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# What's On in Whimble

## August

- 8th Whimble Cricket Club Youth Section host Toronto Academy teams - details on page 21.
- 13th Village Produce Association – Annual Flower Show, Victory Hall
- 18th Whimble Tennis Club - Social Night; 6.00pm onwards...
- 23rd Whimble Over 60's Club; Trip to Looe & Polperro.

## September

- 10th Confidence and Self Esteem workshops – Victory Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm. Details on page 23.
- 15th Whimble Tennis Club - Social Night; 6.00pm onwards...
- 16th History Society Talk "the River Exe from Source to Sea" Victory Hall 7.30pm.
- 17th Strawberry Tea at Albecq, The Green from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in aid of Breast Cancer Care.
- 17th Whimble and Talaton Quiz night – Victory Hall; see details on page 11.
- 17th 'On a whim promotions' – music at the Cricket Club – see details on page 19.
- 20th Whimble Over 60's Club; Trip to Exmoor Owl & Hawk Centre.
- 24th Soup and Sarnie Lunch – Victory Hall 12.00noon – 1.30 pm.

## October

- 8th Endorphin Effect Workshop Victory Hall, 9.30am–1.00pm – details on page 23.
- 9th Whimble Over 60's Club; Trip to Wye Valley & Monmouth.
- 14th History Society presents An antiques evening with David Williams and friends in the Victory Hall 7.30pm.

## November

- 1st Whimble Over 60's Club; Trip to Barnstaple.
- 18th History Society Talk "Devon Inn Names" in the Victory Hall 7.30pm.

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

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact **Nicky Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail [nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk)

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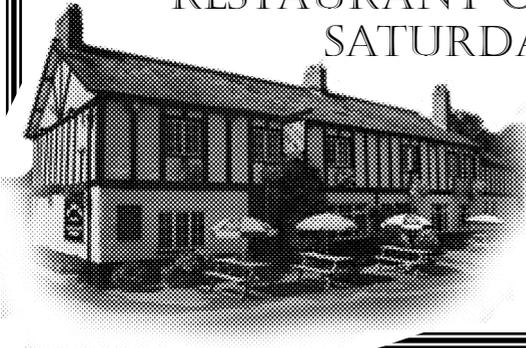
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## Ed the Ed

You might have guessed that this edition of your Whimple News would focus on the splendid Village Week that Bob Scanlan and his team put together for our village. We have included a centre spread of photos in glorious colour, which I hope you will enjoy, and which reflect the fun and enormous variety of events that happened on Village Day itself, but not forgetting everything else that happened in the preceding week. Our very own Sally Wilde has taken to the keyboard rather than the panto paintbrush to offer her view of the Gordon Giltrap evening, which was great fun. We have also included fulsome thanks (and well deserved) for the Village Week Team, and everyone involved in the planning and 'doing' of all the events. I thought it was a fantastic success and the new venue of the Parish Field was brilliant. The Egg Throwing continues to be a very entertaining finale to the whole week!

Guess the Weight of Diesel proved to be very popular, and I was delighted that Geoff Gardner rose to my challenge in the last editorial about how to get Diesel upstairs onto the bathroom scales. See his response on page 51 with Bob's excellent depiction of what that solution could look like. I understand that Diesel had such a great time that he wandered back over to the Parish Field, on the following Monday, having pushed his way through the hedge surrounding his field, in order to savour again the moment of fame – and the lush grass!

In the last few weeks, Whimple bade farewell to Yvonne Roberts, who died suddenly whilst returning to the UK after a cruising holiday with her husband Bob, who has done so much for the Whimple History Society; and to Janet Bright, who had lived all her life in Whimple, losing a brave fight with cancer. Janet will be missed at the Primary School where she had worked for many years. Our thoughts are with both their families.

I am delighted to report that 'the legs' have been out most days, pedalling me to Ottery and I can now claim a personal speed best of 32.5 mph down the long hill into Fairmile. Even the rabbits hide in the hedges as they hear me gasping up to the crest of the hill!

Next stop, the Tour de France!

Thanks to all the kind people who left donations at the Post Office for the News, and to Sally Wilde, for her donation following her card sale in the Victory Hall.

If you feel that you would like to offer an article/thoughts for inclusion in this wonderful magazine, then please let us have your words for the next edition by Monday 12th September, either via our Very Own Small Outlet Egg Catchers, Jim and Alison at the Post Office, or through the ether to our Village hero, bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk. I guess that Pam is looking forward to a few quiet months now!

Enjoy the rest of the summer

**Ed H**



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As I write this we have just had Village Week, and what a week it was. It was very difficult to decide which activities to attend as some overlapped; had they not however we would have to rename it Village Month! We tried our best to join in as many as we could and I am sure you will agree that it was the best ever. We particularly enjoyed the Morris Dancing outside of the New Fountain, unfortunately cut short due to the rain. However the musicians treated us to an impromptu musical interlude and the evening of merrymaking continued. The egg catching has now become such a classic, enjoyed by all, participants and spectators alike, a fabulous grand finale to the day.



