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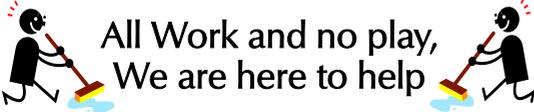
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**7th June 4.00pm - Slapface and the Hoagies**

**26th June 8.00pm - The Late Shift**

**10th July 8.00pm - Vicious Kitten**

**31st July 8.00pm - Sahara**

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# What's On in Whimble

## June

- 12th Prize Bingo – Whimble Cricket Club – 8.00pm – details page 28.
- 13th Whimble Church Fete 2.30pm – details pages 15 and 57.
- 13th Front Row Club – Victory Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm ‘The theory of everything’ details page 16.
- 17th Pre School Summer Fair – Village Hall garden – details on page 8.
- 21st VPA trip to Rosemoor Gardens – details page 13.
- 26th Whimble Cricket Club – Auction of Pledges – 8.00pm – details page 28.
- 27th Soup and Sarnie Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm – details page 23.
- 27th Whimble Primary School – Summer Fayre – 1.30 – 4.00pm – details page 27.
- 27th Pantomime Dame Racing with The Whimbletons – Scout Hut and Scout field 5.30pm – details page 19.
- 28th Exeter Gauge O Group (model railways) – Open Day – Victory Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm – details page 41.

## July

- 5th-12th Village Week – details pages 32/33.
- 11th Village Day - see page 34.
- 14th School Music Assembly 2.00pm Whimble Primary School.
- 14th WI Open Meeting - talk by the Samaritans 7.30pm Victory Hall.
- 24th At Whimble Cricket Club – Devon Under 17 Girls vs Somerset Girls – details page 28.
- 25th Soup and Sarnie ‘Summer Special’ - Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30pm – details page 23.
- 31st Front Row Club Victory Hall – ‘The Crucible’ – details page 17.
- 31st History Society Evening Walk 6.00pm the Heritage Centre - details page 37.

## August

- 7th History Society Evening Walk 6.00pm the Heritage Centre - details page 37.
- 8th VPA Annual Flower and Craft Show Victory Hall – details page 13.
- 15th Dog Racing 3.00pm – at field opposite Cricket Club Car Park.
- 31st Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers – Victory Hall – Charity Big Breakfast 8.00am -12.00noon – details page 28.

## September

- 19th Front Row Club at Victory hall – Opera Australia and ‘Aida’ – details to follow.
- 25th Whimble History Society talk – Victory Hall 7.30pm - Sue Ayres and ‘A social picture of Whimble in the Great War years’.

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# Ed the Ed

Welcome to the June/July edition which is full to bursting with things going on in this great village of ours – just putting the ‘What’s on’ page together took me a lot longer than normal, so please get yourselves involved with everything that is being organised over the next few months. I am particularly impressed with what the Front Row Club have organised for us! Great stuff! And don’t forget, on a more cultural note, the Pantomime Dame racing (see page 19).

We are helping to support Village Week by enclosing, with this magazine, a book of raffle tickets which you are invited to purchase (there are more details on page 35).

Welcome to the Post Office into the shop; farewell to Jim and Alison as the ‘Small outlet-eers’ – and happy retirement to them; farewell and thanks to Martin Gammell; welcome to Peter Bowden and we look forward to him continuing Martin’s excellent updates in the News; thanks but not ‘farewell’ to Gill, Mich and Chris at the New Fountain, and welcome, in their new jobs as pub landlords in the New Fountain, to Steve and Dominic.

The PO desk, in the week after its construction, bore the proud label ‘This unit has been photographed as damage free at point of installation’ – shame they didn’t do that for the staff! There is now a queuing system in the shop, and we would be grateful if villagers could get themselves in the correct classification before presenting themselves at either the PO or the shop counter. You will either be in the queue for –

1. A simple PO transaction that can be carried out quickly
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3. A normal shop transaction that may involve human error.
4. Village gossip – this may have to be split into ‘juicy’ or ‘tittle-tattle’

If you would like to submit an article for this wonderful magazine, then please either send it direct to Bob Scanlan on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk), or leave it in our post box at Dairy Cottage (opposite the New Fountain) by Monday 12th July. Thank you!

## Ed H

I would like to express a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to Jimmy and Alison Creasey for all their dedication, kindness and excellent service they have given us in our village for so many years. I wish them a very happy retirement, and am so delighted to hear that they will stay in our village.

I would also like to thank all the kind people for their concern for my ill health lately.

