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WHAT'S ON IN WHIMPLE

October

- 5th Over 60's - Sunday Coach trip to Bournemouth Depart 9.00am
- 5th Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church
- 7th Over 60's - Trivial Pursuit
- 10-12th Church Youth Groups weekend away
- 14th Over 60's - Speaker - Simon Dell - 'Everest'
- 18th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall , 12noon-1.30pm
- 21st Over 60's - Bingo & Committee Meeting
- 24th History Society Auction, Victory Hall
- 25th Cardboard/Plastic Bottle Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00-11.00am
- 27th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 28th Over 60's - Singalong with E. Purchase

November

- 4th Over 60's - Coach Trip To Barnstaple
- 7th Fairtrade Christmas Evening, St Mary's Church
- 8th Christmas Craft Fair, Victory Hall, 1.00-4.00pm
- 9th Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church, 11.00am
- 14th Church Quiz Night, Cricket Club, 8.00pm
- 15th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12noon-1,30pm
- 15th Poor Jack, Victory Hall, 6.00pm
- 18th Over 60's - Speaker - Mrs V Sutherland -'Halos & Hangovers'
- 24th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 25th Over 60's - Xmas Whist & Scrabble
- 29th Cardboard/Plastic Bottle Collection, Village Car Park, 10.00-11.00am
- 30th Advent Carol Service 6.30pm St Mary's Church

December

- 2nd Over 60's - Xmas Beetle Drive
- 5th Over 65's Party, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 6th Children's Christmas Fun Day, Victory Hall, 10.30am-3.30pm
- 7th Christingle Service 3.00pm St Mary's Church
- 8th Orchard Harmony Annual Concert, St Mary's Church
- 9th Over 60's - Christmas Lunch at Mount Pleasant Inn, Dawlish
- 14th Christmas Celebration Service, St Mary's Church, 11.00am
- 16th Over 60's - Xmas Bingo
- 21st Carol Service, St Mary's Church, 6.30pm
- 24th Midnight Communion, St Mary's Church, 11.30pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service, St Mary's Church, 11.00am

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

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact **Nicky Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk

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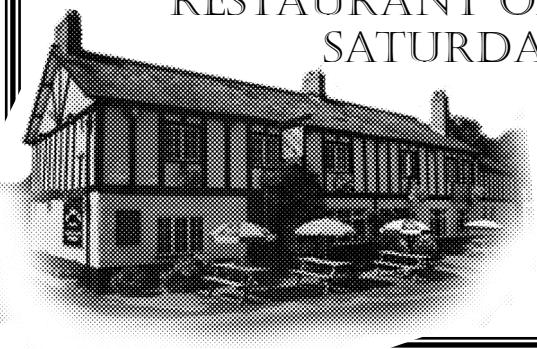
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Ed the Ed

Continuing my apologetic theme from the last edition, when I inadvertently used the 'S.....' word and offended you, gentle reader (it was SUMMER, in case you forgot). I now realise that what we have had over the past few months is an early Autumn that started in April. So that's sorted then. The mornings are now becoming cooler and the bike ride to Ottery is dropping off the pleasure scale. I may have to borrow some of Ann Daniel's survival gear if I want to hit my target of 50 days cycling to work in 2008. Whilst on a travel theme (another seamless link) - a gentle reminder to please keep your speed down as you drive through the village - even more so at the start and end of the school day - thank you.

What's On In Whimple has been taken over by the Over 60's which is great to see. They certainly are keeping themselves busy over the next few months. Where do they find the time?

I was saddened to see a worrying advert in the Ottery Gazette, which was headed SENIOR CITIZENS - BUY ONE GET ONE FREE AT ESCOT. Is the start of some dreadful slave trade in the older generation? We would never allow that in Whimple.

The current Mrs H and I were lucky enough to win a night at Lewtrenchard Manor at the last Village Day, courtesy of the PTFA, and we had a brilliant weekend combining visits to Castle Drogo and Lydford Gorge. It was very surreal at Drogo, because it was the same weekend as the World War II Re-enactment Society. So there were lots of people dressed in old military uniforms, and we were wandering around in a time warp! Plus there was a contingent representing the German Army which was even more confusing. We had some great weather and some great walks, plus the opportunity to sit by Fingle Bridge in the sun, with a cooling glass of fine cider. Thanks to the PTFA for that prize!.

