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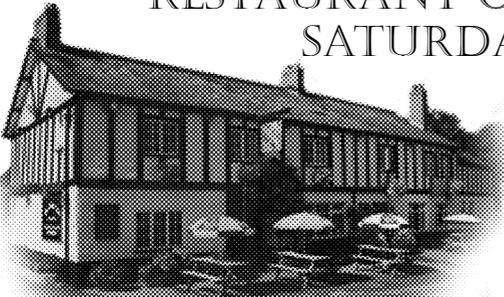
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February

- 3rd On A Whim Promotions present Madison Violet and Abi Rich at the Victory Hall. Doors open 6.30pm
- 8th Jim Causley and friends singing – New Fountain 8.00pm
- 11th Whimble Cinema Film Night, Victory Hall, 'One Day'. FREE ENTRY details page 31
- 16th Whimbletons pantomime, Ivanhoe, Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 17th Whimbletons pantomime, Ivanhoe, Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 18th Whimbletons pantomime, Ivanhoe, Victory Hall matinee - 2.30pm
- 18th Whimbletons pantomime, Ivanhoe, Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 24th Whimble History Society talk 'The Jurassic Coast and it's Hinterland' with Tony Burges – 7.30pm Victory Hall
- 25th St Mary's Church Coffee Morning and Cake Sale 10.00am to 12.00noon

March

- 3rd Ottery St Mary Hospital League of Friends - Launch of new ambulance 11.00am at the Hospital.
- 14th Jim Causley and friends singing – New Fountain 8.00pm
- 23rd Whimble History Society AGM, Victory Hall 7.30pm followed by a talk by Margaret Burrough on her recent television experiences
- 27th Easter Bingo, 6.00pm Victory Hall, Friends of Whimble School
- 31st Family Special Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall, 12.00noon until 1.30pm
- 31st Easter Egg Hunt Woodhayes Lane Orchard 2.00pm

April

- 11th Jim Causley and friends singing – New Fountain 8.00pm
- 28th Annual Village Litter Pick 10.00am in The Square

May

- 9th Jim Causley and friends singing – New Fountain 8.00pm
- 12th VPA Spring Coffee Morning and Plant Sale, Victory Hall

June

- 2nd Barn Dance to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, Cotley Farm. details page 36
- 13th Jim Causley and friends singing – New Fountain 8.00pm

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, on behalf of the Whimble News team, may we wish you a (belated) happy New Year! The current Mrs H and myself spent a very social New Years Eve in The Square at midnight, enjoying the mulled wine and meeting up with like-minded people. Thanks to John and Jan Discombe for the sterling work that they do with the mulled wine, not forgetting the team slaving away in the background – thanks and well done!

Thank you as well to Emma Palmer and her team of musicians – especially Dulcie Sanders for her very brave solo – for their support to the wonderful carol singing in The Square on Christmas Eve – great fun!

Your Whimble News deliverer will have also left with you, the questionnaire mentioned in Stephen Godsiff's article in the last magazine. Your views are important to the Parochial Church Council, so please complete your questionnaires – thank you! (details on page 35)

For the last few summers, the good citizens of Paris have enjoyed an artificially created sandy beach where they can enjoy the sun as if they were by the seaside. Gentle reader, Whimble is not to be outdone by the Parisians – I was delighted to see a beach of fine shingle where the car park for the New Fountain used to be. This can only be good for our village, and I commend the idea. As yet, I do not know who will be running the deck chair concession, but I hope that we will avoid the nasty business of reserving the best chairs by using one's towel.

In our last edition, I hope you enjoyed the page on 'Sleepless in Whimble', whose author remains anonymous except to Bob Scanlan. Did you enjoy the very subtle Christmas images in the middle of page 45, at the end of the VPA article? Bob was very pleased about that, but not when even he had to explain it to the News team, who has also missed it!

This edition contains a valuable update on Cranbrook from our Parish Council (or East Devon Waterfront Homes as it has been called). Roger Algate provides us with an update on Whimble trains – thanks to him for all his efforts. It is always heart-warming when you hear how villagers have helped neighbours/friends and we are delighted to print three 'thank you' notes from the recipients of such kindness and help – well done Whimble!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEXT EDITION, THEN PLEASE PASS YOUR WORDS TO SMALL OUTLET AND ALISON, AT THE PO, OR PLEASE ZIP IT TO BOB ON bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, BY MONDAY MARCH 12th. THANKS!

Ed H



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Whimble Post Office News



As we welcome in the new year we can't help but wonder what the future of our Post Office holds for us. Just before Christmas we were informed that National Savings and Investments were planning to move business away from Post Offices and will stop their customers managing their accounts in branch. Already we are unable to open new accounts and, as from 21st May, Investment Account holders (that's the account with the grey savings book) will no longer be able to operate their account with us. If you wish to keep this account you will have to go on line.

As from 27th July NS&I Easy Access savings accounts(that's the one with the blue card) will no longer exist and savings will be transferred to a direct savings account with NS&I. If you have either of these savings accounts and you would like more information on how you can still access your savings through the Post Office and would be interested in moving your savings to one of the Post Office Reward Saver or Instant Saver Accounts then ask us for a leaflet and we will help you. As an incentive the Post Office has agreed to match the Bank of England base rate changes until Jan 2013.