What a blessing the Post Office will be, having moved to the shop. I also wish to thank Jenny and Mark for providing such an efficient service.

**Edith Grout**

# The Latest News From Your Local Pre-School



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## Day Out...

Just before Easter Whimple Preschool visited Ottery St Mary Fire Station, we had a great time - the children learnt about the dangers of matches, they got to go in the fire engine, ask the fire officers questions about their job and had a go at using the fire hose.



planting seeds. We are also raising our own caterpillars - we have got 5 and we are watching them change into butterflies.

We are going on a 'forest school' trip this term to Enna Woods near Offwell where we will do lots of exciting nature activities.

## Information...

For more news, term dates, etc please check our website

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We are now taking placements for September 2015/16 intake for children 2yrs 6months plus.

## Back to Nature...

The children are learning about growing this term - we have been busy gardening and



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# WHIMPLE PRE-SCHOOL

# SUMMER

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- Face Painting
- Bric-A-Brac
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## Our very last news from the Post Office.

We were so pleased to see so many of you at our 'pop up' cafe held in honour of our retirement, We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thank goodness we were blessed with good weather as we were not expecting the cafe to be so popular!!

Being so busy we did not have time to thank everyone personally so please accept this as a personal thank you.

We were totally overwhelmed by the cards and gifts we received , it has been truly humbling.

Jenny and Mark had a collection for us in the shop and surprised us with a very generous gift token with which we shall enjoy choosing a new television as our elderly one we have at the moment is getting a bit past it (yes, it happens to us all ). Postman Paul also had a bit of a 'holiday' collection and that will be put towards our campervan trip, so thank you so much if you contributed to either of those collections.

We've thoroughly enjoyed looking after the Post Office for the past ten years. In that time many of our customers have become friends. We are so lucky that Jenny and Mark have made room for the post office counter in their shop. We know they will work hard to make a success of it and we are also sure that you good folk of Whimble will support them as much as you've always supported us.

Thank you for our wonderful send off.

**Jim and Alison.**



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## News from Whimble Stores

As you will have noticed the Post Office has now relocated to the shop. Many thanks go to Jim and Alison for their support, encouragement and for all the cake at their leaving celebration.

We have had a trainer with us for ten days to guide us through all the transactions and to make sure we could deal with everything correctly. We may all be a bit slow whilst we are learning to work with the system but we should be able to provide most of the services that were available before. We can process 98% of transactions that were previously available in the village, with exclusions being complex and large banking transactions.

We can do fishing licences, health lottery, buy & sell Euros, order other foreign currency, moneygrams, travel money cards, gift cards, itunes vouchers, mobile phone and electricity key top ups, cash withdrawals (including all Santander banks), cash and cheque deposits (please ask for envelopes if you need them), bill payments and 'drop and go' for parcels.

Currently we cannot do The National Lottery and there is a problem with the post box. Royal Mail had not sorted out any planning permission to move the box and therefore we have agreed to have a temporary box in the shop. Hopefully in 6 - 8 weeks they will have secured a permanent home for a box in the centre of the village for use 24 hours a day and not just during our opening times.

If you have visited the shop recently you will have spotted the tables and chairs as well as the waft of freshly made coffee. We are pleased that we can now offer a selection of tea and coffee either to have in the shop or to take away. Coming soon there will be freshly made sandwiches.

Just a reminder that the Post Office and shop are open for the same opening times:

**Monday - Friday 7.30am - 6.00pm**

**Saturday - 8.00am - 1.00pm**

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On Saturday 2nd May, an almost full coach made the trip to visit Marwood Hill Gardens in north Devon. Fortunately the weather was dry and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the spectacular gardens with excellent unusual plants for sale, and most importantly, the food was fantastic! Many thanks to Doreen for organising that.

The next trip will be to Rosemoor on 21st June which will hopefully enable people to see the wonderful roses. At the time of writing half the seats have been sold, so if you haven't booked and want to go, time is running out! Once again, this will be a joint venture with the Ottery St. Mary Garden Club which enables us to take a large coach. The only cost for this trip will be the coach as the entry comes with our RHS Membership. So if you haven't booked yet and want to go, please contact Doreen Staddon by email on [doreenstaddon@btinternet.com](mailto:doreenstaddon@btinternet.com) or by telephone on 823594.

Our annual Spring Coffee morning and Plant Sale was held on Saturday 9th May in the Village Hall. Despite the indifferent weather and certainly the cold nights, there was an amazing display and selection of plants for sale. At 10.00am precisely the massed crowds were let in to take advantage of the many plants on offer. The first forty five minutes were fairly hectic as people sought out the many bargains and there wasn't much left when we cleared up and certainly nothing for the person who turned up at 12:30! It is good to have so much support for this event and all proceeds go to support our Annual Flower and Craft Show.