We have a long awaited return to the Victory Hall of entertainment under the banner of Villages In Action – please support them on 15th November. And talking of long awaited returns, the clarion call has gone out to the Whimpletons to gird up their loins for the 2009 pantomime – be afraid, be very afraid. Having spent my year off working under the Stage Manager from hell, that Sally Wilde, pulling curtains open, pulling curtains closed....what sort of life is that for an enthusiastic incompetent? I just hope that I get a speaking part this time and not put in the 'sin bin' of the rear end of the camel!

This edition also includes a WARTS report (see page 26) which is an excellent example of taking the initiative in the village. .

The next edition of this worthy magazine will be the Christmas edition, so if you want to include any information on Xmas events please let us have that by 11th November, and we hope to publish early December. As ever, please leave your essays at the PO with Alison and 'Small Outlet' Jim. If you are electronically competent, then send your articles through the ether to Bob (I have to be out of the UK for tax reasons) Scanlan on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

Thanks, as ever, to our dedicated team of deliverers, especially when they helped with the collection of the recent Housing Survey. The Parish Council are grateful for your efforts. Well done, team!

Ed H



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We certainly hope that the road works will not hinder our business too much; unfortunately for us Church Road closures will happen at the end of November, usually our busiest time. We hope we can rely on you to endeavour to reach us with your Christmas post despite the difficulties.

Talking of Christmas, I am sure you are all keen to know the last recommended posting dates for overseas mail this year, so here are some to keep you going.

Date

Wednesday 1st October

Monday 6th October

Monday 20th October

Monday 10th November

Monday 24th November

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Western Europe

Further dates to follow. A leaflet showing all dates is now available, please ask.

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FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

I would fill the world with sunshine
If I but had my way
Only little rain would fall
On this or any day
Umbrellas would be folded tight
And neatly put away from sight
I would fill the world with beauty
With music and with song
The lilt of lovely melodies
With voices clear and strong
And in the morn and afternoon
I would keep all hearts in tune

The highlight of village life is the Summer Flower Show and it was a world filled with beauty. We seem to go from strength to strength and our show secretary had the brilliant idea of having the school involved. I must say I was very impressed by the posters the children created, they were imaginative and inviting and as for the scarecrows, they were just magnificent. I wish we could have displayed them a little longer.

As I stroll through my garden on an October afternoon, I found a maple leaf lying on the lawn. It was a beautiful thing of delicate filigree, for nothing remained except a fine network of veins. As I held it carefully in my hand I thought of the changing seasons. When it fell off the tree it was of a glowing shimmering red and gold with green veins. It made me reflect on us humans, how the colour of our cheeks and hair may fade, our sight may become impaired but the real beauty in each of us is in our hearts and is everlasting. What is left in our soul, love, kindness, patience; memories may be slightly eroded but are still there. Moments of quiet reflection can bring untold peace and happiness. Sitting in my garden which is a haven of green and gold is delightful. Birds flutter around, sometimes a squirrel makes a brief appearance and come Spring nature will come to life in every twig and flower.

The great painter Van Gogh often suffered from feelings of despair, there were many times he said he felt like a bird trapped in a cage. He remarked "and do you know what takes away the cage? Brotherhood, friendship, love, they open the cage like a magic key, he who creates sympathy creates life". I am sure there are few music lovers in England or the world who have been more gifted than Kathleen Ferrier. She was not only pretty but an accomplished pianist and of, course, had a wonderful voice of contralto, she also had an infectious sense of humour and fun. Even when she suffered from cancer her voice never faltered.

A friend said there was too much jollity in her life to think of her premature death, to remember her with sadness. She was true to herself to the end. What a wonderful legacy.

For centuries in England and in Europe, the Autumn season for farmers and gardeners has been to gather the harvest and bring it in safely to barns and cellars. Alas, this year has been most unpredictable with our weather system. It must be so frustrating to wait and not to know when it will be ready for harvesting. It is always such a wonderful occasion to celebrate Harvest Festivals with flowers and fruit to decorate our churches and sing those wonderful harvest hymns, although some of them have been modified and modernised. In the Square the colouring of our great Linden tree changes daily, golden leaves float down the babbling brook and the branches get bare little by little. The sycamore and small maple trees are decked in bright coloured leaves and on the grass there is a wonderful pattern of colours like a Persian rug with intricate designs which sparkle in the misty Autumn sunshine. I will soon don my quilted body warmer when the north winds start to blow, the first frosts always take us by surprise, from glowing dahlias we get overnight a change to blackened plants which graced our gardens all summer. Autumn is the time for bonfires in the garden, there is so much to burn. I find it a most comforting occupation to stand round the fire feeding it, it makes my cheeks glow with warmth and when you come into the house there is that lovely smoky smell. Some time ago I found a very lovely poem by Lawrence Binyon called "The Burning of the Leaves".

