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WHAT'S ON IN WHIMPLE

October

- 10th Whimple Over 60s Club – Coffee morning with cake stall and raffle, Victory Hall 10.00am -12noon.
- 13th Friends of Whimple Primary School AGM, 8.00pm at the School – all welcome
- 16th Antiques Roadshow, Whimple History Society, Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 17th Autumn Coffee Morning on behalf of Hospiscare, Victory Hall, 10.00am – 12.00noon; Christmas cards, Calendars and diaries, cakes and gifts.
- 19th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 19th Victory Hall AGM, Victory Hall 7.00pm
- 31st Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon – 1.30pm

November

- 7th Craft Fair (In aid of Whimple School) Victory Hall, 1.00 – 4.00pm
- 8th Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church, 10.55am
- 14th Men's Breakfast, Victory Hall, 8.30am – see details on page 16
- 16th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 20th A talk on Sidbury Mill by Mr J Stephens for the Whimple History Society at Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 23rd Deadline for acceptances to the Over 65s Party
- 28th Heritage Centre open for buying Christmas presents/gifts, 11.00am – 3.00pm
- 28th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon – 1.30pm
- 29th Advent Carol Service, St Mary's Church, 6.30pm

December

- 4th Over 65s Party, Victory Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 5th Heritage Centre open for buying Christmas presents/gifts, 11.00am – 3.00pm
- 5th Christmas Fun Day, Victory Hall, 10.30am – 3.30pm. Details page 17
- 6th Christingle Service, St Mary's Church, 3.00pm
- 13th Christmas Celebration Service, St Mary's Church, 11.00am
- 15th Soup and Sarnie Christmas Special, Victory Hall, 12.00noon - 1.20pm
- 20th Carol Service, St Mary's Church, 6.30pm
- 24th Midnight Communion, St Mary's Church, 11.30pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service, St Mary's Church, 11.00m

Please use the Whimple Diary held in the Post Office for checking availability of venues and 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

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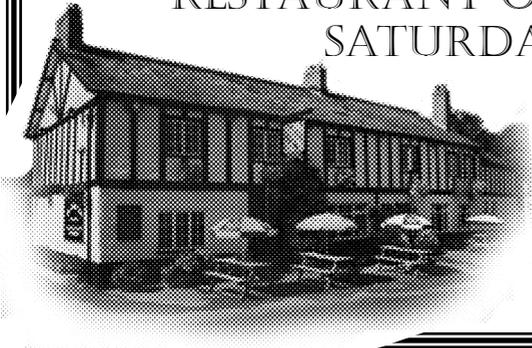
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Gentle reader, for your delectation and enjoyment, we are pleased to offer you our 'Autumnal Special', packed with local news and events planned for Whimpe. We welcome some new advertisers, and would encourage you to try their services, and keep it local.

With the onset of Autumn, I fear that my cycling days are numbered – about a week ago, I arrived at work with condensation from the morning mist still on my arms, and had to use 'windscreen wiper fingers' to see through my glasses! Nevertheless, despite only achieving 32 days of cycling, I am proud to have cycled up Woodhayes Lane (my annual test), and attained the giddy speed of 33 mph down the long hill into Fairmile. I also survived a wasp that flew into my cycling helmet one morning (luckily not at speed!) – but the sight may have scared the oncoming motorists who only saw a deranged cyclist beating his cycle helmet with his hand, whilst the wasp buzzed angrily in its prison, and I was shouting 'Goodness, what a surprise' and other related comments, and then it gave me a nice sting on the head for my trouble.

This edition contains an excellent report of the Mud II evening, which seems to have been a great success, so well done to the Tandem Tarts, John and Alex, and the rest of the team. Well done also to the Villages in Action Team with the Reg Meuross evening, despite having their hearts in their mouths for the week before, as tickets sold unusually slowly. Whimpe got there in the end. It is also great to see how well supported the Scout Committee has become – Alex Spry is smiling from ear to ear at the moment; please help the Scouts with their massive campaign to replace the Scout Hut roof.

Thanks for the kind donations left with Jim at the PO – it all helps with our costs. We have now invited Kevin Thompson as our printer, to join the editorial team, so that we can discuss current and future printing items/issues, plus take advice on things technical. He had also heard about us despatching a few glasses of wine during our editorial meeting – but we do encourage responsible drinking.

Our next edition will be our Christmas one and, if you have any events planned for December that need advertising, please either leave it with Jim (SO at the Post Office) or via the world of internet to Bob Scanlan on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk. We need your input by Monday 16th November in order to hit our production date, please.

Thanks, as ever, to our brilliant team of deliverers who even as we speak, are donning their thermals for the challenges of autumn and winter deliveries.

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The card is supplied with an envelope all ready to post and there are no extra add on charges.

For those of you who are really planning ahead, the Christmas Club has a new format which is also excellent as it now can be started with as little as £2. You will receive a card which you can top up with cash and spend the money accumulated any time after 1st November – maybe a bit too late for this year, but certainly worth considering next year. Ask us for a leaflet with further details.

Our Dry Cleaner has gone GREEN !

Johnsons are now using environmentally friendly chemicals in their cleaning processes and you will feel the difference - clothes are really soft with no 'dry cleaning' smells, and the new process helps care for the planet.

They visit the Post Office three times a week so your clothes can be back within a couple of days. Laundry may take a little longer.

