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## June

- 2nd Church Coffee Morning 10.15am – 2.00pm
- 3rd Celebration Service, St Mary's Church
- 4th Parish Planning Meeting, Victory Hall at 7.00pm
- 5th Ladies Fashion Show, Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 9th Church Fete – Hindstrete at 2.30pm
- 10th S Club 11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 16th Church Coffee Morning 10.15am – 2.00pm
- 16th Soup and Sarnie Lunch at the Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm
- 18th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall at 7pm
- 19th 'Whimble Parish Plan' Update Meeting, Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 22nd Cantilena Concert, St Mary's Church at 7.30pm
- 24th S Club 11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 29th Live Music 'Carnaby Street', Thirsty Farmer
- 30th **VILLAGE WEEK STARTS** (refer to middle pages for full programme)

## July

- 2nd Darts Competition, Thirsty Farmer
- 3rd Skittles Competition Starts, Thirsty Farmer
- 4th Skittles Competition Cont'd, Thirsty Farmer
- 5th Skittles Competition Finishes, Thirsty Farmer
- 6th Live Music 'Plan B', Thirsty Farmer
- 7th **Village Day!**
- 7th Church Coffee Morning 10.15am – 2.00pm
- 7th Soup and Sarnie Lunch at the Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm
- 8th Quiz Night, Thirsty Farmer
- 8th S Club 11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 8th **VILLAGE WEEK ENDS**
- 14th Church Coffee Morning 10.15am – 2.00pm
- 21st Church Coffee Morning 10.15am – 2.00pm
- 22nd S Club 11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 28th Soup and Sarnie Lunch at the Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm

## August

- 11th VPA Flower Show

# St Mary's Church

## Monthly Programme of Services

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

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# Miles the acting Ed

With Ed currently unavailable due to exhausting holiday commitments, it has fallen to me to welcome you to the June/July edition of The News. For those who know these things, this is the 48th edition which has been put together by the 'new' team - 8 years no less, most of which seems to have flown by. I hope that you will agree The News continues to meet the objectives of informing the village and supporting local businesses. The team are always keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help with the production of The News or who have feedback for us - of course we reserve the right to completely ignore such feedback ....

This edition is a really good one, with reports covering the various events that have been going on over the last couple of months and importantly looking forward to Village Week. Alongside these we have our valued regular contributors - well done for what you do, I know sometimes it feels like hard work to come up with something, but I promise it is worth it and your articles are appreciated.

As Village Week approaches, I hope everyone will be able to support the various events to the maximum. The schedule will be full yet again and those who organise these events do so in their own time for the benefit of the community as a whole. No doubt the organisers of the Barn Dance in the Blossom are currently bathing in the success of the event. I could not go, but everyone I have spoken to who went said it was fantastic and very well organised - did all that beer really get drunk?? Well Done to the whole team who put together the event and to Julian and Sue Wilson in particular for hosting it. Are you able to organise the weather for Village Week too please?!

Since Ed's piece entitled "Accident", which appeared in the last edition, there has been quite a bit of feedback and comment about driving speeds around the village. The theme is consistent - why do some people seem to need to race around our roads? All drivers will appreciate that the roads in and around Whimple are simply not designed for high speeds and when you add in the potential dangers of pedestrians and pets, it seems only a matter of time before an inconsiderate driver causes a major incident. Let's hope I am wrong, but please do think about your speed when you are driving around the village.

Finally, one goodbye to mention. Tanya at The Thirsty Farmer will be leaving at the end of the month, with Vicky continuing in sole control. Tanya and Roy will still be local, so we will no doubt see them often, but thanks for what you have done whilst you have been involved at The Farmer. Your support of The News and other village organisations has always been appreciated.

Next deadline is Monday 16th July - articles via Jim and Alison at the Post Office, or direct to Bob at [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk)

**Miles Leonard**

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](mailto:nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk)

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Thanking you all for your continuing support.

**Jim & Alison**

# FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Now that summer is in flower and nature's hum  
Is never silent round her sultry bloom  
Insects as small as dust have never done  
With glittering dance and reeling in the sun  
And green wood-fly and blossom hunting bee  
Are never weary of their melody  
Round field and hedge, flowers in full glory twine  
Large bindweed bells, wild hop and streaked woodbine  
That lift athirst their slender throated flowers  
Agape for dew falls and honey showers

John Clare in his shepherd calendar always uses simple poetry to describe the beauty of each month and my own enjoyment of simple pleasure. The atmosphere breezes gently with busy bees and in the un-mown grass, summer flowers thrive whilst in the hedge the delicate dog rose, honey suckle and dainty trumpets of white bindweeds fall in elegant cascades of scented mirth. Every year in my conservatory I grow the 'Celestial Blue' Morning Glory, and when I get up it is always the first thing I admire. It gives me great joy and inspiration for the rest of the day. I then venture outside into my garden and listen to the birds. To my surprise I see a butterfly - a 'Painted Lady' - settled on a leaf much warmed already by the morning sun. Not only the days, but life itself lengthens. In summer each dawn is full of joy and elation - these are the only words which can describe such moments of true wonder and discovery. St. Francis of Assisi treated each creature great and small as his family. He would speak to them and encourage them to thrive. He also taught us the delight of simple things. My own Jack, who was a chorister as a boy, sang hymns to make plants grow; it used to be rather charming to hear him in full voice.

