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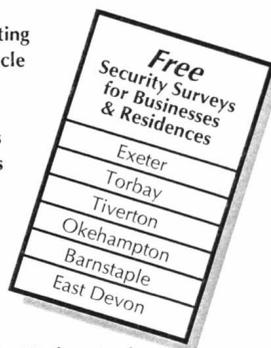
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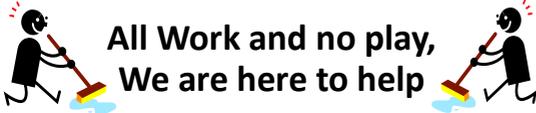
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What's On In Whimble

August

- 1st Table Tennis Club Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm, see posters for details
- 7th Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 8th WI Summer Garden Party at Hindstrete 3.00pm
- 12th VPA annual Flower and Craft Show, Victory Hall. Details page 44
- 14th Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 15th Table Tennis Club Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm, see posters for details
- 19th VPA trip to Rosemoor Flower Show. Details pages 44/45
- 21st Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 28th Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers Big Breakfast at the Victory Hall
8.00am - 12.00noon. Details page 50
- 29th WI visit to Manor Theatre Sidmouth

September

- 4th Parish Plan – Open Forum 3.00pm-7.00pm – details page 27
- 4th Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 5th Table Tennis Club Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm, see posters for details
- 9th End of Season Band Night – at the Cricket Club – Queen Tribute Band –see
posters for details plus online What's on in Whimble
- 9th Front Row Club Victory Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm – see posters for details
- 9th Barn Dance in the Orchard – details page 36
- 11th Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 12th WI Monthly Meeting Victory Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm. Keith Perkin on 'Would
Dixon of Dock Green be of relevance to policing today?'
- 15th VPA Talk by Hugh Roberts –Soil pH – Victory Hall 7.30pm –details page 44
- 16th Flag Parade – details page 34
- 18th Parish Council Meeting, Committee Room Victory Hall at 7.00pm
- 18th Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 19th Table Tennis Club Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm, see posters for details
- 23rd VPA trip to Malvern Autumn Show – details pages 44/45
- 25th Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 29th WI Social Skittles at the New Inn Broadclyst 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- 30th Soup and Sarnie, Victory Hall 12.00 noon – 1.30pm

October

- 2nd Beginners and Refresher Ballroom Dancing, Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm
- 3rd Table Tennis Club Victory Hall 7.00-9.00pm, see posters for details

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What a brilliant Village Week – well done to all involved – and to everyone who attended and contributed to the wonderful sum of £2600 that will be distributed to the local organisations who helped with the week (see page 30). Village Day was well supported and there were lots of attractions up at the Parish Field. I missed the usual team of Beer Quality Assurers who have, in the past, helped to maintain standards in the beer tent. With their departure, profits soared! I know that the current Mrs H and her Munchkin mates were very pleased with the donations and success of the ‘Groom a Pony’ during the afternoon – Herbie and Butterscotch had a lovely time. They were delighted to come along and recognise the regular support they receive via the collecting tin in the shop. And we have dates for 2018 for Village Week already!

I had a lovely chat with Myrtle Dockings which is on pages 14 and 15. I love the picture of her at aged 11! The Parish Council have been busy with organising an open forum ‘Beyond Tomorrow’ that gives us all a chance to have our say about the future of Whimple – please do get involved! (see page 27). And on the topic of this great village, the Parish Council are aware of some worrying behaviour/vandalism/petty theft in the village, which is disappointing. They make the good point of asking people to contact the police to report and log these instances, so that they are aware of any trends/patterns and can then deal with them. (see page 26) After all the good work from Village Week, we should not tolerate these behaviours in our village.

Continuing with the bouquets that I started with, well done to everyone involved with the very creative Unearth Project, culminating in a superb evening in the Victory Hall at the beginning of July. I know that it had taken a lot of work to gather and then choose events from the village that would transfer into theatre. The evening was brilliantly entertaining, and I note that it was being recorded for posterity on video.

The Church Abseil in June gave many brave people an opportunity to test themselves and in public! Well done to them. We will be bidding farewell to Peter and Ann Bowden in September and they will be missed for their very active involvement in all things local, from WI (not Peter!) and local government roles – and the occasional starring appearance in the Yo-Yos skittle team. Thank you to both of them for their enthusiasm and support to all things Whimple; best wishes for your new start in Australia.

I was impressed when our new curate, Marc Kerslake, helped out in the shop for a few shifts so that he might meet the good people of Whimple in a slightly different way. Unfortunately he was unable to work alongside me and thus absorb my particular flair for customer skills, so he had to make do with people who actually know what they are doing!

As ever, if you would like to contribute an article for this wonderful magazine (and still FREE!), then please drop it into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain or whip it down the wires to Bob on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk by 6th September – thanks!

Ed H

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Our fresh cakes come in daily from Shauls Bakery and we have a range from Crediton bakers Peck and Strong, and Foxcombe Bakery at Okehampton. Pasties and pies come in from Chunk at Ottery St Mary with sausage rolls and pasties also from Shauls. We hope very soon to be offering freshly made sandwiches to add to the food available for you to grab and go. We have struggled to find a quality sandwich. They are either very expensive or not very good so hopefully home-made will be best.