We can now take regular orders for yoghurt and cream from Yarty Valley Dairies. If interested, please ask for a price list.

Thanking you all for your continuing support

Jim and Alison

Tel 822359 during opening hours only please.

St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

1st Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Celebration Service
2nd Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	S club 11/Impact in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Service
4th Sunday	11.00am	Morning Worship
	10.45am	S club 11/Impact in the Scout Hut
5th Sunday	11.00am	Churches Together Service

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

The thing that goes the furthest
To make the life worthwhile
That costs the least and does the most
The smile
That bubbles from the heart
That loves its fellow men
Will drive the clouds away
And coax again the sun
There is no room for sadness
When we see a cheery smile
It always has the same good luck
It is never out of style
It nerves us on to try again
When failure makes us blue

I have been studying the life of Martin Luther (the German priest) who centuries ago founded Protestantism. I came across this quotation which, as you can imagine, I found charming, "I have heard many sermons but this goes straight to my heart".

On a special branch near my door my tame robin greets me every morning with a cheerful song of joy and love, then after he takes a few crumbs of bread from my hands he hops away to a tree and lifts up his voice in a hymn of gratitude. It is October now and the strong western wind blows the leaves off the boughs of our majestic linden tree in The Square. The temperature is so changeable that one must be equipped and prepared to face the cold wind and drizzle. We know when the sun will set and when the clocks will be put back at the end of English Summer Time, but the first frost always takes us by surprise. If I greet each day happy to be alive, I will be gladdened by all the experiences in store. For me, each day is making a necessary contribution to my 'wholeness'. My life has been a tapestry of rich and royal hue. Each of us weaves our personal and unique tapestry each thread is complementary. We seldom have the foresight to understand the worth and value of a particular circumstance at its beginning, but hindsight often clarifies. I feel it is good to pause and reflect on the circumstances that failed to thrill us, but make us understand why we needed them. I trust in goodness and kindness.

November is often a much maligned month, but let it be a mirth maker:

Mirth is like a flash of light wind
That breaks through gloom and cloud
And gladdens for a moment
Cheerfulness brings a kind of delight
And fills us with a steady and lasting serenity

Come November I look forward to quiet and contemplative moments by the fire. For me it is a month of rejoicing being born in November and having so many friends and family with birthdays. On my own day I share it with six other friends - I think that must be a record and year after year we never fail to write or phone each other.

Last year on my 90th birthday they all turned up at The Old Manse on a sunny and warm day. That was a day full of mirth, happiness and a warm glow of gratitude. A celebration is for sharing precious moments of happiness which add to the rich tapestry of my life. I feel so blessed and to my complete contentment walk in my garden, speak to my birds and always come back with a little posy to put by Jack's photo, who so loved his garden in The Square.

Therefore all seasons shall be sweet to thee
whether the summer clothe the general earth with greenness
or the redbreast sits and sings betwixt the tufts of snow on the bare branch
of mossy apple tree while the nigh thatch smokes in the sun-thaw

Coleridge



Often when the skies are sombre and cloudy, a blackbird perched on the highest branch of the great linden tree by the babbling brook sings undismayed. Her song leaps up joyful and defiant of despair, Village life is like human nature, it never stands still.

Whenever I venture out into The Square I always meet a smiling face or meet a dog walker who braves the weather. I must say I miss my Airedale, Mister Blaze, my walks in the countryside and all the human contact you experience, not forgetting the contact with dogs - for they sense and know who loves them.

From my window in glorious Whimble
On this bleak mid-winter morn
I hear the song of a sweet bird
Upon the leafless bough
And I say sing on sweet bird!



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Due to the success of recent “Villages in Action” events, I thought it was about time I let those of you in the village who often wondered “what is Villages in Action?” know a bit about us.

Villages in Action (VIA) is a rural touring scheme based in Crediton that covers five of the rural Districts of Devon. They help to bring top quality professional performances and workshops at affordable prices to communities through a network of local volunteer promoters. In Whimble, the team co-ordinating events is made up of myself, Jim and Alison at the Post Office, and Katie Howard.

VIA is funded by the Arts Council, Devon County Council and East Devon District Council.

Last year we hosted a fantastic theatre production for children and in February this year held a sell-out performance by Louise Parker and her jazz trio.

Friday 25th September was the night Reg Meuross came to the village! Reg is one of the UK’s most talented and widely respected singer-songwriters. His act consisted of a collection of beautiful songs, interspersed with great stories expertly told and by wry & witty observations.

Reg was accompanied by Beth Porter - a brilliant young cellist. They sang songs about the real Dick Turpin; the tragic story of the young men executed in WW1 by their own men for “desertion”; songs about Elvis; the artist Edward Hopper.

The audience consisted of “Reg” fans who had travelled far to see this performance (well.....the other side of Newton Abbot seems far enough!) as well as lots of Whimble folk. I think we even had a couple from across the border in Talaton who sneaked in under the radar!

Our next event is a theatre production for children and the young at heart. If you’ve never been to a VIA production, you’ve never lived!

Programmes for forthcoming events all around Devon are available from the Post Office, or look online at <http://www.villagesinaction.co.uk>

Mike Welch

Please accept my thanks to all those friends in Whimble who contacted me after Mike’s sudden death in Germany. It was a great comfort to me to know that you thought so highly of him. A special thank you to all who attended the funeral service.

Tonie Welch.