What can be said about the month of June except that it is the month of the rose - exquisite shapes, subtle perfume and a rainbow of colours? One single rose can bring happiness. We are enraptured by their charm and surrender to their delicate scent. It is no wonder The Rose has been sung by poets from time immemorial. In ancient Greece to Egypt and Persia, six hundred years before the birth of Christ, it adorned the famous Hanging Gardens of Babylon. It must have been quite a sight under the magical Eastern skies and light. The rose is the 'flower of the gods' and a messenger of love and tenderness. The Mystic Rose or Rose Mariae was believed by the pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre to have sprung up at every resting place on the flight to Egypt. It is said to have blossomed for the first Christmas, and to have closed at the Crucifixion, only to reopen again on Easter Day. The poet Dante said "The Rose wherein the Word Devine makes itself flesh".

For me, the dog rose is one of my favourites. It grows profusely in Devon at the

sunlit edges of hedgerows and woods. It was called the dog rose because it was formerly believed to cure rabies. In modern times it is generally used by rose growers as a stock on which to graft our beautiful garden varieties. Some well-known specialists also grow them from seed – a very delicate and lengthy way to propagate them. The French poet, Victor Hugo declared that God only made two perfect things:- “The Rose and the Woman”. In medicine, the rose was well known, ‘cakes of roses’ formed part of the apothecary stock in trade and roses are still used profusely in perfumery. I use a shower gel of wine and roses by Lux which refreshes me every day. Shakespeare said “they bring sweetness and magic into our lives”. The rose continues to reign supreme above all other flowers. Nobody will contradict that the fragrance, shape and colouring are unsurpassable.

July is the month of high summer. Now that our gardens are showing signs of colourful bedding plants, I find it is a sense of achievement and fulfilment following a sense of expectancy. On the 15th July it is St. Swithin’s Day and if it rains it will be for forty days and forty nights according to country lore. Swithin was Bishop of Winchester in the 9th Century and we are told that until the cathedral was consecrated a hundred years later, after his death he was buried outside the church and resented the rain falling on his grave. Eventually, a shrine inside the newly consecrated cathedral was erected and his tomb moved in. So perhaps now that he can rest in a dry church, the saying may be obsolete!

As I can’t devote so much time to my garden and croquet lawn I have decided to do something completely different – a ‘relaxed lawn’ looking more like a meadow full of all sorts of wild flowers. Oh, don’t worry about the moss because it attracts birds, I welcome clumps of daisies, primroses, cowslips, violets, celandines, anemones, ajugas and even dandelions. I remember fields of dandelions in my happy childhood up in the Swiss Alps. The blooms of rich golden yellow shining in the bright sunshine reminding me of the manes of lions and when round dandelion clocks of downy seed heads grace the grass I find it fascinating to watch the breeze scattering the delicate seeds around which look like miniature parachutes on the air. On the cover of the famous French Larousse Dictionary is a picture of a dandelion clock with the words “Je seme a tout vent”, i(n other words “I sow the whole world”), and how true indeed, as the Larousse finds its way all over the planet with its wealth of knowledge and most interesting historical information.

I have already noticed that there are more butterflies, bees and masses of birds who find more food than before. I even saw an early ladybird.

Gardening is like life - a little risk and adventure makes the heart beat faster. I know it will take some time to create a new meadow, but I so want to be in tune with nature and gradually include poppies, cornflowers and only cut the grass occasionally after all the flowers have gone to seed and settled in a soft rain into the ground. The uncertain nature of the climate change predicts drier summers and I can’t see any sense in watering lawns for hours. What a waste of millions of people all over the world have not even a drop of drinking water.



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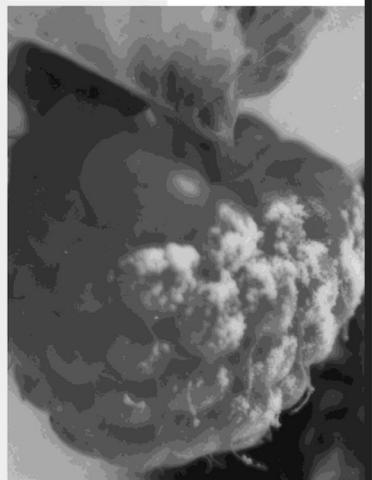
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# Whimple Primary School

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

## What have we been up to??

Easter Egg Hunt (thanks to Mrs M Burrough for permitting us to use her orchards), Easter Bingo (children and adults greatly enjoyed the return of 'Johnny Bingo'), Easter egg competition squares by the Fountain Inn, Blossom Barn Dance, recycling clothes collection in conjunction with 1st Whimple Scouts and our King/Queen raffle A great spring of events has been enjoyed by the village, thank you to everyone who has helped or contributed by joining in.



