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# WHAT'S ON IN WHIMPLE

## October

- 10th Christianity Explored Course, the Rectory, 7.30pm
- 13th Hospicare Coffee Morning & Christmas Card Sale, Victory Hall, 10.00am -12.00pm
- 15th Victory Hall AGM in the Victory Hall Billiard Room at 7.00pm
- 15th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.00pm
- 19th Whimble School Cake Stall, School Playground, 3.30pm
- 20th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00 noon – 1.30pm

## November

- 3rd Fireworks Night, Cricket Club, bar open 6pm, fireworks at 7.15pm
- 17th Soup and Sarnie Lunch, Victory Hall, 12.00noon – 1.30pm
- 19th Parish Council Meeting, Victory Hall, 7.30pm
- 24th Craft Fayre, Victory Hall, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

## December

- 2nd Advent Carol Service, Whimble Church, 6.30pm
- 7th Over 65's Christmas Party, Victory Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- 8th Orchard Harmony, St Mary's Church, time tbc
- 9th Christingle Service, Whimble Church, 3.00pm
- 16th Christmas Celebration Service, Whimble Church, 11.00am
- 17th School Christmas Fayre, Victory Hall, 2.00 - 3.20pm
- 23rd Carol Service, Whimble Church, 6.30pm
- 24th Midnight Communion, Whimble Church, 11.30pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service, Whimble Church, 11.00am

## 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	Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Service
4th Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
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5th Sunday	11.00am	Joint Benefice Communion

Please use the Whimble 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](mailto:nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk)

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## Ed the Ed

I know that it is Autumn when it starts to get a little chilly in the morning on the bike ride to Ottery each day. Do you ever have ice cream headaches when you have eaten ice cream too quickly? I got one of those one morning at the end of Church Road, after cycling for about 5 minutes one very cold day...this is starting to get silly, I thought. If it got much colder, I had visions of my hands freezing to the handlebars, and having to be de-iced using a hairdryer...whatever one of those is. So I have laid up my Tour de France lycra all-in-one with reinforced gusset.

I am delighted to include a broadside from Geoff Gardner on behalf of the Over 60's who I had a pop at in the last editorial. It is pleasing to see that at least one of them can drag themselves away from their wild Bacchanalian pleasures to put pen to paper, wrap it round a brick and lob it though our window. If only they would stop mooning as their coaches leave the village. ....it is very difficult to put a name to a face, or whatever. But I would recognise some of those tattoos again.

This edition has some very important information about changes to the arrangements at the Whimble Doctor's surgery from 1st October- it will be moving to an appointment-based system, which I think will be a boon to the village.

Don't forget to support the Fireworks Evening, generously organised by Graham at the shop, on Saturday November 3rd. I understand that the fireworks will be ignited about 7.15pm but the cricket club will be open for beverages from 6.00pm.

I unfortunately missed the Cider with Roadies event on 27th September, but I hear it was a great success, so well done to Alan Smith of the History Society for all his hard wok on that. And a well deserved thanks and well done to Geoff Delves and his team for the Plan B evening at the cricket club on Saturday 29th September.... great music as ever, and valuable funds for the cricket club.

The current Mrs H and myself were recently sat one evening, waiting for the pigs trotters to come to the boil, listening to a folk music programme on the steam radio, presented by Mike Harding. A name came through the ether, of one Jim Causley, who you will remember as the Whimble singer who made a CD (on sale in the Heritage Centre) and who kindly helped with the music at the last two Wassails. It was great to hear Mike Harding being very enthusiastic and full of praise for Jim's second CD, so well done Jim. I hope that he will still be able to support the Wassail despite his growing fame!

If you would like to submit an article, or comment on anything in the village, or in this issue, we would be delighted to receive it, either by leaving it at the Post Office, with Jim, Whimble's own Marco Pierre White of the gateaux (and of course, Alison the keen assistant following him round the kitchen with the power washer), or by semaphore flag to Bob 'where am I today' Scanlan on [bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) by Monday 12th November.

Don't forget that the next issue will be the Christmas issue - is that scary or what?, so let us know of any activities that need publicity in the village. Our aim to publish that edition by early December.

