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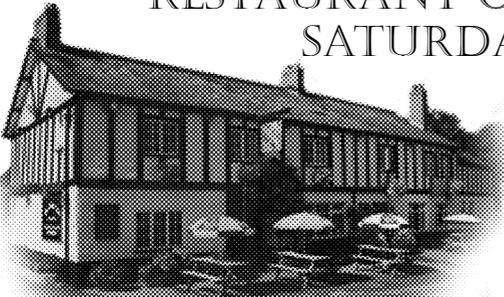
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## April

- 6th Late Shift at the Thirsty Farmer – fundraiser for Ben Silk
- 13th History Society Talk at the Victory Hall 'Town crying and mace bearing', 7.30pm
- 28th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm
- 28th Annual Village Litter Pick 10.00am in The Square

## May

- 10th Guided talk at St James the Great, Talaton with Martin Horrell, 7.00pm  
Please book your place with Roger Smith on 822244
- 12th VPA Spring Coffee Morning and Plant Sale, Victory Hall
- 22nd Wasters of Whimble Fashumble, Victory Hall - details page 36
- 26th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm

## June

- 2nd Barn dance to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, Cotley Farm - details page 25
- 4th Diamond Jubilee Beacon Lighting event at the Cricket Club from 7.30pm; the beacon will be lit at Cotley Farm 10.00 - 10.30pm
- 14th VPA trip to Burrow Farms Gardens, details page 24
- 23rd Whimble School Summer Fayre – more details in the next Whimble News
- 30th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm

## July

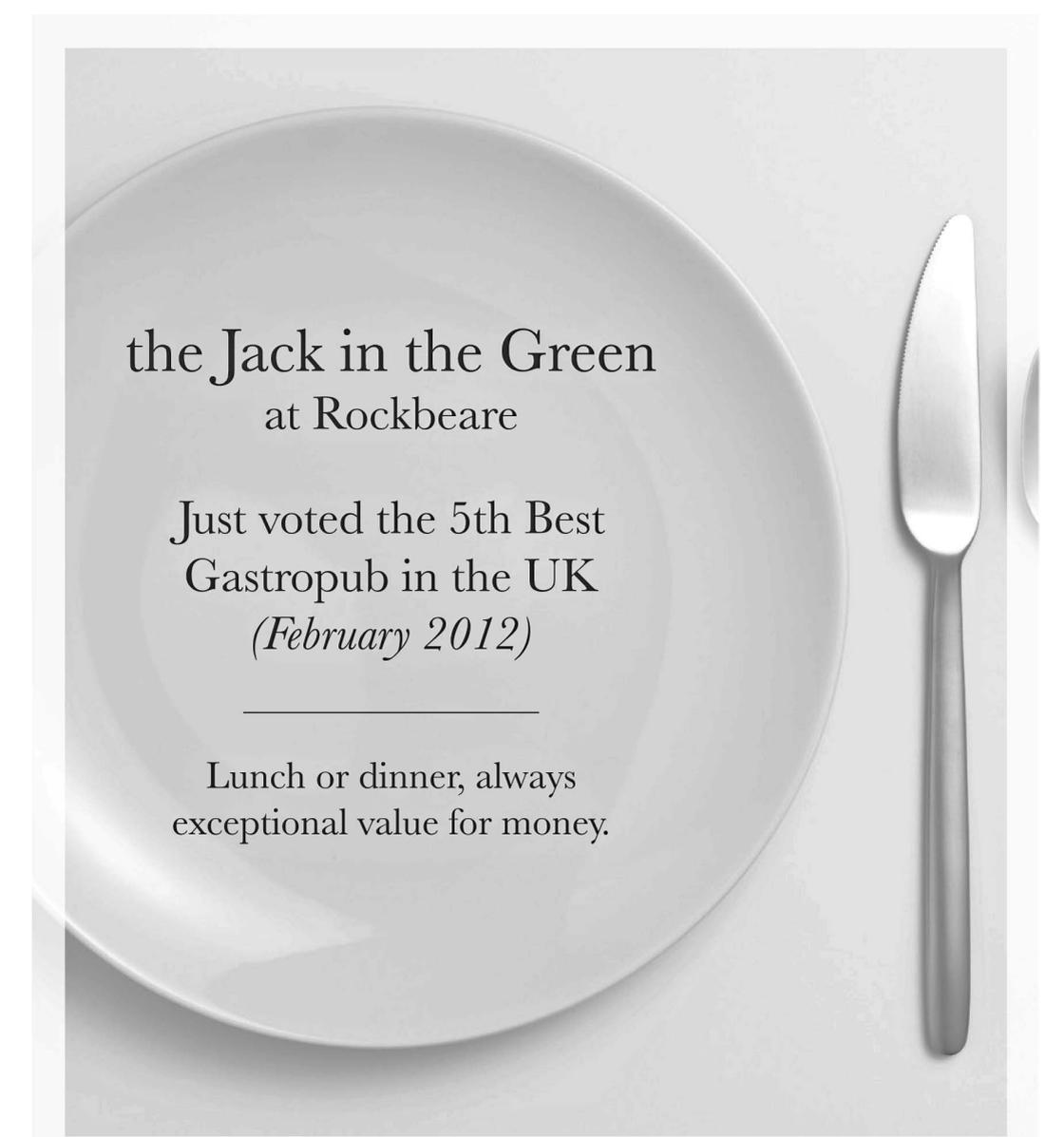
- 8 - 14th Village Week – more details to come in next few weeks
- 28th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm

## September

- 1st VPA Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall

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

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# Ed the Ed

Gentle reader, the sun is streaming through the window as I put fingers to keyboard, and all seems well with the world. Such lovely weather to be joining the petrol queues and for stamps at the Post Office! It seems to be a repeat of the early heat of last year – in fact, I am poised to get back on my bike and cycle into Ottery again. It just seems a bit chilly in the morning!

This edition has a great variety of articles for you to read and enjoy – we have two brave gents doing good things for charity at great personal physical ‘cost’ - we have Ben Silk about to do the London Marathon and Robbie Stevens is going to tackle Land’s End to John O’Groats on his bike; (good luck to both). We have details of tennis coaching sessions, and some input from the unsung heroes who provide unstinting support to the Bra Babes, who have been allowed out on their own.

I had been idly reading an article about what has been put forward as ‘unreasonable behaviour’ in divorce cases, and was sharing these with the current Mrs H, just to keep her on her toes. As a Public Service, I would like to share these with you, gentle reader. Examples included the husband having excessive and embarrassing body odour; throwing the husband’s packed lunches away and taking a fuse out of the washing machine; refusing to speak to the mother-in-law; excessive snoring; refusing to speak to his wife for fifteen years and communicating only by Post-It notes; the husband would only speak Klingon in the marital home, expecting his wife and children to learn the language and dress accordingly; insisting that his pet tarantula slept in a glass case by the side of the matrimonial bed; repeatedly taking charge of the TV remote control and endlessly flicking though the channels and failing to stop at any channel requested by his wife and justifying this behaviour by saying that ‘it was a man thing’. I am sure such things would never occur in our little village. I wonder if I could find a book on Klingon at the Post Office?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT EDITION, THEN PLEASE EITHER LEAVE IT WITH SMALL OUTLET (JIM AND ALISON AT THE PO) OR EMAIL IT DIRECT TO BOB on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) BY MONDAY 14th MAY. THANKS

Ed H

## WHIMPLE NEWS DELIVERY VACANCIES

We have two of our brave band of magazine deliverers moving on and out of the village after this edition, and we would like to thank Lynda Trevena and Sarah Smith for all their help with the Whimple News. So now we have opportunities for two more good people to deliver this amazing magazine to Chard Avenue, and to Cobden Lane and The Farm area. If you are able to offer help, please ring me on 823194 – thank you.