Congratulations to Katie Yeoman who has been crowned as our Whimple Queen for 2007. She will officially open our Village day fete on Saturday 7th July. Thank you everyone who helped raise funds in our King /Queen raffle.

Mrs Helen Hudson won a Sunday lunch for four at the JACK in the GREEN INN.

The prize for our Whimple Queen was donated by Music Foundation for Schools.



## Continuing to support music in Whimple Primary School

A truly old fashioned tradition has been resurrected in Whimple, by our School Maypole dancers. They performed at the Blossom Barn Dance in the blossom. Thanks to superb efforts by pupils who practiced tirelessly under instruction from parents and teachers, and a great display was given in the beautiful setting of the orchard in blossom. The night continued with dancing, food and merriment. A special thank you to Sue and Julian Wilson for the use of their orchard.

The PTFA will be purchasing materials for a new school craft club and subsidising the school trip this term.

Diary Dates:

**PTFA meeting** Tues 5th June at 7.00pm in Class 2 at the school, parents, teachers and friends all welcome.

**SHREK the THIRD** at the Radway Cinema, Sidmouth on Sat 30th June at 4.35pm, tickets on sale from the Whimple Post Office (Thank you again Jim and Alison). Adults £5, children £3.50.

**Village Week** Sat 30th June – Sun 8th July, with Village Day on Sat 7th July see programme

**Our cake stalls** are proving popular, after school once a month. With the proceeds we will be having a school BBQ at 3.30pm in the Victory Hall garden for all pupils and staff on Friday 20th July. Class 5 will be having their cake stall on Friday 8th June.

**Ladies Fashion Show** Friday 21st September, Victory Hall, Whimple 7.30pm, £3.50 entry

Thanks to our headteacher, Mrs. Di Brice. We wish her well in her future, as she leaves Whimple Primary School at the end of the summer term.



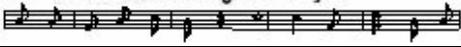
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It was hot! Very hot! That's my only excuse. But I did finish in 4 hours 52 minutes in 12,676th place!

The day started with a breakfast of fruit and porridge at 5.45 am and a long coach trip to the start on Greenwich Common.

The atmosphere at the start was pretty amazing with thousands of people of all shapes and sizes preparing themselves for the time ahead, all wearing their charity's colours and applying copious amounts of Vaseline to prevent chafing!!

The start was pretty uneventful, and I crossed the line only 6 minutes after the official start, along with 10,000 others leaving the red start.

The first part was downhill, and went well, passing two guys dressed as Bakewell tarts with ease!! Most of the time it was easy to run, although at some points everyone slowed and I was forced to walk!!! Cutty Sark at 6 miles came and went, accompanied by the bells of the Morris dancer running behind me, and in no time (or 2 hours actually) I crossed Tower Bridge which was halfway.

It was very tempting to turn left at this point cutting out 9 miles and joining the leaders!! I didn't think you'd be happy with that, so I followed the rest into Docklands and Canary Wharf.

All was going very well until about 17 miles when the heat began to take its toll. Being passed by the two Bakewell tarts was a slight low point, but I managed to catch them up again fairly quickly! The next few miles seemed very long, until I got back to the river Thames, and turned past Big Ben with 1 mile to go. Support was great, and the last mile was pretty good. It was a great relief to cross the finish line, and although the time was not as quick as I'd hoped, it didn't matter.

The best thing about the whole marathon is that, thanks to everyone's generosity, we have raised over £4500 for Cancer Research UK. So a big thank you to all the clients of the Vale Veterinary Centre, and others who sponsored me for this ridiculous idea!

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## Save the Children Collection

We would like to thank all those people who poured money into our collecting boxes in the first week of May when we collected around Whimble for the Save the Children charity.

In fact, as there are only two of us collecting in Whimble we can never cover more than a small portion of the village and this rather frustrates our efforts. If there is anybody in Whimble who would like to get involved in this very worthwhile activity, which happens once a year, then we would be very glad to hear from them at the Station House telephone 822550.

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# Parish Council News

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Victim Support is an independent national charity which provides emotional support and help for the victims of crime. People react to crime in many ways and although most victims don't suffer long term harm, both adults and children can be seriously affected. People who have suffered a crime may need practical information and advice, or simply someone to talk to. Trained volunteers from Victim Support, based in local branches, contact people after a crime to offer free, confidential support and information. People are referred to Victim Support by the police and other organisations, or just contact them personally to ask for help.