If the weather is good you may be out using your BBQ. We would urge you to try a great local product 'Orchardman Charcoal'. It is made by Mark and Dawn Vanstone in the village. He says:

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Post Office News

Changes are afoot. We are aware that Central Garage have applied for the London Road site to have a Post Office. We are obviously disappointed and will keep you updated as to what services we will lose if we are allowed to stay open.

There is a possibility that our last collection will change on weekdays from 5pm to 4.45pm. Royal Mail may need to rearrange their collection schedule but there should be notices going onto post boxes if that is the case so please watch out for future changes.

Mark and Jenny 822316



Mark Evans-Martin



Normally, I am accustomed to amending, deleting or just contemplating before clicking the publish button when writing an article, or in modern speak, a short blog. However, on this occasion writing something for the first time for the Whimble News as the recently elected Councillor for Whimble and Talaton is indeed a great un-nerving challenge! I actually would say that being a parent is easier!

We have lived in Whimble since 2010, originally living in Teignmouth. My wife Catherine has worked in Exeter for most of her working career and gained an MBA from Exeter University. She is currently at home with our young son Toby, who is not yet a year old! I have a passion for exercise and health and have accumulated 30 years of experience in this arena, I now run a portfolio of fitness and stress management products for health-conscious individuals, including 11 to 17 year-olds, offering the chance to learn about self-preservation through fitness, not just as a short-term trend but as a permanent and realistic part of their lives to create a 'fitness passport' of their physical well-being.

From fresh vegetables at the village shop to finding that elusive track from the 70's on vinyl, I have to say Whimble has it all! It has a great history and heritage and it is something we should all be proud of, strive to support and enrich for the future so that the generations continue to live and work in and around the village. My role as councillor for this term will be to focus on local issues for the ward and through the Parish Council, we have the opportunity to focus and work on a few key challenges. I appreciate that there are probably many things on our minds from the current political climate, whilst my focus is very much local; please contact me if you would like to discuss any topics.

Have a great summer holiday and let's hope for more great weather!

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A conversation with Myrtle Dockings

Myrtle was born on 22nd December 1936, making her a very young 81 years old; she was born in Morgan's Cottage, (opposite the entrance to the village car park now) the home of her grandparents who brought her up.

Granddad was the Head Nurseryman for Whiteways but died when she was four, and so Myrtle was looked after by her Gran. She went to Whimple School when she was five and attended the 'overflow' school in Redler House behind the Congregational Church on Church Road – the main school had been filled with evacuee children and so extra space had to be found in the village. Myrtle was only there for a year before going back into the main school.



Aged eleven, (see photo) Myrtle moved to the King's School in Ottery, which meant a walk up Church Road to Hand and Pen to catch the bus - then very busy with both Whiteways' lorries and Webber's Abattoir lorries. Myrtle has always enjoyed craft work, and even then, she was knitting or making dolls clothes rather than playing. So at 15, there was a natural move, to work for Wippels in Exeter as an apprentice tailor. They paid her train costs in and out of the city, plus she was given a hot lunch - and that was her remuneration! She worked there for five years.

Myrtle attended the Congregational Chapel which supported a central Missionary Charity that funded missionary ships. There was an opportunity to meet a very young Princess Margaret on board a new ship, the 'John Williams' when it visited London. Her name was put forward on behalf of all the local churches, and, aged eleven, she found herself meeting Princess Margaret, despite her dear Gran saying "No way will she come first out of the whole of Devon!" – But she did! Every county in England was represented.

On 29th October, 1955, Myrtle met her future husband, Fred, at an evening dance at the end of the Whimple Carnival. Fred had come into Whimple with his boss, from his home in Bridford, on the edge of Dartmoor – so a lucky visit! They married on 22nd September 1956, and Fred first worked on a farm at Clyst St Mary for three years and then he and Myrtle moved to live in Talaton. Fred had whooping cough at four and that caused damage to his lungs, affecting him for the rest of his life. He was regularly seen by the Chest Unit and it was on their recommendation that he come off the land to help his chest and so Fred went to work for a garage in Princesshay for five years. Gran came to live with them for ten years before she died in 1966.

In 1971 Fred was told, at only 37, that he should give up work altogether because of his chest problems. Myrtle also gave up work to look after him and, with the help of the Council and other friends, they moved to Orchard Court in Whimple. Fred sadly died in 1990, aged 57. Myrtle was only 53.

Myrtle wanted to get back into the world of work, so went to a men's shop in Mill Street, Ottery where she spent two days a week doing alterations and other sewing tasks, for two years.

Some of her friends opened up the veterinary practice in Whimble in 1992 and told Myrtle that she was going to be the receptionist. This proposed change caused Myrtle some worries about taking on such a different job but she joined – and stayed with them for 16 happy years, retiring in May 2008.