Now is the time for the burning of the leaves
They go to the fire; the nostrils prick with smoke
Wandering slowly into the weeping mist
Brittle and blotched, ragged and rotten sheaves!
A flame seizes the smouldering ruin, and bites
On stubborn stalks that crackle as they resist

The last hollyhock's fallen tower is dust:
All the spices of June are a bitter reek
All the extravagant riches spent and mean.
All burns! The reddest rose is a ghost.
Spark whirl up, to expire in the mist: the wild
Fingers of fire are making corruption clean

They will come again the leaf and the flower; to arise
From squalor of rottenness into the old splendour
And magical scents to a wondering memory bring
The same glory, to shine upon different eyes
Earth cares for her own ruins, naught for ours
Nothing is certain, only the certain Spring



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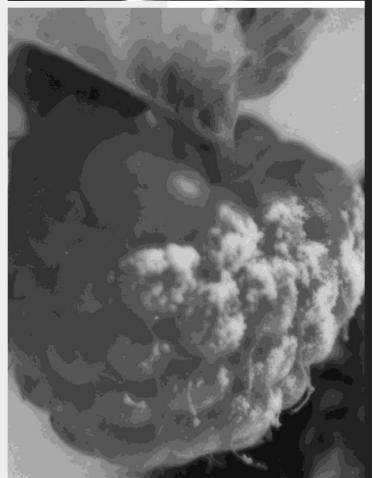
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Another year and yet another Flower Show – and what a show it was! Although we did not have a record number of exhibits, we certainly had a record number of exhibitors. This year we had 135 exhibitors which is over thirty more than the previous best. For the record there were 443 exhibits in the adult classes and 168 exhibits in the children's classes giving a total of 611 exhibits. So congratulations to all of you who entered this year. A full list of all the cup winners is included with this report, so well done to all who did win and hopefully next year it will be the turn for some of you who didn't!

Without doubt the star features of this year's Show were the incredible exhibits from the children at the Primary School. In addition to the competition to design a poster to advertise the Show, they were put into groups to design their own scarecrow, and what amazing designs they came up with. Despite the appalling weather on the day we were able to display them outside and fortunately they remained in good condition all day. They certainly gave the Show a new image! It was good to see all the other children's classes were up to their usual high standards and the winners in these classes were Jessica Courtney who won the Cygnets Cup; Annabel Courtney who won the Basildon Award; Emily Ackland who won The Fletcher Cup and Conor Keighery who won The Children's Challenge Cup. The photography section was again keenly contested with some outstanding pictures. It was a challenging task for the judges as there was another excellent number of photographs to be judged. There was a new winner in this section with Jon Drover winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup. In the Arts and Crafts Classes there was another outstanding display of skills. There was a triple tie for the Len Rose Memorial Cup with Sylvia Broom, Rachel Owen and Nan Sturdy sharing the Cup. Jane Taylor won the Whimple Craft Cup.

The regular high standard once again maintained in the flower arranging with another display of floral artistry. Although the number of entries was disappointing, the standard was still very high. The trophies in this section were won by Barbara Lambert who won the Sandfords Cup, and Margaret Bucknall who won the Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in the Show, which was voted for by everyone who came along to see the show, as well as the Roy Horsburgh Trophy. As usual the Homecraft section was full of mouth-watering exhibits and the snooker table was positively overloaded with excellent exhibits. Congratulations to Vicky Clough who took the honours in this section winning the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup.

The Pot Plant Section had an excellent number of exhibits with all the classes well supported. Here again there was a new winner of the Briar Trophy and this year it went to Sue Parkinson. And finally, but by no means least, there was an exceptionally good entry in the flower and vegetable classes. The appalling weather in the preceding months left us wondering if there would be much for the show. However, we were delighted to see just about every class having quality exhibits.

This year we divided the cups between the Vegetable Classes and the Flower Classes Section but then combined them to get an overall winner. In the Vegetable Classes, the joint winners of the The Slewton Cup were Colin Northcott and Andy Bratt and the runner up in this section winning the Cranny Brook Cup was Sue Parkinson. In the Flower Classes, the winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup was Gail Ward and the joint runners up sharing the President's Cup were Rachel Owen and Steve Higginson. However, when all the classes were combined the overall winner of this section, winning the Whimple Folk Cup was Colin Northcott.

We were very pleased to invite Marian Daniel to present the trophies and, on behalf of the Show Committee, Niamph Lark - Wardman presented a bouquet to her and she was also presented with a posy.