They offer a comprehensive service to all sections of the community. They also work for the rights of victims, witnesses and their families and for greater awareness of the effects of crime. Victim Support's Witness Service helps victims, witnesses and their families and friends before, during and after a trial. Trained volunteers based in all Crown Court centres and magistrates' courts offer emotional support and practical information about what happens in court.

Victim Support receives 80% of their funding from the Department of Criminal Justice - the other 20% comes from fundraising. More volunteers are always needed, and they are welcome from all sections of the community. Full training is given for volunteer visitors and court-based volunteers. There are also opportunities to help with fundraising and publicity, office administration, or with translation and interpreting. Victim Support Devon can be contacted on the local rate number: 0845 676 1020.

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## Practice News

**New Faces** You will see some new faces at the vets this spring. Ann Dart has joined us as one of the team of receptionists at Whimple. She is joining Myrtle Dockings, Claire Moore and Louise Woodcock. We also have a new small animal vet joining the team. Marie Heald has moved from a practice in North Tawton. She has a particular interest in internal medicine and is studying for a certificate in this field.

**Marathon Man!** Congratulations to Martyn, who many of you know. He successfully completed the London Marathon and raised over £4,000. Thank you to **everyone** for their support.

**New Opening Hours** We have expanded our opening hours as we know how busy everyone is, and we hope that by offering all day opening, later evening and extended Saturday surgeries that this will make it easier for you to bring your pets to see us.

We will be open all day Monday to Friday from 8.45am to 5.45pm, with late evening surgeries until 7pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Saturdays we will be open from 10.30am-12.00noon. Consultations are by appointment during these hours. Appointments are available at various times during the day

**Operating Days** Our weekly operating days at Whimple have been very popular. We are expanding this service to two days a week; on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We offer routine operations, including neutering, biopsies, lump removals, ear flushing and dental treatment. This means your pet can be treated without the longer travelling time to Cullompton, thus reducing stress for you and your pet. Our team of qualified veterinary nurses are essential to this service; they will assist the operating vet by admitting your pet, monitoring their anaesthetic and recovery and looking after them throughout their stay. They will advise you about postoperative care, when you collect your pet.

**House Visits** As well as the services we can provide at the Whimple surgery, we also offer house visits, if you are unable to bring your pet to see us.

**Healthy Pets Club** At Vale Vets we are not just here for you when your pet is poorly, we believe preventative healthcare is extremely important. Regular vaccination, worming and flea treatments are all a part of responsible pet ownership and lead to healthier happier animals. Optimum nutrition, as in humans, can lead to longer, healthier lives.

All pets brought in for an annual health check and vaccination (in the case of rabbits this will be twice a year) will be eligible to become members of the club. As a member, we will offer discounts on various aspects of preventative healthcare, as well as a discount on out of hours cover, for peace of mind.

**24 Emergency Cover** We offer 24 hour emergency cover should your pet need help at night. In an emergency, out of normal surgery hours, our own vets and nurses will examine and treat your pets at the Cullompton surgery. If required we can also offer house visits for emergencies. However in many situations it may more appropriate to treat your pet at the surgery.

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- New members should contact Judith Imbo for an application form on telephone 823240 or e-mail on [danyimbo@btinternet.com](mailto:danyimbo@btinternet.com) We will also leave some forms at the Club for completion and forwarding on
- Your committee contacts are:  
Chairman – Miles Leonard 822415,  
Treasurer – Adrian Rushworth 823276  
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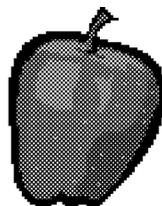
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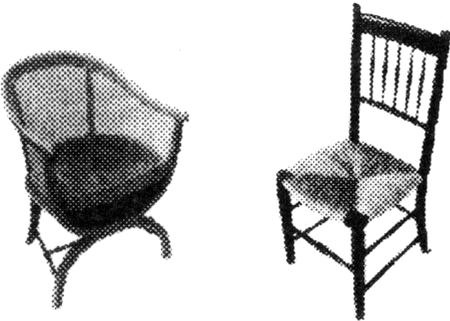
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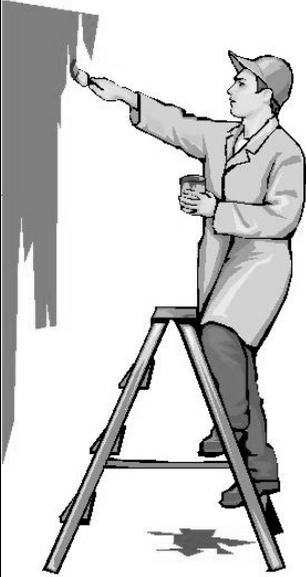
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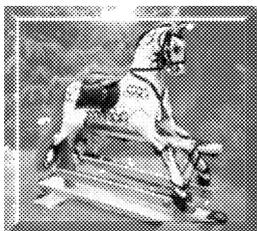
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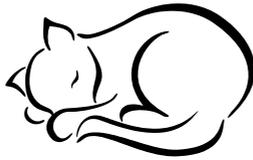
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**29TH JUNE TO 8TH JULY**