Myrtle has a long association with the League of Friends of Ottery Hospital, having joined them when Fred was recuperating in the hospital. In May 1991, Myrtle went to the AGM and joined the committee to cover the Whimble area. She was asked to be the Membership Secretary and did that job for some thirteen years. However, she remains a keen member and supporter. As if that wasn't enough to occupy her time, Myrtle played a strong role in supporting the Medical Trust at the Coleridge Health Centre, whose main purpose was to buy equipment for the doctors that they could not get on the NHS.

For some twenty years Myrtle had run a Webb Ivory catalogue business, where she was the main contact, and passed the commission to the Medical Trust. The first cheque was for £150. Webb Ivory was sold to another business and Myrtle found that the quality of the goods decreased, so she decided to stop. Her last cheque to the Trust was for £1300.

In 2004, Myrtle was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of the great work she had done with the Ottery Trust and Hospital. She went up to London with her good friend Ann and made a very enjoyable – but long- day of it. She was lucky enough to stand very close to the Queen and got a beaming smile and that was a wonderful memory for her.

Myrtle continues to be involved in many Whimble activities – a long list that includes being Membership Secretary of the VPA and the Over 60s (and going on their coach trips), helping out at the History Society on a Wednesday afternoon with the large amount of articles etc that they are given, continuing with her craft work, helping with Soup and Sarnie, and doing flowers in the Church. She also finds time to go on short coach holidays with her good friend, Sylvia Broom (see photo) and so far this year they have been to Cumbria, the Isle of Wight and the Black Country – with Eastbourne planned for November! It sounds a bit like 'Girls on Tour'!

Myrtle, as with all the good people of Whimble that I have these chats with, is another splendid example of getting involved and doing something for this wonderful village of ours. Thank you Myrtle – long may it continue.

Ed H



Whimble History Society



What's in a name? Please help!

Whimble has a significant number of properties, which have names rather than street numbers, although of course some have both. New owners often re-name their new homes and farms and, over the lifetime of a property, it can have several names.

Sadly, as time goes by, the earlier names and the stories behind them become lost. The History Society would like to try to ensure that the names of the village properties and farms are not forgotten by creating a record of their various names.

When people are researching their family history, they will often establish that their ancestors lived in a particular house in Whimble and some like to visit the village and to see where their family lived. The problem arises when the property they are looking for has been re-named and no-one has heard of the property they are seeking.

The History Society would like your help in compiling a history of village property names and, if possible, what the reason was for choosing a particular name. If you can provide any information please e-mail the History Society at

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or pop a note in the Heritage Centre's post box.

If known, please include details of the property and owners, the property's current and previous names(s), the date the name changed and the story behind the new name.

The History Society does have information about some property names and, to set the ball rolling, this edition's 'Tales of Whimble' relates the story of why a property at Perriton Cross, was called 'EEEE' or '4Es'. We understand in the late 19th century the property was called 'Welshes' or 'Welshes Farm'. It was known as 'Lamorna' before becoming 'EEEE' and, to complete the circle, is now once again called 'Welshes Farm'.

'Tales of Whimble' The story of 'EEEE' or '4Es'

In July 2006 the 'Express & Echo' newspaper featured a story about the impending sale of a property at Perriton Cross, Whimble, owned by the charity St. Dunstan's, and known as 'EEEE' or '4Es'. The article stated that the property was named 'EEEE' by a Mr. Wagstaffe, who had four sons, hence "One for 'e', one for 'e'" etc.

The newspaper subsequently published a letter from a reader saying the explanation given in the article was 'very wide of the mark' and the true story was that the property was re-named – it was previously called 'Laburnum' – by Mr. Wagstaffe when his family moved in shortly after St. Dunstan's purchased it for him in 1979.

It was explained that the name 'EEEE' was actually a play on words (or in this case on letters) and meant 'For Ease' i.e. to relax and enjoy life, hence four Es.

Mr. Wagstaffe was born and bred in Sidmouth and left school at 14 in 1947 to work on a farm, as was usual at that time. It was said he did not have a very broad Devonshire dialect and certainly never used the phrase 'One for 'e'. He carried out National Service and was severely wounded in the Korean War. Mr. Wagstaffe was an avid reader of all types of books until his eye-sight was badly affected by diabetes, and he then took to audio books. As you may know, St. Dunstan's is a charity that helps rehabilitate ex-servicemen and women and members of the emergency services, especially those who lose their sight.

Sadly, Mr. Wagstaffe passed away suddenly in 1985, aged 52, and never really got to enjoy all the hard work he put into 'EEEE'.

How do we know this account of the naming of the property at Perriton Cross is really true? Because the writer of the letter to the newspaper was Mr. Wagstaffe's eldest son, who was there on the day his father named 'EEEE' and witnessed the way in which St. Dunstan's gave his father hope and pride when the world around him became dark.

FORCE - The Autumn Series 2017

FORCE (the cancer charity) is proud to launch a new set of routes for our Autumn Series – The Autumn Breeze and the Autumn Storm.