As you can imagine Christmas is a very demanding time for us, and we see lots of local people who maybe are our customers just once a year. As a village we are very lucky to still retain a Post Office in the traditional sense. Some of you may have heard of the term 'Post Office Local'. These are outlets appearing in garages, shops and even vets, who are able to offer a limited service and can only exist along side another business. The only advantage is they often have extended opening hours.

We can see a time when a Post Office such as ours will be a thing of the past, but we want to continue to offer the comprehensive, professional services we feel this village deserves. But this can only be achieved with the support of the whole village . So if you only come to us once a year, please remember we are here all year round and we offer banking services, phone top ups, bill payments as well as a comprehensive range of greetings cards, and postal requirements and at prices that might surprise you.

We discovered Ella selling her home-made Granola at the local food fayre that was held in our village hall. Her product was so popular she was soon sold out. She is such an enterprising young lady with a superb product that we are very excited to announce that we will be stocking Ella's Granola in the very near future.

The 'Book Exchange' has re-opened, and we would like to invite you to take advantage of the great range of books that we have at the moment. If you have a book that you no longer need, please leave in the basket for someone else to enjoy and at the same time you could pick up another one. Just leave a small donation each time you do this and you will be helping the Scout Hut Fund at the same time.

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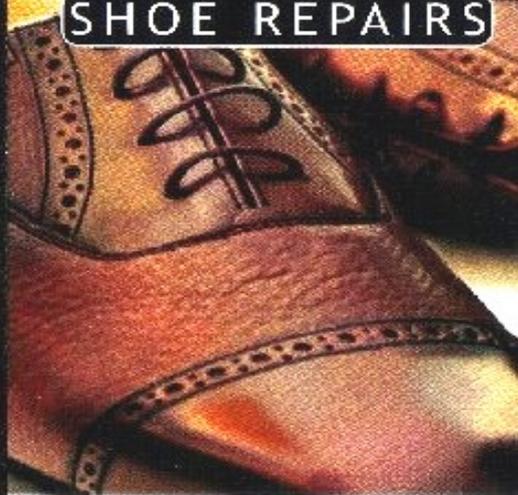
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WTUG Perhaps we should call ourselves something that indicates we would like to use the train more if only it was convenient! Those who find the current timings helpful will be less interested in our efforts I guess. Unlike other sections of Devon's railways, passengers east of Exeter have no formal voice. This is likely to change with the suggestion afoot that there should be a group set up representing the interests of Pinhoe, Whimple, Feniton, Honiton and Axminster. Honiton is already into this with its Mayor, Chamber of Commerce and the MP working together with DCC and Network Rail seeking improvements. Our own grassroots efforts are not far behind and will be involved more closely in future. Having met with the Train Operators and County Officers, the signs point clearly to our MP and I am trying to set up a meeting with him in January. I shall try to see Mr Ben Bradshaw too; not only because Exeter needs to understand the issue but three MPs seem more useful than one (?). By the by, I note the Honiton Road Park and Ride is usually full, so evidently edge of town facilities are in need of further development; I hope this can be done using trains.

I hear tantalising rumours that in the short term there is room for one more return service to stop at Whimple; and that eastbound it might be the sought after 17.30hrs. However, the current timetable lasts until December 2012 so nothing until then at least.

Roger Algate

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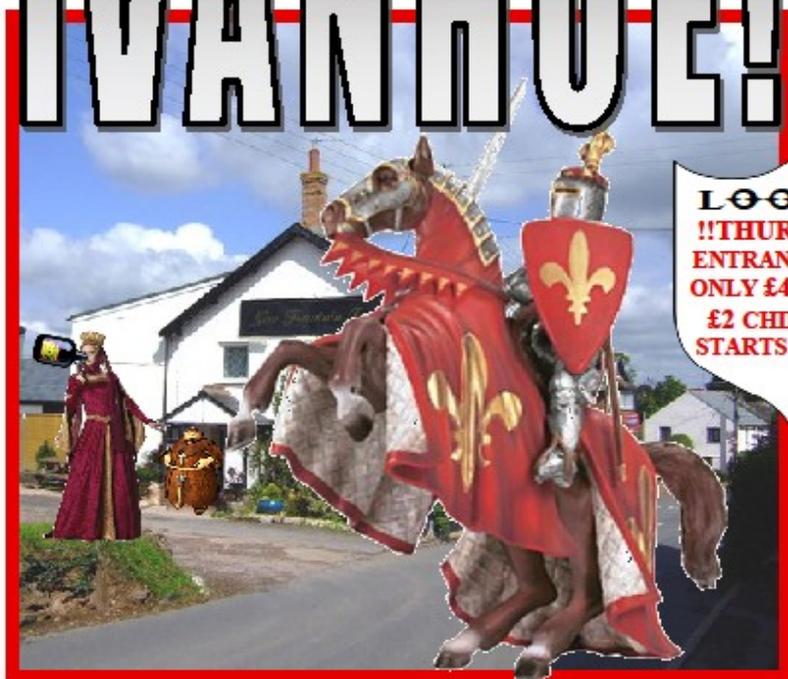
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Once again, gentle reader, on Monday evenings, you will see a number of people making their way to the Victory Hall, to join in what is optimistically called 'rehearsals' for the Ivanhoe pantomime. Please reward their hard efforts by purchasing tickets for the best panto in Whimble in 2012, from the Post Office, and enjoy a very cultural and rewarding evening!