All the judges remarked on the high quality of the exhibits in all the classes and they asked that these comments were passed on to all the exhibitors. So well done to all of you who entered and give yourselves a big pat on the back for your efforts!!! In turn, we are extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to do this difficult task with such quality exhibits.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. The new arrangements worked very well for the second year and we are very grateful to Angela Banfield for operating the laptop to make sure all the entries went in the right classes and all the results were correctly recorded. 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. And talking of next year, the Flower Show will be on Saturday 8th August 2009, so start your planning now!!

Our next event will be a talk on 'Plant Associations'. This will be given by Chris Yates and will be in the Victory Hall on Tuesday 28th October 2008 at 7.30 pm. There will also be some plants for sale on the evening. So hopefully we will see you all then.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

'Thank You!'

A very BIG 'Thank You' to the Whimple V.P.A. for the generous cheque they gave to Ottery St. Mary Hospital League of Friends. The money will be very well spent.

Although I have given up the Webb Ivory catalogue, I still make dolls and cushions for charity.

Myrtle Dockings

**WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT
VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION**
**WHIMPLE FLOWER SHOW 2008
CUP WINNERS**

Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables:

The Whimble Folk Cup	WINNER
The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup	Colin Northcott
The Slewton Cup	Gail Ward
The Cranny Brook Cup	Colin Northcott & Andy Bratt
The President's Cup	Sue Parkinson
	Rachel Owen & Steve Higginson

Section 2 Pot Plants:

The Briar Trophy	Sue Parkinson
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Section 3 Homecraft:

The Sir Henry Imbert - Terry Cup	Vicky Clough
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Section 5 Floral Arrangement:

The Sandfords Cup	Barbara Lambert
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Margaret Bucknell
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Margaret Bucknell

Section 6 Arts and Crafts:

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Sylvia Broom Rachel Owen Nan Sturdy
The Whimble Craft Cup	Jane Taylor

Section 7 Photography:

The Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup	Jon Dровер
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Section 8 Junior Classes Children Under 5 Years:

The Cygnets Cup	Jessica Courtney
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Section 9 Junior Classes Children 5 to 7 Years:

The Basildon Award	Annabel Courtney
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Section 10 Junior Classes Children 8 to 11 Years:

The Fletcher Cup	Emily Acland
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Section 11 Junior Classes Children 12 to 15 Years:

The Children's Challenge Cup	Conor Keighery
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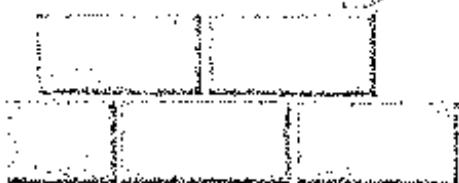
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We are pleased that we are still receiving significant quantities of cardboard and plastic. We have been operating a collection every other month and generally have a trailer full of cardboard and two plus cars full of plastic. For this reason we intend to increase the collection to once a month. From October we will endeavour to provide a collection on the last Saturday of every month. Any volunteers will be very welcome.

Next volunteer collection Saturday 25th October 2008 10 - 11 am

Clean and crushed cardboard/plastic bottles (lids removed - milk bottle lids can be recycled by the Church). Provisional dates for next collections will be 29th November 2008 and 3rd January 2009.

Our policy on money

It is important to stress that we do not have a committee and do not want to make money. We intend to work in partnership with other Village organisations when organising events, with the other organisation taking any profits made.

However, the cardboard is now being included in a recycling credits scheme which should see the group receiving some money once a tonne of cardboard has been deposited. This will probably take 8 -10 loads and any money raised may be offered to volunteers for petrol costs with any excess going to a Village organisation. It was felt that if money could be made for recycling cardboard then this opportunity should be taken. Consideration as to what should be done with any money raised has not been discussed yet as this is some months away. Any businesses with large quantities of cardboard which they send to landfill should be aware that money could be made by recycling.

Food packaging and waste

It was noticed that the amount of plastic packaging increased significantly in the summer. This seems to be down to the packaging of soft fruits and picnic foods. This is always going to be a problem when shopping at supermarkets and we would be interested to hear of any products you feel are over packaged.

Growing your own fruit and veg is a great option but not always practical, although amazing results can be achieved in pots and tubs and there is nothing nicer than picking and eating your own produce.

There is also the option to avoid the supermarkets and shop locally. As well as the shop, post office and home delivery services in the village, Ottery St Mary offers a great range of produce. Meat, fruit and veg comes with much less packaging and is very often locally sourced. They also have a regular farmers' market on the first Friday morning of every month.