As mentioned in previous editions, our Annual Flower and Craft Show will be on Saturday 8th August 2015. We had hoped to get the schedules out for the plant sale but unfortunately it appears our printer was away just prior to this. However, they are out now and are available from the Whimple Stores. Thanks to Mark and Jenny for helping us out.

We look forward to seeing you at The Flower Show. Due to circumstances beyond our control we have lost our website. However, we are looking to set up a new one and will post details as soon as we can

**Paul Wilson** Hon. Secretary.

### OVER 65's CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015

Colin and Gill Down have taken over the organisation of this event. Unfortunately this year extra funds will be required and therefore in any financial help would be gratefully received.

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**Whimple School Choir  
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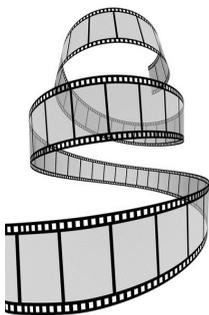
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Saturday 13th June at 7.30pm



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Village Week Special - Monday 6th July at 8.00pm



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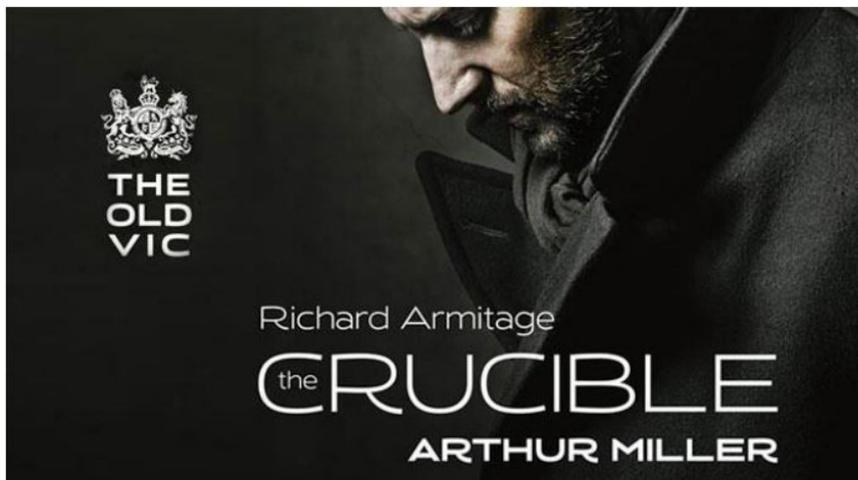
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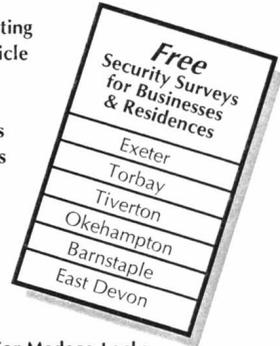
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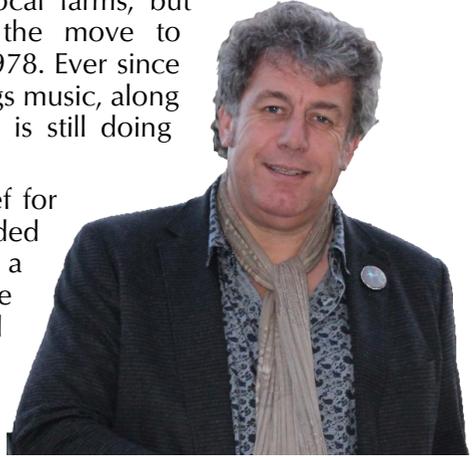
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## A conversation with JOHN GRIFFITHS

John was born in Crediton but brought up in Weymouth. His father worked as a herdsman on various local farms, but chose to move into boatbuilding hence the move to Weymouth where John lived from 1964 to 1978. Ever since his schooldays John has had a love for all things music, along with buying and selling records – which he is still doing today.

John started his working life as a trainee chef for Trust House Forte, which meant that he attended college for one day a week whilst working at a hotel in Sherborne for a short time. Then the music industry called to him and he found himself as the manager of a band that went up to London to find work. John did this for some 18 months before, at the ripe age of 19, the band told him that they wanted a new manager. He went back to buying and selling records, moving to Exeter to be near family.