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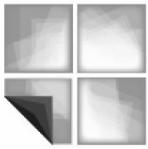
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Whimble Weather May & June 2017

	May		June	
	Reading	Date	Reading	Date
Temperature				
Maximum (°C)	26.7	26 th	33.3	20 th
Minimum(°C)	-0.5	10 th	4.5	3 rd
Days with frost	1	10 th	0	-
Precipitation				
Days with rain	12		12	
Wettest day (mm)	10.4	17 th	30.2	28 th
Monthly total (mm)	46.5		69.9	
Monthly total relative to 2016	138%		73%	
Monthly total relative to Whimble long-term average	71%		110%	

June 2017 was very hot at times in Whimble – temperatures exceeded 30°C on 5 consecutive days. Here is a look back at summers past in Whimble, compiled from the data of Mrs Wheaton (1968-1984, Westview Close) and Mr Ken Burrows (1993-2012, Higher Slewton). Thank you to Gill Smith at the Heritage Centre and Mrs Burrows for allowing me to browse their respective journals.

Warmest summer	2003: 20.2°C
Coollest summer	1980: 14.7°C
Warmest month	Aug 1995: 21.6°C
Coollest month	Jun 1972: 12.5 °C
Highest max	34°C: 27 th & 28 th Jun 1976; 1 st & 3 rd Aug 1995
Lowest min	2°C: 2 nd Jun 1975
Driest summer	1995: 1.56 inches (39.6 mm)
Wettest summer	2012: 16.40 inches (416.6 mm)
Wettest month	Aug 1997: 7.6 inches (193.0 mm)
Wettest day	7 th Aug 1997: 3 inches (76.2 mm)
Most heavy daily falls (≥ 0.75 ")	5: 1973
Most wet days	58: 2012
Least wet days	10: 1976

During the hot summer of 1995 Ken Burrows commented in his journal that driving was difficult due to melting tarmac; in early June 1975, when an overnight low of 2°C was recorded in Whimble, sleet and snow fell as far south as London; extreme rainfall on 7th August 1997 led to severe flooding in Whimble: walls were knocked down and the stream near Westview Close rose 12 feet in less than an hour. The only local comparison to the very wet summer of 2012 is 1912, when the Devon & Exeter Institution in Cathedral Close recorded 13.94 inches (354.1 mm) of rain and 66 wet days.

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The Whimbletons' Village Week Quiz

I hope that you have all been enjoying the sunshine recently. It is so nice to see the difference a little bit of summer sun makes to everything.

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the quiz night hosted by the Whimbletons during village week.

It was a fun evening and our quizmaster the clever Mr Tony (the brains) Bickel excelled himself once again. I have no idea where he gets his questions from!

There are lots of other people to thank especially those who came to help set up and Sally Wilde who organised the very popular bar. I know that she was assisted by lots of people so rather than make a list and forget some one I will just say, you all know who you are and a big heartfelt thank you to you all.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next Pantomime in February 2018.

The ever popular Panto Dame Racing will return next Year now that the ladies have had a well deserved rest. We are looking at the early May bank holiday on the Saturday so pencil that in your diaries.

More details on our up and coming events will follow soon.

If you would like to offer any support to any of our events please contact me, Neil Walker or our lovely secretary, Alice Walsh

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Car Parking and Speed

Councillors and members of the public are concerned about parking, particularly around School Hill and the speed some motorists are driving through the narrow lanes and roads in and around the village. In general most people drive and park responsibly in the village but a few are potentially putting others at risk due to poor parking or excess speed. At a recent Parish Council Meeting our new District Councillor Mark Evans-Martin volunteered to head up a working group to look at various ways we can improve parking in general in the village and also ways to reduce excess speed and educate offenders.

Incidents of anti-social behaviour in Whimble

Although we have a wonderful and generally peaceful village sadly there have been several reports on social media of an increase in vandalism, petty theft and anti-social behaviour in the past weeks. Steve Trail from D&C Police (Ottery St Mary) has asked residents to report any such activity direct to the police using the 101 call number and not to the Parish Council. Steve Trail expressed the need to report any incident at the time so it is recorded and they are able to react/deal with any issues that the village may have. There is a group reference number, 335.21.05.17, held by the Police, for Whimble incidents such as the above to quote when calling. Reports can also be made using D&C Police online reporting form by using the following link <https://services.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crimereporting>.

Police resources are stretched and it is only by sufficient numbers of reports being made to the Police by more residents or, the seriousness of an offence, that will drive up the priority of a given response. All other more serious incidents should be reported in the normal manner using the 999 telephone number.

About Us

The Parish Council website provides details of all the Parish Council Meetings with dates of future meetings and agendas and minutes of past meetings. We welcome members of the public to attend meetings and for more information see whimbleparishcouncil.weebly.com.

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A Steering Group is being formed to progress matters and a fresh consultation programme is planned beginning with an Open Forum to gather the views of the community – a key criteria of the plan.

Open Forum

- Date : 4th September 2017.
- Venue : Whimble Village Hall.
- Time : 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

The forum is intended to be an informal drop in session.

Members of the Parish Council, the NP Steering Group, a representative from EDDC, DDC and from other interested parties will be present to receive your views and guide you through what is ultimately involved.

