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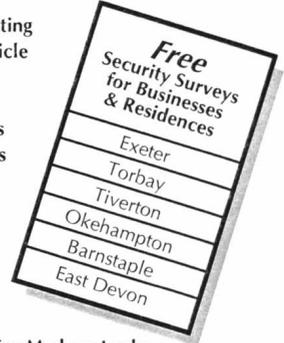
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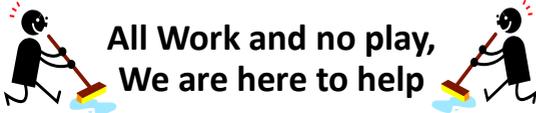
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# What's On In Whimble

## August

- 5th Village Walk from the Heritage Centre at 6.15pm...please book with Roger Smith on 822244
- 13th VPA Annual Flower Show – Victory Hall – details page 48
- 20th Whimble Dog Racing 3.00pm start, at field near Cricket Club

## September

- 10th` Whimble Cricket Club – band Night ‘Joey The Lips’ – details to follow
- 14th Cream tea at the Heritage Centre 2.00pm
- 24th Soup’n’Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm
- 30th VPA Illustrated Talk – Victory Hall 7.30pm – Devon Gardens Trust –details page 48

If your Association has an event which you would like listed in ‘What’s on...’ please contact **Ed Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail [edhitch@btinternet.com](mailto:edhitch@btinternet.com).

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Summer has arrived and our fresh fruit and veg is proving very popular. We order daily from Dart Fresh who promote local produce where possible, but it is possible for us to order in almost any kind of fruit and veg you may need.

We have a new supplier in Rose Farm. They are a family run business from Somerset making a lovely range of sweet and savoury preserves. The product looks and tastes great.

We are often asked for a bigger range of meat but it is difficult for us to make a regular supply of fresh meat work, without too much waste. We are hoping to work with a local butcher to provide a better supply of meat but it would be frozen so would require a bit more planning for meal times.

We will try this to see if this is a more efficient way of providing a meat option in the shop but we hope to continue working with Dartmoor Farmers so if you want to order in fresh beef and lamb we should be able to do this. Orders placed on a Friday for Tuesday delivery.

Fish is another thing we believe some people would like delivered to the village and there is a van that comes to the village on Tuesdays. Frank Houlding can be contacted on 07929 420236 and if you can't be in the village during the day to meet him, you can order in advance and have your order left at the shop ready for collection. You can phone him on a Monday to find out what he is likely to have available.

We are trying to stock as much as possible to make the shop as useful as possible to the village. We stock a small range of herbs, spices, wholefoods and stationery but if there is something in particular you would like us to stock, please feel free to talk to us and we will try to source and stock it if practicable.

We do try very hard to minimise waste so that we can keep the prices at reasonable levels and make shopping locally an attractive and practical option.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and hope to see you enjoying some time at the shop having a cuppa and cake or ice cream.

It is lovely to have people in and around the shop and village centre. Adults and children are very welcome and it makes for a great atmosphere for us.

We do have a bit of a problem with some of the youngsters hanging around the shop who are getting in the way of people, dropping litter and using some fairly shocking language. We would ask parents to remind their children that there are other people around and sometimes their behavior is not acceptable.

Notice Board – now has a section for Events. Please feel free to leave us details of your forthcoming event to add to the board.

  
Shop Local

## Post Office

Just a reminder that the Post Office is open the same time as the shop. That is Monday to Friday 7.30am to 6.00pm, Saturday 8am to 1pm and Sunday 9.00am to 1.00pm. The only exception will be on Bank Holidays.

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Useful tips:

1. You can order currency either on line or in branch before 1pm and your order delivered in store by 1.00pm the next working day.
2. If you receive a note saying your parcel has not been delivered but can be collected from the Post Office, it may not get back to us until mid to late afternoon, depending on the time it takes the Postie to complete his round.
3. Our busiest times are Monday mornings and between 4.30-5.00pm in the afternoon.