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VINTAGE YEARS: Coram Hammett remembers:

My first job after leaving Tedburn St Mary School was working in the forest, making charcoal. We used large bins which were filled with logs and controlled the air getting in, so the logs would cook! My next job was felling trees in woods near Little Halford and I also worked in a bakery in Crediton.

I remember 'D Day' and the times leading up to it. I was just 18 years old and had already had a medical and an exam which I passed A1. I received my call up papers on 20th July 1944. I was sent to barracks in Colchester where I was given my 8-digit army number, which I can still remember today.

We had a few months intensive army training and were then sent to France and Belgium. I was posted to the South Staffordshire Regiment who were 'out of line' at the time, having a rest. When we went back to the front line action, the British Army 11th Armoured Division had just crossed the river Elbe and were racing towards Berlin and North Germany.

I can remember the night the news was announced about the war being over. We were in a small village called Gasthof Monkshagen, near the city of Lubeck. I stayed in Germany for three years during the occupation. In the first six months there was a non-fraternisation policy, and we had to carry our rifles at all times. In 1947 I took part in a Military Tattoo in Berlin where my Company completed a rifle drill display in total silence but with coloured lights giving the orders.

Whilst in Berlin, I saw where Hitler was cremated and the total destruction of the Reichstag building. Next we were posted to Flensburg, which is on the Danish border. It was here we helped to arrest Admiral Doenitz, who had taken charge of the German Government on 8th May 1945. We had many different types of guard duties, as well as carrying out training.

The Russian border was very close to us, and the Russian soldiers were guarding the Autobahn where it crossed over a small bridge. We also had a number of political prisoners – they were kept in cells underground and only brought up for questioning by the Military Police.

In 1949 I was sent back to England to be discharged from the Army.

My first job after discharge was felling trees for a sawmills in North Devon, which I did for six months before moving to work on a dairy farm in Coleford. After a while I decided to change jobs again and helped in a bakery in Crediton. I seemed to become restless and bored with all my jobs and I could see no future for me in England. So I volunteered to join the Australian Regular Army in 1951. They were looking for trained British soldiers and I went to Australia House in London to join up and was fortunate enough to be enlisted. My journey to Australia took five weeks by boat.

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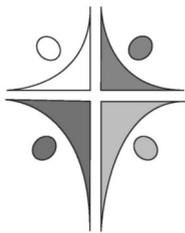
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At the time of writing, in early September, Revd. Rob Wilkinson is assembling his walking boots, compass and OS maps in preparation for a 3 Peak Challenge to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon. This is the first planned trip of a 3 month sabbatical, when he will also be spending some weeks in a rural benefice in County Wicklow, Ireland, to see how they function and what they do, and allowing for a time of reflection and reading. Rob and Joan will also be taking a holiday across the Pond to Long Island, where Joan's brother lives, and a few days in New York.

In Rob's absence Sunday services will be led by Revd Geoff Gardner, lay reader Nick Marshall as well as some church members, and we look forward also to welcoming some guest preachers. Please refer to Mike Boyd (823923) and David Smith (822123) for church-related matters.



On November 14th (date t.b.c.) at 8.30am in the Victory Hall, Whimble Church will be hosting a **Men's Breakfast**. After a full fry-up breakfast, Revd Steve Goodbody will be speaking on 'Science or Religion; Evolution or Creation; Darwin or God? Should we choose between them or can we benefit from them both?' This should be a thought-provoking and informative introduction to the subject and all men from the village are invited. The cost is £3 - please telephone David Smith to reserve your place.

The **Impact weekend away at Bernards Acre** for 10 - 13s will take place over the weekend of 9th - 11th October. The weekend will be packed with great activities, games, chill-out time with friends as well as opportunities to hear more about the Christian faith. Please contact Ian & Maggie Spicer for further information (823640).



Please join us for this year's **Remembrance Service** which will be on November 8th at 10.55am when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

We look forward to welcoming primary school-aged children from across the village to this year's **Christmas Fun Day** on Saturday 5th December, which will be held from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the Victory Hall and will be free of charge. There will be Christmas crafts, songs, games, stories and lots of fun! Meanwhile parents can do those important pre-Christmas jobs that they want to do without having children in tow! Booking forms are available from the back of church and the Post Office. Numbers are limited, so please book early to guarantee a place.



Christmas Services. Christmas will be upon us before we know it. Please contact Gerri Turner (822587) if you would like to sing in the choir at the Advent and/or Christmas carol services.

Our special Christmas services in Whimble this year will be as follows:

- Sunday 29th November, 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
- Sunday 6th December, 3.00pm Christingle Service
- Sunday 13th December, 11.00am Christmas Celebration Service
- Sunday 20th December, 6.30pm Carol Service
- Wednesday 24th December, 11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Thursday 25th December, 11.00am Christmas Day Service

We do hope that you will be able to join us at one or more of these services, or indeed on any Sunday, when you will find a warm welcome.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Whimble Church now has a Pastoral Care Team. Its members have been trained and are available to lend a listening ear, visit those who are housebound, ill, in hospital, bereaved and offer prayer.

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Charlbury Annual Egg Throwing Competition

Our daughter and her family live in the village of Charlbury, which is 15 miles from Oxford. We were visiting them last weekend, which happened to coincide with the annual street fair. The egg throwing competition was held on the Friday evening, and Bob and I were intrigued by the prospect of dozens of eggs flying in all directions! We need not have worried; this is a highly organised event which has now become a tradition of four years' standing.