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# GORDON GILTRAP – WHAT A GREAT NIGHT!

Yet again we have to thank our intrepid ‘Band Bookers’, John Griffiths and Alex Tooze, for organising another fantastic night of music for Whimble. My friend Richard from Bristol (a keen guitarist) was always raving about Gordon Giltrap and his signature tune ‘Heartsong’, so he was amazed to hear that this genius was playing in little old Whimble....

I booked tickets for him to come down with his girlfriend and we settled into our seats – perfectly placed next to the bar. First on were the band that delighted everyone last year, Denbury Folk, with their mix of traditional folk songs and humour. They had to perform in front of the curtain this time because the stage was full of Gordon’s guitars, but that didn’t seem to faze them and, in fact, they were having such a good time that Jim Causley had to usher them off so he could get his own act underway!

Of course, everyone in Whimble knows Jim and it was nice to hear his little anecdotes about his days as a Whimbleton and at Whimble School. He’s always so entertaining and has such a pure, engaging voice. The highlight for me was his ‘Alphabet Song’, which was really clever and funny. He was even allowed on stage with Gordon’s guitars.....!

We seemed to have quite a few intervals, which Gordon made fun of later, but he doesn’t understand the draw a bar in the Hall has – emergency barrels even had to be acquired from O’ Hanlon’s half way through! After the last but one interval, on came Gordon himself. He chatted away to start with and was riveting to listen to (one of his skills is after dinner speaking). He said that his tour itinerary so far had been Barnstaple, Kent, Whimble, which I thought sounded much better than New York, Paris, London, and explained that the set would be instrumental as he had given up singing some time ago but no one had noticed!

He began with The Dodo’s Dream in a Pink Floyd style, which was amazing, and also played a lovely version of ‘Here Comes The Sun’ on his baby guitar. It really was a small instrument but it made a lovely, sweet sound. Gordon often explained the story behind a piece, or dedicated it to someone close to him, and this gave the audience an extra insight into the composition. His playing was soulful and so accomplished. There was one more interval when Jim and Gordon gave up lots of time to sign copies of their latest CDs. Gordon even signed the guitar of a young girl in front of us, encouraging her to keep playing. She was thrilled to bits. In the second half, Gordon finally played a really vibrant version of Heartsong and it went down a storm with his fans there.

All in all, another triumph for the ‘On A Whim’ promotion team and everyone who helped to make the evening such a success. Oh, and great scenery, too!

**Sally Wilde**

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## Master Chef came to Whimble on Sunday 3rd July

Some 70 people came up to the Cricket Club in the afternoon of Sunday 3 July to support the Whimbletons fundraising event that was centred on a Battle of the Chefs and wrapped up with displays from Pampered Chef consultants, raffle, face painting and a BBQ. The Chefs, a motley crew of Geoff Delves/Dave Box and Miles Leonard/me, had been training hard for weeks (!). Our tasks were to create a starter in 20 minutes using fish and a main dish in 30 minutes using chicken, to be judged by Paul Parnell from the Jack in the Green. Neil Walker, that famous Rolf Harris tribute act (with his Jake the Peg rendition at this year's panto) was our compere and whipped the crowd into a mass of rowdy and excited 'foodie groupies'.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for more up to date microphones to use during the panto – we know that the current microphones are unwieldy and heavy, and both stage crew and performers are in danger of doing themselves a mischief.

We were delighted to see so many kind and generous people turn up at the Cricket Club to help us with this fundraiser and the Whimbletons, in turn, were able to create some bar sales for the Club. This was our first fundraising event and we were thrilled with the turnout and the end result of some £285 profit, so thank you to everyone who came.

We are indebted to Paul Parnell, who bravely tasted all the dishes and provided very useful feedback to both teams. However, no job offers have followed!

The Pampered Chef consultants, Claire and Vicki, did both demonstrations and sales of their products during the session, and they passed a generous donation to the Whimbletons at the end of the afternoon.

Other thanks are due to Gill, Michelle and Chris Mallett from the New Fountain for donating the prize for the winners; other prizes were donated by Sainsburys, Christopher Piper Wines, Sally Wilde, Pampered Chef and other generous people in the village. Thanks to the raffle ticket sellers, and to the face painting team who used my head as a trial run for their skills!

We are already looking at another similar event next year, but this time with another team, and incorporating several improvements.

Thanks again to Paul and to everyone who came up to the cricket club – well done for all your generous help!

**Ed H** (wearing my Whimbletons Chair thingy hat!)



# Parish Council NEWS - Being a Parish Councillor

There are about 8,350 parish councils in England. Most of these were established in 1894 by an Act of Parliament which created civil parishes separated from the church.