Mark and Jenny 822316

## Robbie's Concert

Robbie Palmer, family and friends presented a wonderful concert in the Church in July. It was a real variety act involving the Tale Valley Choir, the Diminished 7 and other musicians. What a great session it was!

The music ranged from classical, to jazz, to Elvis, the Beach Boys and the Kinks, to traditional Irish and Swedish folk songs and a bit of Glenn Miller. The singing by the Choir was beautiful and the musical pieces involved so many instruments I lost count.

"Loft Thine Eyes " by Mendelssohn was perfectly performed by Kiko, Tom and Robbie. I remember their contributions at Whimple School- must be getting old. The Palmer family gave a brilliant rendition of the "Queen of Sheba" by Handel. Granddad-Tom Lambert , Mum Emma, Dad Dave, Tom, Sam and Robbie were accompanied by Kiko and Jude Carter. Please do not mention another famous musical family!

The event was orchestrated by Robbie, for us to enjoy the music and to raise funds for his trip next year to Borneo where he will be doing amazing work to support the community.

We are so lucky to have such talent amongst us. Go and support them again in September when they will do it all again.

**Maria Wallis**

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There was live music, with jazz piano on arrival and guitar duo Los no Boss, before the disco started and the dance floor filled. Throughout the evening a magician toured with an impressive array of card tricks, while a selection of canapés poured out of the kitchen for all to enjoy. Meantime, two casino tables welcomed winners and losers and proved to be incredibly popular.

The event was a fundraiser for the school and pre-school and we were delighted to raise £1,090 in total. Thank-you to everyone that came for not only buying a ticket but also for playing the casino and donating so generously.

Of course an event like this can't happen without a tremendous amount of help. In particular our thanks to Vicki and the team at The Thirsty Farmer, Jed Kendrew and Project Marquees, the decorating team who did such an amazing job and everyone that helped get us set up on the day itself.

We were delighted it was a success and hope that it can become a regular fixture in the Whimple calendar.

**The Summer Ball Team**

# The name Somme comes from a Celtic word meaning '*Tranquility*'

The Somme is now synonymous with one of the bloodiest battles in human history.

Whistles were blown all along the British front line at 7.30am on July 1st 1916, driving thousands of troops out of the trenches and into No Man's Land at the start of the Battle of the Somme. It turned out to be the worst day in the history of the British Army, which suffered 57,470 casualties – 19,420 of whom died. During the 141 day battle, which ended on 18th November, over one million troops from all sides would lose their lives.

On July 1st 2016, a group of Whimble people, brought together by **Arthur Cook** and the **Living History Group**, gathered at the war memorial in St Mary's churchyard. At 7.30am whistles were blown to commemorate the start of that fateful day. A two minute silence was observed. Unfortunately, I couldn't attend but it was said to be a gentle and thoughtful occasion. Whimble would like to thank Arthur and his group. In the coming months, please go into our churchyard and see the memorial to Capt. Robert Alexander Farmer Chard. He died on the 7th day of the Somme Offensive aged 29. He was one of the 72,246 soldiers whose bodies were never found and his name is commemorated on the **Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme**. Thanks Sue Ayres



## Those courageous lads 1916

Those courageous lads never knowing what their fate will be.

Can any of us imagine what scenes they would see.

Those courageous lads ran through bodies and trenches of mud

How their hearts would beat faster hearing the bullets thud.

Those courageous lads were loved by so many,

one hundred years later would they know they would be mourned by plenty?

Those courageous lads they will never be forgotten,

for we owe them this, they will go down in history and to be remembered on and on.

Those courageous lads we cannot conceive

What was running through their minds, their thoughts their worries,

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1916 The Somme

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# Whimble Primary School Summer Fayre

Another spectacular Summer Fayre unfolded at Whimble Primary School on Saturday 25th June 2016, and what an enjoyable and fun packed day it was!

The rain kindly stayed away allowing the fine array of exciting stalls and games to pedal their wares without interruption. The innovative ideas that our children come up with and the performances of the choir and maypole dancers year on year never fail to amaze or disappoint. Well done to all and thank you.