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# Whimpe Post Office News



Anyone passing the Post Office earlier this week would have undoubtedly thought we had turned into a florists !! We had a masses of wonderful daffodils kindly donated for us to sell for any charity of our choice. As we are currently supporting Marie Curie with our Easter Raffle we thought it very apt if we asked for donations for a bunch of daffs. Within two days they had all gone and the collection box was full !!! Along with the money raised through raffling the family of bunnies, kindly donated by Myrtle Dockings, I am sure we will have a very generous donation to make for this good cause. Thank you everyone who has supported us in this.



The postal rate rise due to take place in early April has now been announced. The cost of a second class stamp will rise to 50p and for a first class stamp it will be 60p. If you have any stamps that have 1st or 2nd class on them then they are valid for that postage rate regardless of how much you paid.

The stamps will not change – only what you pay for them.



There are many bank holidays due in the next couple of months, here's a reminder, Any benefits and pensions due on a bank holiday can be accessed on the previous working day.

Good Friday 6th April	Closed
Easter Saturday 7th April	Open as usual
Easter Monday 9th April	Closed
Monday 7th May	Closed
Monday 4th June	Closed
Tuesday 5th June	Closed



The 'Books for Scouts' are doing well this year, sometimes too well, and there are times when you will see a request for 'no more books at the moment'. That may be because we are simply overwhelmed and lack storage space. If you don't see the board out, please feel free to donate/exchange your books as normal. We seem to have a demand for children's books at the moment so if you are having a sort out and have some which you would like to donate please bring them along.

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**Jim and Alison Creasy.**

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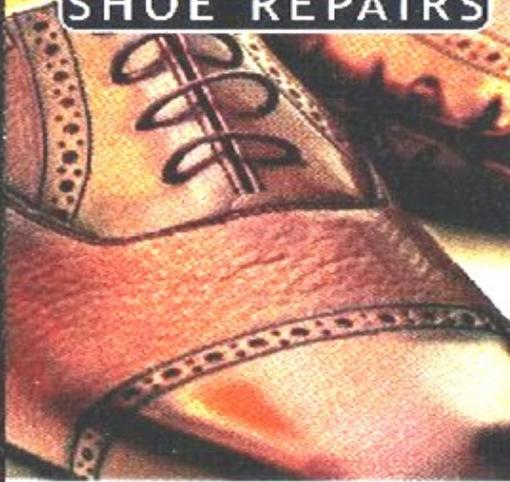
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# Whimble History Society



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# Ben Silk's Marathon



Well, I'm at my favourite part of my training - the tapering - the wind down. No more long runs, time in the gym or hill running 'til the big day on 22nd April.

Its been eventful - my support group has shrunk. Steve got injured and Matt has not been able to run as much as he wanted. I'm hoping by the time you have read this Matt and I will have run the Yeovil half marathon.



That will be the second half marathon for me this year, the first one being Bideford on the 4th March which I did after finishing a night shift at 6am!!! I was happy with my time but I don't think my preparation will be the same for my marathon weekend. I also had a very interesting call whilst out running one night from my wife saying "You'd better get home, the chimney is on fire!!!" its still my quickest mile to date and thankfully no damage done.

I would like to thank people who have already sponsored me either in the Post Office or online at [virginmoneygiving.com/bensilk](http://virginmoneygiving.com/bensilk) and for everyone who turned up at the 'Curry and Quiz' night at the Cricket Club.

There is also a band night at the Thirsty Farmer on 6th April that Vicky has very kindly let me use as another fundraising night with a raffle as well. 'The Late Shift' will be playing and it should be a great night.

I am still after more money I'm afraid and there are sponsorship forms now at both pubs, the Cricket Club and the Post Office. You can also sponsor me at:

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**Ben Silk**



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# What did our MP's do for us? - Whimble Rail Users Group (WRUG) update

Well, three of us went to see Hugo Swire and Ben Bradshaw. Mr Bradshaw was immediately clear that it made perfect sense to create more capacity to serve Exeter from communities to the east and readily agreed to combine with Hugo Swire and Neil Parish in any way that was thought useful. So that's good. Mr Swire likewise saw the point and decided to call a meeting of 'stakeholders' and to ensure Network Rail were included. That meeting took place in Exeter on 8th March. A strange affair and I'm really not sure what exactly came out of it! E-mailers have received reactions by those present, but Mr. Swire's summing up escaped me and his PA's tape machine failed apparently. Doesn't technology always let you down when you most need it? We were able to table current civil engineering costs for a passing loop, challenging NR's figures and Peter Bowden is pursuing that. We heard again that there is capacity for one more train to call at Whimble and that is being tested; and that the rolling stock issue could be resolved by cascading as electrification goes on from Reading. That is up to five years away (and counting).

In preparing for the meeting I was surprised to find exhortations for this extra capacity going back twelve years, including an open letter from our Hugo (2004)...so why is nothing happening? Whose arm do we twist to get some action on this?  
**Roger Algate**

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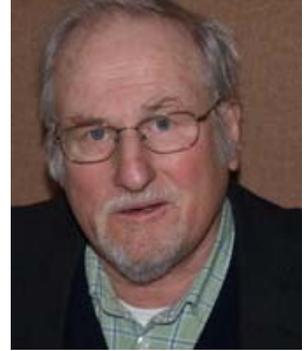


# ON BECOMING A COUNCILLOR

## REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

Spring seems to have sprung and I can feel my spirits lifting as the gardens and hedgerows brighten up. By the time you read this I shall have spent nearly a year as your Councillor. There is still an awful lot to learn, and an awful lot that might be useful for you all to know about, but, for this edition, I'd like to look back at the activities I've really enjoyed during this year.

'Speed dating' is an annual event where EDDC councillors visit Sidmouth College en masse to meet the sixth form students. The students form small groups, the councillors moving from group to group fielding questions flung at them, which they have to answer swiftly and succinctly. At the session end the students vote for the councillor they consider gave the best and most informative answers. This is a fun afternoon but with a serious idea: the students have to work out their questions, and experience a political activity that introduces them to the democratic process and the workings of the District Council. Personally I have been delighted at the fact that, subsequently, several of the students have approached me expressing an interest in finding out more about the political process. Oh, and by the way, I won the vote which is obviously one of the reasons why I enjoyed the afternoon, although the photo in the Sidmouth Herald with me and my crown was less than flattering!



As you know from Roger Algate's letters to the Whimble news the Whimble Rail Users Group has been active for some months now and is starting to achieve some modest success. The group was born out of regular conversations that Roger and I had whilst car sharing to the cardio rehabilitation class at the Honiton Gym. So like bees, lions and sweetness, something good and more permanent has come out of our common physical adversity. Roger has done the bulk of the work in researching and organising the activities and it has been a joy to help him. We now have a group of fifty plus members who are drawn from Whimble, Talaton, Feniton and Ottery St Mary. In February three of us met Hugo Swire (our MP) at Westminster to get him "on board", and he organised a further meeting in Exeter. There is a separate report on the Rail Group in Whimble News, but I just want to say how delighted I am to be able to help. (By the way, no travel costs have been charged to the Council)

Finally - people. For me, politics is really about people, and what I have enjoyed over the nearly 50 years I have been actively engaged in politics is meeting and working with people. My new role as a councillor is reinforcing that pleasure and using the skills I have acquired in this activity. In reality, being a District Councillor doesn't involve a great deal of national politics. I find in conversation with fellow councillors that most of them hold the same view as me: our role is to serve our constituents and communities rather than playing political games.