John got married and had to get a ‘proper job’, and went into Sales, selling tights and stockings to the wholesale and retail trades – which explains a lot of things about his pantomime career here in Whimble! He moved from hosiery to an electrical company selling equipment to the building trade, which he did for some 20 years but still keeping connections with the music industry. He was divorced around this time and went to live in Payhembury for a couple of years before moving to Whimble – basically because he liked the house in Church Road that he bought, and he just wanting ‘to move’. He continued with his record selling/buying business, also working closely with concert promoters.

He then decided he needed more space; this, combined with meeting Penny, meant that he made the enormous geographical leap in Whimble down the road and into the hallowed area of The Square, where he lives today. He still needed more space for his business and bought the old Hansford’s undertakers office, and he refurbished the roof and the floor to create a new centre for Handsome Dicks Records (he borrowed the name from a group member when he was in management). Some 18 years ago, he extended the scope of his record business and set up a website which helped him to grow the business.

However, his first love is face to face meetings at record fairs which he attends throughout the South West whilst running and organising the fairs at Exeter and Plymouth.. In the summer, he will attend various outdoor events and sell CDs, guitars, and pop memorabilia. He will also go on record buying trips to Europe and the USA to bring in new and unusual stock.

John became involved with the Parish Council via the 'back door' when there was a debate about the siting of a bus shelter in The Square – he raised his head to express an opinion (Dangerous in Whimble!) and found himself co-opted onto the Parish Council. After 4-5 years he found himself as the Chairman, and finds himself and the Parish Council having to look at different ways of doing things in the light of reduced local government budgets. Whimble has made good use of volunteers in such tasks as cutting the grass in the Square and running village 'tidy' days.

John enjoys living in Whimble because we help each other and get on together; the strong community spirit and the fact that there is always something happening in this village. In his spare time he likes to go and see bands in other local venues, and has organised several bands (with Alex Tooze) to come to the Victory Hall. He will still go up to London to see a 'special' gig; he plays golf on a weekly basis, enjoys the pubs and has been in the panto for a number of years (the final challenge for him here is to sing a song on stage! Watch this space!).

EdH



**Ottery Festival Week's final event  
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## An Apology

From the Soup 'n Sarnie team at the Victory Hall to those who didn't get their first choice soup at last month's Soup 'n Sarnie.

We try very hard to get the balance right and sometimes we fall a bit short.

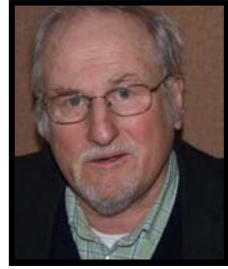
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# Goodbye from Martin

Dear Readers, as I am sure you will all know by now, I lost last Thursdays election and sadly I am no longer your District Councillor. I would like to offer my congratulations to my successor Peter Bowden, for what turned out to be a closely fought result and I am grateful to the hundreds of those of you who voted for me.



I have really enjoyed my time as your District Councillor and feel I have made a useful contribution to the community as a whole, as well as helping many individuals with their problems and queries. In turn, this has allowed me to make many friends and acquaintances over these years. I genuinely feel that I have succeeded in helping a number of people with their individual issues. I hope you have all enjoyed my column where I have attempted to decode the machinations of the district council. Helping people and writing my column for the local journals are two activities that I will miss in the future. However, I will not miss those interminable planning meetings! I will now be able to pursue leisure interests that I have tended to neglect in the last four years and actually enjoy retirement at last.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you about the village in the future.

Best wishes **Martin Gammell**

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## From Peter Bowden, County and District Councillor

After many days of door knocking, discussion and good cheer, votes have been cast and a new government has been elected. East Devon District Council elected 24 new councillors (out of 59) and I was delighted to be elected to the Whimble and Talaton ward. Pleased as I am to be representing you all in both District and County Councils I am aware that the next four years will prove challenging. I also wish to express my regards to Martin Gammell, who worked hard to ensure that you were properly represented and always informed. I wish him the very best for the future.



As expected, once elections were over the diary was promptly re-filled and work began in earnest. A range of meetings to welcome the new faces in council, time spent with officers to catch-up with planning applications and many calls and emails have been addressed. I have just spent two days at the Talaton formal inquiry hearing into development planned for the village. In six weeks or so the inspector will make a judgement that will require the Wisdom of Solomon to satisfy everyone who spoke, both against and in support of the application. In addition Whimble will soon have to address the eastward expansion of Cranbrook towards Cobden Lane and concern about losing even more green fields. A limit will have to be drawn somewhere. As I said in March the planned application to quarry at Straitgate is about to be published and I am a member of the committee in Devon County Council that will ultimately be called upon to decide the future of this application.