If unable to attend feel free to pen a note to the Parish Council annotating contact details and points you wish to raise, briefly, and drop this off at the Village Shop.

All your thoughts and ideas are welcome with key areas for you to consider being:-

- Amenities/Leisure Facilities – what is missing/where improvements are required;
- Education – potential future local demand;
- Medical well being;
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We hope you are all enjoying using the court in the lovely weather this year. We have had to remove the winder handle as there have been problems with the headline through the net getting stuck in the winding mechanism – court maintenance is an on-going process, so thank you to Julian for making sure the net, and therefore court, remains usable! Apologies for any inconvenience when the first digital padlock became stuck – the new one seems much more robust!

A little report from one of our Wimbledon ticket ballot winners:

'I have belonged to the Whimble tennis club for many years, and enjoyed playing tennis, and also the social life that goes on there. Whimble is so lucky to have its very own tennis court.

Each year, because the club is affiliated to the All England Club, we receive two pairs of tickets for Wimbledon fortnight, which are put into a club draw. I was lucky this year as my name was pulled out of the hat for two centre court tickets for the second Monday of Wimbledon. It is about 30 years since I last went, so I was really keen to go again.

My friend Gail and I went up on the 8.41am train from Whimble which stops at Wimbledon during the tennis fortnight. We arrived at 11.30 am and hopped straight onto a fleet of waiting buses which conveyed us straight to the courts, for the grand total of £5.00 return - excellent value!

What a great day we had - sunshine, lunch, Pimms and ice cream, and superb tennis. We passed on the strawberries - eaten too many already! We had excellent seats in the shade, facing the Royal box.

Our day commenced with Venus Williams, followed by our one and only Andy Murray, who fortunately won in three sets, enabling us to watch two sets of Federer's game, before we had to leave to catch the train home, arriving back in Whimble at 10.30pm.

One thing we both really appreciated was no commentary - you could really concentrate on the play and how powerfully the players hit the ball. Something we did miss which you get on TV was the "slow mo" on some of the superb rallies, but you can't beat the atmosphere of actually being there.

All in all, an excellent day.'

Frankie Wilson

Whimble Day WACY races Fun Run

A big thank you to everyone who took part in this years WACY races fun run.

Caroline got us off to an energetic start with a sizzling summer warm up before we got down to the serious business of fun running!

After a closely fought contest the race was won by 16yr old Naveed Rahihiin in 9:29. Hot on his heels was 13yr old Taylor Carpenter in 9:44, closely followed by 13yr old Olly Bunkum in 9:47.

1st under 10 boy went to 8 yr old Tom Gordon Lennox in a fantastic 4th place. The 1st lady home was Isabella Fry in a brilliant 11:07 securing her a well deserved 5th place. 15yr old Jessica Denton in 8th place was the 1st under 16 girl home.

The youngest runner was 4 yr old Beatrix Giffard in a very respectable 28th place with a time of 15:47.

Great running by all the above and great running by all 40 of you who took part.

Thank you all & thanks to everyone who helped with the event. See you all next year!

Heather Pye

WHIMPLE DAY - THE MONEY

Whimble Day 2017 has been, financially, the best Whimble Day I have been involved in. A great selection of events brought lots of people to the field and careful control kept costs to a minimum.

Gross revenue (the amount of money raised) was almost £4,800 and the amount available (after expenses) for distribution to local charities and good causes is over:

£2,600 !!

By the time Whimble News is published, the organizers of Whimble Day will have met and agreed the distribution of these funds.

If your organisation wants to participate in Whimble Day next year please contact either Sue Ayres (sueayres1@btinternet.com) or Louise Walmsley (walmsley_louise@yahoo.co.uk).

Remember, to coin a phrase, if you're not in it, you can't win it.

The lucky winners of the **Whimble Week Raffle** were:

£150 Heather Pye; £100 Luz Claridge; £50 Nick Pye

David Myers

The **Egg Catching Champions** were:

The Junior Egg Cup: Taylor Carpenter and Connor Brooks

The Whimble Egg Cup: Sam Austin and Lee Wheaton



VILLAGE WEEK AND WHIMPLE DAY 2017

WHAT A GREAT WEEK WE HAD,
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The aim of Village Week is to bring the village together; it's the only event in Whimple's busy calendar that involves multiple organisations, caters for all ages, offers a wide variety of events AND helps sustain some of our many groups by raising funds.

A big thank you to all the tireless volunteers who set up activities and to those who supported them by going along – it is much appreciated and helps make Village Week a big success.

Despite the hard work - We're going to be doing it again next year!

VILLAGE WEEK 2018

Sunday 1st - 8th July. Whimple Day is Saturday 7th July.

We will be contacting all the organisations that took part this year but if your group has never been involved and would like to hold an event, offer volunteers or run an activity on Village Day, please get in touch. Post something on 'What's On Whimple' Face book page and we'll pick it up or email, sueayres1@btinternet.com.

Don't we have a great village? Have a good summer.

Sue Ayres





Day



Whimble is going to have a Parade on Saturday 16th of September Everyone is invited.