The idea is that, in teams of two, you take it in turns to throw an egg to your partner over a measured length in the middle of the street (outside the local pub!). This continues with the distance increasing each time until your egg is broken. You keep the same egg, so it has to be carefully protected between throws.

Several couples were out very quickly but the rest, mainly men, kept going while drinking pints of beer between throws. It was hilarious, and a large crowd was there to support the contestants who became more and more hampered by the fading light.

Eventually it was down to two couples and they kept throwing until the winners were the ones who managed to keep their egg whole.

The winners were our son in law and his partner, and they were presented with a cup on which their names will be engraved for posterity.

So with the knowledge that only about two dozen eggs were used and that they were old ones anyway, we are wondering whether this might be a "tradition" that we could introduce into Whimble Village Week !

What do you think?

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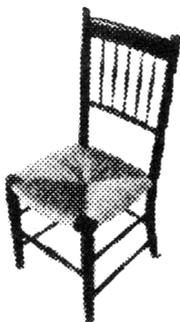
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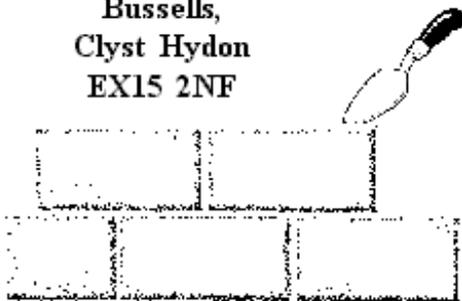
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Ottery Healthy Living



Ottery Healthy Living was set up over a year ago and has been growing in numbers ever since. The group was set up to help people simplify their lifestyle and get a balance between diet and exercise.

The group is aimed at anyone who would like to get on track to a healthier, balanced body and we are able to do this with the literature of The British Heart Foundation Charity who we are raising funds for.



We have an exercise session where we keep fit through Salsa Dance Step and have a professional Latin DX Teacher on board to lead the group.

We run a Monday Evening Group at The Victory Hall, Whimble from 7.45pm until 9.00 pm. Alternatively we have a Wednesday evening group in the London Inn Function Room in Ottery St Mary.

Why not come along and see what you think? The groups are run on a 'pay as you go' basis making it possible to fit in with our hectic lifestyles. Each week is different, if you miss one week you don't lose money and there's no catching up to do. So its win-win all round.

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Seven Saints and a King

At the back of St Mary's Church, Whimble is a memorial screen erected by Dr Mullholland which incorporates eight splendid mediaeval paintings of Saints from the former Roodscreen. When the pulpit was replaced the original wooden steps were turned over and the paintings dating from about 1500 discovered.

In my opinion they are very badly displayed for such a magnificent treasure, but I am told the cost of cleaning and re-positioning them would be higher than currently possible. Is there no possibility of a grant?

The first one on the left is Saint Roche (c 1350-c1380) who, on returning from a pilgrimage to Rome, caught the plague and, rather than spread it, hid in a cave waiting for death. He was found by a dog who realised the situation and brought him loaves of bread which enabled Saint Roche to recover his health. Saint Roche is always shown with a scar on his leg from the plague and the dog with bread in its mouth.

Next is King Henry VI 1422-1461. Although not canonised, hence no halo, he lived a devout life, some of which was spent, during the War of the Roses, in the Tower of London, as depicted by the prison background.

The third picture is of Saint Clement of Rome (d. c 100 AD). Pope and martyr wearing a cope and a triple crown, much damaged during the Reformation. He stands in front of a prison holding the anchor which was, according to legend, used to drown him.

The fourth picture is of Saint Sebastian (d. AD 287), whom most people would recognise as he is shown riddled with arrows. However he did not die from the arrows and was later clubbed to death on the orders of Diocletian. During the 14th century, because of the random nature of infection with the Black Death, people likened the plague to being shot by nature's archers. In desperation they prayed for the intercession of a saint associated with archers, and so Saint Sebastian became associated with the plague.

The fifth is Saint Apollonia (3rd century AD), always shown holding a tooth in a pair of tongs. She was one of a group of virgin martyrs who suffered in Alexandria during a local uprising against the Christians, prior to the persecution of Decius. According to legend, her torture included having all of her teeth violently pulled out or shattered. For this reason she is popularly regarded as the patroness of dentistry and those suffering from toothache or other dental problems. After this torture her attackers threatened to burn her alive if she refused to blaspheme against Christ. She refused and when the fire was lit she threw herself onto it and was burnt to death.

Sixth is Saint Barbara (b 3rd century AD d. 4th Dec 306). She was the daughter of a rich pagan but she was a Christian and was tortured for her faith. Eventually she was condemned to death by beheading. Her father himself carried out the death-sentence but, in punishment, he was struck by lightning.

She is the patron saint of artillerymen and anyone else involved with cannon and explosives.

The Spanish word 'santabárbara' signifies the powder magazine of a ship or fortress. It was customary to have a statue of Saint Barbara to protect the ship, or fortress, from suddenly exploding.

Next, Saint John the Baptist, identified by the Lamb to which he is pointing (John 1:29) and his cloak made from camel-skin, the head of which can be seen dangling by his legs.

Lastly, Sativola, Christian daughter of a wealthy Saxon chief called Benna who lived just outside Exeter. Benna's wife died and he married a pagan woman who was so jealous of Sativola that she arranged for her to be murdered.