The Government has decided to review the county and district boundaries in Devon to reduce the total number of councillors in DCC to 60 in all. This has revealed a massive change in East Devon (who will not lose a councillor) wherein Whimble and Talaton detach from Broadclyst and Cranbrook and become individual parts of a single division stretching from Whimble to the Dorset border. This massive division will be called Whimble and Newbridges and will be completely rural in character. Go to the Boundary Commission website to see more and add your comments

Follow this link; [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) . Review the maps and exercise your right to comment - which ends on the 6th July. Decisions come into effect in May 2017.

Items of other news include the future of our local hospitals. Much discussion has taken place and decisions will be made in the near future. The OFSTED report into Devon County Council revealed improvements have taken place but all was not perfect. I was pleased to note that children were being properly protected and young people leaving care were receiving special attention. Of particular interest to us all is the future of our rail connections. I understand that conversations are taking place that include the ambition to be running a half hourly local service between Exeter and Axminster and direct connections to Barnstaple and Exmouth within ten years or so. (I note we still have to open Cranbrook station first)!!

If you have any questions, please ask. Email [www.peterbowden.org.uk](http://www.peterbowden.org.uk) or phone 823450. Best wishes to you all.

**Peter**

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## Whimble Cricket Club - Events

On the 12th June there will be a prize Bingo at the Club, 8.00pm start, all welcome.

On the 26th June at 8.00pm there will be an Auction of Pledges the proceeds from which will go towards a much needed new scoreboard. Details of items to be auctioned will be circulated widely nearer the time. If anyone would like to contribute something ranging from a free Week in The Seychelles to a couple of hours gardening we would be extremely grateful. Contact Jon Silk 822389.

The Cricket Club is very pleased to have been selected to host a game for the Devon Under 17 Girls versus Somerset Girls on the 24th July. It's a tribute to our facilities especially the quality of our pitch and we are hoping to attract a few spectators. So, if you want to see the up and coming players in the Women's game this is a great opportunity to do so. The bar will be open plus tea, coffee and maybe scones.

Jon Silk

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# WHIMPLE VILLAGE WEEK WILL

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**Sunday 5th**

**Single Wicket Cricket @the Cricket Club** – All welcome. Competition starts at 11.00am.

**Scott Doonican @the Victory Hall** – Bar Steward unplugged! Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £10 from our shop or Ottery TIC.

**Monday 6th**

**FREE Children's Cricket @the Cricket Club.** Arrive at 3.45pm play starts at 4.00pm.

**Film Night @the Victory Hall** with the Front Row Club – Velvet & Stone at 7.00pm followed by this years showing of PADDINGTON @8.00pm.

Members **free**, Non Members £4.50. Tickets from the shop or on the door.

**Darts Tournament @the Thirsty Farmer\***

**Tuesday 7th**

**Treasure Hunt @the Heritage Centre.** Entry between 5.30pm and 6.30pm only. £1.00pp and children under 12 years 50p.

**Alfresco BBQ @the New Fountain Inn** (weather permitting) PLUS **Morris Men** from 7.00pm.

**Skittles Tournament @the Thirsty Farmer\***

**Wedn'day 8th**

**Afternoon Tea @The Heritage Centre from 2.00pm.** Cakes and a chat with friends.

**Beetle Drive @The School.** Doors open 6.00pm to start driving at 6.15pm. All ages welcome 50p.

**WHIMPLETONS Quiz Night @The Victory Hall** doors open 6.30pm. Quiz starts at 7.00pm.

Teams of 6 - £2.00 per person.

**Skittles Tournament @the Thirsty Farmer\***

# HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

## SUNDAY 12th JULY



AND BY PURCHASING RAFFLE TICKETS

**Thursday 9th FREE Children's Football @the MUGA.**  
Ages 5 - 12 years from 4.00pm till 5.00pm.  
**Young Farmers Bingo @the Victory Hall.**  
Doors open at 7.00pm. Eyes down at 7.30pm.  
**Adult Tennis Social in the evening @the tennis court.**  
**Skittles Tournament @the Thirsty Farmer\***

**Friday 10th Orchard Harmony Sing along a Picnic @the Victory Hall.** Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets from shop.  
**Live Music @the Thirsty Farmer.**  
**Skittles Final - Children @the Thirsty Farmer\***

**Saturday 11th Morning Coffee and Cake @St Mary's Church (Village Day) 10.30am until 12.00noon.**  
**Skittles Final - Adults @the Thirsty Farmer\***