The History Society and Heritage Centre are taking part in a Heritage Lottery Project that has enabled us to restore two of Whimble's vintage flags. The flags, one Whimble Scout Troop and one Whimble Wolf Cub Pack date from the first half of the twentieth century. Both have now been restored and are robust enough to show off in a parade.

In addition, the Heritage Centre recently held a Flag Competition. There were 10 entrants and the winner was 13 year old Tim Goody who is the grandson of Mike and Avril Ellingham. Tim's winning flag design is currently with a professional flag maker and will be made up in cotton 750mm x1200mm in size. We look forward to seeing it at the parade.

To make the day a great community event, we hope to involve everyone including Whimble Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and of course The School. The event is going to be filmed by a professional film maker.

We would like to hear from you if you belong to an organisation that has a flag or banner, or if you own a vintage flag or banner and you would like to take part in the parade. Please contact: Sue Ayres sueayres1@btinternet.com 823082.

We are also looking for a Band or a group of musicians to march in front of the parade. If you can help, please contact Sue Ayres.

Please keep Saturday 16th September free and look out for more information.

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So on Wednesday 26th April 2017, Sean went up to the Merchant Taylors' Hall for the Joint Services Dinner and Military Awards night, and was presented with his medal by HRH The Princess Royal (see photo). His family, are, understandably, very proud of this achievement, and we are delighted to give Sean this publicity. Well done Sean!!



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Unfortunately we had to postpone our proposed visit to St. Bridget Nurseries to learn all about Rose Grafting. There simply were not enough numbers to make the trip. However, we will try again next year.

By the time this edition reaches your doorstep, I expect there will be a lot of you putting the finishing touches to your exhibits for our Annual Flower and Craft Show on Saturday 12th August 2017. For those of you entering the Arts and Crafts Section, please note there was a typing error. Class 0603, the Hand Made Cushion Cover, the display area should have read not to exceed 460mm x 460mm (18" x 18"). Apologies for this, rest assured the typist has been duly admonished! Naturally we are looking forward to another very successful Show and, with all your magnificent exhibits, we expect it will be!

At the time of writing, there were a few places left for the trip to the first official Rosemoor Flower Show on Saturday 19th August. This will include a wonderful selection of plants from west country nurseries with a selection of hard to find plants. So, this should be a very worthwhile trip. A booking form is at the end of this report.

A reminder that we have two events planned for September. The first will be on Friday 15th September when there will be the hands on 'Workshop and Talk' by Hugh Roberts on Soil pH. This should be another entertaining evening to help us understand more about the soil we have in our gardens and how to improve it.

The second event is the coach trip to the Malvern Autumn Show on Saturday 23rd September 2017. However, this is proving to be a popular trip so if you want to go please book your place with the form at the end of this report. This is another big event with much to see and do. Highlights of the show include the RHS Flower Show, Plants Shops and FREE RHS Gardening Advice. Details of travel times for the coach will be in the next edition of the Whimple News.

We are also looking to communicate directly with all our members via email. Hugh Roberts has very kindly offered to collate email addresses so if any of you who are members would like to get information from us direct, then can you please email Hugh direct on hughroberts@cooptel.net alternatively you can leave your name, phone number and email address on a slip of paper in the dedicated box in the village shop.

Finally, our new website is up and running! We are very grateful to Brian Nelson and Jenny Holmes for getting this up and running. Brian's daughter, Anne, has also been a great help in the process of setting up the new website and we are very grateful to her for this help. The new site is www.whimple-vpa.co.uk so please access it and if you have any comments on the content, then please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at the Flower and Craft Show in August.

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary

Booking slip for the trip to ROSEMOOR FLOWER SHOW – Saturday 19th August 2017

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Firstly some thank yous.

In June we held a very successful fundraising event. Fifty three brave people abseiled down the side of the Church Tower and even more brave teddies took part in a Zip Wire Challenge. At the time of writing it looks like we have raised about £5,500. Added to this, a further £1,000 was raised by the various stalls including the Cream Teas, Pimms and Ice Creams. Many thanks to Bruce and Alice Truscott, Phil Dominy and Ian Spicer who helped to set up and organise this successful event. Also thank you to the different groups of musicians who provided a variety of music during the afternoon. These included Slack ma Girdle, Glorious Rascals, Service and Reception and Whimple Worship band. Thank you also to everyone who helped in any way, both church members and non-church members, and to the large number of people who supported the event.



Thank you also to those who supported the Church events during Village Week. We had a really good turnout for our Songs of Praise Service during which a selection of songs, traditional and modern chosen by various people were sung. We were also treated to a hymn played on the Handbells.

Most of our regular Home Groups are taking a break for the Summer however there are lots of events to look forward to over the next few months

On Saturday 5th August Clyst St Lawrence are holding their annual Church Fete in Walkey's Field at 2.30pm.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 9th September, which is this year's **Devon Historic Churches Trust Day**. You are invited to visit as many churches as possible. This is an all-age event, and if you would like to join a group, please contact Mike Ellingham on 822945. Also in September there are two of our popular breakfasts. The first will be the Men's Breakfast on 16th September at Clyst Hydon, the second will be the Ladies' Breakfast on 23rd at Whimple Cricket Club.

