Morning

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### Saturday 8th November

Autumn Fayre at the Institute, Ottery St Mary 10.00am to 12noon. Various stalls including jewellery, books, homemade cakes, Christmas Cards, Beads and Gifts; toy tombola

### Saturday 22nd November

Coffee Morning at The Victory Hall, Whimple 10.00am to 12noon. Cakes, Christmas Cards and Gifts, Books

### Wednesday 3rd December

Service of Light at the Parish Church, Ottery St. Mary 7.30pm. A moving service of remembrance.

## WHIMPLE NEWS DELIVERIES

Grateful thanks to Avril Ellingham and Jenny Love who have delivered to Woodhayes Lane for a number of years. They have now laid up their delivery bags and will be taking a well earned rest. They have passed their delivery responsibilities to Judy Parnell who we welcome to our dedicated team.

Mick Street at Rull Farm has now moved on to pastures new in Sidmouth, leaving a vacancy covering Knowle Cross, the houses opposite the Cricket Club, Rull Farm itself and a couple of houses just past there. If you would like to help deliver the Whimble News, then I would be delighted to speak to you. If no brave soul volunteers, I will have to leave the magazines for that round to be collected from the Post Office. Out Thanks go to Ann and Mick Street for all their hard work

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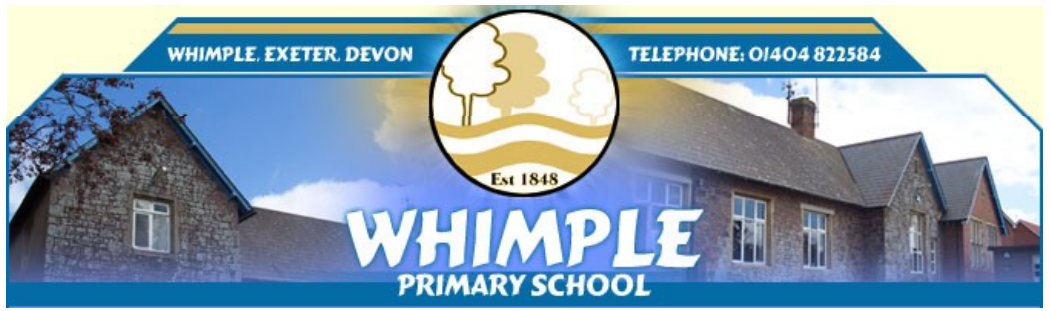


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We welcome 26 children into our Reception class this year and we have had a few other children join us in other years.

We continue to welcome any adult help for a range of activities across the school so if anyone is interested in helping, maybe for an hour or more a week, please call in at the office for more information. All adults are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

All children, with the exception of Reception, have already been lucky enough to visit Tesco in Cullompton as part of a 'Farm to Fork' scheme. A good time was had by all.

**Carole Shilston**

## Our Trip To Tesco

On the 9th of September 2014 years 3 and 4 went to Tesco. We were split into groups to do different activities, one of the activities was trying different types of bread such as mediterranean, tiger, chilli and cheese. They were really yummy!

One of the other activities was the fishmonger stand, we touched a rainbow trout and put our finger on its tongue and teeth and they are very sharp, OW!

Another activity was the fruit and veg aisle, we had to find different types of fruit and veg and we looked at which country they came from. We got to try cotton candy grapes and he told us they had strawberry and tutti-fruity ones too but we did not try them.

The last activity was the sneaky peak, we went where only staff were allowed. We went into a -20 degrees freezer where they stored all of the lollies and stuff like that. We also went into two fridges which were 2 degrees and they stank like mad!

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By **Emily Sibley** and **Lily Hemsley** (year 4)

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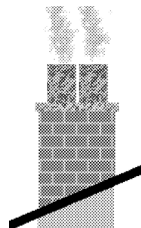
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Scene: a pub in Whimble, Mr Percyman sits supping cognac through a straw and crunching sugar lumps from the bottom of the glass. Mr Boovis enters.