**Sunday 12th Songs of Praise @St Mary's Church 6.00 pm**

**SATURDAY 11th on the PARISH FIELD**  
**11.30am-5.00pm'ish**

**Come along to THE BIG VILLAGE DAY FAIR starts with the FUN RUN and finishes with EGG CATCHING!**

**WITH LOTS IN BETWEEN Please see separate Programme for the days Events**

**Register for the Fun Run from 9.00am.**

**Race Time 11.30am.**

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# WHIMPLE VILLAGE DAY on THE PARISH FIELD SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY

## FUNRUN

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## VILLAGE FAIR

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Children's Entertainment - Three inflatable's, face painting,  
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Fancy Dress.

See a Horse for Disabled Riders, perhaps a cow and some  
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# Village Week Raffle

Prizes of £150, £100 and £50 to be won!

In order to raise the funds needed to put on these events we are again running a Village Week Draw with a total of £300 in cash prizes.

You will have received a book of draw tickets with this edition of Whimble News. Your generosity is vital to the success of the day so please buy some tickets and return the completed stubs and money to:

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**Bob Scanlan**



## VILLAGE WEEK TREASURE HUNT

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 5.30

Take a romp around the village with family and friends. All Ages welcome



## AT THE HERITAGE CENTRE AFTERNOON TEA

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# Whimble History Society and Heritage Centre

Recently moved to Whimble or want to know more about it?



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The History Society's  
Annual Summer Evening Walks  
Friday 31st July and Friday 7th August.  
Start at 6.00pm  
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# Shiny Trains, a World Fair and Food

## What's the connection?

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This is where you might begin to be really interested because its theme is food security. Look it up- Expo 2015. Given the tonnage that supermarkets discard as being past sell by dates, the increase in food banks and famine crises regularly suffered around the world, it might begin to have relevance.

Had you heard about this? I hadn't, and I ask myself why not?

I suppose with an election, leaders debates and sport the BBC and Sky etc are far too full to bring us up to speed with 'What's On', especially in Europe. Anyway, many countries around the world are represented and food supplies, processes and traditions will doubtless engage our interest. Expo2015 runs from 1st May until end of October. Fancy going??



Roger Algate

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Since the end of February 2015, there has been a notable rise in burglaries to homes in the Exmouth area. The burglaries have occurred day and night, often when the occupants are at home, and the majority have been via insecure doors or windows. Once entry has been gained the offenders have stolen small items such as cash, wallets, phones etc. There are rarely signs of forced entry and some people still may not even know that they have been the victim of a crime.

If you see someone acting suspiciously, don't be afraid to ring 999 and tell the Police. Nobody will criticise you if the person or people you have seen turn out to be genuine but you won't be thanked by the victim of a crime or by the Police if you haven't picked up the phone and reported it.



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Whimple WI has had a busy time as usual. Our speaker in April, a volunteer from Killerton House, gave a very interesting insight into the development of the gardens. He illustrated the talk with some excellent photos.

Several of our members enjoyed the Spring Council Meeting at the Riviera Centre in Torquay. The main speaker, Dr. Alice Roberts, gave us much food for thought with a very scientific talk about "the accident of birth". She showed how we share much of our genetic history with all living creatures.

May was our annual meeting. Pam Scanlan retired as President after two years in the position. Gill Down was then elected as President for the coming year. We discussed this year's resolution 'to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of the needs of individuals' which will be debated at the Centenary AGM at The Royal Albert Hall in June.

Our June meeting will be a tea/garden party at Bradcott House (fingers crossed for good weather.) We will also be enjoying one of our bi-monthly social lunches in June, at the Talaton Inn.

This year our July meeting does not fall within Village Week, but we would still like to welcome visitors to this meeting on Tuesday 14th July. Our speaker will be from the Samaritans, which should be very interesting. The meeting starts at 7.30pm so please do come along.

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# REVD HAROLD TUCKER

## 1922 - 2015

In the last issue of the news we reported on the death of Father Harold Tucker who was once our vicar. Harold was a dedicated steam and traction engine enthusiast. Here is a copy of an article from the 'Old Glory' magazine with a tribute to Harold.