Parish Councils are the lowest tier in local government. They represent the interests of the local communities and seek to improve the quality of life and the local environment, influencing decisions and delivering services to meet local needs. Each year the Parish Council sets a 'precept' to pay for local services. The precept is collected from your council tax.

Parish Councils have a number of formal powers. Many provide allotments, look after playing fields, play areas and village greens. They maintain and guard things such as rights of way, bus shelters, public seats, small scale street lighting and often provide village halls and meeting places. The Parish Council can do these things by providing them itself or by helping someone else (such as a charity or volunteers) financially to do so. Parish Councils have the power to improve the quality of community life by spending sums of money on things which, in their opinion, are in the interests of the parish or its inhabitants.

The next layer up in local government is the District Council which deals with matters such as waste collection, housing and planning. The top layer is the County Council which deals with schools, roads and environment etc.

## Councillors have three main areas of work:

**Decision-making:** Through attending meetings and committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

**Monitoring:** Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working;

**Getting involved locally:** As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their parishioners and local organisations and this requires time, effort and commitment.

As Whimple Parish Councillors we are encouraged to attend two parish council meetings held regularly each month on the 1st and 3rd Monday. In addition we take shared responsibility each month in attending meetings or training sessions held by other bodies such as EDDC. The attendee has a responsibility to report back to the other members at the next meeting. Also, each year at the Annual General Meeting we are allocated other duties, including such things as looking after the allotments, footpaths, emergency planning, playgrounds and recreation, the village plan, street lighting, trees and streams and many more.



In recent years Whimple Parish Councillors have been involved with many projects;

- Joining with others to devise The Parish Plan and Emergency Plan
- Joining with the Joint Parishes Meetings – involved with Cranbrook and wider developments.
- Upgrading some of the footpaths.
- Improving parking in The Square
- Working closely with WACY in securing two lottery grants in 2008 and 2011- the grants were used to improve facilities on the parish field.
- A new walkway by the MUGA
- Purchase of a toddler swing in Slewton Crescent playground
- Working with the school to help obtain community use of the MUGA
- Entering and running The Best Kept Village Competition
- Erecting of three new notice boards.
- Village Tidy day – and much more.

We are currently involved with;

- Affordable housing in Whimple
- Street naming – needed to help the emergency services to find you without delay
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I am home now and feeling much better.

Thank You and God Bless You All

**Doreen & Sam Matthews**

# VILLAGE WEEK - 2011

## A PAT ON THE BACK FOR EVERY HELPER

Isn't it amazing to think that EVERYTHING that happened during VILLAGE WEEK came about as a result of the time and effort of volunteers.

Whether from a village organisation, the Church, the School, the Scouts or an independent volunteer - everyone involved freely gave their time - and you have to admit the whole week was great - A VERY VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL.

An EXTRA BIG THANK YOU - to those who pulled it all together - The Village Week Committee. Under the guidance of Bob Scanlan the small team worked tirelessly for months behind the scenes, preparing the parish field, organising the food and drinks, the entertainment and games - the list is endless.

BUT WE NEED MORE HELP - If you think about this years Village Fair and Fun Run - ask yourselves how the tables, chairs, tents and gazebos and all the other stuff got to the parish field - the answer is a very small number of people who worked very hard the day before, on the day and the day after.

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## Toronto (Canadian Cricket Academy) coming to Whimble

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There will be two games (weather permitting!) played on the above date:-

U13 game @ 10.30am – this game will be for 30 overs and will include players from the Whimble Youth Section U11, U12 and U13 teams.

U18 game @ 2.30pm – this game will consist of 40 overs and will include players from the current U15 team together with some players who have played for the Whimble senior teams.

The season has been quite successful for all the current Whimble youth teams with U10, U11, U12, U13 and U15 teams all having had good results this season and doing well in their respective leagues. The U11 team have also qualified for the East Devon Youth League Cup finals day which will be played at Axminster on Sunday 7th August.

The Youth Section have also had the privilege of wearing new kit this season after sponsorship was kindly provided by Hallam Land Management.



Members of the Whimble U11 team pictured prior to a recent game in their new kit sponsored by Hallam Land Management

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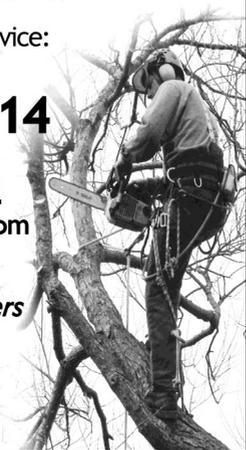
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I am offering dynamic workshops that enhance your confidence and self esteem, to be held at Whimble Victory Hall on the 10th of September from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

On the 8th of October from 9.30am to 1.00pm you can experience the feel-good factor with plenty of laughs and fun on The Endorphin Effect workshop. This will teach you how to boost your serotonin and endorphin levels which are the "feel-good" hormones which help you to reduce tension, uplifts you and helps you experience better quality sleep. For enquires and bookings please contact me:

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**Shirley Upperton**



# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Despite the not too favourable weather forecast, our open gardens weekend was another very successful event. Over the two days over 80 people took advantage of the opportunity to look over the gardens that had been very kindly offered up for viewing. Although the forecast wasn't too good for the Saturday a fair number of hardy enthusiasts did the grand tour, but Sunday was definitely the busier of the two days and hopefully everyone who did go round the gardens enjoyed the experience. As stated in the last edition the proceeds from the weekend will be shared between the VPA and the Friends of Ottery Hospital.