The pantomime will be performed first on Thursday 16th February, with an earlier start time of 7.00 pm, and tickets are at special prices of £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for children.

Friday (17th) and Saturday (18th) night's performances will start at 7.30pm, and tickets are £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. All evening performances will have a bar available with beer, wine, and cider at reasonable prices, both before the performance and during the interval.

We will also be offering a Saturday (18th) matinee, starting at 2.30pm, so hopefully there will be a day and a time that will suit you and your family.

Teas, coffees, and soft drinks, plus a selection of cakes will be available at every interval, provided by the Scouts, Friends of Whimble School and Pre School.

This year we are very grateful for the generous sponsorship from Exeter Family Friendly, and this helps us not only to maintain our ticket prices from previous years, but to use some new microphones.

We look forward to seeing AND HEARING (!) you at one of our performances. We hope you enjoy it, as ever!

Ed H

Whimble Victory Hall

From time to time it is drawn to our attention that youngsters climb onto the roof of the Victory Hall and even younger ones climb the trees around the hall. We are concerned not only about the damage this causes but also for the safety of those involved.

Although there are ways to discourage these activities, such as fitting barbed wire or using anti-climbing (i.e. Sticky Black) paint, we really do not want to do that.

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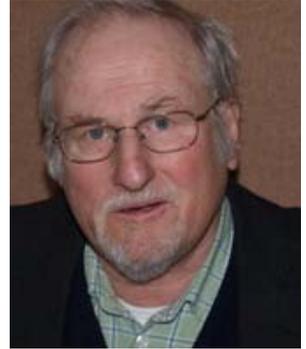
To those who are doing this we simply say "Don't".

Bob Scanlan

for the Hall Trustees

BECOMING A COUNCILLOR: READING, READING, READING

As you can imagine, dear reader, whole forests are chopped down in the name of Bureaucracy or Democracy, and the pulped and processed contents thereof are then dumped in my pigeon hole at the Council Offices – or so it seems to me. My first Christmas as a councillor will always be marked in my memory as the one where Santa’s sack spilled over with copies of a 265 page document, one for each councillor – albeit the odd tree was saved as they hadn’t been wrapped in fancy paper. So, whilst you were settling down by the fire with the latest Terry Pratchett or Dan Brown, I was starting to plod through the consultative draft of the Council’s ‘Local Development Framework’. It wasn’t long before my cracker hat began to droop in sympathy with my eyelids.....But NO! I had to stay awake so that I could give you a brief outline of the plan, as it might have quite an impact on us all, if the Government’s ‘Localism Bill’ gets through Parliament unchanged. Any Council which does not have an agreed framework in place would then be unable to prevent developers from building more or less wherever they chose, so, clearly EDDC must act fast.



For the most part the document is an overview of the whole of East Devon and as such it deals in generalities and aspirations with not a great deal of detail as to how its aims are to be achieved.

The content is broken down into four sections: Setting the Context (Chapts 1-5), The Strategic Approach and Policies (Chapts 6-20), Development Management Policies (Chapt 21) and Neighbourhood Planning (Chapt 22). Chapters 7-15 deal with a detailed discussion of the West End and Cranbrook (Chapt 7), the individual larger towns (Chapts 8-14) and smaller towns, villages and countryside (Chapt 15). Because of Whimble’s modest size - apart from its designated status as a ‘core village’ - it is not singled out for much scrutiny, so I have had to pick through the document to glean some idea of the significance of the plan for Whimble. To this end the best chapters were the introductory ones - 1 to 5 and chapter 15 on smaller towns, villages and countryside. Chapter 22 is perhaps the most important. It deals with ‘neighbourhood plans’ where the responsibility and initiative for development lies very squarely with the Parish Council and the District Councillor. The neighbourhood plan must show how the parishes intend to implement the EDDC’s strategic policies, which cannot be ignored. On the other hand, they can choose to change all or any of the development management policies. The important guideline here is the Localism bill. One encouraging element of the neighbourhood plan is that it would be possible for individual parishes to combine with each other to create a larger (e.g. ward sized) plan which, in our case, would have the merit of combining the talents of the two Parishes Councils in the Ward and create a wider outlook on our planning.

The clerk to the council holds a copy of the new plan, as do I, so either of us can give a sight of it if you are interested. Alternatively it is online at the council offices on www.eastdevon.gov.uk/localplan. You are welcome to make comments to the council about the plan until 31st January 2012

Now Christmas and New Year festivities are over, we shall be working hard at the Parish Council to ensure that we get the most from this document to safeguard the future of the village. As you know, several large organisations, such as the National Trust, have voiced concerns about the lack of safeguards in the Localism Bill for what they call the 'general countryside'. Whimple and Talaton do not have the protection afforded by being in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as enjoyed by large parts of East Devon, so if you have concerns about what might happen to our immediate area – and what should be done about it – please do not hesitate to contact me, the Parish Clerk or the Council.