I have experienced a few isolated incidents where my political allegiance has created conflict with another councillor but this has been very occasionally. In this vein what has given me the greatest pleasure (and sometimes heartache) has been the opportunity to get involved in helping individual constituents with their problems whether it has been planning applications, disputes with the council, finding out things or just giving people advice and help on the issue that has been worrying them. I really do feel that I have had some success with helping people with my role as a Councillor and I look forward to many more such encounters. Oh, and I do find public educational exercises like the speed dating enormous personal fun.

**Councillor Martin Gammell**

## **Whimble Rail Users Group (W.R.U.G.)**

You will see from Roger Algate's earlier article that the Whimble Rail Users Group is starting to achieve some success. The group is very informal and has fifty plus 'members' (i.e. people who have been interested enough to come to the meetings) drawn from Whimble, Feniton, Talaton and Ottery St Mary (the latter two are regular rail users from Whimble). There have also been requests from residents of Broadclyst to be kept abreast of our activities - so our reputation is spreading. Now it has been confirmed that ALL trains will be stopping at the new Cranbrook station when it opens next year. This news is like salt in a wound to the good people of Whimble, and a great spur to us getting our trains back.

One thing we hope might work in our favour is the fact that the line from Axminster to Exeter happens to run through no fewer than three parliamentary constituencies, so we have turned our attention to our MPs. We are aware that Neil Parish is working hard for Honiton and Feniton, and we have now had meetings with Hugo Swire for East Devon and Ben Bradshaw of Exeter who represents Pinhoe.

Our latest activity at the beginning of March has been a very successful meeting in Exeter organised by Hugo Swire MP between a number of rail user groups, Devon County representatives, Train operating companies and, most importantly, a Network Rail representative. We looked at the exciting possibility of our line becoming the eastern link of an "Exeter Metro" network, and there was a hint of a possible slight improvement in the service in future, perhaps, involving First Great Western! The real problems being faced by the operating companies are getting extra rolling stock (next to impossible) and capital to finance additional double track (Very difficult). On the other hand, the new signalling will allow for additions and improvements in future, and there is no doubt that our protests have made the technocrats start to look at some imaginative ways of helping us further with a hint of the possibility of an additional rush hour train morning and evening. Watch this space!

**Martin Gammell**



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# The Queens Diamond Jubilee

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Following my comments in my last editorial, my phone has been red hot with questions and concerns about this new undertaking in the village. Gill, Michelle and Chris have been unable to obtain the services of Max Clifford, so I have volunteered to help with this surge of interest. I note below the questions, and the answers provided by the Board of M.E.W.

Q1. What facilities will be available on the beach?

A1. *M.E.W will provide a wide range of facilities to beach users, including a towel-side drinks service, and in certain cases only, a Sun Tan Lotion Application Service run by Michelle and Chris; others will be looked after by the WI.*

Q2 Will there be any dress restrictions?

A2 *Yes - no thongs or budgie smugglers will be allowed. Patrons will not be allowed into the pub in a topless state. Scuba divers will have to remove their fins and tanks before entering the bar.*

Q3 How deep will the water be?

A3 *M.E.W. are delighted to present this beach as the safest in the UK because there will be no water, as this appears to be the main cause of many accidents at the seaside. Nevertheless, there will be a shark watch tower built in the future.*

Q4. Will there be any entertainment.

A4 *No, you ARE the entertainment.*

Q5 Will there be showers at the beach?

A5 *No, but the History Society have kindly allowed M.E.W. to make use of the hose pipe round the back of the Heritage Centre*

Next time in your Whimpe News – find out if Tom Daley has accepted M.E.W.'s invitation to open the High Diving Board. Plus progress on the Shark Tower. You saw it here first!!

Ed H



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# St Mary's Church - Village Survey and Church History

Thank you to everyone in the village who completed and returned the questionnaires that were sent out by the PCC with the previous edition of the Whimble News. As I write this article, over 280 completed questionnaires have been received with views expressed by over 480 people. We are presently in the process of analysing these: initial sorting suggests that over 430 people in the village have an interest in what happens to St. Mary's and many of you obviously put a lot of thought into your very helpful responses. There will be much for the PCC to consider over the coming months and your views will most certainly help it to shape its plans for the future of the church. We aim to provide more detailed feedback in future editions of The Whimble News once the analysis is complete.

In the meantime, and as mentioned in the fact sheet that was circulated with the questionnaire, we thought you may be interested in a few words about the history of the impressive building that dominates the centre of our village.

St. Mary's church was massively rebuilt and extended in 1845 by Charles Force, an Exeter builder, to the designs of John Hayward, the leading local church architect in the diocese at that date. In amongst what was new in 1845 some of the fabric from earlier versions of the church, from the 15th and 16th centuries, including the font, still survives. The Rev Lloyd Saunders was the driving force behind this extension and modernisation of the church.

The North Arcade (the side nearest the railway line) is largely late 15th century; it was extended in 1825 and the pier at the east end (nearest the Post Office) dates from that time. Three of its piers were taken down and rebuilt in 1845. The North aisle windows are late medieval, repaired in 1845. The South aisle (the side nearest The Square) includes three 15th century windows taken down, repaired and re-set in new walling when the church was rebuilt. The East window was similarly repaired and re-set at that time. There is a date of 1571, apparently re-cut, above the West door of the tower but there are differences of opinion as to whether this is indicative of the age of the fabric of the tower. Much of the rest of the church: the sanctuary, the roofs, the South arcade and the South wall, dates from the 1845 restoration, re-using old fabric, whether stone or timber, where possible. The fittings are a mixture of dates, but the congregational seating combines new 1845 seats and recycled earlier seating, some parts of which date back to the 16th century (NB. recycling is not new in Whimble!). The chancel, including the choir stalls, is largely a creation of 1902, designed by the local architectural practice of Tait and Harvey. The church is ecclesiastically listed graded II\*, not grade I, reflecting the extent of the 1845 rebuilding.

When the Church was rebuilt in 1845, several painted panels, perhaps from an earlier chancel screen, were found to have been used, upside down, as steps for the pulpit. They were rescued and are now incorporated into the tower screen which was erected in 1955. They include depictions of: St. Appollonia holding a tooth in a pair of pincers, St. John the Baptist with a lamb, St. Sebastian pierced with many arrows, and King Henry VI who became a saint by public acclamation although not officially canonised because Henry VIII refused to pay the exorbitant sum demanded by the Pope.

The rationale for the rebuilding in 1845 seems to have been simply to provide more seating, and free seating, for the congregation. Prior to that date pew rents were charged. After that date, while pew rents were still charged for a time for the new and more comfortable box pews in the side aisles, the pews in the nave which had narrower seats, low backs and less leg room were free. Some of these 'free seats' were newly constructed in 1845 whilst others were made from timber recycled from earlier pews. 30 of the current carved pew ends probably date from the 16th century. These are situated mainly in the two Western blocks of pews (to the rear of the church). The remainder are 19th century replicas.

Since 1845 there have been a few significant changes. A gallery at the West end housing the organ and several seats was removed probably around 1860 and the organ was moved to the East end of the North aisle where the current organ, which was installed in 1952, sits. The panelled dados from the box pews were removed pre-1900 due to dry rot, which has been an unfortunate common theme in several of the significant major repairs over the years, particularly to the floor. Also several pews have been removed at various times to make more flexible use of the space in various areas of the church. The chancel was completely redesigned and updated in 1902. The present clock in the tower was installed in 1911.