Our next event is our major event of the year, the Annual Flower Show on Saturday 13th August. Hopefully by now all the art, craft and homecraft exhibits are receiving their final touches and all the green fingered experts have managed to protect their crops and flowers from any winged or multi legged invaders! We look forward to seeing the Victory Hall full of colourful and expertly crafted exhibits.

We are eagerly waiting to see what enterprising and creative Scarecrows will be entered in this year's Village Challenge. No doubt the competition will be even more keenly contested than last year. Who knows what will be on display outside the Hall this year?

Details of all our events are on our website, including pictures of two of our members who had a pitch at the recent Village Day event held in the Parish Field. The address for our website is:

**[www.whimplevpa.org.uk](http://www.whimplevpa.org.uk)**

So, for the gardeners, let's hope the weather has been kind, and for those of you entering the other classes, we look forward to seeing the creative exhibits that will be on show.

**Paul Wilson**, Hon. Secretary.

## SALLY'S CARD SALE

I would like to thank everyone who gave up some time on Saturday July 9th to support my Cards and Gifts Sale in the village hall.

Despite it being a bit last minute, with very little advertising, I had a lovely, busy morning and raised over £40 for local charities. This was split between Whimple News and The Whimpletons.

Special thanks to Alison from the Post Office who bought some cards herself to sell there and didn't mind a little 'competition' for a day!

**Sally Wilde**



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# Church Fete



Scenes from this year's Church Fete at Hindstrete on 11th June at which the Whimple School Choir again delightfully entertained. Thanks to everyone from the village for supporting the event which raised nearly £1,600 to help defray the day-to-day running costs of the church.

Mike Ellingham

(pictures by Margaret Burrough)



# Village Week 2011

Well, Village Week has now come and gone. It is just a fading memory – and a very good one too. It certainly started with a bang with the ‘Whimble Folk for Whimble Folk II’ event in the Victory Hall. Well done to John and Alex who arranged the concert which brought three great acts to the village including the amazing Gordon Giltrap.

The rest of the week lived up to expectations with a plethora of activities. So many that sometimes they overlapped, but perhaps it was a good to have a choice. I am told the kids had a great time with the various sporting events that ran throughout the week. There was plenty also for the grown-ups. The pub sports were popular, the Victory Hall was busy every night and other events such as the Walking Treasure Hunt and Fun Quiz, and the Village Cricket Match were well supported. Well done to the organisations and all the individuals concerned. On the next page are some of the photographs taken during the week.

Village Day weekend started with the superb Orchard Harmony singers leading an equally talented audience in a sing-along evening with music from various popular musicals. The bells and flowers in the church opened Village Day itself.

The biggest change this year was a new-look Village Fair in the Parish Field. This was entirely at the mercy of the weather and, despite the dire forecasts, took place with no more than a light shower. This was much to the relief of the dedicated team who had spent the day before and a rather damp morning setting up.

It turned out to be a great success with activities taking place all over the field. The Fun Run got the Fair underway. There was a Dog Agility display (Thank you Lisa) and Japanese Drumming (thanks also to the Japanese Drummers). The Fancy Dress competition again produced many colourful entries. The Scouts built a very impressive rope bridge, CSDynamo cycle club challenged any keen cyclists to race against the clock and the almost dry stream was the scene of the Duck Race. There was food and drink and a good selection of stalls as well as a range of games at the bottom of the field, the most popular of which was the sumo wrestling. The afternoon ended with motley teams fighting it out in the Tug o’ War competition.

The centre pages are filled with just a few pictures taken on the day and my thanks go to Margaret Burrough, Sally Wilde, John Munslow, Alex Tooze and Sue Draycott for taking them. We will try to make a bigger selection available on the internet.

Village Day ended again with the Egg Catching competition which was great fun. Congratulations to Connor and Darren who again won the Junior Egg Cup and to our champions Tom Howard and Andy Hart who won the Whimble Egg Cup. The event drew a big crowd who this year were also able to have a go at Egg Roulette. I suppose you could say we all had a cracking time but some people ended up with egg on their faces!

After all the excitement Songs of Praise in St Mary’s Church on the Sunday brought Village Week to a more sedate close. Now all that remains is to reflect on the week and very soon begin the planning for Village Week 2012.



# Village Week 2011







# Village Day 2011





# Egg Catching 2011



# Village Week - Thank you

There are so many people to thank for Village Week I hardly know where to begin.