A huge thank you as well to each and everyone who attended, who helped to set up and clear away, who ran our favourite stalls with fantastic ease and organisation once more and to all of our new faces. We hope to see you and your stalls again.

The final total is not yet in, but we understand that over £1,700 was raised for our wonderful school. A brilliant result - thank you so much. Keep an eye on the news from FoWS as to where this fantastic amount raised will go.

Hope to see you again next year!

Susie Plank and Donna Woolston

# Whimble Parish Council

## What to do in the event of a flood

Your guide on who to call

In the event of a flood, there are many authorities available to help. Below outlines who should be contacted for the various types of flooding incidents and emergencies that occur. The local authorities rely on information reported to them to inform any investigations and prioritisation of investment.

If it is an emergency and there is danger to life as a result of flooding you should not hesitate to call **999**

To report flooding of the highway and blocked drains contact Devon County Council's Highway Customer Service Centre on **0345 155 1004** or visit [www.devon.gov.uk/drainage](http://www.devon.gov.uk/drainage) Office hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm and Saturdays 9am – 1pm. For emergencies outside of these hours call **01392 383329**

For any flooding on major trunk roads (the M5 A30, A38, A35 and A303) contact the Highways Agency on **0300 123 5000** (24 hour service)

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For enquiries about flood warnings contact the Environment Agency's Floodline on **0345 988 1188** (24 hour service)

For general enquiries about Main River or flooding from the sea contact the Environment Agency on **03708 506 506**

For all other flooding enquiries contact the Devon County Council Flood Risk Management Team on **0345 155 1015** or email [floodrisk@devon.gov.uk](mailto:floodrisk@devon.gov.uk)

Preparing for a flood

Please refer to Devon County Council and Environment Agency web pages for advice on what to do before, during and after a flood. In the first instance of flooding and sandbag requests contact:

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## New Allotments

Would you like to pick your own fresh fruit and vegetables – but your garden isn't big enough or suitable for growing them?

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that there will soon be some new allotments in Whimble, adjacent to Heberton Close, Grove Road.

If you are interested in having an allotment, would like to put your name on the waiting list, or just find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk, Gerri Turner, on 01404 823385 or [whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whimbleparishcouncil@gmail.com)

# Willow View Park residents Queen's Birthday Party on 12th June 2016.

I would like to thank some of the people who arranged this party, Marilyn John, Carol, Brian Hazel and all the residence who made cakes sandwiches and much more. We started at 1400 hours and the weather was good for the rest of the day after earlier showers. Plenty of food drink and music made a wonderful day for all. Our guest hosts were Gordon and Claire PodBury

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## Ken Wills



On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank al those who attended Ken's funeral and for all the messages of sympathy we received.I would also pay tribute to the nurses at Honiton Community Hospital for their excellent care during his last few weeks and to thank Chris Martin for helping to make the service very special.

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# The Heritage Centre BOOK EXCHANGE

The book exchange will be closing at the end of October for the winter. Please don't bring any more books but I do encourage you to stock up on winter reading. We will reopen the Heritage Centre and the Book Exchange on the 1st April 2017. We hope you have all enjoyed your reads.

**Clotted Cream Tea and Savoury Scones** will be served at the Heritage Centre on **Wednesday 14th September 2.00 - 4.00pm**. Please come along.

Thanks.

Sue Ayres

# Tips to keep your dog safe at the beach

If you are lucky enough to live near the sea or are planning a trip to the beach with your dog, here are some tips to make sure you all stay safe.