Produce is often more expensive than the supermarkets but you are less tempted to buy things you don't need and if you buy seasonal foods it can work out comparable or even cheaper.

Another way to save money and reduce waste would be to watch what you throw away. Composting food waste is something a lot of us do already but the reality is that throwing food away is a waste of money and as well as composting the food there is the dreaded packaging. Buying less and not over catering is good for the environment and your pocket.

Autumn social evening - Advice on plastic disposal and composting - November talk

As you know we advise that the recycling centres will only take plastic bottles but some of us have been told at the recycling centres that they will take any plastic packaging. This is not still the official view from the council so is very confusing. East Devon District Council and SITA (refuse collection contractor) have offered to come and give a talk on plastic recycling which will be your opportunity to find out more about what can and cannot be recycled, and how it is recycled.

Hugh Roberts has also offered to give a talk on composting. If you would like any advice on getting the best from your compost, or how to get started, Hugh has a wealth of experience.

We hope this event will be in early November and will be at the Victory Hall.

This event will be free to enter and we will offer a raffle and refreshments to cover the costs of the hall hire.

Diary

25th Oct) cardboard/plastic collection, Car park off the Village
29th Nov) Square (behind the vets) 10.00 -11.00am
3rd Jan)
4th Nov	Next meeting 8.00pm Hillcroft, Church Road
Early Nov	Social evening with talks on composting and plastic recycling
Spring '09	Fashion Show – your chance to sell on unwanted quality clothing.

Plans are being made for Spring 2009 working with Whimple Primary School.

Contact: Alison Betts 823967 (alison.betts@yahoo.co.uk)
Jenny Sanders (823015 jls.sanders@btinternet.com)

Marian and Victor Daniels would like to express their thanks for all the cards and good wishes received on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

WHIMPLE KENPO / JU-JITSU CLUB

If you have heard a lot of shouting, grunting and groaning coming from Whimble Victory Hall on a Thursday night, you no doubt already know who we are. If not, let me try to explain what we are all about and what we might be able to offer to some of the residents of the Whimble area.

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Whimble Tennis Club

The Whimble Tennis Club continues to be a corner of the village visited by many players – and socialites - of all ages. This year, membership numbers are 51 adults and 36 juniors.

The AGM was well attended, and gave impetus to lively efforts to tidy the court surrounds and deal with the moss which had appeared on the new surface. Justin and Nikki Harris were special agents in that respect. Other club members came to the working morning for two hours of pushin' broom... Roddy White apprehended the disastrous state of the old net and installed a new one, and later saw to it that the net winding mechanism was replaced most efficiently, with a new mechanism from the company in Dorset which also supplies Wimbledon.

The summer social gathering was an occasion for drinking and eating, and playing the odd game. But the most exciting development has been the family tennis evening, which Nikki Harris coordinated. Here is her report:

Junior Tennis at Whimble Tennis Club

Junior tennis has been a great success this summer thanks to Robbie and Eddy Kerr. With exercises and tennis games they have enthusiastically kept our children amused hitting balls every Wednesday evening between 5.30 and 6.30pm. On the 3rd September we had our first junior club BBQ with great success and everyone agreed to try and continue through the winter period.

Does your child fancy a go at tennis and have some fun with other children under 11?



If so please come along **Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm (until half term when clocks change)** and then we intend to play during the winter **EVERY SECOND SATURDAY in the month from 2.00 - 3.00pm.**

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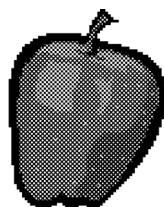
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We placed an order with Watsons for delivery on 22nd August and secured a 10% improvement on price by buying in volume (approx equal to £25 for a 500 litre load). Watsons were the cheapest on this occasion when compared to 8 different oil companies who are able to deliver to the village.

We now have 25 households who have registered their details with us and **it is our intention to go to the market once again and place a further order around the end of October**. Thereafter we would envisage ordering again at the end of December.

So if you would like to be included in the buying group please forward your details (preferably by e-mail) or if you do not have e-mail then by phone to:-

Graham Batten - 823317 gkbatten@tiscali.co.uk

John Aiton - 823155 helijohn@uwclub.net

Don't forget:- we need name, address with post code, telephone number and e-mail address (if you have one).

Whimple Victory Hall

You may remember that last spring Sarah Pepper ran a series of weekend craft courses in the Victory Hall. They were a great success.

The good news is that Sarah will be here again in time for Christmas. Final details are yet to be confirmed so watch out for posters nearer the time

Christmas Craft Fair

Whimble Victory Hall

8th November

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Please join us for a fun afternoon browsing the craft stalls at this years craft fair. All proceeds going to Whimble Primary School.