Now, where did I put that unopened Terry Pratchett book....?

Councillor Martin Gammell

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A Quick Quiz - with answers on page 57

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name more than half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.



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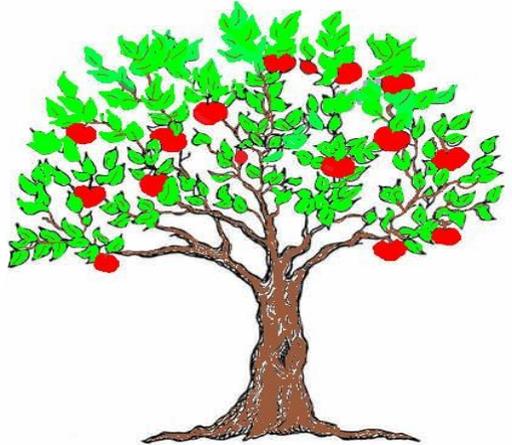
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Myrtle Dockings

Australians Do Have a Sense of Humour

The questions below about Australia, are from potential visitors. They were posted on an Australian Tourism Website and the answers are the actual responses by the website officials who obviously have a sense of humour.

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK).

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not... oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Australia? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is...oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA).

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first



Scouting in Whimble

The Scout troop in Whimble has been growing over the last year and at present we stand at 30 members between the ages of 10½ and 14. We have been doing a number of great activities from canoeing to camping to hiking and beat-boxing and of particular note is the training that is going on with six of our older members to try to get into a team that will be doing the Ten Tors event this year in May.

SCOUTS
AGED 10.5-14

These young people gave a talk to the W.I in January explaining the process and what was involved in the event and I think it opened their eyes to some of the challenging things on offer in Scouting these days. The Ten Tors event will see the team conduct a 35-mile route over two days all across Dartmoor being responsible for their own navigation and carrying everything they need for their time during the event.

The upper age limit for Scouts is 14 and as a result our current Year 9 group of 13 - 14 year olds have just left the Scout troop to form our new Explorer Scout Unit. This now leaves space for the steady stream of new members coming up from Cubs plus those people who have been on our waiting list for many months. I will be running the new Explorer Scout unit and as a result this will leave both the Scout and new Explorer Units only having one uniformed Leader. This can certainly be a challenge when work or other commitments prevent the Leader attending. We want to be able to offer our young people an uninterrupted programme of events and so we are looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering to train up to be additional leaders. It's not too onerous a task and requires a small amount of flexible commitment to attend the necessary training courses, but it's very rewarding to see the young people enjoying activities they may otherwise not get the opportunity to do and to see them grow as individuals. It's also great fun and an excuse to spend time outdoors and doing the things you could only otherwise get away doing if you were still a child!



If you are interested in finding out more for either Scouts (10½ - 14yrs) or Explorers (14 - 18yrs) then please let me know.

Simon Powell

Scout Leader (1st Whimble) 821869

Nancy and Brian Giles would like to give a big thank you to the people of Whimple who have kindly offered help and good wishes since Brian's fall. We are so blessed living in such a caring community. Thank you.
from Nancy and Brian Giles

Rachel and Stephen Owen would like very much to thank everybody for their 'get well' cards, telephone calls and general concern over the last few weeks. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and it is comforting to know that we have so many thoughtful friends and neighbours. Thanks to you all. Rachel, Stephen and daughters

I would like to say a big thank you to Mary Webber, Ian and Anne Hardcastle, David and Daphne Rastall, and to Jo and Clive Westney for visiting me in hospital over the past 10 weeks, and for checking on and helping Coram when I was away in hospital. Many thanks.
Barbara Salter

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Ben Silk's Marathon

A couple of months before Christmas a couple of friends asked if I wanted to go out for a jog with them around the village. My response was "not too far I hope" We went out for a couple of miles and it felt OK. We went again and then again and I found out that I had caught the running bug!

Back in 2008 I ran the then Flora London Marathon with my Dad and some ladies from the village. I said to the boys I was running with that I wanted to do it again and they both laughed!!

I started looking into it more and realised that it would be a great achievement to do this again but that I could also raise some money for a fantastic charity. I was at work one day and we had to transfer a young lad up to London as he had recently been diagnosed with cancer and was going for treatment. On the long journey up to London I was chatting to the boy's Mum and she told me about the great support they have received from a charity called Children with Cancer.



When I got home I went on to their website www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk and realised what an amazing job they do and that I could run the London Marathon to raise money for them. I also recognised the charity from my previous marathon adventure as they have the Mr Men characters all over their running vests and support groups, I thought why not apply. So I did and I'm in!!