- Don't assume your dog can swim. All dogs have to learn to swim just like us. Some breeds are naturally strong swimmers, but other breeds (such as corgis and pugs) are not. If your dog is not used to swimming then the sea is not the place to start, so make sure he doesn't get out of his depth.
- For some reason dogs do drink salt water, but it doesn't do them any good and can make them vomit, or worse lead to potentially **fatal salt poisoning**. Signs of **salt poisoning in dogs** are vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite, lethargy, walking drunk, abnormal fluid accumulation within the body, excessive thirst or urination, potential injury and even death when untreated. Discourage your dog from drinking sea water by providing plenty of fresh water and not over exercising on the beach in the heat.
- Ingesting sand can lead to **sand impaction**, a medical condition where parts of the intestines are blocked by the sand. Vomiting is the most common side effect; dogs may also lose their appetites, have abdominal pain or become lethargic. Seek urgent veterinary advice if you think your dog may have eaten a lot of sand.
- Consider a life vest if you are planning to swim, sail or surf with your dog. You can buy life vests for dogs of all sizes. Waves and currents can quickly exhaust your dog, especially in cold water
- Apply sunscreen to your dog– especially for dogs with thin or pale fur and apply to areas such as the nose and ears. You can also use high factor children's sunscreen.
- Make sure your dog has a collar, ID tag and preferably is micro chipped, just in case he gets lost.
- Don't overdo it. Running on sand is more tiring than on grass, so don't expect your dog to be able to run and play for as long as he might on his normal walk and start slowly, giving him time to warm up.
- Make sure your dog has a shady area to rest in and remember that sand can be scorching on paws on a hot day so make sure you have a blanket for them to lie down on.
- Be careful to avoid heat stroke – watch for signs of overheating such as excessive panting, drooling, coordination problems, vomiting and/or diarrhoea and collapse.
- If your dog suffers from arthritis or other joint conditions limit the amount of time he spends swimming in cold water. He may think it is great fun at the time, but he will probably be very stiff and sore the following day. They can also get tail strain from using their tail as a rudder when swimming, which can be very painful.
- At the end of the day check your dog over thoroughly for cuts and scrapes, rinse him thoroughly to remove salt and sand from his coat and paws and dry him to ensure he does not get chilled.

(with thanks to Vale Vets)



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# WHIMPLE CHURCH

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## Whimble Church: Statement of Needs update

Dear all,

In the last edition of the Whimble News, I explained how the Parochial Church Council (PCC) had undertaken a review of the facilities within the church building to identify ways in which it could better support our Mission priorities and, in consequence, had put together a Statement of Needs (SON) which has been drafted in accordance with those priorities.

Can I thank those of you who came to the advertised coffee mornings at the church to give your feedback on the SON through the short questionnaire that has been produced.

The window of opportunity to have your say is NOT over. If you have not noticed it already, at the back of the church is a large wooden board that documents the rationale behind the SON (a summary of which was included in the last edition). It highlights some suggested opportunities and limitations of our beautiful church building as it stands at present, including suggestions about things we currently cannot do that we think are important to do to fulfil our strategic aims.

Underneath the board are the short questionnaires inviting you to comment and a box to put completed questionnaires in. Please take time to read the statements on the board, or discuss the situation with a PCC member, before filling in a questionnaire and putting it in the box. We value all inputs so please take time to contribute, even if only to agree with the summary of needs.

We would appreciate it if all questionnaire inputs could be returned by the end of August for consideration at the September PCC meeting. Thereafter there will be further opportunity later in the year to discuss the refined SON i.e. after including inputs from the village as a whole.

Can I also take this opportunity to again re-emphasise that at this time there are no plans for any alterations to the building and that we will not start to consider any options until a final SON has been agreed. We are simply beginning to dream about ways in which we can better serve the village community, preserve this sacred space for many years to come and without in any way compromising its integrity as, first and foremost, a sacred and historic place of worship.

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# Village Day WACY races Fun Run

Village day kicked off in an energetic fashion for the 35 entrants of the fun run, with a very lively warm up led by 'Zumba' instructor Caroline. It was lovely to see runners of all ages taking part & great that everyone on the field joined in, regardless of whether they were running or not!

Then the air horn sounded & the serious business of fun running began. The race was won by 12 yr old Cameron Bryson in a fantastic 9:40 followed by 10 yr old Charlie Gordon-Lennox in 10:03. Hot on his heels was Chad Palmer in 10:13. Kitty Macklin was the 1st lady in 11:23 and 1st under16 girl went to 10yr old Lilly Hemsley in 18th place.