Please come in, look around and appreciate the asset that has been bequeathed to us by our forebears in the village. The church is usually open daily from about 10.00 a.m. to about 4.00 p.m.

Stephen Godsiff  
Churchwarden



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Our first event this year was our 'Social Evening' on Friday 30th March which was a very enjoyable and successful event. There were a number of activities taking place from a seed / plant swop to an old gardening tool quiz and even a question time forum. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

We were fortunate to secure a booking to go round the grounds of Highgrove, The allocation of bookings was fully taken up within 24 hours, so we were fortunate to secure one. Just as quick was the uptake of tickets for this and our allotted 26 went like the proverbial hotcakes! Clearly these were made available to VPA members first, so if you missed out through not being a member, make sure you come along to the Plant Sale in May and join up!!

Talking of the plant sale, this will take place on Saturday 12 May in the Village Hall. This has been a great success in recent years and we will be looking for the same success this year. Hopefully we will be able to provide a wide range of plants but if there any specific plants you would like us to grow, please let us know and we will see what we can do!

Following this, we are going to have a trip to visit Burrow Farms Gardens at Dalwood, near Axminster. These gardens have become very popular over the years and have been developed by Mary Benger and her family. This visit will take place on Thursday 14th June, aiming to leave about 10.00 from The Square, and returning at approximately 4.00pm. The cost will be £6.00 per head, so very reasonable for such an interesting trip. More details on the website.

We have recently gone through the Show Schedule for this year and hopefully the new Schedule will be available from our website as well as the usual outlets. Make sure you have a note of the revised date for this year, Saturday 1st September.

We look forward to seeing you at these events, especially the Annual Flower Show. Details of all our events are listed on the website which is: [www.whimplevpa.org.uk](http://www.whimplevpa.org.uk)

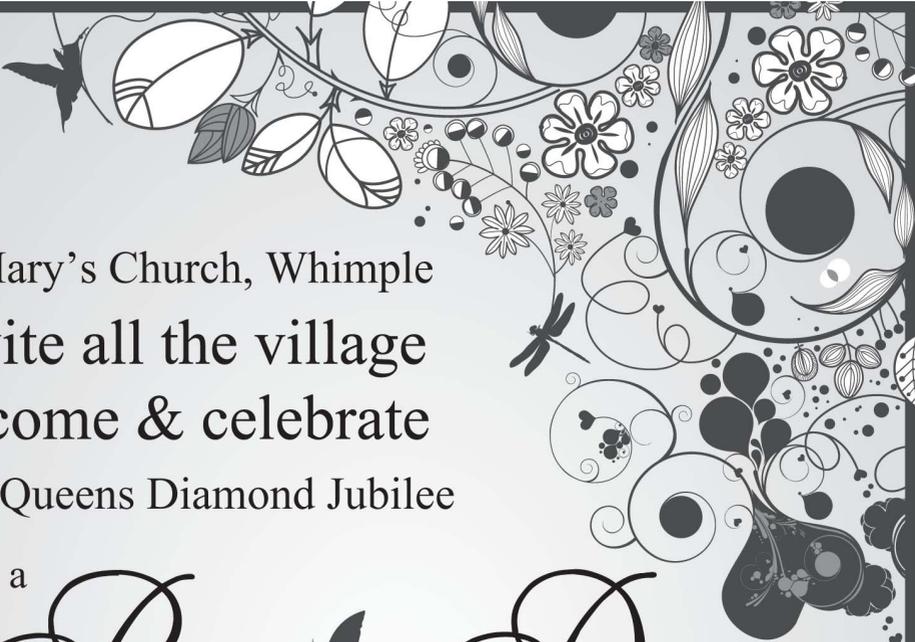
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# Whimble Village Week

Our hard-stretched Village Week Team is busy planning events for Village Week in July and for this year's Village Day on Saturday 14th July.

To follow the Olympic Year theme we are hoping to run some fun kids sporting events on the Parish Field as part of Village Day. We do however desperately need some volunteers to help arrange and run these events.

If you are keen on sports and prepared to lend a hand to make this happen then please let me know.

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Any offers of help on the day would be very welcome

## Stephen Owen 1933 - 2012

As a grieving family, we would like to express our thanks for the support we received during Stephen's brief illness and subsequent death. The visits, cards, flowers and general offers of help have been truly stunning.

Although we miss Stephen madly, your care and kindness has given us great comfort and has helped to lift our spirits and remain positive. Thank goodness for such a wonderful Whimple community, we are truly grateful.

**Rachel and daughters, Heather & Elizabeth**

## Jan Millier

On behalf of myself and Jan's family, could I take this opportunity of thanking all of our friends in Whimple for your support and consideration after she sadly lost her long battle with cancer on 16 February. Jan was a private person who was not really into big social occasions. I know that many of her friends and neighbours did not know how ill she was....or even that she was ill at all. That's how she wanted it.

She would therefore have been amazed - aghast even - that about 100 people attended the crematorium to share our goodbyes to her. As I said at the time, I can hear her saying to me "Mart, what on earth are all these people doing at my funeral? Have you had too much to drink again down at the pub, and given away all our secrets?" Probably!

We've been hugely appreciative of the mature and discreet way in which you have reacted to us over the last few weeks. A myriad of cards - no awkward silences - a handshake, a quiet word of condolence, a hug now and again. Just right. Thank you all so much.

And a particular thank you to Gill and Michelle, ably supported by Geoff and Karen for keeping everybody regally fed and watered at the New Fountain after the funeral. Finally, thanks also to the local Met Office for providing a beautiful sunny day so that we could spread out onto the pub 'beach' that afternoon!

Please feel free to be relaxed and to reminisce about Jan if and when we meet up in the village at any time.

**Martyn Millier**

# WHIMPLE ON THE MAP

Feel flattered, O citizens of Whimple! In early May a 30 strong group from the Devonshire Association will be visiting our village, very keen to see our buildings and visit the Heritage Centre, which will be open especially for them. In the morning they will start by learning something about the railway station and its designer, before setting off on one of our famous Village Walks, ending up at The Thirsty for a light lunch. After that they will be let loose in the Heritage Centre and, hopefully, the Church. And Whimple must be special as there are 20 - 30 people on the waiting list!

2012 is a very important year for the Devonshire Association as it was founded 150 years ago. To celebrate, the various branches and sections are organising a special range of activities across the County. Anybody can join in on these days – for walks on Dartmoor or the coast, lectures and exhibitions. You don't have to be a member, but if you want to know more about the plants, insects, dialect, history, buildings, music, literature or industrial archaeology of Devon, becoming a member is a MUST! Visit the website to find out about the special 150<sup>th</sup> activities and have a taste of the treats in store! Just Google "The Devonshire Association".

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This was last done for the children of Whimple School for the Queen's Golden Jubilee back in 2002.

The Parish Council and two residents have offered a total of £305 towards the cost of the mugs. We need to raise another £400 to make this possible.

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## Whimble

## Judges' Report 2011

Driving through the village of Whimble the overall impression is that it is a well kept village which is being cared for and where the residents take a pride in the community. Most houses we saw were well maintained with gardens that were colourful and well tended and surrounding hedges, fences, any outbuildings sheds and garages, maintained in a tidy condition. The litter pick which you use to prepare for the competition obviously works as the village appeared to be virtually litter free which these days, with wrappers and packaging etc. is a great achievement. The allotments are well organised, well tended and looked productive.