This edition has the Over 65s Christmas Party Invitation, now being run for the first time by Ann Bowden who so bravely stepped into the void after Lucy Smith decided she wanted more time to go drinking and rock and roll. Good luck Ann and thanks !!

**Ed the Ed**



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Although we have had no new news regarding our future, details of our new pay remuneration have been released to us. It would appear that in order to keep the existing business with its customers the Post office has have to become 'more competitive' which will reduce the amount paid to us. Other changes involve the way we sell postage. We will be paid more for selling postage labels and less for selling stamps for larger items of post. Printing labels takes longer, but the difference it makes to us is quite considerable.

We are supposed to compensate for this loss of income by selling more financial products, i.e. car insurance and credit cards. We rarely sell any of these products in this particular branch so the future is a little worrying, we only hope that if we remain open after the cuts, that we will actually afford to do so. I know it is boring but it is a real case of use us or lose us.

We have now been given the last post by dates for Christmas post. Here are some of the dates for Surface Mail.

<b>Date</b>	<b>International Surface Mail</b>
Monday 1st October	All non European destinations (except USA, Canada, Middle East, FarEast, South Africa)
Monday 15th October	Middle east and far east (except Hong Kong and Singapore)
Monday 29th October	USA, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Africa
Friday 16th November	Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland.
Friday 30th November	Western Europe

Thanking you all for your continuing Support.

**Jim & Alison.**



# FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Now gently, beautiful and calm  
The quiet brook murmurs by  
How soft the light, how full of balm  
The breeze that soothes the autumn skies  
Yet here amid leaf-strewn mornings  
While pleasing sounds of autumn mild  
Things beautiful delight and pleasing sights  
Make my tender heart to smile

For me autumn is like a rhapsody and I can get quite lyrical about its beauty. In a way it is the fulfilment of the promises of spring and summer, the achievements of the hope we had. It is the time of harvest, of mists in early morning, of intricate cobwebs on windows and shrubs of brilliant colours and balmy fruitfulness. It is also the time of achievement for our young people in the village who passed their exams successfully; starting a new life full of promise and hope at university, college, an apprenticeship or perhaps a new job.

This is also the time of the year when bulb and seed catalogues drop through our letter boxes and already plenty of Christmas catalogues too. Sitting quietly by the fire I get carried away by the offers of spring bulbs; golden daffodils, brightly coloured tulips, sweetly scented hyacinths, velvety pansies with their charming, smiling faces, all shades of reds, yellows and blues of polyanthus, such a pity the birds find them rather succulent. Our Village Flower Show was better than ever in spite of the inclement growing season. Catalogues are too tempting for vegetables and flowers to grow for the show as it all takes a lot of planning. There were some outstanding entries in every section and the best flower arrangement in the show won the admiration of the judges and public at large who voted with one voice, it was heart warming.

From my early childhood in the Swiss Alps, my deep and abiding love for flowers and gardens has never left me, on the contrary – it has grown from strength to strength. My love for enchanting and peaceful places was born. I remember our mountain family walks in the summer with the bright colours and scent of the wild rhododendrons ferruginous warming on big granite blocks, the screes nearby covered with the celestial blue gentians and pink primula farinose. Then, on higher stones almost unreachable the silvery stars of the white edelweiss. All those precious moments shaped my life and helped me to act roles which give each of us our uniqueness and true self. We have inherent gifts which often have been hidden by masks or roles we have taken on. Autumn is the true time to take stock and give up roles which are not truly us.



A haze on the far horizon  
Then infinite tender sky  
The ripe rich tint of the cornfield  
And the wild geese sailing by  
And all over the upland and lowland  
The charm of the golden rod  
Some of us call it autumn  
Some others call it God

In the October and November, I love the beauty of the yellow afternoons that shimmer in The Square. Whoever could clutch it? Go forth to catch it and it is gone! It seems like a mirage when I look out of my window. Now that autumn is upon us it is fascinating to observe the natural phenomenon in the garden of the start of hibernation. It is not simply a matter of going to sleep for a long time like Sleeping Beauty, but it is far more complex.

The squirrels work hard all summer to stock up food for the winter. What else can creatures do if there is not enough food about to satisfy their hunger? So they migrate to where food is plentiful. The birds thankfully have that option as their wings take them to long distances to warmer climates. It is also up to us to feed and water the birds which stay and it is so important not to disturb compost heaps or leaf moulds because it is not only hedgehogs but worms and slow worms that may have taken up residence.