### West Country Remembers Father Harold

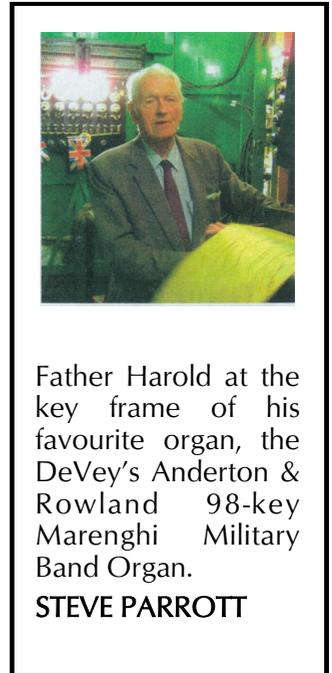
Known to many of our readers, Father Harold Tucker passed away peacefully on February 11 aged 93. Harold had attended almost every Great Dorset from the very first party until last year. He was a founder member and past chairman of the Devon Traction Engine Club, chaplain to the Showmen's Guild (Western Section) and to the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the legendary Lynton & Barnstaple Railway and was the last remaining person alive to have travelled on the line (on the footplate!) prior to its closure in 1935.

The funeral took place at St Winwaloe Church, Poundstock, Cornwall, on February 27; bearers were George and Simon DeVey of Anderton & Rowland, Peter Phillips, Richard Evans and Steve Postlethwaite - all well known in preservation circles.

As a vicar, Father Harold was a one-man band who frequently preached, played the organ and led the prayers; the bells at the funeral were rung by, among others, Cornish engine owner Dave Goodwin and RLS journal editor Steve Parrott. Reference was made to the Yelverton rally, organised by the Devon Traction Engine Club.

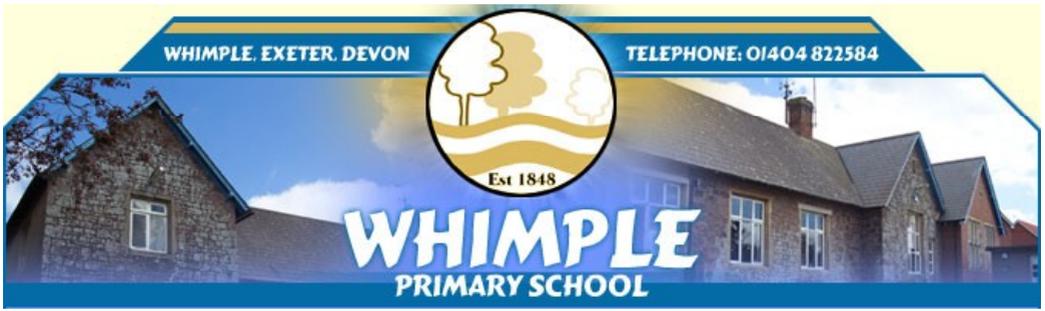
In the 1960s and 70s it tended to move around and one year was held at Exeter Racecourse. Father Harold helped on the pay gate, and when one local worthy turned up, having handed his money to Harold, remarked: "Well I never thought I'd see the day when I'd find a parson taking money at a racecourse on the Sabbath!"



Father Harold at the key frame of his favourite organ, the DeVey's Anderton & Rowland 98-key Marengi Military Band Organ.

**STEVE PARROTT**

With thanks to the Old Glory magazine



## Rugby World Cup

We are extremely lucky to be one of only 20 out of 320 Devon schools to be taking part in the World Cup Rugby event at Sandy Park. We will be playing as Canada in the tag rugby competition, and in July our current Year 5's will be going to Sandy Park for the day to give their presentation on their team and country to the panel. They will also have the opportunity to see the Web Ellis cup.



## MUGA and Orchard Site

There has been an increasing number of people walking their dogs in the orchard at the MUGA. It seems that some members of the village community are under the impression that the school only owns the MUGA cage and not the rest of the site. This is not the case. The whole site is for school use only. We have put new signage up stating that it is private property belonging to the school and that there is no public access. We would be grateful if you would spread this message.

**Carole Shilston**

## Perimeters

Class 3 have been working on perimeters. First we learned how to work out the next challenge was to make these oblongs out of different coloured strips of paper. We had to measure and cut very carefully. When we had made our oblongs we arranged and stuck them on coloured card to make interesting pieces of art. We all had great fun!

By **Adam and Tegan**.



# Penny Farthing

On Friday 15th May we were very lucky to have a visitor called Malcolm come into school with his Penny Farthing. He demonstrated his cycling skills in the playground to the reception children and answered their many questions. The whole school then ventured out to the grass verge to watch him cycle up and down the road. Mrs Wall was brave enough to have a quick lesson and rode down the road too.



# North America

Since the Easter holidays, Willow class have had a new topic, which is North America. So far we have worked on the Mayflower, Andy Warhol and the United States of America. But the thing we have been studying the most is the towering skyscrapers of New York City.