Whimble is well off for sports areas and fields. We found the Cricket field to be very beautifully maintained. The playground looked as if it needs some refurbishment. We note that the PC is making £3,500 available for maintenance materials and storage shed for the Parish Field which hopefully will help rectify the situation. The school has good hard play areas including the MUGA which looks very inviting and is a well equipped, well fenced, safe place for the children to do PE. It is good to see that it is available for the wider community during the summer holiday. The tennis courts looked well maintained and well used by members.

Notice boards were up-to-date and mostly well maintained. Community information is also available on "Whimble Online" which has events, blogs and forum. It does seem a bit complicated to use but we are sure for the computer literate it is a very good medium of communication. The Heritage Centre is also a great resource for the village and has some very interesting artefacts.

The Churchyard is well kept. The Church was open and from what we saw there it organises many activities within the village. The notice board outside the Church provided a range of information about the local community and its activities.

The Victory Hall and its surrounds were most impressive with bright flowers, well kept grounds, relevant notice boards which indicated a considerable range of events and activities going on there. There were a large number of well maintained notice boards within the village. One or two needed some up-dating. In spite of all the notice boards there was a large amount of 'fly posting' which we felt detracted from the overall appearance of the village.

The telephone kiosk was tidy and free from graffiti. We did not find any bus shelters or public toilets.

Footpaths and bridle paths were well signposted, clear of litter and well trodden. There were a number of dog walkers around. There was no evidence of dog fouling and a good provision of appropriate red bins.

We felt that some of the commercial buildings in Whimble were in need of some tender loving care and could be made to look smarter.

The map was clear and useful. The background information provided was also good and helpful. It was convenient to be able to park easily at the village hall. The car park was well signed.

The overall impression is of a well kept and active village, offering many group activities. We enjoyed our visit to Whimble and wish you well in the competition!

**Recommendations:**

- The older recreation area is in need of some maintenance
- Fly posting makes the village look rather messy – is it needed with so many notice boards?

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Firstly a big thank you to those people who returned the Church Survey sheets. More about this elsewhere in Whimble News.

Unfortunately for various reasons we have been unable to find someone suitable for our Mission Community to replace Rob Wilkinson. The Churchwardens and four PCCs have been in discussion with the Church hierarchy in the Diocese and the post has been re-advertised with an aim of re-interviewing in May. We remain optimistic that the right person will present themselves but even if we select someone in May it is highly unlikely they will take up the appointment until well into the Summer. In the meantime we are being well served by a wonderful assortment of visiting priests.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals are still taking place and can be arranged by contacting one of the Churchwardens or by emailing:

[admin@whimplechurch.org](mailto:admin@whimplechurch.org)

Once a month, on the 3rd Sunday morning, at our Celebration Service at St. Mary's in Whimble, we have a small band of musicians to accompany us in our worship. We would love to have more people join us, whether adult or young person. So if you can play **any** instrument at **any** standard, or know anyone who does, why not come along? If you would like more information email Phil Dominy [dominypr@hotmail.com](mailto:dominypr@hotmail.com) or ring 822163. We are also hoping that the band will provide the music for the first service of every month. Again contact Phil for more information.

There are a number of events coming up over the next few months. On April 4th we are holding the PCC AGM at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church.

Sunday 8th April is Easter Sunday. Please join us for our Service at 11.00am

Our popular Morning Coffee restarts on 19th May.

On Saturday 2nd June a Barn Dance is being held to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

As a result of the changes to Bank Holidays etc the Church Fete will now take place at Hindstrete on Saturday 16th June. We also have a Flower Festival planned for September.

A reminder too, that every month several folk from Whimble Church get together to **pray** – for global issues down to individual concerns. If there is anything you would like prayer for please do put details on a slip of paper and place in the box on the welcome desk in church, or email [admin@whimplechurch.org](mailto:admin@whimplechurch.org). If desired, requests can be made anonymously.

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

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Hot cross buns and cards will be distributed at the Church steps between 9.00am and 9.30 am on Good Friday morning.

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## Easter Garden

**An Easter Activity Morning**

**For children aged 5 – 11**

On Easter Saturday 7th April from 9.30-12.30 in the Victory Hall there will be an activity for children aged 5 to 11 - come and take part in games, cooking and craft activities and help to make an Easter Garden for the service in church on Easter Day.

Booking forms are available in the Church or Post Office or from Sarah Smith 822123 email [furze.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:furze.hill@btinternet.com)



# Wasters of Whimble



Having hibernated for the winter the Wasters are waking up to opportunities for events and action.

We had lots of very positive feedback about the Local Food Fayre and a huge thank you to those who supported this event by attending. We are still working on the Food Hub on line buying scheme. Eventually you should be able to do your on-line shop, as you would from any supermarket, but you would end up with a wonderful array of local produce. We hope to send out a questionnaire to all homes to see what people want this project to offer them. We value all feedback you can offer us.

Lots of requests have been coming in to hold another Fashumble. This is a Fashion Show event where people are invited to bring in their unwanted, quality clothing to sell. As in previous years the seller will receive back the bulk of the money, with a small commission retained for a local charity. We hope to hold this on Tuesday 22nd May and seller packs will be available after Easter from the Post Office. More details will be postered around the village nearer the time.

Many of you with solar panels should have been enjoying the bright sunny days we have had. Many people are asking for some data to compare their production to others. If you have any data from your panels please send it to Phil Dominy and he will prepare some information for the next Whimble News ([dominypr@hotmail.com](mailto:dominypr@hotmail.com)).

Other proposed projects include Community tree planting and information on the governments new Green Deal starting in October.

If you would like to join our group or have any ideas to offer please contact us.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th April – venue to be arranged.

**Any enquiries please contact:** Jenny Sanders 823015 [jls.sanders@btinternet.com](mailto:jls.sanders@btinternet.com)  
Alison Betts 823967 [alison.betts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alison.betts@yahoo.co.uk)

## St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

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2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion;
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# IVAN WHO?

With high hopes of another rollicking evening's entertainment from the Whimpletons, the judging committee of the world renowned WISPA Awards (Whimple International Screen & Performing Arts – like an OSCAR ... only with more chocolate!) all sat down to view this years well known panto IVANHOE - or as many said Ivan Who ????

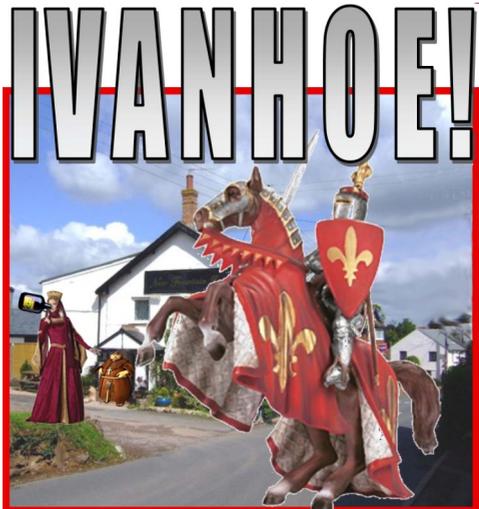
Strong ticket sales suggested the Judges would be well bribed impressed with what the papers reported (well this one anyway!) that it was surely to be one of the best pantos ever. They were not disappointed .... though confused at times perhaps! However, one immediate benefit of no one knowing the plot (including most of the cast) was that the audience had to pay attention from the outset to Peter Bolwell's magnificent script telling the original tale (once more) of: boy (dressed as girl) meets girl .... transvestite mother puts broomstick in the works .... girl (dressed as boy ) rescues boy ..... kingdom is saved and all live happily after ..... apart from all the baddies!