There is something I often wondered about; why do beech hedges that are clipped hang onto their leaves until springtime and yet beech trees shed their leaves like any other tree? On a sunny winter's day the clipped beech hedges look like a golden diadem round a garden. Does the fact that they are clipped reduce their vigour and food supply? Each leaf cut off in its prime must be robbing the plant of some goodness. I have not met anybody yet who could give me the answer. Whatever the reason the beauty of the clipped beech hedge in its bronze, golden mantle is a welcome sight.

The thing that goes furthest towards  
Making the life worthwhile  
That costs the least and does the most  
Is just a pleasing smile  
The smile that bubbles from the heart  
That loves its fellow men  
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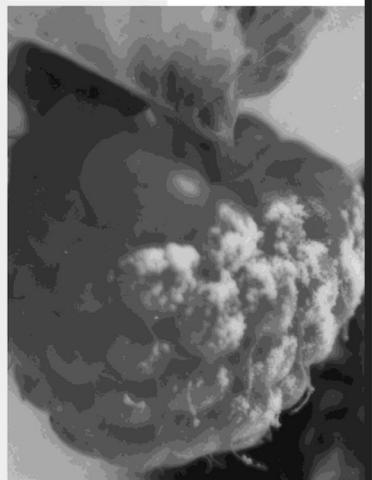
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# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Despite the problems that faced some of the exhibitors in some of the classes, the 2007 Annual Flower Show was another resounding success. Although we did not have a record number of exhibits, we did equal our record number of exhibitors with 103 people taking part. This meant we had a very good entry with 601 exhibits on display. It was good to see so many more new exhibitors this year and once again we had some new names to put on the trophies.

The Children's Classes were up to their usual high standard and imagination and it was good to see an increase in the number of exhibits particularly in the Section for the Under Fives where we had 43 exhibits. Winners in these classes were Annabel Courtney who won the Cygnets Cup; Peter Betts who won the Basildon Award; Emily Ackland who won The Fletcher Cup and Kitty Macklin 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 were some 143 exhibits to admire. However, once again it was Gilly Curtis who took the honours in this section winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup. In the Arts and Crafts Classes there was another outstanding display of skills. It was Gill Munslow who won the Len Rose memorial Cup in this section with Elisabeth Roberts winning the Whimble Craft Cup.

The regular high standard was once again maintained in the flower arranging with another display of floral artistry. The trophies in this section were won by Doreen Staddon who won the The Sandfords Cup and 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 won by Sylvia Broom.

In the Beer and Wine Classes, Marion Daniels won the Cranny Brook Cup. Although the number of entries was not as high as we would have liked, what was on display was of a very high standard, especially the Sloe Gin!! Perhaps a few more of you could spend winter months wine making? As usual the Homecraft section was full of mouth watering exhibits and congratulations to Margaret Burrough for her skills in winning the trophy in this section. As was the case last year the men did themselves proud in this section with a large entry in the Class for a Victoria Sponge, and they were all edible!!!

The Pot Plant Section had an excellent number of exhibits with 48 plants and flower tubs on display. The winner of the Briar Shield was Doreen Staddon. 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. In all there were 172 exhibits in this section which certainly gave the judges a hard task. This was again a very keenly contested section and we had a new winner of The Whimble Folk Cup, this being won by Doreen Staddon.

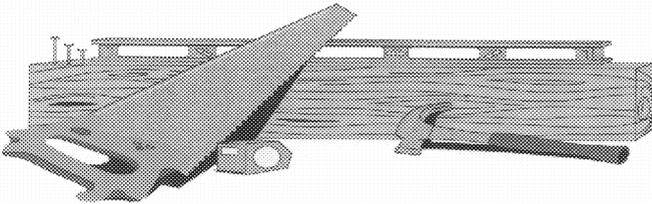
Sue Parkinson, another new cup winner, was the runner up in this section winning the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup, however she had to share this trophy with Gail Ward and Danny Bratt. The Slewtun Cup was also won by Doreen Staddon ( I make that 4 Doreen won - so well done Doreen!!) and The Presidents Cup was won by Sue Parkinson.