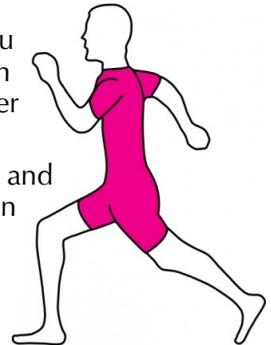
As you might have guessed by now I'm after some money!! I will be doing various fundraising events over the next couple of months so please look out for the details dotted on lampposts soon with the Mr Men characters. You can also visit my webpage virginmoneygiving.com and put in my name or pop it in to Jim at the Post Office or drop anything through my door (1 Bridge Cottage) by the railway bridge. Look out for the Mr Men!

I will be keeping you posted on how I'm getting on and you can follow me on realbuzz.com or Facebook to see how I'm doing. I realise that times are hard but any donation no matter how small would be gratefully appreciated.

If you see Matt Mathison, Steve Povey (my support group!) and me out, please no abuse just support, and if you want to join us get in touch, as long as you're not too fast!!

Thank you

Ben



WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 13th January 2012 and yet another packed meeting reflected on a very active and successful year for the VPA, not least the immensely successful Annual Flower Show. Unfortunately as some of you will probably know, we will be saying goodbye to our Chairman, Adrian Williams. As some of you are aware Adrian and Shirley will be moving on to pastures new, and we will certainly miss them both. Adrian has been an excellent Chairman of the VPA and has put in a great deal of time and effort into so many events that we have run. He was thanked for all his hard work while serving on the Committee and we wished him and Shirley well for when they do actually move. As for the new Committee, Mick Street has agreed to take over as our new Chairman and fortunately, the rest of the principal officers have agreed to stand again and they were unanimously elected into post.

The talk in November by Chris Birchill was very well attended. Although the subject of the talk wasn't quite what we were expecting, Chris still gave us a very interesting, informative and well illustrated talk.

Our annual Spring Coffee morning and Plant Sale will be on Saturday 12th 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 are any specific plants you would like us to grow, please let us know and we will see what we can do! As mentioned in the last edition, due to the Olympic Games, we have decided to move the date of the Annual Flower Show to Saturday 1 September 2012. This will hopefully enable all our usual exhibitors to take part and maybe some new exhibitors as well.

Following the huge success of the Village Challenge for the past two years, we will see what we can come up with for this year – so watch this space! We look forward to seeing you at these events, especially the Annual Flower Show.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.



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Next film night on Saturday 11th February

The next film night falls on the weekend before Valentine's Day, so has a 'romantic' theme.

The film was selected by a popular vote on the Whimple Cinema website. The nominations included recent releases (One Day); 80s cult classics (Pretty Woman, Dirty Dancing, Sleepless in Seattle); and golden oldies (Brief Encounter, Breakfast at Tiffany's).



And the winner is (or rather was)....

One Day

On this occasion Okehampton Moving Pictures are not able to screen the film for us. Instead, the film will be shown using a 2 metre screen, PA sound system, Bluray disk and high-definition projector. Admission will be FREE, although a £2.00 donation is requested towards hall hire and film licensing costs.

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CRANBROOK UPDATE – JANUARY 2012

Phase 1 - Younghayes

EDDC has invited representatives from local Parish Councils to a series of quarterly meetings designed to keep us all updated on the progress at Cranbrook. The first meeting took place on 11th January 2012.



The first point raised related to the delay in opening the two new roundabouts and Parsons Lane on the Old A30. Works were originally scheduled to be completed before Christmas. We are advised that the temporary traffic lights will remain for a further 2 - 4 weeks while problems with street lighting and speed limit signs are addressed. However, it should be noted that work is due to start on the new Clyst Honiton Bypass within the next month and works on the Sainsbury's Intermodal Freight Depot and the Energy Centre are due to start in the spring. All of these will cause further delays on the old A30 close to the airport for several months.

Cranbrook Infra Structure.

The main local route through Cranbrook linking the two new roundabouts has been completed. All the sewers are in place. Cables for mains electricity to be supplied by the new Energy Centre to be situated east of the airport are also in place.

Street naming has been completed and Street numbering is currently in progress. When completed in February the Post Office will issue Post Codes.

You will see the framework of St Martin's Primary School and the Multi Purpose building as you pass along the old A30. These buildings are due to open in September 2012. A planning application for the new Railway Station is imminent.

Advertising and Publicity.

Aylesworth Fleming have been appointed as Advertising Agents. Advertising for house building and house sales will be launched in April.

The plans for the first 1,120 homes have been validated and are now available to view on EDDC website.

A logo specifically designed for Cranbrook will appear on all the advertising signage, hoarding and flags giving Cranbrook a distinctive identity. The logo will also be part of the final street naming signs.

For more information a newsletter 'Cranbrook Connect' will be available to local residents on-line or from local outlets very soon. Otherwise go to EDDC's website.

The next update meeting is scheduled for April 2012

Whimble Parish Council



Cranbrook Road Names

The map of Phase One of Cranbrook published recently by EDDC includes the road names. These names were all suggested by members of the local community.