Firstly my personal thanks go to every one of the Village Week Team. Representatives from the Victory Hall, WAC4Y the Church, The Scouts and the School formed the core of the team that has worked hard planning and co-ordinating the week. Other organisations, such as the History Society, the WI, the Young Farmers, the Over 60s, the Bellringers and the Cricket and Football clubs, all played their part as did many individuals who helped with the arrangements, organised events or volunteered their help on Village Day. My heartfelt thanks go to all of you.

It really was great to have so many village organisations working side by side for the benefit of everyone. It was truly a week organised by the village for the village.

Special thanks also go to Gerri and the Parish Council for getting the water supply to the Parish Field restored in time for Village Day; also to Kevin of Thompson Printers for the large posters, Sam for letting us use his electricity supply, Warren for providing much needed transport, Jim and Alison for ticket sales, John for use of his window and the Young Farmers for supplying eggs.

I must also thank everyone who took part in Village Day as fun-run marshalls, stall holders, food and drink providers and those running the various games and activities on the day. Special thanks go to Lisa for the dog agility display, the Japanese drummers, CSDynamo cycling club and of course Sally and Diesel.

But most of all I must thank everyone in the village who supported us by attending the events, by joining in on Village Day despite the weather and by buying tickets for the Village Week Raffle which was essential in providing most of the funds we needed to make Village Week possible.

The success of this year's Village Week and the positive reactions there have been to the new-look Village Day will encourage us to do something similar next year. If you or your organisation have ideas for next year or would like to be involved we would be delighted to include you. Just give me a call.

**Bob Scanlan** 822262



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The Government is working closely with Buckingham Palace to ensure that there are truly 'national' celebrations taking place of which we can all be proud. As part of these celebrations a series of beacons will be lit across the UK to celebrate this Jubilee. In 2002, over 1,800 beacons were lit to mark The Queen's Golden Jubilee. Communities across the UK and around the globe came together to light a beacon and celebrate this very special occasion. In 2012, the plan is to have even more with 2,012 being lit and Her Majesty lighting the National Beacon on Monday 4th June. It is hoped that Whimple will join in and light a beacon.

Individuals and communities will mark the Diamond Jubilee in any number of different ways, including street parties, special thanksgiving services, planting trees and taking part in The Big Jubilee Lunch. Whimple Parish Council would like to know if you, or your organisation, have any plans yet for arranging an event, or are interested in assisting with the celebrations.

Please let us know your ideas and suggestions by contacting **Cathie Cottley** on 822276 or 07870 583087 or [cathiecottley@aim.com](mailto:cathiecottley@aim.com).

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- Would you like to be more involved with your local school?
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Over the next year a key part of the school improvement plan will be the development of the outside learning environment to benefit the children and the community. To do this we need some assistance and fundraising and are hoping that there are some community members who have the skills and time to support, or even manage one of the three projects that we hope to have completed by the end of 2012.

The three projects are outlined below;

1. **2012 reunion.** After the successful joint exhibition with the Heritage Centre in 2010, we would now like to hold an event to invite former pupils back to the school. Next year the school celebrates its 2012 'Monthiversary' and this would be an ideal time to track down former pupils from all corners of the globe and invite them back to celebrate the success of the school.
2. **Improve outside learning by developing the area below the double mobile.** We would like to develop this area into a landscaped garden. Garden design, new fencing, walls, decking and gardening may be needed, hopefully at little or no cost. Do you have the time, skills and interest to lead on this project in 2012?
3. **Developing the Multi Use Games Area and orchard for school and community use.** The site would benefit all users if it had toilet facilities. Could we get funding for an 'Eco Classroom' for the pupils and the community to use? Would you be interested in leading or being involved in such a challenge? Do you represent a community group that would like to work with us to chase funding and make this happen?

If you would like to be involved or think you could help lead any of these projects let us know by emailing us on [admin@whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk)



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**Lesley Smith**, TravelWise Officer, Devon County Council

### Robin Tuck

I would like to thank everyone for the donations, cards and messages of condolence I have received following Robin's death.

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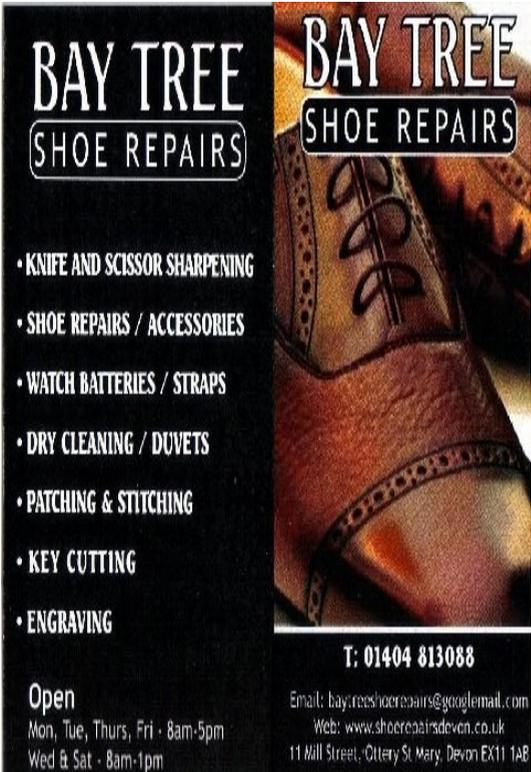
Many Thanks