1st under 10 boy and girl went to 8 yr old Henry Fenner with a brilliant 9th place and 6yr old Ellie Rowe in 30th place. Great running by all. The youngest runner was 2yr old Freddie Anstead, who ran the whole way as fast as his little legs would carry him. Well someone had to make sure his Mum & Dad made it round the course!

Very well done to him.

I'd like to say a very big thank you to every single runner who took part & also to everyone who helped with the event. I hope you all had fun.

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## Otter Vale Friends of Hospiscare

On May 26th we held an afternoon tea at the Methodist Church, where we were entertained by Jenni Braund and her fellow 'Scribblers' with readings of their poems and short stories. As ever, the cakes were delicious and £200 was raised for Hospiscare.

The 'Magpies' have been busy selling their up-cycled jewellery and beads. June 4th was a busy day. They split up and attended two events: their stall at the Food Festival was buzzing with customers and raised £187 - their best sale ever! Meanwhile at Talaton village fair they enjoyed watching all the games and races, whilst raising almost £70. With several events planned over the summer, they are now running short of stock.. If you have any unwanted or broken jewellery you would like to donate, please take it to the Ottery Hospiscare shop and say that it is for Magpies. It will be given a new lease of life and raise money for a good cause.

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On June 17th we were delighted to hand over a cheque for £1,128 to Hospiscare, our designated charity for the last four years. As well as Margery Whittington from Hospiscare, members of the Choral Society were also joined by Liz Govier of Gilbert Stephens Solicitors who have sponsored the society during the last year. Thanks also go to Sabine Taylor of Otter Nurseries, for their continuing sponsorship of the society.

We are very grateful to our audiences who gave so generously to the Hospiscare retiring collections following each of our concerts, as well as Christmas shoppers during the carol singing evening at Otter Nurseries. Money was also raised by society members themselves with the grand raffle at our annual dinner for 2016.

This brings the total raised for the charity by the Choral Society since Christmas 2012 to £3269

*The Choral Society is currently taking a summer break from rehearsals, which will resume on Wednesday 7 September.*

*For your diary: **Christmas Concert - December 10th 2016***

For more information regarding Ottery St Mary Choral Society please visit our website: [www.otterystmarychoral.org](http://www.otterystmarychoral.org) or contact: [osmcs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:osmcs@hotmail.co.uk)



Pictured left to right are Barbara Ottaway (OSMCS), John Neal OSMCS), Margery Whittington (Hospiscare), Annie Bassett (Chairman OSMCS), Liz Govier (Gilbert Stephens) and Anita (Otter Nurseries)





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At our AGM in May we welcomed four new members, conducted the usual business, re-elected our President Gill Downs for another year and welcomed our new Treasurer Marilyn Mills. Our WI Advisor, Jenny Roberts attended the meeting and guided us through the two resolutions we needed to decide upon. She also invited us to visit the Devon Federation's new premises at The Firs – but requested just a few at a time! Also during the evening we held a Bring & Buy and Book Sale, both generously supported by all the members.



Following a great talk last January by Sue Ayres, an Exeter Red Coat guide, a number of our ladies enjoyed a tour of Exeter (past & present) conducted by Sue. Apart from dodging a shower or too, it didn't disappoint and left us all wanting more. The morning concluded with some of us off for lunch together and some retail therapy – well you have to don't you!!

Our bi-monthly lunch in June was held this time at the Thirsty Farmer. Well attended as usual, with good food and excellent company.

Our June meeting was mainly to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. After our usual business was concluded, 6 of our members entertained us with some short memories of past holidays – all very different, interesting and some amusing. The evening concluded with a delicious cake made by Ann Bowden and beautifully decorated in the shape of a lilac hat by Lis Roberts. This was washed down with a glass of bubbly when we toasted the Queen's good health and continued long life.

The WI ladies will as usual support the ladies from the church in providing cakes and drinks in the refreshment tent on Village Day. Let's hope summer will arrive by then and the sun shines!

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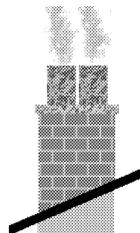
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