Percyman: "Hiya Boove, how's it going?"

Boovis: "Oh hiya Perce, alright mate, just get myself a drink"

Boovis gets himself a whiskey and brings over a plate of chips.

Percyman: "Hey Boove, did you know there's a nice little plot up the road, how about you and I sharing it mate?"

Boovis: "Yeah, OK mate, we did a bit of in filling a few years ago, can't believe I left any green space, must have slipped up there!"

Percyman: "Tell you what mate, we could split it in two; straight down the middle, you could get in 50 no. 6's in and I could have the other side for 50 no. 8's, I'll call them "Lords" cos they used to play cricket there. Hee hee!"

Boovis dips his chips in his whisky, and looks thoughtful.

"Tell you what mate, if we apply for around 100, we would probably end up with 50 each, might have to bribe them with a footpath or something, or we could make a nice sign out of the oak trees after we've knocked them over hee hee!"

Percyman: "Hey I've got a better idea mate, why not join Crambrook and Whimble, now we've started dead easy, EDDC don't care, just more Council Tax for them.

Boovis: "Yeah, (gulping his whisky and burping loudly) but wasn't there something about a green wedge?"

Percyman: "Green wedge!? Tell you what mate, we could do a brown wedge for them, lovely, just acres of your boring rooves, (sniggers) a few green tiles might do it"

Boovis: "Yeah, I used the green tile scam before, no one really checks, green is green innit"

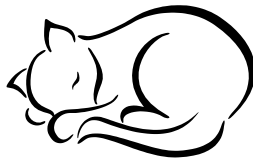
Percyman; looking slightly bloated and drunk, "when we've joined it all up we'll have to rename it, won't we?"

Boovis: "Yeah, we will, I know how about CramWhim mate, or WhimCram even better,

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In September we had a very interesting evening learning something of the work undertaken by police dogs. Not only did we have a talk, but there was a most impressive demonstration of their skills.

By way of contrast, the October meeting will inform us of the past, present and future prospects of the Royal Albert Memorial Museum at Exeter. The speaker will be one of the Museum's volunteers. Also in October the WI Council meeting will be held in Plymouth when the guest speaker will be Miranda Krestovnikoff.

The topic for November will be Operation Pied Piper - the evacuation of British children during World War II.

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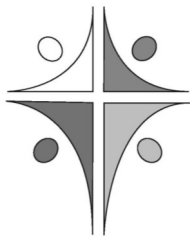
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# WHIMPLE CHURCH

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## Morning Coffee

Firstly, a big thank you to all those who helped with the Church Saturday Morning Coffee sessions throughout the Summer.

We are also grateful for the support that we receive from our “customers” who appreciate the opportunity to meet up and make these so happy and successful.

After the long summer break we have returned to some normality with all our various groups meeting as usual. We have a number of Homegroups meeting regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and also Thursday mornings. Please feel free to come along to any of them—you will receive a warm welcome. Full details are provided in The Link or contact Dianne (823476) for more information

The Mother’s Union meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm. Please contact Margaret on 822257 for more information. The Mother’s Union are also making a plea for help with Brass Cleaning. If you would be able to help keep our beautiful church looking its best please contact Margaret.

This year the **Impact weekend away** will take place over the weekend of 31st October to 2nd November. This year we are going to Heatree which is near Manaton on Dartmoor. The weekend will be packed with great activities such as canoeing, climbing, games etc. chill-out time with friends as well as opportunities to hear more about the Christian faith. Please contact Helen Bowker on 823193 for further information

Our Harvest Service this year was held at the end of September. But if you missed our special Harvest Lunch there are still lots of Harvest events taking place at other churches in our Mission Community.