**Sadie Tuck**

# SWT Come To Whimble (Tues 19th July 2011)

Whimble Rail Users Group (WRUG) invited Philip Torjussen of South West Trains to a meeting in the Victory Hall to listen to views about the rail service here. A small contingent from Feniton also came. Fifty people heard Mr Torjussen outline the background to the current timetable and respond to questions. It became very clear that at the heart of the changes to the service is the government. They dictate the level of capital and the number of train sets available for lease by the train operating company (SWT). Another passing loop was required if the frequency of stopping trains was to be increased. Members were interested in the wider use of commuter rail focused on Exeter and the difficulty in getting tickets from the machine on the station. Freight; reducing our carbon footprint; the massive development east of Exeter and its transport infrastructure, and the stopping in Whimble of the 17.20 from Exeter were other topics raised. Comments from all sides suggested it was a good start to building a consensus to re-assert Whimble's claim to a good train service. If you were there and not yet on the e-list send an email to me - roger.algate@gmail.com

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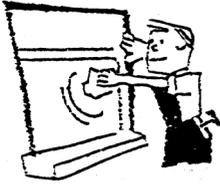
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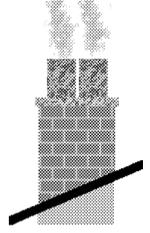
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**Royal Wedding Celebration.** The party organised by church members for the village on the evening of the Royal Wedding was voted a huge success. Every ticket was sold and the country dancing to The Amycrofters was enjoyed by all ages, as was the somewhat sophisticated ploughman's supper and a slice of wedding cake. The evening also featured the debut appearance of Whimple's own handbell ringers.

On June 11th the Annual Church fete took place at Hindstrete. Fortunately the showers held off long enough for people to come and enjoy themselves. A big thank you to Mike and Avril Ellingham for allowing us to use their garden.

The last few months have seen lots of goodbyes. Firstly we said goodbye to Mike and Beryl Boyd. Mike has been Churchwarden of St Mary's for a number of years and has always been helpful and welcoming to visitors to the church.

At the end of May a farewell lunch was held for Rob and Joan Wilkinson. Rob has now taken up his new position as Vicar in Charge of Willand. We are all extremely grateful for the work he has done for the Mission Community over the last ten years and wish him every success in his new position.

On 26th June, in glorious sunny weather we held our end of year BBQ and also thanked Phil and Rebecca Dominy for their time running SClub and co-ordinating all the youth work at the Church. In his thank you speech Phil gave out some amazing figures.

Did you know that during the last seven and a half years there have been 133 SClub sessions during which 2560 children attended. As Phil said, this would not have been possible without about 20 different devout leaders, helping out for some period over the last 7 years. We are truly grateful for them as SClub would not have happened without their service.

We hope that you will fully support Branco, Jenny, Mary, and Sarah, as they pick up the SClub baton and Ian, Maggie, and Helen as they carry on with Impact – and of course not forgetting our other helpers: Jenny, Joanna, and Amy. Lorraine will also be helping with the music.

Please spread the word to other children and families. SClub has plenty of space and will continue in September. It may be in a slightly different format – a 'fresh expression'? – but I'm sure the children will still love it.

So put Sunday September 11th in your diaries and come and find out what S-Club and Impact are all about – there will be lots of fun and games as we find out more about Jesus and the Bible and on this first Sunday, a chance for parents to get an idea of what we do, while enjoying some coffee and cake ...we look forward to seeing you then ... why not bring a friend?!!

At the end of August we are inviting you all to help give St Mary's a thorough clean.

Other dates for your diary are firstly on 10th September, when this year's **Devon Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride** is to take place. Groups choose their route and aim to take in 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.

This year's **Back To Church Sunday** will be taking place on 25th September. This will also be the date for our Annual Harvest Celebration and will be especially designed to appeal to those who have not been to church for a while. Why not come and give it a try - you might be pleasantly surprised!

The process for finding a successor to Rob is now under way. There will be a joint meeting of all four Parochial Church Councils with the Archdeacon and others on 7th July and a further meeting on 22nd September when the necessary documentation will be agreed. Following that meeting the position will be advertised.

It is anticipated that the closing date for applications will be 6th November and interviews will take place in early December.