For this years version we were treated to too many memorable performances to remember(?) – but they did include a trio of wandering French Knights, with authentic Cornish accents, who struggled not to pisonounce every line; a chorus of naughty ladies ogling at the tournament talent; a duo of cross-dressing hags, some truly unique vocals from Ivanhoe himself and a gang of youngsters who bravely attacked Handsome Dick Records' star performing artist (flown in direct from the Square, at no expense) for his first speaking part – leaving the audience speechless. All the newcomers delivered fresh talent ... and the old pros were hamming it up to their usual standards.

Many thanks must go to all the people who helped prepare and stage the show – including Sally Wilde for preparing the superb set (if you closed your eyes you could almost be there!), Sue and Jackie for all their work on the brilliant costumes and make up, all the draw prize donors, Peter & Peter for running the bar and snacks, and not forgetting the medieval musicians of 'Slack Ma Girdle'.

All in all it was great evenings entertainment – good old home-spun village fun !

**Jeremy Wilson**



# THE BRA BABES SUPPORT TEAM UNLEASHED

Gentle reader, you will have seen over the years, many tales of the Olympian exploits of the current Mrs H and Mrs Leonard as they power-walk around places like Cardiff, Bristol, London, Lanhydrock and Powderham. Each time they would have been ably supported by their spouses, namely yours truly and Mr Miles. Sometimes we have been allowed to accompany them, but normally only because we were buying lunch after the event. We know our places.

But on 17th March, gentle reader, us boys were allowed out by ourselves to do the 10K Hospiscare Mens Walk starting and finishing at Sandy Park. We were very excited about this and took Peter Barlett-Horwood with us to provide a bit of maturity and common sense to our task. There is no truth in the story that we were only motivated to do it by the thought of the pint and a pasty at the end of the walk. We were doing our bit for charity, along with some 700 other men – plus more Whimble boys in the shapes of Kevin Thompson and Gordon Podbury.

We had a fairly slow start due to the sheer number of participants, which was great to see but meant a hold up for keen walkers like us three, hoping to achieve a time under 2 hours. So to keep us motivated and enthused, we carved our way through the people in front. ....until we got to the foot bridge over Rydon Lane, when we had to queue in the best British tradition...once over that we started to weave in and out of the rest of the field until we got to what appeared to be the wide open spaces of Ludwell Valley Park. I was just getting ready to accelerate through the throng when we had to queue AGAIN....some interesting route planning meant that we hit a few gated stiles that only let one person through at a time.

Luckily, gentle reader, we were blessed with dry weather and not too warm so we were in no danger of self-combustion. We had walkers of all ages, shapes and sizes with us, many wearing the tall stovepipe Guinness hats (as it was St Patrick's day!). We had some in fancy dress, such as one man in cricketer's whites, a group as the Village People, a snooker player with a snooker cue, and believe it or not, a team of real Morris dancers, all in their gear with bells as well. It was like being in Switzerland as we walked because we could always hear these bells ahead of us, like mountain goats!

On the return trip, the field started to get more spaced out in Ludwell Valley (no, not in the illegal substance meaning!), and I again decided to lead the boys in a spurt of acceleration. What I had not planned for was the very steep hill that appeared suddenly – Peter BH said that this was his favourite bit because for the next 15 minutes I was so busy puffing and blowing that I had no time to talk, for which he was very grateful. Call that friendship!!!

We came back via Pynes Hill, along Rydon Lane and Kings Heath, where we started to do some more overtaking. We were determined not to be beaten by the Morris dancers, so once we could see Sandy Park we sped up and we later learned that we had done the 10K in around 1 hour 56 minutes, which we were all pleased with. So it was a great afternoon out, good exercise with a reward of a pasty and some beers

watching the Wales/France rugby match on a big screen back at Sandy Park, whilst raising money for Hospiscare. All three of us survived, without injury, strains or blisters.

We had some great support from all the stewards who had given up their day to watch a lot of mad men lurching cross country, so many thanks to them, and to Hospiscare for organising the whole thing.

The next challenge for Bra Babes and Support Team (allowed to walk again!) will be a 20 mile yomp on 20th May from Sandy Park to Exmouth and then back via Woodbury Common to Woodbury Park. Watch this space!

EdH

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## WARTS UPDATE

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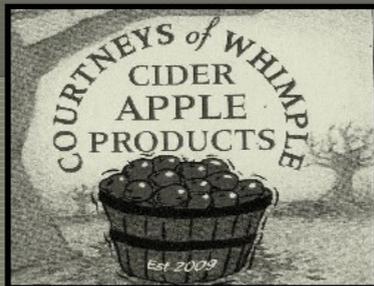
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# DOG POO and LITTER

The subject of dog poo is regularly raised by someone in the village. The Parish Council has again received valid complaints about dog poo left on the edge of footpaths and the Parish Field.

Dog owners will be aware of the sign on entering the Parish Field asking them to keep their dog on a lead. This statement is not designed to prevent people exercising their beloved pet but is there to ensure that they know where their dogs are and what they are up to. Dogs off leads run across the field making it difficult to know and find where they have dropped their poo – and owners have been spotted either not bothering to look or looking and not finding.

Dog poo is known to be a health risk and with the coming warm weather families with children will be using the field. If the problem persists the Parish Council is considering asking all dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead at all times when using the field – so we ask dog owners to please be considerate and think of other users of the field and footpaths.

To continue on a similar subject of litter – who is throwing it down? Who regularly throws drink cans and litter, presumably out of car windows, along our lanes? Are we happy to see our village spoiled by a small minority? Keep your eyes peeled and make litter louts feel uncomfortable.

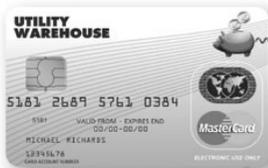
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## Pam Brooks says "Thank You"

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen, Geoff and Jack for the lovely party they gave me for my 80th Birthday - I had such a wonderful day.

Thanks to all who came with cards, gifts, flowers and donations and it was a nice surprise to see 'Orchard Harmony'.

I am pleased to say that I have sent a cheque for £180 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Also thanks to Whimble Primary School for the lovely bouquet and to Reception/Year 1 Class for the beautiful card they made for me.

Thank you all

## NEW CAR WASH SERVICE IN WHIMPLE

Christopher Woollacott and Paul Trickey have just started the Magic Wand Hand Car Wash at Milestone Services, to the right hand side of the petrol station building. Chris comes from Whimble, and Paul from Ottery, and together they offer a high quality service where great care and attention is paid to each and every vehicle. Magic Wand offers a friendly atmosphere with a comfortable waiting room which has toys and a free book exchange. Hot and cold drinks, snacks and much more is available at the forecourt shop and dogs are welcome too.

A wide range of services are available and prices start from £5.00 for the premium service on a small car. This includes a thorough jet wash ensuring wheel arches are properly cleaned, followed by a shampoo and wax applied by sponge then rinsed. Hidden areas like the door jams are also washed and alloy wheels have a treatment which removes brake dust. The car is then carefully dried and finished off with a silicone tyre treatment. From £12.00 Magic Wand has the 'Premium Plus Service' which will also get you a full vacuum including the boot, cleaning all the inside glass, and polishing the dashboard, With the 'Platinum Service' all internal plastics and trims will be polished and this service starts from £15.00.