Part of our learning about America is that we do lots of creative pieces of work that will make a great display around the school, and to have lots of fun by using lots of amazing ideas. We have made our own version of New York City by using nets of 3D shapes to build some mini skyscrapers. We painted backdrops for each stage of the day and we some stand up figures to make it look more life-like.

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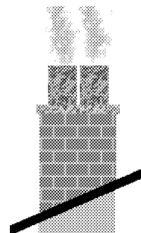
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## Farewell from Tim

Having been Scout Leader for the Whimple Scout Troop for the past six years, this is my first and last report for the Whimple News. From the end of this term I will be standing down in order to try and keep up with my other roles; including being father of four teenagers with increasingly diverse interests!



It has been my pleasure and privilege to have led the Troop and seen so many scouts come and go, hopefully with new skills, positive experiences and great memories of scouting. The personal investment in terms of time and what little street credibility I had left has been more than compensated by the fun, adventure and challenge of the whole experience.

Before I give some feedback on our recent activities, I hope you will forgive some indulgent nostalgia which I hope will prompt fond memories for any past scouts or parents who happen to be reading: The numerous 'winter walks' over Dartmoor gave many scouts their first taste of serious hiking, the most notable of these was the hike of 2010 when we endured snow, ice, rain and the best of all endings: chocolate and chips in a pub at Princetown. Many of those same scouts went on to complete the gruelling 35 and 45 mile Ten Tors Challenge as Explorers.

We have majored in camp cooking at 1st Whimple and I am proud to say that the 'invention tests' have resulted in some truly inspirational meals. Favourites included chilli powder on a tossed green salad (no really, it tastes great!) and a quick remedy for scouts who have spent two hours washing dishes in cold water; chocolate digestives in a bowl of instant custard. Surprisingly, neither of these dishes featured when the Troop won the District and County cooking competitions earlier this year.

Seeing the Scouts beat Explorers at the go-cart circuit at Woodbury was obviously pretty sweet but seeing a couple of scouts take on the aeronautics badge and actually fly planes last year was even better. Also, the shooting camp run last autumn by fellow scout leader Bruce Harvey, from Ottery Troop, was a great experience for our budding marksmen and three scouts went on to achieve the Master at Arms badge.

It is difficult to pick one or two favourites out of the tens of scout camps but the 'close to nature' camp at Horner Woods in 2011 was especially memorable as scouts hand-fed lemurs, held a 15 foot python and provided sustenance for the ticks at the campsite. The Dorset camp in 2012 was also memorable for the train journeys, the pilgrimage to Brownsea Island, the raft building, the 'night abseiling' and the fifty-a-side football match organised by our scouts.

We were delighted to be asked join the annual Woodjam camps run by Exmouth and Budleigh District. As one of only two troops invited from outside the District we were just pleased to be there for the past four years, although leaders and parents possibly less so as we had to empty the toilets and 'run the gauntlet' of the assault course while being pelted with eggs!

Every year our scouts have been a real credit to the Troop as they enthusiastically took part in all the competition activities and were superb at making new friends with scouts from all the other troops (especially the 'axe-throwers' of Hemyock with their 'Pirate Leader').

That brings me neatly on to recent news. For the first time in Woodjam history, the competition in May was won by a team from 1st Whimble Scouts. Our other teams also scored well and the performance of all the scouts validated the many sessions spent pioneering, orienteering, fire building, camp cooking, tent erecting and just generally working well as a team. Well done Troop!

Before Easter the Troop attended the Exeter Quay Climbing Centre and over four sessions attained their level 1 climbing certificates and in this coming half term they will be gliding. We also plan to stage a display at the Village Day this year and so please pay us a visit.

Having told Ed that I would fill a page I suspect that I have gone well over so will end by saying "Thank you" to the other scout leaders, parent-helpers and mostly to he scouts for the past six years, and to appeal for someone new to step into the role. I can heartily recommend it and if anyone wishes to volunteer or even just learn more about what the role entails please contact our most excellent Group Section Leader, Alex Spry.

With a fond farewell. Troop dismissed!

Tim Ayers, Scout Leader, 1st Whimble Scouts

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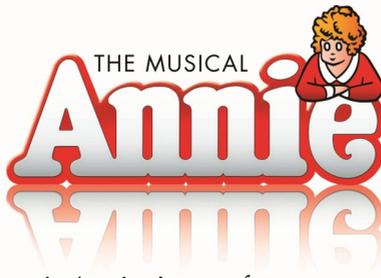
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