Relax with a cup of tea and piece of home made cake. There will be lots of great Christmas present ideas and a raffle with lovely prizes.

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OVER 65's PARTY

5th December 2008

The ladies of the village would once again like to thank the Cricket Club for raising £200 from a Bingo session. This is the 15th year they have helped raise money for the Over 65's.

There will be a meeting in November to make final arrangements for the Party – watch for posters.

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple who are over 65 years of age (before Monday 1st December 2008) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 5th December 2008 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Ann Bowden by Monday 24th November.



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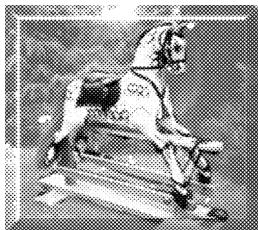
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Apart from our regular weekly Sunday services, there are several other great events coming up in the life of Whimple Church, to which everyone is invited. Our next special service will be our **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 5th October, which will be a mix of traditional and contemporary formats. Our Harvest Festival gifts of non-perishable foods and toiletries will be taken to the homeless charity St Petrock's in Exeter.

Please join us for this year's **Remembrance Service** which will be on November 9th at 11.00am, when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

This year's Impact and Contact (church youth groups) **Bernards Acre Weekend Away** is on 10-12th October. We have a brilliant time, and highlights this year will include archery, gorge-scrambling, high ropes and a Pirates of the Caribbean themed dinner. This year's houseparty will be particularly geared towards ages 10-12, and especially those who may have limited previous contact with church or Impact activities. Please contact Chris & Kate Hamilton (823201) or Ian & Maggie Spicer (823640) if you would like more information. Booking forms are available at the back of church.



There are **young peoples' groups** tailored to all ages and new members are always welcome. Please telephone Phil & Rebecca Dominy on 822163 for further details.

Following on from the success of last year's **Traidcraft Evening**, we will be holding a similar event on November 7th with fair trade wine and chocolate tasting, ideas for Christmas presents and cards. Look out for the posters.

Whimple Church will be hosting a **Quiz Night** at the Cricket Club at 8pm on Friday 14th November. Why not put a team together and come and join us? Further details from David Smith on 822123.

Our **Christmas Fun Day** was such a success last year, we are running the event again on Saturday 6th December for primary school aged children. It will be held from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the Victory Hall and will be free of charge. There will be Christmas crafts, songs, games, stories and lots of fun! Meanwhile parents can do those important pre-Christmas jobs that they want to do without having children in tow!

Booking forms are available from the back of church and the village shop. Numbers are limited so please book early to guarantee a place.

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. To contribute a box this year, please contact Maggie Spicer (823201) or visit www.samaritanspurse.uk.com for more information. Why not bring



your wrapped and filled shoe box to our Celebration Service on 2nd November when we will be showing a DVD about the work of Operation Christmas Child?



Christmas Services.

Christmas will be upon us before we know it. Please contact Gerri Turner (822587) if you would like to sing in the choir at the Advent and/or Christmas Carol Services.

Our special Christmas services in Whimple this year will be as follows:

- Sunday 30th November, 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
- Sunday 7th December, 3pm Christingle Service
- Sunday 14th December, 11am Christmas Celebration Service
- Sunday 21st December, 6.30pm Carol Service
- Wednesday 24th September, 11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Thursday 25th December, 11am Christmas Day Service

We do hope that you will be able to join us at one or more of these services, or indeed on any Sunday, when you will find a warm welcome.

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

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

1st Sunday	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Celebration Service
2nd Sunday	11.00am 10.45am	Holy Communion S club11/Impact in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Service
4th Sunday	11.00am 10.45am	Holy Communion S club11/Impact in the Scout Hut
5th Sunday	11.00am	Joint Benefice Communion

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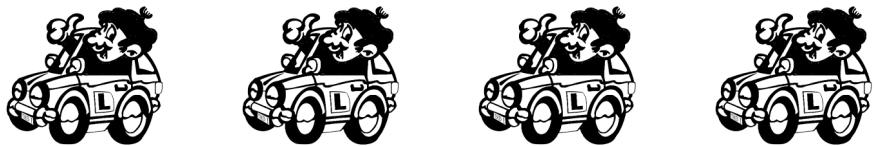
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WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Lots of things have been happening in school during the summer break – carpets have been replaced, our very small kitchen area has been moved and extended into another area of the school and classroom bases have moved around with some redecoration. Our new library/research area is nearing completion and is just awaiting the delivery of shelving so we can then move the books in.