The main route through the new community will be called 'Younghayes Road' after the farm which also gives the name 'Younghayes' to the whole of the first phase of Cranbrook

Burrough Fields, which will be the road to the railway station, was named after the late Raymond Burrough whose former land is in the area which will become much of the country park and leads towards the planned railway station.

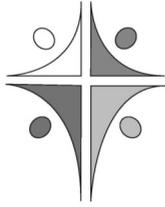
The full list is as follows:



Alma Villa Rise, Barleycorn, Barn Orchard, Best Park, Brooks Warren, Broom Park, Burrough Fields, Copseclose Lane, Farm Park, Gratton Park, Hayes Square, Henrys Run, Higher Meadow, Kemps Field, Long Orchard, Lower Barton, Mayfield Way, Mead Cross, Meadow Lane, Oakbeer Orchard, Old Garden Pasture, Pitt Park, Post Coach Way, Pouncel Lane, Roman Way, Seven Acres, South Hayes Meadow, South View Pasture, St Michaels Way, Summer Meadow, Three Corner Field, Upper Barton, West Down Court, Wheat

Field Lane, Wheatsheaf, Woods Pasture, Younghayes Road.

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First I would like to thank all of those who supported the Carol Singers as they went around the village just before Christmas. Although it started off dry and we were thankful that it wasn't as cold as in previous years, the rain soon set in. By the end of the evening our carol sheets were rather soggy to say the least, but our spirits had not been dampened. We managed to raise over £140 for St Petrocs so thank you all very much.

On February 4th we are holding the first of this years Breakfasts. Peter Dominy is going to be leading a discussion on the theme of 'God, Money and Bankers - do they mix?'

Tickets cost £3.50 and are available by contacting David Smith on 822123.

Many of you support Traidcraft. This year Traidcraft Fortnight is from February 27th until March 11th. You can purchase many Traidcraft products from us after Celebration Services.



Once a month, on the third Sunday morning, we hold a Celebration Service at St. Mary's in Whimple. 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 people. So if you can play **any** instrument at **any** standard, or know someone who does, why not come along? If you would like more information email Phil Dominy 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.

Some dates for your diary. Sunday March 18th is Mothering Sunday. Please join us for this special service.

We will once again be running a Lent Course. Details are yet to be finalised but everyone is welcome. Please email admin@whimplechurch.org for further information

Sunday 8th April is Easter Sunday. If you wish to order Lilies for Easter please ring Margaret Bucknell on 822319 or Lis Roberts on 822818 by March 24th.

Some events later in the year include a Barn Dance in June to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and a Flower festival in September.

Dianne Goodwin

St Mary's Church - Village Survey

In the December edition of the Whimple News, I explained that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is starting to consider updating its long term plan for St Mary's i.e. what sort of Church do we want in Whimple in 10 years time? I also said that we needed your input to the planning process and that we would circulate a fact sheet and questionnaire to each household early in the New Year. Hopefully, these should have been delivered to you with this copy of the Whimple News. Please read the fact sheet and complete the questionnaire. We cannot make the Church what you want it to be unless we know what that is.

There are spaces on the questionnaire so that up to four people from each household can answer individually. We do not assume that just because you live together, you will have similar responses to the questions. If there are more than 4 people in your household who wish to respond, then additional copies of the questionnaire will be available in the Post Office. Also if for some reason your household did not receive a copy of the fact sheet and questionnaire, please pick one up from the Post Office and complete the questionnaire. The views of everyone in the village are important to us, including those who simply tick that they have no interest in what happens to the Church.

We have a team of people who are planning to collect the completed questionnaires from you between 17th and 26th February. Hopefully that will give you all enough time to fill in your responses. Once completed simply pop the questionnaire back in the envelope in which it was delivered and it will be ready for collection. If you do not want someone to call and collect the questionnaire from you or it is not convenient for this to happen, please simply drop it into either the assigned box in the Post Office or the one just inside the door of the Church. We are hoping that all completed questionnaires will be returned to us by the end of February.

Our intention is that we will let you know, through subsequent articles in the Whimple News, what our analysis of your responses tells us about what the village wants from its Church. We will then also let you know what the PCC will include in its plans to meet those needs.

Thank you all in advance for taking the time to take part in this survey which we, on the PCC, believe is important for the village. And a big thank you also to Ed's team of Whimple News deliverers for distributing the questionnaires and fact sheets with this edition of the Whimple News. We appreciate we have complicated your task this month and are very grateful to you.

Stephen Godsiff
Churchwarden



A date for your diaries:

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Further information in the next Whimple News

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| 2nd Sunday | 11.00am Holy Communion; |
| 3rd Sunday | 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP);
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WHIMPLE WASSAIL 2012

Another brilliant turnout for the Wassail; I estimate some 200 people were there at the start – but am willing to be corrected! I think it was one of the best attended that I have seen. Thanks to Gill, Chris and Michelle for opening the New Fountain early. The weather was dry but not cold, so ideal for Wassail, and the condition of the ground was reasonably firm. This means that nasty slips and slides are avoided as we go through the orchards! We were delighted to have Jim Causley lead the singing again, supported by an excellent strolling band.