The Guest speaker at both of these will be our new Curate, Marc Kerlake. Details are still being finalised but more information will be in The Link and on the website nearer the time

On September 24th we will be having our Harvest Service followed by a Bring and Share Picnic which will be held at Whimble Cricket Club. Details of this are still being finalised so look out for information in The Link and on the website nearer the time.

Please note that on Sunday 13th August there will be no Holy Communion or Celebration Service. Instead there will be Morning Worship at 9.30am.

Full details of all services can be found in The Link or on the website



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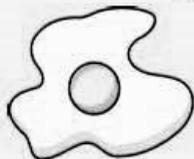
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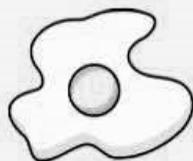
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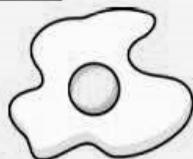
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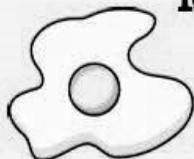
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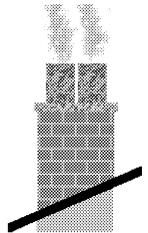
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Everyone has the right to a good death, but less than 30% of us have had a conversation with family members about their wishes for end of life. (Dying Matters Coalition). A new Lottery funded project, sponsored by leading East Devon charity Action East Devon, aims to put an end to the taboo of talking about death by organising 'Death Café Conversations' across East Devon as well as organising practical information sessions to help people put their affairs in order before death.

Gill Amos is the organiser of the new project 'Passing Matters'. She says, "Trying to understand and navigate practical information to help get affairs in order can be more difficult if put off talking about death until a life limiting diagnosis is made, particularly in later life". The aim of Death Café Conversations is to overcome to the fear of talking about death. They are safe and welcoming spaces, life affirming, supportive and always free where individuals, families and carers can come and talk over a cup of tea about end of life – their own or that of a relative or someone they care for. There is no agenda and they are discussion groups rather than grief support or counselling sessions.'

Passing Matters is also teaming up with Citizens Advice Bureau East Devon, to deliver 'Putting Your Affairs in Order' information sessions and practical 1:1 support. These will explain terms such as Mental Capacity, Lasting Power of Attorney and Advance Directives and Wills.

The third strand of the Passing Matters project is a specialist visiting service for people in the very end stages of life, in their own home or residential care home. Volunteers will be trained, supervised and supported to visit, share the journey, bring social contact, give carers a break or just keep vigil.

"Death is a natural part of being human and just like taxes we can't avoid it" says Gill. "This project will really make a difference to how people experience their end of life and how people close to them will view their own deaths".

Death Cafes are being held across East Devon. Forthcoming Death Cafes can be found at www.deathcafe.com

For more information on Passing Matters or to become a trained specialist volunteer for the project contact Gill Amos at Action East Devon Telephone 01404 549045 Email gill.amos@actioneastdevon.org.uk

Could you volunteer to support others with 'End of life'?

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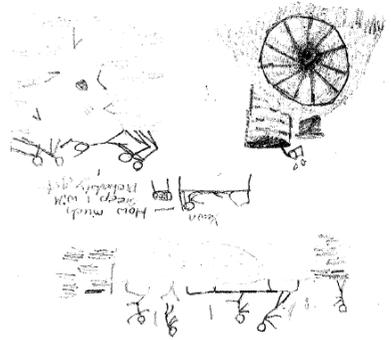
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WHIMPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Monday 30 excited children boarded the coach and travelled to Pixie's Holt. The view was amazing on the way across the moors. After unloading the coach we were shown around the base and unpacked in our rooms. Beds were made and rooms tidied ready for the first room inspection of the week. Team building activities took place in the afternoon and included taking water up through the tunnels, building a bridge across pretend lava and a balancing task. In the evening everyone went on a night walk along the river with the midges at Badgers Holt.



Tuesday we woke up to rain. Waterproofs were essential for mountain biking and orienteering in Soussons Wood. Teams had to find a variety of posts to claim points in a given time whereas mountain bikers pedalled around forest tracks and through a stream.

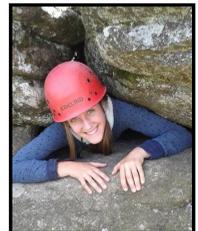


Hound Tor was the location for day three. Activities included weaselling, scrambling and climbing. Weaselling involves squeezing through tiny holes between the rocks, ranging in difficulty including three

extreme ones named 'King Kong', 'Toblerone of Doom' and 'The Triangle of Terror'. Everyone pushed themselves out from their comfort zone and were pleased and chuffed with their achievements.



Thursday involved two very different challenges, archery and caving. After putting on overalls and a helmet with a headlight, we crawled into dark, cold and wet cave. Some took on the underground weaselling challenge and then we experienced extreme darkness by turning off our lights.