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Maria Wallis to the Flower Show who very kindly presented all the prizes and, on behalf of the Show Committee, Jessica Luck presented bouquets to her and she was also presented with a posy.

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. 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 do this difficult task.

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. The new arrangements worked very well for the second year and we are very grateful to Angela Banfield for operating the laptop to make sure all the entries went in the right classes and all the results were correctly recorded. 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 9th August 2008, so start your planning now!!

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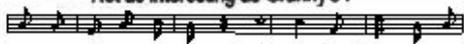
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A major concern raised in the Parish Plan questionnaire was parking. About half the respondents thought there was too much inconsiderate or dangerous parking at a number of places in the village.

The area of greatest concern was The Square, with many people expressing concerns over safety when The Square is too full of vehicles. A number of people also expressed sadness that the look of the centrepiece of our village is being spoiled, especially by long-term parking of commercial vehicles. A further concern was parking in the narrow part of The Square in front of Ivydene, with many people pointing out that emergency vehicles would not be able to pass. The dustbin lorry is sometimes unable to pass - just imagine if this was an ambulance or fire engine! Some also pointed out that cars often block access to the brick footbridge, a unique feature of our village.

Many people also noted that the free Parish Car Park (40 yards from The Square) is hardly used and that use of this car park could alleviate congestion in The Square. If you need to park in the centre of the village, especially for more than a few minutes, we would ask you to please use the car park instead and please do not cause an obstruction to emergency vehicle access.

Other areas of particular concern were - near the school (especially if parking for the Surgery is prevented), the station, and opposite the bottom of Grove Road outside Bridge House. Many other locations were mentioned.

Overall, the message is simple: please be considerate when parking in the village. Even better, why not try walking or cycling?

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Ed the Ed.

10th August 2007

Sir,

Why in the August/September edition of your otherwise excellent periodical should you descend to gutter journalism? I refer of course to the libelous comments in your editorial on the Over 60's Club.

We, Sir, I'll have you know, are the salt of the earth, the crème de la crème. It is we with our pitiful pensions who keep the economy going. It is we who sacrificially keep the coach companies solvent with our outings. It is not gum we chew in the Square, it is locally-grown carrots. We do not glare at passers-by, as you accuse us, but our looks are benign, signifying our readiness to protect innocent villagers from the attacks of malignant editors.

Who else, do you imagine, Sir, sets the standard of cleanliness and neatness, making Whimble such a model village? Who else slows down the drivers by wobbling uncertainly along the road, at risk to life and limb? Who was it but the Over 60's who saw off Hitler?

We challenge you and your Team, Sir, to a contest. Let you and your Team meet us in a tug- of-war, if you dare. We shall only need to use one hand. Or alternatively we will beat you at Bingo. or Beetle.

When you pass the critical point and mark up your 60th birthday, you will see things differently. Quality of wisdom always excels youthful impertinence.

But I doubt if you will even have the temerity to publish this letter.

Your outraged correspondent,

**Geoff Gardner.**

Chairman, Whimble Over 60's Social Club.

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Tim Wright

# Whimple Pre-school



Wow what a fantastic Village day we had! The Dog show was a great success and raised just under £100 everyone said how good it was and we had loads of people coming to watch. The local dog warden came to judge the show. We also had Postman's favourite which Paul Carpenter kindly judged for us, I think everyone had a great time so thank you for supporting us once again.

Well what can I say about the Auction of promises, again a fantastic event! We raised in the region of £1700 which was much more than I could have ever hoped for. The Auctioneer David was fantastic and certainly got everyone to spend their money, I think everyone who came enjoyed themselves and got into the flow of the night. I would like to thank everyone who donated whether big or small without your donations it would not have been possible to raise that amount of money. The money will go to upgrading the Pre-school toys.

I think this will be my last entry in the Whimple News as I am giving up my position of chair person in October as my youngest son will be going to school in September. After 4 years I feel that the Pre-school could do with some new blood as I think they have seen quite enough of me!! It has been very rewarding but also very hard work at times but I feel I have made a small contribution to a very valued part of our community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee old and new for their support over the last four years and to the staff who have always been very supportive to me and everyone who has picked me up when I have been ready to throw in the towel.