Plus, this year, gentle reader, we had a team from BBC Four who had been filming most of the day in and around Whimble. They were making a programme about the change of seasons and how the UK celebrates that in music and dance. Somehow they had heard about our Whimble Wassail, and asked if they could come and film us. During the day, they had interviewed and filmed a number of locals, including Margaret Burrough, Ian Hardcastle, Jim Causley, and even yours truly. Earlier in the day, they had visited Dart's Farm to film the last pressing (of the current crop) of cider apples at Green Valley Cider – as it is run by ex-Whiteways employees, it made an excellent link.

The two sisters who present the BBC Four show, are the singers from a Northumbrian 'folk' group called The Unthanks (which is their surname). I happened to have caught them on a Jools Holland programme which I had recorded, mainly for the Stereophonics – and suddenly they are chatting away to me in a Whimble orchard! I believe that the completed programme will be broadcast in September/October. We will let you know when we hear anything.

We did the usual route of trees/orchards – the best one had to be the Woodhayes orchard where pyromaniac Ray Horn had set up several bonfires around the Wassail tree. Well done to our Wassail Queen, Leah Young, and her Princess, Alice Woolridge who carried out their duties very professionally.

Back at the Cricket Club, a large crowd gathered to enjoy apple cake, soup, bread and cheese, and some refreshing beverage. Thanks to Geoff Delves for rescuing the bar manager of the cricket club, by fetching another barrel of cider when there was a problem. But I told Ben that would be our secret. Fancy having no draught cider on the Wassail evening!

The rest of the evening was Jim Causley and friends providing some excellent musical entertainment, both instrumental and vocal. It was great fun, and a great atmosphere. I was delighted when several people stopped me to say how much they had enjoyed the whole evening, so well done and thank you to the History Society for all their hard work, plus the army of cake makers and helpers who also served the food, the orchard owners – Margaret Burrough, Peter Bowden, Jim and Mary Chard, Ian and Anne Hardcastle, not forgetting Ray Horn and the team of bar staff at the Cricket Club.

Same time next year, you film stars?

Ed H

Bunting Over the years bunting has been put up around the village for high days and holidays. We are no longer sure where all that bunting has gone. So, with Village Week and The Royal Jubilee in mind, it would be good to know what bunting is available to decorate the village. If you know where some is, or perhaps have a box tucked away in your garage, could you please let me know.

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Happy new year, Jim Causley here!

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February 8th, March 14th, April 11th,
May 9th, June 13th, July 11th etc.

Yet More Awards for Trevor

Following recent national recognition for his cricket coaching, Whimble resident Trevor Griffin has just picked up another award - this time at the Express & Echo's inaugural Sports Awards ceremony at Sandy Park.

Trevor was shortlisted in two categories, where he was named Runner Up for Coach of the Year alongside Rob Baxter (Exeter Chiefs) and Paul Tisdale (Exeter City FC), and then went on to win the award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport, which was presented to him by former middle distance runner Steve Cram MBE.

The judges commented "Trevor makes an outstanding contribution all round working with, among others, East Devon District and Devon County cricketers, (male and female squads), the disabled county squad as well as engaging children at over 30 schools in Exeter on behalf of the 'Chance To Shine' charity. Children at one school wrote a song and created a dance in honour of 'Magical Trevor'; anyone who inspires that simply has to be worth an award!"

Trevor's company T.C.C. which is based in the village, also provides individual coaching to a wide range of players across the county and sells cricket equipment online at www.trevorscricketcoaching.co.uk.



Today's kids, tomorrows teachers! Oh dear

The following questions were set in GCSE examinations in Swindon. These are genuine responses (from 16 year olds):

Geography

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard, and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutant like grit, sand, dead sheep, and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Sociology

Q: What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A: If you are buying a house, they will insist you are well endowed.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Biology

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow. [He got an A]

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorised? (e.g. abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A,E,O U, and I.

Q: What is the Fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean Section'.

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport

Q: Give an example of a fungus. What is a characteristic feature?

A: Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places and they look like umbrellas.

English

Q: Use the word 'judicious' in a sentence to show you understand its meaning.

A: Hands that judicious can be soft as your face.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Technology

Q: What is a turbine?

A: Something an Arab or Sheik wears on his head

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The Annual Meeting was held in November, when Avril Ellingham was elected to serve as President for another term. After the formal part of the meeting three members helped each of us to make a Christmas card.

The December meeting started with a quiz, followed by a craft session led by two of our members. We then enjoyed a festive 'bring and share' Christmas meal before being entertained to a light hearted sketch presented by another group of talented ladies. The evening drew to a close with a special Christmas draw.

In January the 1st Whimble Scouts presented an excellent talk and demonstration. Six scouts told us something of the hard work in preparing for the annual 'Ten Tors'. Well done to all concerned and best wishes for every success.

We are now looking forward to a varied and interesting programme for 2012. Visitors and new members are welcome, just contact Avril Ellingham (822945) for more information.

One quick reminder, the February meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month (7th February).

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Whimble School Choir

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As so it was, I guess, for many shoppers who prepared to face the weekly shop in the run up to Christmas.

As it turned out for them, they were to be entertained while they shopped.