Sativola, whilst working in the fields, was attacked by a farm hand who cut off her head with a scythe and, at the place where the head fell, a clear spring of water appeared, which became the focus of pilgrimages for centuries.

Sativola became known as Saint Scythe Welle. Over the centuries this name changed to Sithewelle and finally today has evolved to Sidwell.

She is shown carrying a scythe in one hand and her head in the other.

Martin Horrell



Jewellery - Open House

As one of the newest families in the village, I would like to say how lucky we are to have fallen on our feet in Whimple. I know that there are lots of you out there who already know this, but I thought I would just reinforce the concept. In a few weeks we will have been here a year and we have had a warm welcome from all.

I grew up in a small village in Northamptonshire, not dissimilar to Whimple. Our street looked out onto fields and when I went to school I was invariably late because I always had an animal to look at or, if raining, a dam to build. Since we have been here we have had a Happy Halloween, the Christmas that should be on a chocolate box, and pantos, Plant Sales, Village Crafts and the Village Week.

I've probably left a few out, but our summer(?) was topped off this weekend, by a whispered word about "a tornado". We stood on Whimple Station as this magnificent steam train thundered through, and we thought we had finally died and gone to heaven. My children love it here.

So, you say, what is the point of this article? Well, I hope that we bring some skills to join the larger family! I am a designer/maker of hand-made jewellery and I am hoping to introduce you to a new selection of handcrafted jewellery and gifts. According to my website blurb, "my jewellery is a fusion of the natural and the man-made, bringing together an organic miasma and continuity of the natural process. I like to incorporate the ethereal quality of the stones to give you jewellery which is timeless and classic, but at the same time is uncomplicated and versatile".

Basically, I have a great passion for stones which I hope translates into areas that can interest other people's enthusiasm. I firmly believe that good jewellery should be available at realistic prices and I invite you to join me at my open house on October 15th from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Shortly after half term, I will also be starting bead classes for the beginner in which you can learn how to make your own earrings, or rings on a Wednesday morning. If you are interested in lessons, or would like an invitation to my open house, please contact me on 07711 022508. Shortly to be seen at www.oliveoriginals.co.uk.

Sherril Olive

CRAFT FAIR - STALL BOOKING

On Saturday, 7th November, there will be a Craft Fair at the Victory Hall from 1.00pm - 4.00 pm, in aid of Whimple Primary School. Cathy Sharkey is one of the organisers and if you would like to have a stall at this fair, then please contact Cathy on 822939.

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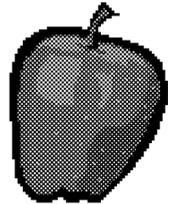
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The next order was placed on 28th September 2009 for delivery shortly thereafter. We now have 106 households in the group and whilst we expect only a few members will be ordering this time around - the 'smart money' should be on placing orders for the big one - **Monday 30th November** as this is the **last one before February 2010.**

For those who have not yet joined WART'S (Whimble Against Rising Tariff's) for their oil supplies and are keen to do so please contact as follows:

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Graham Batten

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MUD II GO DOWN A STORM IN WHIMPLE



Whimble can be proud of the diversity of events open to all in the Village and the effort so many put into organising them.

Mud II came to the Cricket Club on a, thankfully, dry Saturday evening in September as a result of a lot of hard work by John Griffiths of Handsome Dick's Records, Alex Tooze, Geoff Delves, the Cricket Club and a host of helpers.

I had a friend staying from Bristol who, to be honest, was pretty surprised to hear that such a well-known band were playing here. We arrived just in time to see the start of the support act 'An Evening Without James Taylor...and The Holy Host of Others'. As you can guess, James Taylor covers were their speciality and they set a good, mellow tone to the evening as darkness fell and more and more people arrived.

It was a great turnout and we had the choice of two bars, with lots of O'Hanlon beer to try, along with a BBQ and the chance to win some great prizes in the raffle. Karen Delves and Jackie Mahoney were offering '£1 for a Strip' on their T-Shirts and were raking it in!

Then the moment arrived and Mud were on the stage. There were two original members in the line-up and they immediately paid tribute to the late Les Gray, their original lead singer.



The band

Then they got the crowd clapping and dancing to 'The Cat Crept In' – one of their biggest hits. The sound was great and the band were really professional. They played all the numbers we had hoped for, along with some rock and roll covers. By the end, we were just about all singing and dancing, but still had one song we wanted to hear. The time had come for the end of the show and Mud asked us what we wanted to hear – receiving a big cry of 'Tiger Feet' in reply! Of course they played it and it was a great finale.

After the raffle the band mingled with the crowd in the bar, so we had a few more drinks then walked home practising the 'Mud Walk' in a rather wobbly fashion. It was a brilliant night.

I'd like to add how lucky we are with the live music scene in this area. Just this weekend, we saw Josh Podbury and his band, Barbosa, going down a storm in the Angel in Exeter on Friday,. Mud in the Cricket Club on Saturday, then 'Jazz at the Jack' with the brilliant Paul Smail Band on Sunday. My friend thought even Bristol would struggle to match that!

Sally Wilde – Whimble News Team.



The band with organisers John Griffiths, Alex Tooze and Geoff Delves

Antiques Roadshow

On Friday 16th October, in the Victory Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m., there will be a local version of the Antiques Roadshow. With Simon Ling and David Williams of Oaks and Partners, who will be bringing examples of antiques of the future. You are invited to bring one or two items to help with the spirit of the evening. It is a social event, so please bring your own 'refreshments'.