Whimble Primary School PTFA

We would like to say a big thank you to all the people who came along to the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) annual meeting. New officers were elected and one of the first changes was a rename to 'Friends of Whimble School' – we welcome anyone within the community, you do not have to have children at the school, to join us, and you can participate as much, or as little, as you like. Many events, big and small, are held throughout the year so come and join us – it's all for a worthy cause – the children of Whimble School. Money in the past has been used to bring in theatre groups, subsidise trips and expand our library stock. If you would like to join us, call in at the school reception and say hello.

Walking Buses

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You will also have the chance to hear about our vision for the future. Ideally we are still hoping for a new school building on the multi use games area, but in the meantime everyone is working hard to give the children the best possible education where we are.

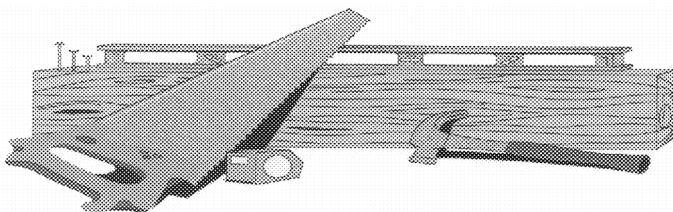
We need to keep the school in the village and to encourage the community to support us. Please come and see what is on offer, I think you will be impressed.

Everyone is welcome whether or not you have a member of your family attending the school.

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Best Kept Village Result

Whimple is the Runner Up in the 'New Entries' section of the Best Kept Village Competition 2008 , with 90 points. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make it look so good, especially the VPA who put in tremendous effort.

The competition is organised by CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and Mole Valley Farmers. They will be presenting the village with a framed certificate celebrating our success. This will take place at the beginning of the VPA's next meeting, which is open to all, on Tuesday 28th October at 7.30pm.

The judges' comments are as follows:-

Whimple is a large village - near enough to Exeter for many of its residents to commute on the train. London is approx. 3 hours away. We were impressed with standards here since Whimple is a first time entry. Apparently, litter has been, and is, a problem, but the community is very aware of it and is making great improvements. No litter was seen except in waste and re-cycling bins - correctly used with no refuse spilling over.

Notice boards were well displayed, attractive and showed a busy community. Parish Council Minutes were shown in full.

Public areas such as playing fields and school yards were in excellent condition. Some wooden seats were in need of attention, including those at the Knowle Cross Cricket Ground. This is a superb open space and grass was in peak condition. The Pavilion is shabby in places, but there is evidence of 'work in progress' here.

The appearance of property both old and new is consistently high, as are the gardens and a new playground with swings etc., included in a new housing area. A stout rubbish bin is well used. There was no sign of loose litter here.

St. Mary's Church was very clean and tidy as was the Churchyard. The new Churchyard on the edge of the village was in excellent condition. However, we noted a small pile of rusting corrugated iron sheets unnecessarily on view which could easily be hidden.

The allotments which are nearer the village are obviously well used and well kept except for redundant and broken items, albeit tidily stacked, along one fence.

The School and Community Centre (Victory Hall) are next door to each other - both are well-used and well-maintained buildings. The associated car park is a good size, and clean.

There is a single tennis court near the centre of the village which supports a Tennis Club, in good order. The main car park in the village is quite large and clean, and well screened.

The small railway station is in good condition, and brightly painted. It is approached by a wide road which can take all-day parking without difficulty, but this might not always be the case.

Outside the Church is an old-fashioned red telephone box - in a far better state than some of the others we have seen in the villages! It just needs a coat of red paint to cheer it up.

Evidence of community spirit is everywhere: Local societies and groups abound. Witness to this are all the notices and posters on notice boards. It is obvious that the residents of Whimble are proud of their village. They can be satisfied that a very high standard has been reached by this 'First Time Entry'

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Clearly both of these issues have serious implications for Whimble.

The consultation is expected to be undertaken in November/December and at that time the report will be available at www.eastdevon.gov.uk and at exhibitions across the district.

On the last occasion the council consulted on the local plan only three individuals from Whimble responded. If you have views on the issues raised and want to ensure that the District Council is made aware of the extent of the feelings of Whimble residents, please look out in the press and on the Council's website for the launch of the consultation and make your views known direct to the Council.