After being shown how to use a bow and arrow, teams competed to score the most points. Flaming arrows won overall with 74 points in total. To finish the sessions we tried to pop a balloon with an arrow. Freddie was the only one who succeeded. (Sam)



The final day started with a good clear up. Bags packed and rooms cleaned. Then it was off to take part in bush craft activities. Children were placed into 5 teams to build a den which they could shelter in overnight. During this time each team also got to toast marshmallows on an open fire – some more successfully than others! The completed dens were fabulous and all varied in design.



A good week was had by all; children were challenged to move out from their comfort zones and cope with the emotions that came with that. They all coped tremendously and we are all really proud of them and their achievements.



At our May AGM Gill Down was re-elected as President and Delia Myers took over as Secretary from Ann Bowden. Gill thanked Ann for her years of service to Whimble WI and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. We also wished her all the best when she emigrates to Australia in September with her husband Peter and she will be greatly missed by all of us – hankies at the ready ladies! Rosemarie Burrows also stepped down from the Committee and was thanked for her many years of service with some flowers. Louise Walmesley, one of our relatively new members, has kindly joined the Committee, for which we are most grateful. Our speaker on that evening was Diane Janes, a classic crime writer, who gave us an insight into her research on crimes of the past and present centuries and the subsequent books she has written on the subject. Some of us found it fascinating, others didn't; depends on your interest I suppose!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

At our June 'Open Meeting' we were thoroughly entertained by Neil Livesey, an expert on Herbs. A boring title you might have thought, but not a bit of it. Most of us thought a herb was just something you sprinkled onto food, but we learnt there were so many other uses from culinary to medicinal, cosmetic & perfumery, antibiotic & antiseptic, dying, threshing and mystical. Neil explained all of these with detailed slides. Did you know that a lettuce was a herb? We didn't!

On the morning of the Church Fete, Avril Ellingham (a long-standing member of our WI) along with a number of others from the village, did a sponsored abseil down the Church tower – well done to Avril, a brave feat and she raised a goodly sum for the church restoration fund. Some people will do anything to gain attention as the photograph shows!!



On a hot sunny day, 23 of our ladies went on a trip to the National Trust property at Tyntesfield. A very 'educational' visit to a beautiful house full of history and fascinating items (and air-conditioning!). We were not able to explore the grounds fully though, as the temperature reached 35 degrees by lunch time and most of us were wilting rapidly. A pleasant lunch in the restaurant or café revived us however, plus ice creams of course! A 'Grand Day Out' as Wallace & Gromit would say.

The bi-monthly lunch was held at The Thirsty Farmer – well attended and enjoyed. As usual, our grateful thanks to Frankie Wilson for organising.

A great evening was spent by 11 members at the Manor Theatre in Sidmouth to see a drama and there is another one planned for the 29th of August which is a farce.

On Village Day on the 8th July, WI members (along with ladies from the church) as usual provided cakes and assisted in the refreshment tent during the day. It was a glorious sunny day and business was very brisk with drinks quickly consumed and cakes literally flying off the plates. Many thanks to all the ladies who baked cakes and provided help with serving and collecting payment.

Our 'social' meeting on the 11th July was an exciting evening of competitions, followed by puddings and soft drinks. Although I wasn't able to attend myself, I am sure my spies will tell me if there were any interesting things to report for my next article! Please contact Delia Myers on 823411 if you need any information on the Whimble WI.



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Whimble Primary School - Retirements



It was lovely to see a variety of new and old faces (both ex-pupils and their parents) at The Cricket Club to celebrate our retirement. We would like to thank everyone for their contributions towards our fabulous gifts. Whimble Primary School is a special place and it has been such a privilege to have been part of so many children's learning journeys. Thank you for allowing us that honour.

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Dance TW Exeter was started last November by Tina Gresham and me, Wendy Richards, with our first class in the America Hall, Pinhoe, Exeter. The first class saw approximately 12 people and grew weekly until we soon had about 18 people either learning or refreshing their Ballroom skills.

Although we had a nice number to teach, our main issue was that we had too many men. So we went to ITV Westcountry with our plight. Our plea was answered with a reporter, Richard Lawrence, and a cameraman who turned up in early February and gave us some brilliant coverage on the TV that attracted a number of ladies along to our class. Our numbers almost doubled and, although we have since lost some of these, we now have a core of 20 - 24 regular dancers.

From this success we decided to ask if Whimble was ready to ballroom dance and indeed it was! We started a class in May of this year and initially booked four weeks to see if we could get the same success. We have now booked right up to the New Year as we again have 20 - 24 regulars and this time we have all couples, which is lovely.

The group comes mostly from the village and are fun and a joy to teach. Some will admit that, at first, it wasn't something they thought they would enjoy but they are now talking dancing shoes and shirts with sequins!! Joking aside we all have great fun on a Monday and there are even some couples that come from further afield to learn so we appreciate the commitment they are showing.

If anyone wants to join and is afraid that we are a little into our teaching schedule, don't worry, we have two teachers so can always spend time with new dancers. We would love to see anyone who wants to start as a beginner or wants to brush up on their ballroom or Latin dancing.

Please contact either me **Wendy Richards** on 07949 141800 or **Tina Gresham** on 07414 298865

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