# VILLAGE WEEK EVENTS

## FRIDAY 29th JUNE

- Party in the Park - Small Park in Tan Lane Playground 6.30pm  
(WAC4Y – Contact: Jenny 823015 or Liz 822389)

## SATURDAY 30TH JUNE

- Heritage Centre Open 10am – 3.30pm (History Society)
- Shrek the Third - Premier - Come and see part 3 of the hilarious Shrek series at the Radway Cinema, Sidmouth 4.30pm doors open - Film starts at 5.15pm  
Adults £5 children £3.50 Tickets from the Post Office  
(PTFA contact Justin 823873 )

## MONDAY 2ND JULY

- Darts Competition at the Thirsty Farmer at 8.00pm  
(Contact: Mr Arthur Iball 822905)

## TUESDAY 3RD JULY

- Walking Treasure Hunt at the Heritage Centre at 6.30pm  
(History Society contact: Roger Smith 822244)
- Skittles at the Thirsty Farmer at 6.00pm

## WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY

- Village v Cricket/Football Club, with barbecue at the Cricket Club at 6.15pm with live music from KODY kindly sponsored by the New Fountain Inn.  
(Cricket Club & Football Club Contact:: Ben Silk 822389 or Roger Smith 822244)
- Skittles at the Thirsty Farmer at 6.00pm
- Sponsored Bike Ride meet at the Parish Field  
(WAC4Y and Youth Club Contact Liz 822398 or Mino 823897)  
Information and sponsor forms available from PO & Village Shop

## THURSDAY 5TH JULY

- Skittles at the Thirsty Farmer at 6.00pm
- Whimple Tennis Club open evening at the Tennis Club to include:  
Children's Coaching at 5.00pm and informal Adults Tournament at 7.00pm,  
Quiz available from PO on the night.  
Results on Village Day Food and Drink for all.  
(Contacts - Judith Imbo 823240 or Miles Leonard 822415)
- Bingo at the Victory Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm eyes down  
(Young Farmers Contact: Phil 07816331409)

## FRIDAY 6TH JULY

- Plan B (Live music) at the Thirsty Farmer

## SATURDAY 7TH JULY – VILLAGE DAY - see facing page

## SUNDAY 8TH JULY

- Songs of Praise at St Mary's Church at 6.00pm
- Quiz Night at the Thirsty Farmer at 8.00pm

# VILLAGE DAY

## Saturday 7th July

### STALLS IN THE SQUARE

#### from 8.00am to 12noon

Victory Hall Contact: John Discombe 823614

**BREAKFAST** available in The Square

**FUN RUN** Registration from 9.00am - Race starts at 10.00am from The Square (PTFA contact: Ann Daniels 823304).

Application forms from the Post Office or School

**BELLRINGING** 9.15am at St Mary's Church

**REFRESHMENTS** in St Mary's Church 9.30am - 12.00noon

**HERITAGE CENTRE OPEN** 10.00am - 3.30pm (History Society)

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**SOUP AND SARNIES** at the Village Hall 12.00noon - 1.30pm

**FANCY DRESS** 1.30pm in the Victory Hall (PTFA)

### VILLAGE DAY FAYRE

#### at the Parish Field 2.00pm - 6.30pm

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## Whimble Women's Institute

The April and May meetings give a good illustration of the variety of topics and activities covered by Whimble Women's Institute. In April three of our members gave a cookery demonstration, with an excellent variety of easy to produce dishes. The proof of the food was in the eating! We all had the opportunity to taste the delicious produce and compliments were paid to the three cooks, Ann Bowden, Rosemary Horrell and Annie Hindle.

Later in April several members attended the Devon WI Spring Council Meeting held at the University Great Hall.

In May there was a discussion on the National Federation's resolution calling for an end to the closure of community hospitals. Sarah Dent, the Locations Business Manager for Ottery St Mary and Honiton hospitals, spoke on the role of community hospitals in our locality and answered a number of questions. Rowena Wheeler then gave a report of the Devon Federation meeting. Following the serious part of the meeting we were entertained by Liz Roberts' version of 'Who wants to be a millionaire'.

If you would like to join us or want more information just contact Ann Bowden (tel. 01404 823450) or come along to one of our meetings held in the Victory Hall on the second Tuesday of the month.