As many of you know, I run a school choir at Whimble School, which has been going for 7 years. Over the years, the numbers have fluctuated, but stayed within 15 - 25 members. The choir is open to all children from Yr2 (6-7) to Yr6 (10 - 11), for a small fee.

The numbers have climbed over the

last couple of years, until we reached the highest yet last term - 46 children. As I'm sure you're also aware, Whimble School is fairly small, with just over 100 pupils - about 30 of whom are too young to come to choir, which means that out of approximately 70 eligible children, 2/3 come to choir each week!

Many of the older children have been in the choir since they were year 2, so are very confident singers, and familiar with the kind of complex songs I teach them.

Last term was no exception. For the Sainsbury's 'gig', I chose a couple of songs from the previous half-term's work on 'animal' songs, plus a selection of Christmas ones. A couple of the songs split into four parts, which the children manage with ease. Another - 'Masters In This Hall' is a very old carol, with 'Old English' words - full of 'thou's, 'thee's and 'doth's, but again they managed well, though 'Gabriel' was definitely their favourite - full of jazzy rhythms and cool words, again split into four parts. The sort of song you can't stand still to!

One of the remarkable things about this outing, was that although it was a Saturday, when many people have other commitments, 43 out of the 46 members were able to come along, which was fantastic. Dressed in our daffodil yellow choir sweatshirts and T-shirts, we filled our allocated space in the atrium entrance, and while we were careful not to impede the shoppers' access, we were such a hit that many people stood and listened, making access a little challenging for some.

It was great to see friends, staff and villagers there to see us, and we thank you for all your support and encouragement.

Supported by Tim Wood, a good friend and fellow musician, on the piano, and helped by the many parents who brought their offspring and did the honours with collecting boxes, in just over half an hour, we raised £133 for the 'Friends Of Whimble School' and had a blast!

Emma Palmer



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WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year! Christmas is always a frantic time for all and it is no different in school. In the last two weeks of term a whole production of 'The Whimple Star' was put together along with Christmas dinner, a Christmas fair, Carol singing, making cards and Christmas parties! No wonder we are all shattered by Christmas. A huge thank you to all those involved in supporting, and helping to run these activities. This term is calmer although there are lots of off-site sporting activities planned. That should help to keep us all fit!

Carole Shilston

Christmas Production

As usual we did the Christmas Production in the Church; the Church was absolutely packed with mums and dads and brothers and sisters.

We managed to practice it in just two weeks! The little ones just looked amazing in all their costumes.

The year six did the speaking and India Withers was the star I don't know how she had such a big voice for such a small person. The year six did a big clean up the day after the performance.

By **Max Bowden**, Year 6



Cinderella

There once lived a girl called Cinderella and she came to visit Whimple School on the 5th January. Everybody enjoyed the show and we all laughed when strictly come dancing came to the ball and two of our teachers went up to dance on stage. Their names were Mrs Shilston and Mrs Watson.

By **Joseph Tandy and Max Walker**, Year 2.



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Ottery Christmas Concert

The Parish Church of St Mary was packed for the Christmas concert on December 10th by the Ottery Choral Society & Orchestra, under the conductor Malcolm Matthews. The main choral work of the evening was Vivaldi's Gloria with society members Annie Bassett, Kyle Hayes, Libby Staples and Pip Gascoigne-Pees singing the soprano and alto solos.



The Orchestra performed Barber's Adagio for Strings and Ben Scott from Ottery received tremendous applause for his organ solo, Widor's Toccata. The choir also sang Handel's Zadok the Priest and the Hallelujah Chorus, as well as three contrasting carols: Sussex Carol, the Lute Book Lullaby and Torches.

As usual, the audience was very happy to join in a selection of well-known carols, backed by choir, orchestra and organ - filling the church with sound. After the concert the audience and performers were able to enjoy wine and mince pies to herald the arrival of the Christmas season.

Easter concert

Many of us need a light at the end of the tunnel in the cold and often gloomy winter days. So now is the time to put the next concert date in your 2012 diaries. To celebrate Easter and the arrival of spring you are invited to come along to Ottery St Mary Parish Church on **Saturday March 31st 2012 at 7.30pm.**

The centrepiece of the programme will be Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle. In honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we will also be singing three of Handel's magnificent Coronation Anthems: The King Shall Rejoice, Let Thy Hand be Strengthened, and My Heart is Inditing. Tickets will be available from Stagestruck in Ottery St. Mary (01404 811311) or from Society members.

For more details please visit our website. We hope to see you then.

For any further information regarding OSMCS please contact:

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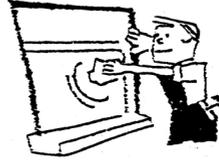
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3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: **Asparagus and rhubarb**.
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside: **Strawberry**.
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? **It grew inside the bottle**. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season.
6. Three English words beginning with dw: **Dwarf, dwell and dwindle**...
7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: **Full stop, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses**.
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: **Lettuce**.
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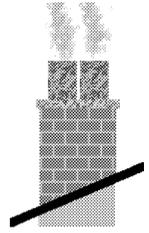
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