We are holding our popular breakfasts during October. The first of these on 4th October will be a Women’s Breakfast and it will be in the Victory Hall at Whimble. The speaker is Hannah Klepacz who will be talking about her work as a nurse in Ethiopia, helping victims of a disease called Malaria. The Men’s Breakfast will be on 11th October in the Village Hall, Clyst Hydon. The speaker at this breakfast will be Peter Ferris who will talk about encountering God after a climbing accident..

Please join us for our **Remembrance Service** on November 9th at 10.50am when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

Our popular Advent Carol service will be on Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm. As this is the fifth Sunday of the month, this will be our Mission Community Service and will be an opportunity for the four churches in the Mission Community to celebrate the beginning of the festive season

We will also be holding our popular Christmas Activity morning on Saturday 13th December. Full details of this and our Christmas Services will be circulated later.

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimple Church as well other interesting articles can be found in The Link magazine. Copies can be obtained from the back of church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged—please contact Dianne Goodwin 823476 for further details.

**It's shoe box time again!** Whimple Church is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child - packing up shoe boxes with children's toys for needy children. Empty shoeboxes will be available from the back of the church. These need to be returned by 9th November so that we can make sure they get to children in time for Christmas..



Finally you may have noticed we have a new website [www.churches4all.org](http://www.churches4all.org). It is still in development but any feedback would be gratefully received. (especially advice about how to set meta tags)

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## The future of the library service

Devon County Council has been consulting Devon's communities about the future of the library service. The Council has spent the summer analysing responses.

The key messages include:

- People value the library service.
- The endorsement of the vision for a modern, vibrant library service providing a broader range of services.
- Many communities have indicated they are willing to work with Devon County Council to develop local solutions to the delivery of their library – e.g. through re-locating the library to an alternative local venue; through increased volunteering or through fundraising via a local Friends Group.
- Almost all communities are clear that they value paid local staff and consider they are vital to the overall quality and sustainability of the local library.
- There is widespread recognition of the particular importance of the library service for the young and the elderly.
- Rural communities would use their libraries more if they were open longer and had more modern facilities.

As a result of the extensive feedback from Devon's communities, a proposed 'direction of travel' for Devon's libraries has been developed and is being considered by the Council's Cabinet on 8th October.

Recommendations the Cabinet will consider include:

- The potential to develop an alternative delivery model for the whole library service – based on a trust or mutual model. An alternative delivery model (based on a charitable entity) could save around £400,000 in business rates. This is the equivalent to the staffing costs of 25 of the county's libraries.
- Identifying an initial group of up to 10 community pilots to develop new solutions for their local libraries that realise savings, retain staff and deliver a sustainable library service for the future.
- Communities will be invited to apply to be part of the pilot from late October. They will also work with the Council to shape the proposed organisation for the whole service.
- Installing Wi-Fi in the 27 libraries which do not currently have it in order to enhance digital access across the county and increase the attractiveness of the library offer to a broader range of people
- Trialling new technologies that could enhance access to libraries outside of core opening hours.

Looking for ways to continue to reduce the costs for all libraries, especially larger libraries, by co-locating with other services and generating income from hiring meeting rooms.

# Caring for your pet's teeth

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- Swollen/painful gums, sometimes receding from the teeth leaving them loose or falling out.
- Bad breath, caused by bacteria (not nice for them or us!). In severe cases the bacteria can enter the blood stream, potentially damaging internal organs.



## What can you do to help prevent dental disease?

### Brushing:



We brush our teeth every day, so why not brush your pet's teeth too?!

There are many different pet toothbrushes and toothpastes available. Don't use your own toothpaste as this is not safe for pets. It is best to start brushing your pet's teeth from a young age so they learn to accept it; however, it is possible to start slowly and gently with an older pet too.

### Diet:

Feeding a biscuit diet that your pet has to crunch on can help to keep the teeth clean. There are many specially formulated dental diets that contain everything your pet needs. Dental chews can also be used to keep the teeth clean. Remember, these contain additional calories so reduce daily ration to allow for this.



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