During this time the responsibility for the operation of each Parish rests with its Churchwardens. In the event of the services of a priest being required for weddings, funerals, baptisms or any other purpose one of the churchwardens should be contacted. (David Smith 822123 or Steve Godsiff 822875)

## St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

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2nd Sunday	11.00am Holy Communion;
3rd Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (BCP); 11.00am Celebration Service;
4th Sunday	11.00am Morning Worship;
5th Sunday	10.30am Churches4All joint service (various locations)

## Lucy Smith

Lucy would like to thank all her many friends and neighbours in the village who have sent her get well cards, telephoned and visited her following her recent hip replacement operation. She has been overwhelmed by the support and kindness that she has received and is looking forward to taking an active part in the life of the village again.

**Roger**

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At the suggestion of one of our members, we have now negotiated discounted boiler servicing. Every 2nd Monday, each month of the year, to be carried out by a local fully insured and (OFTEC) accredited plumber. PRICE: £66 (+ parts) for 'non-condensing boiler' and £71(+ parts) for 'condensing boiler'. This represents quite a good saving against an average costing of £80 - £85 (+ parts). Regular servicing at least once a year will improve the efficiency and extend the life of your boiler; so please book your required service date with Graham on 01404 823317.

## BACK TO THE OIL

Our last order was made on the 23rd May. The market having dropped back a little, we purchased 26350 litres for 40 households and achieved a price of 54.05 ppl + VAT, which was better than our March order.

### Order Dates for 2011/12

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All existing (and potential new) members with access to e-mail may contact me; **Graham Batten**, with their order/registration\* at [utilitiesgb@btinternet.com](mailto:utilitiesgb@btinternet.com). Whereas those of you without e-mail are invited to call John Aiton on 01404 823155. (\*Registration to include: Name/Address/Postcode & Telephone Number)



It's hard to believe we are at the end of another school year. In June the whole school travelled to Killerton for a day and got involved in a range of activities; a day thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. A month ago we held our school fair within the school grounds – what a gorgeous day; it was wonderful to see so many visitors enjoying the wide ranging stalls and displays. A huge thank you to FOWS who raise substantial amounts of money to help to extend curricular activities for the children.

We are always eager to welcome people into the school to help support children in many ways. One simple way is to hear the younger children of the school read. The time commitment can be variable and frequent as each individual requires; even an hour a fortnight can be very useful. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact the school office – the only commitment is completing a CRB form.

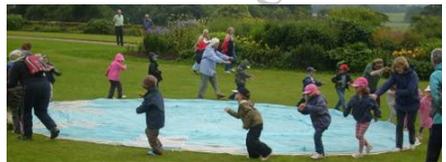
Lastly, we would like to wish our Year Six children all the best in their new schools – they have been a great asset to the school and will be missed. Have a great summer, let's hope the weather improves and we will see you in September.

**Carole Shilston**

## Killerton gardens

All of the school went to Killerton Gardens to do activities.

Year 5 and 6 were given a map and were sent off into a HUGE field to find certain spots while years 3 and 4, at the plant hunt, were finding leaves that had white hair or felt fleshy.



Year 3 and 4 went on a Dragon quest. They had to find evidence of the dragon. They found an exciting dragon maze and they went through it. Next they walked to the woods where there were lots of dens but only one was the dragons den. Then they collected things and some people found evidence of the dragon. Lastly, we found the dragons music and someone saw something moving in the woods.

Year 1 and 2 did a mini beast hunt, they had to find dog biscuits that were hidden in the leaves and then they were given pots to find the mini beasts.

Reception retold the story of going on a bear hunt and went to the bear house.

By **Oliver and Sam Ayers**, Year 5

# Crealy

On Friday 1st of July Year 6 went to Crealy, the rides we went on were:

firstly we went on the pirate ship which was terrifying secondly we went on the MAXIMUS the rollercoaster which was ... well AWESOME!! Thirdly we went to the outside adventure zone, then we went on the carousel which was well **SCARY**, after that we had break. Next we went to the indoor adventure zone and after we went to get rather wet by going on the **VORTEX** water ride, which was made of three tunnels called vertigo, viper and venom, vertigo was a curly wurly tunnel which was pitch **black**. Viper was a bumpy one with see through sides in it. Venom was the straight down one with fluorescent lights on the side. Afterwards, we went to the log flume which was well, you just can't chose between **scary** and AWESOME!!. Then we went to the gift shop which was filled with AWESOME!! goody's like little teddy bears with Crealy tops on, edible paper, lollipops, pop eye pens, crealy bottles and little animal magnets.



By **Gemma Olive**, Year 6

# Sports Day

Thursday the 16th of June was Sports Day. The girls

and boys from Year 2 up ran separate races all the way round the cricket field. Holly Bunkum , Evie Wilson and Freya Willingham came 1st , 2nd and 3rd in the girl race and for 1st , 2nd and 3rd in the boys race was Dylan Fielding , Cameron Phillips and Oliver Ayers. Everyone had fun and if you came we hope you had fun too. By **Eva Penney**, Year 3



At the end was the obstacle race Rabbits came 1st, Hedgehog 2nd and Badgers 3rd. I hope you had a good time. By **Noah H**, year 3

# LIFE SKILLS

Tuesday 5th June year 6 went to the Donkey sanctuary and we had so much fun. First we went to do a lesson on washing hands and that was very cool. After that we went to do a lesson on hoax calls and a weird lesson on lifeguards.