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## GARDEN PROJECT

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One of the dads, Peter Cosslett, even turned up with half his work shop!! He put together some wooden boxes around the vegetable plots to enable us to raise the beds and make it easier for the children to do their planting. We had a fantastic day and the garden looks great now. Thanks to the hard work of everyone who helped and to everyone who has supported our fundraising events. I would also like to thank Martin Crew for donating the new top soil to go in our beds and the new logs for our natural area by the pond. Thank you also to Vale Veterinary Clinic for their kind donation which we put towards the garden project



By the end of the day Jo was deliriously happy with the results!!



## VILLAGE DAY EVENTS - SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2007

Fun Family Dog Show - 2.00pm - Parish Field - rosettes/certificates/doggie treats/poop scoops (show schedules & entry forms will be available mid June at Vale Veterinary Clinic and Whimble Post Office).

Auction of Promises - Doors open 7.00pm, auction starts at 8pm - Whimble Victory Hall - licensed bar & fantastic auction lots on offer including photographic sittings/meals/brewery trips/dog walking/baby sitting/website design/signed books/Carswell Farm Cottages Winter Break/organic veg boxes/hypnotherapy session to name but a few - approx 60 lots on offer so please come along and join us for a fun evening. Catalogues will be available from mid June.

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# “DUST TO DUST....”

## GOINGS ON AT THE STATION HOUSE, Part 3



“What are you doing?” asked a lassie come to catch a train, poking her head through the open window, and braving the clouds of plaster dust billowing out through same. Quick as a flash, the plasterer shouted “We’re converting it to a cinema”. For a millisecond, I found myself thinking what an excellent idea that is: it’s a big space and it might start paying for itself....We could show endless performances of “Brief Encounter”....Or we could turn it into a tearoom and call it “Brief Encounter”..... At this point Reality tapped me on the shoulder and reminded me that such a scenario had already been here, got the T-shirt, and gone.

At last, we have our beautiful loft bedroom with fancy en-suite (did you know we can close the Velux window from the platform, using the remote control? What useful things modern technology makes possible) and we have turned our attention to the ground floor rooms. It was time to give “the Big Room” a quick paint job. Ha! Many of you will remember it as the tearoom, and before that as the area combining the ticket and parcels offices, the waiting room and the passageway onto the platform. So, it *is* – well - Big. Marion and Richard had converted it into a comfortable living room and all we wanted to do was fill in an old doorway and move the great wooden wall with the ticket windows back to its original position between the front door and the window. That, however, would mean a new ceiling as moving the partition would bring a lot of old plaster down. Time to go and see friends, while the first clouds of dust began to fill the room.

This was a sensible decision: although the doors were firmly taped, the dust seeped in everywhere, but at least we avoided those first hopeless days when you feel you *ought* to keep the duster flying. We returned at the “do it only if you know someone’s coming round” stage. Later, of course, comes a final stage: “I don’t care if The Queen calls, I’m not \*\*\*\*\* doing it!”

We returned to find the *walls* bare of plaster too. As the ceiling had come down, the beautiful mouldings had come away. The plaster on the walls had also blown, so everything had to go. Then the builder began to look at the floor. Our plan had been to have the great chunky boards taken up and refurbished. But even chunky boards cannot resist the Demon Damp and we found the rot which had consumed the joists in the dining room had spread. Thus, for a few weeks, our Big Room has been a floorless barn. As I write, we have new joists, the ceiling is awaiting a final skim, the walls have been smothered with chicken wire and then rendered, and are now waiting for the tanking coat to dry, so there is Hope.

Fortunately, even these dust clouds have had a silver lining, and some of you might have noticed a little bit of history one day in early May, when it suddenly

became possible to step straight onto the platform through the great doorway, as in the old days. This came about when the builder attempted to sort out the sill on the huge window which replaced the door. The wooden “wall” beneath the sill crumbled away and most of the glass went with it. “Sorry”, he said, through the pasty he was enjoying on the platform seat, in the sunshine. We didn’t mind. It was lovely to peel back forty years, and, even better, to have a solid brick wall now where some dubious plywood had been before.

But we are fed up with the damp problems everywhere, and we have begun to look seriously for the root causes. After all, we have lived in houses of this age before and only encountered minor problems. Why should the Station House be *so* sodden? The answer began to dawn on us one dark and stormy night with a good old south westerly doing its best to beat us into submission. The TV was off and we became aware of a trickling noise by the window. Braving the elements, we made our way to the platform and watched the water flowing towards the house and pouring through the airbricks down into the basement. There, the clay subsoil prevents it soaking away. Instead, it is absorbed by the brick support walls, rises to meet the old untreated joists, and then settles in to munch its way across the floor. If the boards were not over an inch thick, someone would have had a surprise visit to the “cellar” long ago.