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To start off, we will be leaving tubs/collecting vessels at the various establishments around the village. Many thanks must go to the Thirsty Camel, the New Fountain, Whimble Post Office and the Milestone Garage for agreeing to have these tubs on their counters. This will be the first step on the long road to our target. In March 2010, we will hold our BUMPER Jumble Sale (look out for the date nearer the time) and after this look forward to more events throughout the summer of 2010 and beyond.

So all I can say now is please give generously, every penny helps! Anyone willing to do an individual sponsored event, please get in touch with us on 822844, for support and help. There should be a Target Board (thermometer) on the outside of our hut very soon to show you all how we are doing.

DECORATING OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

A big ‘thank you’ to all those who worked so hard during the summer hols to improve the look of the inside of our building and give it an overdue facelift! Special mention must go to our young people who were keen to grab a brush. They were – William Bowden, Jess Burt, Abigail Bunkum, Ella Westney, Jack Lovell, Graham Spry and Emily Spry.

If anyone is in need of a tin or two of emulsion, (all 5 litre tins or bigger) to do a room please give me a ring and I will open our ‘Recycled Paint Store’ on request. All proceeds will go the ‘Roof Fund’. I have in stock all manner of colours in Matt and Silk and some large tubs of White Vinyl Silk. We have in stock approximately 70 tins at the moment and there are more to come our way from a large decorating firm.

That’s all for now

Alex and Shelly Spry (01404 822844)

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Without doubt the children at the Primary School took the honours for the Show. Not only did they produce a lot of very imaginative entries, but the string of bunting that was hung throughout the hall was indeed a very colourful addition to the event. So they are to be congratulated for all their efforts in producing this.

It was good to see all the Children's Classes were up to their usual high standards and the winners in these classes were Max Walker who won the Cygnets Cup; Dulcie Sanders who won the Basildon Award; Charlie Spicer who won The Fletcher Cup and Sam Mahoney who won The Children's Challenge Cup. The photography section was again keenly contested with some outstanding pictures. It was a challenging task for the judges as there was another excellent display of photographs to be judged. There was a new winner in this section with Alan Smith winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup. In the Arts and Crafts Classes there was another outstanding display of skills. The winner of the Len Rose Memorial Cup was Elisabeth Roberts, with Lewis Greenslade Trump winning the Whimble Craft Cup.

The regular high standard was once again maintained in the flower arranging with another display of floral artistry. It was good to see so many entries in the Class for 'men only' even if two of the exhibits suffered from being oversized by the time the judging took place, a case of droopy flowers making the exhibit too large! The trophies in this section were won by Dave Mahoney and John Griffiths who shared the Sandfords Cup, Doreen Staddon who won the newly donated Frances Pratt Cup and who also won the Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in the Show, which was voted for by everyone who came along to see the show. The Roy Horsburgh Trophy was shared by no less than four people, Margaret Bucknall, Barbara Lambert, John Griffiths and Emma Palmer. As usual the Homecraft section was full of mouth watering exhibits and the snooker table was positively overloaded with excellent exhibits. Congratulations to Vicky Clough who took the honours in this section, winning the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup.

The Pot Plant Section had an excellent number of exhibits with all the classes well supported. The winner this year was a repeat performance of last year with

Sue Parkinson winning the Briar Trophy again. And finally, but by no means least, there was an exceptionally good entry in the flower and vegetable classes. The appalling weather in the preceding months left us wondering if there would be much for the Show. However, we were delighted to see just about every class having quality exhibits. This year we divided the cups between the Vegetable Classes and the Flower Classes Section, but then combined them to get an overall winner. In the Vegetable Classes, the winner of The Slewton Cup was Sue Parkinson and the runners up in this section, sharing the Cranny Brook Cup, were Colin Northcott and Paul Wilson. In the Flower Classes, the winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup was Steve Higginson and the runner up, winning the President's Cup, was Gail Ward. However when all the classes were combined the overall winner of this section, winning the Whimble Folk Cup for the first time, was Sue Parkinson.

We were very pleased to invite Angela Banfield to present the trophies and, on behalf of the Show Committee, Grace Tierney presented a bouquet to her and she was also presented with a posy. Angela has been the mastermind behind setting up the technical side of the Show since we acquired our own technology and for that we have been extremely grateful.

All the judges remarked on the high quality of the exhibits in all the classes and they asked that these comments were passed on to all the exhibitors. In fact one exhibit was so good the judge even asked for a magnifying glass to inspect it! So well done to all of you who entered and give yourselves a big pat on the back for your efforts!!! In turn, we are extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to perform this difficult task of judging such quality exhibits.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the Hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. It is quite amazing that at 5.30 we were still in the throws of prize giving but by 6.30 the hall had been completely cleared and you would not have known the Show had taken place! For those of you who were entering for the first time we hope you enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing you at next year's show. And talking of next year, the Flower Show will be on Saturday 14th August 2010, so start your planning now!!

There were about a dozen photographs left in the hall after we had cleared up which are still unclaimed. If these belong to you, and you would like them back, please contact Rachel Owen on 823223.

Since the Show we have discovered that there are still some alcoholics in the Village and we have been asked to bring back the wine and beer Section. So at the very least we will be looking to have the Sloe Gin class as that seemed to be very popular.