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We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Chris and Paul** Magic Wand





## Relaxing at the Annual Dinner

On Thursday 9th February eighty members of the Choral Society and their guests attended the Society's annual dinner at the Tumbling Weir Hotel in Ottery St. Mary. After a delicious meal we were treated to a selection of songs from My Fair Lady performed by a group of Society members as well as a wonderful rendition of the Victoria Wood classic "Barry and Freda" by Kyle Hayes. The evening also included team quizzes and a star turn of jokes from David Price-Hughes, who has just retired from leading the concert orchestra. As usual a raffle was held to raise money for our chosen charity. This year a total of £230 has been shared between Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

For any further information regarding OSMCS please contact:

**Liz Hooper** - Publicity - 42116, **Annie Bassett** - Chairman - 823331

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The February meeting again demonstrated the skills of our members. The in-house evening saw two of our members making hearts and window decorations for Valentine's Day. Not only did they demonstrate how to make these delightful items but each member was given the opportunity to make the decorations for themselves. By way of contrast the March speaker was Mr John Stuart who spoke of Exmoor and the notorious Doone family. Another very interesting evening.



A round of the Devon County Women's Institute quiz was held in the Victory Hall. Members of Whimble WI provided and served an excellent tea for 90 people. Whimble also entered two quiz teams but, unfortunately neither team qualified to go forward into the next round.

There has also been a visit to the theatre when sixteen members spent a happy evening at Sidmouth.

Looking ahead, plans are being made for a visit to the gardens at Highgrove.

Whimble Women's Institute continues to provide a varied and interesting programme. For more information contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822945), who will be happy to give you more details.

**Rosemarie Burrows**

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## **WHIMPLE BRANCH SURGERY UPDATE**

From April 2012, Whimble branch surgery will be open on Monday afternoons and alternate Thursday mornings. On Monday afternoons you will be able to book appointments with Dr Dilley and Dr Barrow and with Dr Cox on alternate Thursday mornings.

## **ONLINE BOOKING**

Patients who have signed up to our online services (ColeridgeOnline) are now able to view, book and cancel GP appointments. If you would like further information about how to sign up please visit our web site at:

**[www.coleridgemedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.coleridgemedicalcentre.co.uk)**

Did you know you can also sign up for text message appointment reminders and online ordering for repeat prescriptions? We are hoping to hold our next 'line up and sign up' event, during the morning on Tuesday 17th April. Drop in to reception with a recognised form of ID and we will be able to give you your own log in for these services.

## **RESEARCH by Dr Lisa Gibbons, GP Lead for Research**

Many of you may not be aware that Coleridge is a member of the local NHS Primary Care Research Network. In Medicine we are constantly striving to find the most effective treatments for common conditions and research is a key factor which helps to provide this knowledge. As a practice we take great care to select studies which we feel will benefit our patients and help provide knowledge which will help us treat our patients better. We feel it is a great opportunity for you as patients to take part in studies which directly benefit you and improve treatment in primary care. From time to time you may be invited to take part in one of these studies. There is no obligation to take part and if you decline it will not affect your treatment in any way. We will be keeping our website updated with the results of previous studies and up and coming studies so we'll keep you posted!

## **NHS SUMMARY CARE RECORD**

**Summary Care Records are now being introduced in this Practice.**

It has become possible for the NHS to develop a system that will enable authorised staff, anywhere in the country, to access the essential parts of a patient's medical record for urgent or emergency care. This could be invaluable for you if you are away from your home area and require medical care unexpectedly. It will enable medical staff in another surgery, Walk in Centre or Hospital to provide you with prompt and appropriate care if you need it.

**In February 2012** the records of patients who have not dissented were uploaded to the NHS national spine. Now authorised NHS staff in hospitals and GP practices around the country will be able to access your record if you give them your permission.

# Coleridge Medical Centre Patient Survey

## Why did we do it?

- To gauge the current opinion of a sample of our patient population
- With encouragement from NHS Devon through a Patient participation scheme.

## Results

In summary, quality of care remains excellent but access as judged by our CFEP scores has fallen significantly

- It is three years since the last patient survey. The surgery has had to deal with a number of problems; illness amongst staff, salaried doctors coming and going, senior partners reducing their hours and an increased turnover of staff.
- On the day acute management system has been a success for doctors but seems to be poorly understood by patients.
- Most patients do not know we offer extended hour surgeries.
- Most patients are unaware of the pressure the surgery is under from the number of calls, appointments per patient/year and the relative inequity of funding.
- Access to the car-park remains an issue

## Proposed actions

- Large PR campaign to promote the on-the-day service and advertise extended hours (for WORKING patients only). Promote our expanded access to nurse practitioner and increased access to partners with the arrival of Tom Waterfall. Emphasise the good service Devon Doctors provides on Saturdays, Sundays and in the evenings. Many partners work for DDOC. Explain our commitment to individual or shared lists and how this works with the acute service.
- Regular feedback via the newsletter/website and notice board about existing and new services the practice offers. Feedback to patients about volumes of work such as phone calls taken per day but also likely pressure points such as bank holiday weekends, to help us manage demand better.
- More effort to promote self help amongst patients either through better information in surgery using the flat screen TV, direction to our website or other on line resources.
- Address patient waiting times in surgery by our commitment to starting on time but also advertising (or advising certain patients) the need to book a longer appointment for complex or multiple problems. We will audit quarterly to see how we are doing.
- Ask younger and fitter patients to park at the free Sainsbury's car park. This will free our limited car park for the disabled, elderly and acutely sick.
- Increase the number of speakers in the waiting room to improve our tannoy system. The doctors will also try and use the visual calling system.
- Provide hand gel outside toilets and in the waiting room for better hygiene
- An article by a doctor in the newsletter would be welcome. Many patients do not seem to see our newsletter or website and we must promote both as much as possible.
- We have an excellent Patient Participation Group. They have looked at the CFEP survey and provided helpful criticism.

**Dr Nigel De Sousa**

## Here Come the Girls!

Get ready for a girl's night out with a difference. Come and join us and hundreds of ladies as they dress up and walk the coastal and country lanes of Devon at night to raise money for your local hospice nurses.

To celebrate 30 years of care in your local area, we are going back to the 1980's with our fun fancy dress theme! Prizes to be won for the best outfit. Join us at Exmouth on 19th May or Tiverton on 14th July. For more info or to register go to [www.womensmidnightwalk.co.uk](http://www.womensmidnightwalk.co.uk).

**Susie Healey**



## Hospiscare Will Week 14 -18th May

### An up-to-date Will to give you peace of mind with Will Week

As your local hospice charity caring for terminally ill people and their families, Hospiscare relies on gifts in Wills and understand how important a Will is to give peace of mind that the people and causes close to your heart are looked after in the future. Although we know a Will secures our loved ones' future it's something we put off. Yet it's so important for everybody to have a Will and keep it up to date so there are no unnecessary problems for loved ones.

In reality making or updating a Will is straightforward and Hospiscare Will Week makes it even simpler. Over 30 Devon solicitors will write or update your Will for free so you can make a donation to Hospiscare instead.

This opportunity is open to everyone. Simply choose a participating solicitor and make an appointment. Your most local solicitors include **Everys Ottery**, Chris Lake, 01404 813446

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# WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 18th WHIMPLE WOMBLE WEEK – 12th - 18th March

Whimple School's Eco Team took part in the 2012 National Climate Week to raise awareness of how we can help to prevent climate change. The theme of the week was 'Reduce, Re-use and Recycle'. The Eco team chose the name of 'Whimple Womble Week' and this is the information produced by the team.