Right. Immediate cause found. But *why* does the water flow towards the house? This would not have been part of Sir William Tite’s plan. We immediately thought of our problems in the garden, where so much tarmac had to be dug out and new drains laid. The tarmac –as you might recall from a previous chapter in this saga – had been generously donated by rail contractors after they had resurfaced the platform. And there we have it! Every time the platform has been treated, the contractors raised the level. They attempted to keep the airbricks clear, and a gentle slope *upwards* was then engineered towards the general height of the platform thus creating a perfect excuse for the rainwater to take the line of least resistance and run towards the house and right through the airbricks which had been left level with the surface!

Now we must give praise where it’s due. Within a month of our contacting the lovely station manager at Salisbury, she had South West Trains dealing with the problem. As I write, we have safety fences across the front of the house and about 9 inches of tarmac has been dug away from the walls, ready for drains to be installed. This is great news for us, of course, but readers will also be happy to see a long-buried feature come to light: the stone doorstep to the platform has literally been dug out and will remain uncovered. I think it will look grand with a new flower trough.

So we end this chapter of the saga on a light-ish note. We might still have only ten square feet to sit in, and just a corner of the dining table to eat at, but we have triumphed over the mighty railway beast and uncovered a little bit of history. As for the damp in the walls at ceiling level – well, that’s another story for another day.

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I would like to thank all those electors of Whimble who supported me in the election on the 3rd of May, as well as those people who actively campaigned on my behalf. It was an exciting and close fought campaign, which in the event, went to a recount as the difference in the number of votes between myself and Andrew Dinnis was so small. I would also like to thank Andrew for a good natured and fair campaign and I am confident that he will now serve the electors of Whimble and Talaton as assiduously as I had intended to do if I had been elected.

As a result of the campaign I feel that I have increased the number of friends and acquaintances that I have made in Whimble. I certainly intend to keep in touch with the people that I have met and I look forward to the next election.

**Martin Gammell**

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The Great Whimple Plant Sale certainly followed on from the popularity of previous years with another very successful morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th May. The Victory Hall was once again full with all kinds of plants and it really was an impressive display, even if I say so myself! We certainly had the most varied selection of plants that we have ever had and it was difficult to get them all on the tables for people to see. By 11.00am it was quite a different story as all of you who had come along at 10.00am had snapped up a lot of the bargains to be had. It was very rewarding to see so many people there and it was an extremely busy morning. This year we had more plants than ever and even those people who could not make it early were able to select from quite a range of plants. We are very grateful to everyone who brought plants along but especially to Lilian Braund and Barbara Lambert for the more exotic plants that they kindly brought. The money raised will go towards the costs of running this year's Flower Show and we will also be looking to do another project to improve the village.

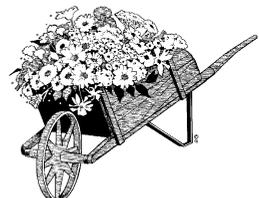
The schedules will soon be available for this year's Flower Show on Saturday 11th August and some will be delivered to regular exhibitors. For those of you who haven't exhibited before, copies will be available at the Whimple Stores and the Post Office. There are classes for everyone so don't be afraid to have a go. If you have any queries about what to enter or even how to enter, please ring one of the numbers on the schedule and we will do our best to help. For those of you who are eager to start thinking about the Photography Section, here is the list of Classes for this year:

- 0701 – Print – Trees or Nature (without a dominant man made feature)
- 0702 – Print – Bikes or Bikers
- 0703 – Print – A Humorous Subject, a caption or “speech bubble” may be used
- 0704 – Print – Architecture
- 0705 – Print – Wildlife or Pet photograph
- 0706 – Print – Fairs or Fetes

All prints can be either in colour or black and white and the maximum size for every class is 6” x 8” or for those who prefer, 150 mm x 200 mm!! All prints to be unmounted please.

Once again we are looking to another excellent show, but then that is down to all of you to enter. There are different arrangements for getting the entries in, and all the information is in the schedule so please read it carefully. If you haven't made a note of the date, it is Saturday 11th August, so we are looking forward to another good show and of course lots more new exhibitors.

**Paul Wilson,**



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## Your vision for Whimple - the next steps

At the time of writing, a survey report - summarising the statistics and comments received in the questionnaires - is being finalised with the printers and a copy will be circulated to every household as soon as it is available. The report also contains suggestions for possible actions to improve community life, village facilities and the environment of Whimple

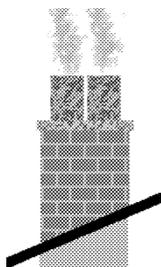
There will be an **Open Meeting** on **Tuesday 19th June** in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm at which a presentation will be given on the outcome of the survey and you will have the opportunity to comment on the suggestions to be developed into an action plan. A speaker from the Community Council of Devon will also attend to provide information on the various services they provide for community groups. Refreshments will be provided.