As one of our projects for next year we have agreed to buy a wormery for the Primary School to help them with their horticultural skills. So no doubt we see even more exhibits from them next year.

Paul Wilson,

Hon. Secretary.

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The start of another school year and we welcomed six new children into Reception. I think all the staff know we are back to work, along with all the parents as guess what – yes, isn't the weather great now school has restarted!

Many thanks for all the lovely comments about the school throughout the school fair day – we do have a comments book available in our reception area and we forgot to put it out so if any of you feel you would like to add a written comment please feel welcome to call in at the office and write in the book. Alternatively email or write your comments and send them in.

Following the first meeting of the Governing Body, we are pleased to welcome three new members. They are Ms Annie Bassett (Community Governor), Mrs Joan Wilkinson (Local Authority Governor) and Mrs Charlotte Woollam (Associate Governor).

Our existing members are:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Community Governors – | Mrs Jan Discombe
Mrs Maria Wallis (Vice Chair) |
| Local Authority Governor - | Mrs Helen Penney (Chair) |
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Mr Richard Betts
Mr Nick Tandy (Chair of Finance and Resources)
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Our website continues to be updated and there is now a link to the local preschool from the site. (www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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Whimble History Society



WHY JOIN THE WHIMBLE HISTORY SOCIETY?

If you are interested in Whimble, past and present, then you may be interested in joining the History Society. Many people have assumed that the History Society is only involved with things from at least 50 years ago ...WRONG!!! The Society gathers yesterday's news and photos and other memorabilia connected to the village so that people now and in the future will have a better understanding of the how, what and why things happened in our village. For example, I have just passed photos of both the 2009 Village Week Fancy Dress and the Opening of the Cycle Track to the Society. You will have seen some of them in the last edition. They are excellent records of a village at play, and the proud results of a group of villagers who had a vision. John Shepherd never intended that The Heritage Centre was seen as a museum but rather as a living collection of photos, newspaper articles, memories and items that would be of great interest to anyone who loves this village and wants to understand more of its character. The Society members, especially those involved with the exhibits, work hard at creating new displays every summer that will appeal to both villagers and 'tourists', and which will encourage people into the Heritage Centre.

The History Society plays a strong role in the village. You may have taken part in our annual Wassail and, perhaps, a Guided Walk. They also ran the Walking Treasure Hunt for Village Week, organised trips out (most recently to the Tiverton Canal), arranged speakers for their regular meetings in the Hall, and organise 'stewarding' of the Heritage Centre on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays, for a few hours in either the morning or the afternoon. Stewarding is a great opportunity to welcome visitors to our village and you don't have to be an expert on village history – is that something that you could help with?

The Centre has a wide range of good quality gifts, ranging from the ever-popular calendars (2010 now available!) to locally produced honey, jams and chutneys.

The wonderful building that we are so lucky to have, mainly due to the generosity of the Whiteway family, still has basic running costs to be met. Membership of the Society would help with these costs and, perhaps, give you the chance to become even more actively involved.

None of us are going to live forever and now is the time for new blood to join us and to help us plan for the future of the Heritage Centre. We would also welcome new ideas about exhibits, themes, and ways of involving others, and we know that new people will bring these to the Society.

We have plans to work closely with the Whimble School so that recent events could be reflected in some of our displays. We want to look at the possibility of setting up a children's corner and offering free junior membership so that children can feel actively involved. We also have some exciting projects that work with the latest technology to capture all our records and make them available on the Net.

The Centre closed at the end of September but will be open just before Xmas on Saturday 28 November and Saturday 5th December so that you can buy a 2010 calendar or something from our extensive stock. Come and talk to us if you would like to be more involved – you would be very welcome.

Feel free to contact any of the Committee, who would be delighted to organise an application form for you, or just leave a message in our mail box which is on the front wall of the Centre, or on our answerphone on 822499.

Our membership year runs from January to December and single membership is £8, double membership £12.

Committee members include Richard Webber, David and Daphne Rastall, Margaret Burrough, John Aiton, Jan Discombe, The Smiths (David, Roger and Alan), Ian Hardcastle, Adrian Williams, Tony Russell, Graham Potbury and me.

Ed H

Did you go to Whimble School?

Whimble History Society in association with Whimble School is planning an exhibition at the Heritage Centre in 2010 to celebrate 100 years since the extension was built to the school. We are interested in obtaining any artefacts, photos or written or spoken memories of your days at Whimble School. The exhibition can only be as good as its input so we are relying on you, the ex pupils of Whimble or staff, to ensure that the exhibition is a success. We are giving you ample warning to search through your loft and stored items and we will be gathering the information in early 2010. Information can be delivered to me, Jan Discombe, at The Jays or e-mailed to me at jaydiscombe@supanet.com

All items will be returned once the exhibition is over.

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Tuesday meetings 2.30pm - 4.30pm in Victory Hall

- October 4th (Sun) Trip to New Forest and Poole
 6th Singalong - Mr Purchase
 10th (Sat) Coffee Morning Village Hall (10-12.00)
 13th Quiz
 20th Speaker - Mr Garrick Illustrated talk Tasmania
 27th Bingo & Committee Meeting
- November 3rd Trip to Bamstaple
 10th Xmas Beetle Drive
 24th Speaker - Mrs Sutherland 'Women of a certain age'
- December 1st Xmas Bingo
 8th Christmas Lunch at Mount Pleasant Inn, Dawlish
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[From White's Devonshire Directory (1850)]

The Act of Supremacy

The Act of Supremacy passed by Parliament in 1536 made Henry VIII Supreme Head of the Church in England, including Whimble and all other parish churches. The Act also gave him the power to dissolve the religious communities and hence to appropriate their wealth to the Crown. In 1536 there were 825 such communities, by 1541 there were none. Henry VIII was not the first king of England to appropriate monasteries.