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- 7th Trivial Pursuit
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- 28th Singalong with E. Purchase

November

- 4th Coach Trip To Barnstaple
- 11th Meeting Cancelled
- 18th Speaker - Mrs V Sutherland - 'Halos & Hangovers'
- 25th Xmas Whist & Scrabble

December

- 2nd Xmas Beetle Drive
- 9th Christmas Lunch at Mount Pleasant Inn, Dawlish
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A special 'Thank You' to Linda for all the hours she spent cheering him up and her hard work cutting his lawns and looking after his Rosie. Much appreciated Linda! Also thank you to Barbara for the special help you gave him. Many thanks to all for the offers of help.

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Rather than take an August break, over recent years members have been privileged to enjoy a summer tea party at the home of the president, Ann Bowden. This year was no exception - the only thing missing was the summer weather! Nevertheless, we all enjoyed a very happy afternoon and an excellent tea provided by the members themselves.

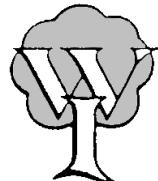
At the September meeting the speaker was Miss Pat Salter whose subject was 'The History of Gardens' tracing the development of gardens from Egyptian times and before.

Our speaker for October will be Dr Gavin Haig FRCS, who will speak on the trials and tribulations of being a surgeon. Also in October, the Autumn Council Meeting will be held at Barnstaple.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members.

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Rosemarie Burrows



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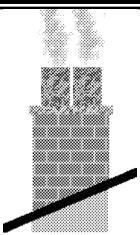
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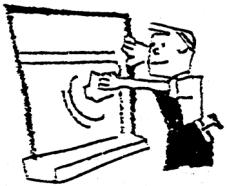
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THE COST OF FREE BANKING

There is no such thing as a free meal.

Paul Lewis writing in his 'Money Works' article gives us the evidence.

Current accounts are not free to customers and a lack of competition between banks keeps costs high. Those are the key findings of a detailed report into personal current accounts by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

The report reveals that current accounts earn the banks a staggering £8.3 billion a year. So far from being "free", each account costs the average customer £152 a year in charges and lost interest.

The OFT reveals that current accounts generate more money each year for the banks than any other service - and almost as much as mortgages and credit cards together.

The banks make £4.1 billion a year by lending out the money in our current accounts but most banks pay us almost no interest on it. Also they make £3.1 billion from the charges and interest on overdrafts. The remaining billion pounds or so comes from fees for current accounts and miscellaneous charges.

Banks are not open and transparent about these costs. The OFT's chief executive, John Fingleton, gave this analogy to the BBC: "It's like going into a petrol station without seeing how many litres of petrol you are buying and not having much pricing on display. [If that happened] you wouldn't have much competition among petrol stations."

Don't forget the clocks go back on Sunday 26th October.



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The Saga of the Whimble Victory Hall Car Park

It was with great sadness and a heavy heart that I read the article in the last Whimble News. When we had the Car Park resurfaced we failed to do our market research thoroughly enough and enquire of all the Villagers whether or not it was desirable. To those villagers who have been upset by the loss of a village amenity, vis-à-vis the car park puddles, I hope that, in the fullness of time, their sacrifice will prove worthwhile and the work will be appreciated by all!

Having said that, the Trustees are delighted with the finished article and we hope that all the users have found it an improvement both for parking and for safe access. I am sure that the Mums and Dads delivering children in pushchairs find it is a far easier right of passage.

We worked hard to obtain the funding required to carry out the work and received a grant from Devon County Council as they are the heaviest users and we also received a grant from our County Councillor, Derek Button, from his Locality Budget. This meant that we were able to have the white lining carried out at the same time.

We have been promising major refurbishment for some time now and the Car Park was the first major project to be completed.

We have recently received notification that grants have been obtained to provide extra storage on the site and also a major grant from The Community Council for Devon, match funded by East Devon District Council and ourselves to carry out improvements to the entrance area, the ladies and toilets for the disabled, the corridor and access to the Committee Room and the kitchen. Further works are planned in the Billiard Room to upgrade the toilet facilities in there. I hope that all users will bear with us whilst work takes place and we apologise for any inconvenience (excuse the unintended pun) whilst these improvements are undertaken. We hope that the work will start shortly.

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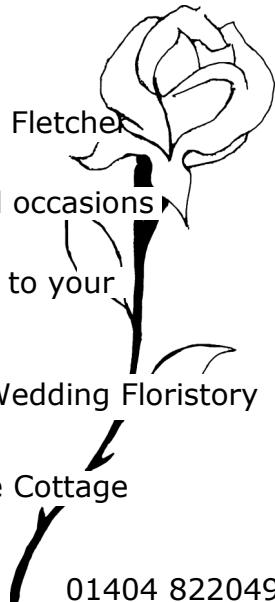
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