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Mike Ellingham



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If for some reason you happened to be looking out of your window at 6.45am on Sunday 15th April you may have been surprised to see 40 or so bleary-eyed Whimble folk heading for the village square.

The purpose of this early morning assignation was to board a coach bound for Twickenham to watch the Exeter Chiefs rugby team play in the EDF Trophy against the Cornish Pirates, followed by the Leicester Tigers and the Swansea Ospreys playing for the EDF Cup.

An uneventful run up to Twickenham, slowed only by the other 80 or so coaches pouring out of Devon and Cornwall meant we were parked up in the shadow of the stadium by 10.30am. With the sun shining, the bars already open and the promise of 2 great games of rugby the day was shaping up well.

Twickenham did not disappoint.

The atmosphere was fantastic and with 10,000 Chiefs and Pirates fans in attendance it was impossible to go more than a few steps without spotting someone you knew. The Falmouth Marching Band played their hearts out and the Welsh fans sung their hearts out helping to make for some very memorable moments throughout the day. Rival fans chatted and drank together, the police presence was minimal and even that was not needed.

The Chiefs played a great game and looked for most of the match as if they would be bringing the trophy home but the Pirates were having none of it. They dug in for the last part of the second half and despite some great play by the Chiefs secured a 19-16 win.

The dreaded journey home turned into a musical extravaganza, with Grease playing on the coaches DVD it is fair to say we sung and danced our way back to Whimble. Camilla Whitton, dancing queen you are indeed a legend on your own bus. Thank you for organising transport and thank you Nick Evans for sorting out the tickets.

It was indeed a grand day out.

### Viv Leonard

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Our Head teacher, Mrs Di Brice, will be leaving the school in July, after 13 years, to work for the Local Education Authority. Many of you who are no longer associated with the school will remember her, so we will be organising an opportunity for everyone to join us to say goodbye and good luck at the end of term. Please look out for the details.

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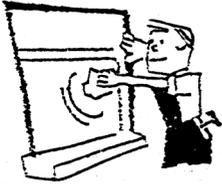
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If you are selling your home, don't show people around on your own. Ask your estate agent to send a representative with anyone who wants to view your house.

When you answer the phone, simply say 'hello'; don't give your number. If the caller claims to have a wrong number, ask him or her to repeat the number required. Never reveal any information about yourself to a stranger and never say you are alone in the house.

If you receive an abusive or threatening phone call, put the receiver down beside the phone, and walk away. Come back a few minutes later and replace the receiver; don't listen to see if the caller is still there. Don't say anything - an emotional reaction is just what the caller wants. This allows the caller to say what he or she wants to say, without causing distress to you. If the calls continue, tell the police and the operator and keep a record of the date, time and content of each phone call. This may help the authorities trace the caller.

If you often walk home in the dark, get a personal attack alarm from a DIY store or ask your local crime prevention officer where you can buy one. Carry it in your hand so you can use it immediately to scare off an attacker. Make sure it is designed to continue sounding if it's dropped or falls to the ground.

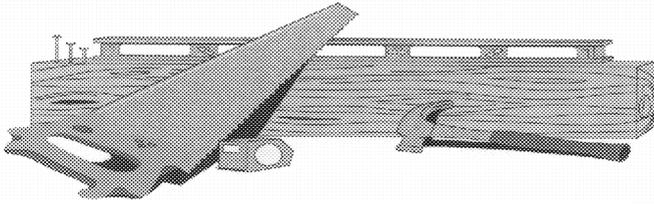
Carry your bag close to you with the clasp facing inwards. Carry your house keys in your pocket. If someone grabs your bag, let it go. If you hang on, you could get hurt. Remember your safety is more important than your property.

If you think someone is following you, check by crossing the street - more than once if necessary - to see if you are followed. If you are still worried, get to the nearest place where there are other people - a pub or anywhere with a lot of lights on - and call the police.

If you regularly go walking, jogging or cycling, try to vary your route and time. Stick to well-lit roads with pavements. If you wear a personal stereo, remember you can't hear traffic, or somebody approaching behind you. Walk facing the traffic, so a car cannot pull up behind you unnoticed.

If a car stops and you are threatened, scream and shout, and set off your personal attack alarm if you have one. Get away as quickly as you can. This will gain you vital seconds and make it more difficult for the car driver to follow. If you can, make a mental note of the number and description of the car. Write down details as soon as possible afterwards.

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- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- What is the speed of darkness?
- If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?
- If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?
- Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?
- Do you cry under water?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to their bum when they ask where the bathroom is?
- Why does your Obstetrician or Gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed?
- If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
- If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
- Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune? Stop singing and read on . . . . .
- Do illiterate people get the flu?
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

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