At the time of the Norman Conquest many "Alien Priors" had been established which owed their allegiance to religious orders in France. Whimble parish was one which paid regular sums to the Benedictine Priory in Exwick. The King's Officers first sequestrated the assets of these Alien Priors in 1295-1303 under Edward I, and the same thing happened repeatedly for long periods over the course of the fourteenth century. Henry VIII simply continued the policy. The dissolution still represents the largest legal transfer of property in English history since the Norman Conquest.

There is a stark reminder of these events shown in the Whimble Heritage Centre where there is a display showing the bells of St. Mary, Whimble.

The Fifth bell, the oldest dating from c.1400, has the inscription "SANCTE GABRIEL ORA PRO NOBIS" (Holy Gabriel Pray For Us) and the Third bell dating from c.1450 has "PROTEGE VIRGO PIA QUOS CONVOCO SANCTA MARIA" (Holy Mary Tender Maiden Protect Those I Call Together). Whereas the Tenor bell (c.1600) has in English "PRAYSE NOT THY SELF".

This points to the fact that from its foundation (the second named Rector dates from 1258 though there was probably a church well before then) until the Dissolution, St. Mary, Whimble like all other Churches was Roman Catholic.

HOW TO AMUSE YOURSELF IN TESCO'S!

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While we thank you for your valued custom and use of the Tesco Loyalty Card, the Manager of our store in Banbury is considering banning you and your family from shopping with us, unless your husband stops his antics. Below is a list of offences over the past few months all verified by our surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: Took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in people's trolleys when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 7: Made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to feminine products aisle.
4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official tone, 'Code 3' in housewares..... and watched what happened.
5. August 14: Moved a 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.
6. September 15: Set up a tent in the outdoor clothing department and told shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring sausages and a Calor gas stove.
7. September 23: When the Deputy Manager asked if she could help him, he began to cry and asked, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?'
8. October 4: Looked right into the security camera; used it as a mirror, picked his nose, and ate it.
9. November 10: While appearing to be choosing kitchen knives in the Housewares aisle asked an assistant if he knew where the antidepressants were.
10. December 3: Darted around the store suspiciously, loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.
11. December 6: In the kitchenware aisle, practised the 'Madonna look' using different size funnels.
12. December 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed, yelled 'PICK ME!' 'PICK ME!'
13. December 21: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, assumed the foetal position and screamed 'NO! NO! It's those voices again.'

And; last, but not least:

14. December 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited a while; then yelled, very loudly "There is no toilet paper in here".



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Whimle Womens Institute

In August we all enjoyed what has now become an annual event, when we met together for a delightful tea party at the home of Ann Bowden. As usual, we were warmly welcomed and everyone appreciated the opportunity to have a relaxing afternoon with lovely food provided by the members.

The title of our September meeting was 'Through the Eye of a Needle', a talk given by Sandra Andrews on the history of needlework. It was a fascinating talk and Sandra brought with her numerous examples of the most exquisite needlework.

A small group of members have been busy through the summer making quilts for Bramble Ward, the children's ward at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. Fabrics for the quilts came from many sources - with some being donated from America. The result of this activity was that 16 quilts were presented. The matron of Bramble Ward was thrilled with the gift and commented that they could use as many quilts as could be made.



Our members were surprised to learn that more than 3,000 children pass through the ward in a year.

For more information about the WI and the opportunity to make new friends, contact Ann Bowden (823450).

Rosemarie Burrows

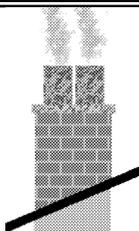


TREASURER NEEDED!

Whimle Pre-School require someone to take over the voluntary role of treasurer as part of our committee. The role would involve approx two hours work per week from home. We would ideally like someone to take over the role from mid October, which would include initial shadowing from the current treasurer if wished.

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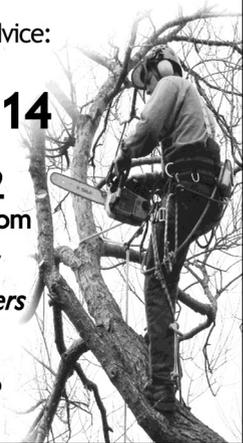
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“NOTHING “

This is the calm before the storm. This means "something," and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with 'Nothing' usually end in "Fine"

“GO AHEAD”

This is a dare, not permission. Don't do it.

LOUD SIGH

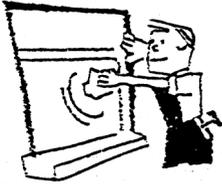
This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing"

“THAT'S OKAY”

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THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple who are over 65 years of age (before Monday 30th November 2009) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 4th December 2009 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Ann Bowden by Monday 23th November.



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Darker nights are with us again, with the clocks going back an hour on Sunday 25th October, so maybe it would be a good time to get around to those security jobs that you meant to do but never found the time for.

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