Then we did a lesson on electricity which was hair raising. So then we moved on to a quiz on road safety. After that we went on to do alcohol and what happens when you get drunk. Then we went out side to do a lesson on fire and the escape route if you do have a fire which you might need to think about if you haven't remembered to.

After that we went on to see what happen if you add water to a an oily fire like chips, and as you guessed it did not end well, not that any one got hurt but there was a very big flame. Then we went and had our lunch and had a look at the dikes and came back to school.



by **Leah Young**

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Simples.

**Geoff Gardner**



For those interested, Diesel weighed 560 Kg. There was one lucky winner who got his weight spot on. Thank you Sally and, of course, thank you to Diesel who seemed to love all the attention.

Julia Green was our speaker at the June meeting and the title of her talk was "Sing Away Stress". It was a fun evening and Julia managed to get most of us singing with enthusiasm - even if not always perfect accuracy! Later in the month we had an outing to Cothelstone Manor - a wonderful old house with a fascinating history. There was a bonus to complete the afternoon with the provision of a delicious tea, including an extensive choice of sandwiches and home made cakes.

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**INSPIRING WOMEN**

In July we were delighted to welcome seven visitors to our open meeting when Shirley Williams gave a talk on the beautiful dolls she makes and dresses. Members and visitors alike were fascinated by her skill and were able to ask questions and take a closer look at the dolls following the talk. Afterwards one of our members took a 10 minute slot to talk on her work as a street pastor, an interesting and challenging topic.

Several members took part in Village Day, some organised a treasure hunt stall and a number made cakes for the tea. All in all, another busy two months.

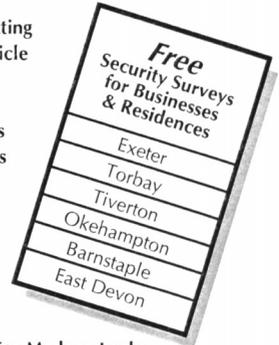
We are glad to welcome new members. If you would like to join us please contact our President, Avril Ellingham (822495), for details.

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## Lost and Found in Village Week

### Found.....

When The Village Fair was over some items were left in the Parish Field:  
namely:

### Two cameras and a watch

These have been handed in to the Post Office so, if you think that any of these are yours, please speak to Alison or Jim.

### Lost.....

At the same time a key was lost somewhere in the field.

A royal blue waterproof jacket was also lost from the Victory Hall on the Orchard Harmony evening.

If you happen to find either of these, please let me know so I can re-unite them with their owners.

**Bob Scanlan 822262**

## Whimble News on the Internet



For the last year or so we have also been publishing Whimble News on the internet in glorious colour. Go to:

**www.yudu.com**  
and search for 'Whimble'

We have now, thanks to John Aiton, built up a Whimble News archive going back more than a decade. You will find this on the following site:

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So here is an opportunity to revisit earlier editions and remind ourselves of events we may have forgotten and see how we have all aged over the last ten years.

**Bob Scanlan**



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We have been asked whether publishing such photographs, particularly when they include children, is acceptable in the light of data protection, child protection and privacy legislation. Our advice is as follows:

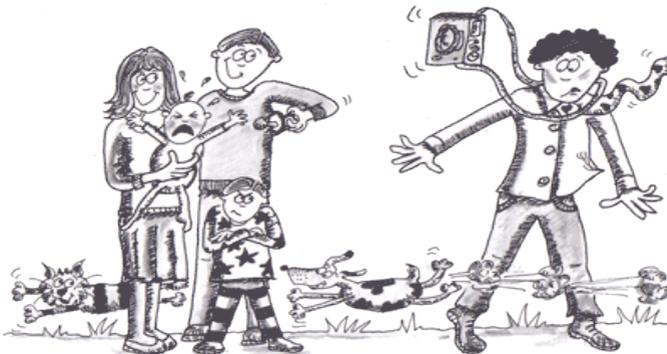
## Children Privacy – publishing photographs of children

In general minors have no greater or lesser rights than adults, and in general editorial photos taken in public places will require no consent. The key concept here is 'reasonable expectation of privacy'. In public places there is seldom any such reasonable expectation. In private places there may be. e.g. if the photographs were taken at a private party in someone's home or back garden, permission would be necessary, but if the event was in a park or other venue open to the public, it would not be required. A school is a private place in this context, and permission is required.

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Our approach in Whimble News is to accept photographs taken in public places either of, or that include, children without seeking individual parental consent providing that the child is not named. However if the child is named we seek the parent's verbal consent before including the picture.

The Primary School has its own policy on the taking of, and subsequently publishing, photographs on school premises.





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