### Meet our Wombles!

Emma Beedell, Robbie Palmer, Peter Betts, Olly Ayers, Kiko Kieghery, Bethany Carter, Tom Palmer, Sam Terrett, Aaron Young, Noah Hemsley, Gabriel Cortinhas Oliver Bunkum and Mrs Jessop

Reception – Tegan Street  
Year 1 – Lily Hemsley  
Class 2 - Tilly Pilcher  
Class 3 – Sam Terrett  
Class 4 Freya Westney

And a special Well done to Tilly and Sam who were our overall winners!

All week

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



**WHIMPLE SCHOOL ECO TEAM IS HAVING A WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK.** If you do walk to school you will earn 100 team points for your school team every day. IF you need to go in the car tell your mum or

dad to drop you at the square or the thirsty farmer because you can still earn points if you walk from there. By Gabriel and Oliver.

Monday – Eco Womble Assembly. An assembly about why we should reduce, re-use and Recycle.

**WIND POWER** – We will be thinking about alternative power and making kites and windmills. If you can help to make our kites and Windmills please let us know



## Power-off day

On Tuesday 13th we will be having a Power-off day. The school will try to use the least electricity possible and we would like you to take part! There'll be no computers, consoles, T.V or lights during the school day. We hope you keep going at home too (8:00am-8:00pm).

### WARNING

Please check with your parents/carers before switching **ANYTHING** off. Don't go turning off the fridge or freezer or anything else that is essential (there will be consequences!)

Kiko and Olly

Wednesday

# No packets day



On 'no packets day' everything in your lunch box has to not have a packet. This helps to reduce landfill in the environment.

You are allowed biodegradable packets but you are NOT allowed to take stuff out of the packets. You can't have-

crisps, cake bars, packet bread, yogurts and cheese nibbles or anything that was bought in a packet. Why not make some cakes or biscuits to bring and remember that fruit comes in its own natural packet!

Go on - give it a go for one day!

Robbie and Noah



Thursday

WE ARE HAVING A RECYCLING DAY ON THURSDAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AND WE WANT YOU TO TAKE PART

YOU CAN BRING IN UNWANTED RECYCLEBLE STUFF. JUST BRING IT TO THE SHELTER IN THE TOP PLAYGROUND AND PUT IT IN THE BOXES.



BY TOM AND BETHANY

THIS IS A LIST OF STUFF YOU CAN BRING IN...

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- OLD SPECTACLES
- OLD INK CARTRIDGES
- OLD CLOTHES AND TEXTILES
- OLD SHOES
- BATTERIES



# Rubbish Hat Day

Friday

Join in with the rubbish hat day. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. Make your own hat at home out of rubbish and stuff you don't need. (Year six are making their hats in school) If you win you will get a bundle of team points.

Class prize: 500 team points



Overall winner: 1000 team points

So make your hat and let it be the best!

Sam and Aaron

All Week

Healthy eating

Peter has conducted a survey about our eating habits and the results will be with you soon. Here is his advice on healthy eating

### What is a healthy diet?

This is a guide to a healthy everyday diet.

This is an image to show what you should eat lots of and not so much of.



And here is a link to a page showing the RDA or Recommended Daily Allowance.

<https://www.purelifestyle.co.uk/Article.aspx?id=37>

This is a healthy lunch.



But this is an unhealthy lunch if you eat it every day, a small bit of chocolate occasionally or a bag of crisps once a week is fine but too much is unhealthy.

By Peter

The Eco Team have had a great time organising Whimpe Wombie Week.

We really hope that you will join in all of our activities.

# Antony Taverner

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# My 1000 Mile Bike Ride for Alzheimer's



Land's End is inextricably linked to its far flung counterpart John O'Groats because they tether either end of a very long string that marks the longest distance available to travellers on the UK mainland. Many people have made the journey between the two and by various means – cyclists, walkers and motorists top the list but there have also been some more unusual modes of transport: motorised supermarket trolley, push scooter, traction engine, uni-cycle, horse drawn carriage, Phantom fighter jet, microlight and even a yacht.

**From 26th June – 8th July** I shall be making my own assault on this famous route but I shall be using the humble bicycle to transport me; funds just don't run to a second hand Phantom at the moment. You may have seen me out on training rides around the village – I ride a white bike when it's sunny and a black one if it's wet; come and join me if you fancy a spin!

The ride is organized by, and in aid of, the Alzheimer's Society who do wonderful and much needed work - with my own dear Mum now in her 91st year and showing some signs of dementia it is increasingly close to my heart. The tragedy is that there are many sufferers who disappear into the fog of Alzheimer's at a much younger age, so the research and support of the Alzheimer's Society is invaluable.

Last year I rode my first 'Century Ride' for FORCE cancer charity which was challenge enough at the time. Since then I have been working hard to improve my endurance levels but covering 80-95 miles per day for 12 consecutive days is tough by anyone's standards so I'm still working on it!

Please consider supporting both of us - me and the Alzheimer's Society - by making a donation as outlined below. It will help me meet my challenge with extra gusto while also aiding those who face a far greater one.

**My target is £3000 and I need to meet it by the end of April, well ahead of our departure date. You can donate by:**

- Visiting my 'Just Giving' page at:  
**[www.justgiving.com/RobbieS-End-to-End-LEJOG](http://www.justgiving.com/RobbieS-End-to-End-LEJOG)**
- Leaving a cheque, made payable to 'Alzheimer's Society' with Jim/Alison at the Post Office
- Putting some change in the Alzheimer's Society collection boxes at the Post Office and other locations

**Please give as generously as you can. It's a great cause and it's a bloomin' long way!**

To keep up to date with my training, preparation and progress along the way follow me on Twitter: **@robbiesvoice** or see my blog: **<http://robbiesbike.wordpress.com/>**

(For the record I'm a 53 year old voice-over artist who lives with two crazy dogs and a marginally more sane American woman, and we all try to get a bit of work done from home in between bike rides...)

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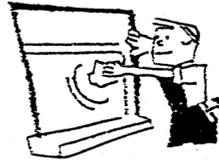
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# Ottery St Mary & District Help Scheme

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We are based at the Coleridge Medical Centre and provide support to people of Ottery St Mary and surrounding villages and hamlets, reaching as far as Newton Poppleford, Colaton Raleigh, Aylesbeare, Rockbeare, Whimple, Talaton, Payhembury and Feniton

The help scheme provides a number of services which provide a number of volunteering opportunities, as a volunteer you could:

- provide transport to medical appointments – we particularly need people who live in the outlying villages.
- Support people at the memory café – an informal drop in for people with dementia and their carers.
- Visit people at home and support with small practical tasks
- Support our nail cutting service.
- Support people who have recently been bereaved, at our groups or on a one to one.
- Help at fundraising events or with funding letters and applications, helping to keep our charity going or share any other skills you may have to support our charity.

**A little bit of your time goes a long way to helping someone else – we all need a helping hand sometime in our life.**

A little bit of history:

The help scheme was started in 1992 with the help of Ottery St Mary Hospital League of Friends. Since then the scheme has gone from strength to strength providing a number of services for local people. In 2002 Ottery St Mary & District Help Scheme became a charity in its own right. Our funding comes from a number of sources but mainly relies on the generosity of local organisations and businesses, individuals and bequests.

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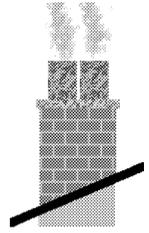
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