I would also like to thank all the local businesses who continue to support all our fundraising events, The Village Shop, The Post Office, Vale Veterinary, Milestone Services, The Thirsty Farmer, The Fountain Inn, Halo's, O'Hanlons.

You have all been great so thank you. Well I will stop twittering now and let you get on with reading the rest of the News.

**Sally Young**

## Fireworks Night

Just a reminder that Fireworks Night at the Cricket Club will be on 3rd November with bar opening at 6.00pm with a children's raffle being conducted up till 7.00pm or until sold out and fireworks beginning at 7.15pm weather permitting. no entrance fee but all donations greatly appreciated.

Chris and Chips will be there as usual

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**The Ring & Ride** - a fully accessible minibus providing a door to door service into Honiton, operating in your area on Monday, the driver will usually collect you from your home and will help with carrying the shopping to your door. The return journey currently costs £3.00. There are also occasional trips to other destinations available at weekends, details of these are available from the TRIP office.

**Honiton Voluntary Car Service** - this is for elderly or frail people who need to attend medical appointments either in Honiton, Exeter or elsewhere and is provided by local volunteers and coordinated through the TRIP office. It is run on a non profit basis and new volunteer drivers are always welcome, mileage costs are reimbursed.

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Public transport information- we keep a stock of local bus and rail timetables and also application forms for the free bus pass.

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\*\*\*\* Hello from the 'Night Man at the Crossing' / the 'short round bloke who still delivers phone books' \*\*\*\*

It seems a long while since I last inserted a ditty or two. Well, what seems to have become our family tradition of delivering your phonebooks is well underway as I speak. Yellow Pages to follow folks with a Thompson book in October if you are lucky (or not so!). What worries me is the years flying by and it not seeming like I was around 5 minutes ago with the 2006 books. The only thing I miss now is not having a pram or buggy to push books around *at the moment*, and having to carry them further! It doesn't seem 4 years ago our daughter Emily was momentarily buried in Ikea magazines whilst sleeping innocently on one side of the double buggy, with books piled high in the other seat! Graham our eldest son, also suffered a similar scenario when we had to apply the emergency brake on the Vauxhall Viva HC whilst wurdelling our trade thru' the wilds of Rewe & Turkey Lane (there's one for the pub quiz in the Geography section!), and at the age of two thought the whole world had turned yellow!

Alas now aged 6 & 5 respectively they were none the worse for their white knuckle rides with father at the helm and now have a large stake (and say!) in the forever expanding "SPRY, Sons & Daughter Ltd". Peckham has to be the next feat for us - though if they think I'm delivering YP's to the high-rise flats they can all think again!

The holidays seem to be fast approaching the end now and I'm sure like most other families so is the bank balance, or overdraft after the 'fitting' exercise in Clarks/ Startrites but its worth it in the end. I remember a family saying passed down to me which goes - "without good boots on your feet you'll never be able to work - Look after your feet and they will earn you money ". I've never known any other part of my body earn me money so it must be true!

On the "Scout Group" front we are reaching full capacity in both sections (25 each section), not bad going as there are only 4 warranted leaders and 4/5 regular helpers. We welcome Joan Bellamy as a new warranted Cub Leader. Joan has been helping Elaine for at least 4 years I can count and has now agreed to take up a uniformed position within our growing group. Our continuing thanks must go to Elaine who now seems likely to stay on "for more" and my long suffering wife, Shelley, who with her constant support, fresh ideas and tolerance runs the Beaver Colony along with myself, both of whom have now exceeded and gained their 5 year service awards.

We have a Dad of a cub who is willing to re open the Scout section (10-15's) as a uniformed leader, albeit we need a couple more keen adults to assist him as the programme is more adventure-based and takes youngsters outside the confines of "the hut". This will be a big step in the right direction for our group particularly as we were 100 years old in August. The Scout Section will start small and only take Cubs from our pack initially who have turned 11 years. This will give it chance to gain its strength back and assist those involved in running it. Give us a shout if you are interested. It will be fun and hard work at times but from my experience very rewarding.

Akela Elaine, Jane our secretary, Cameron her son (a Whimble Cub Scout), and myself along with 50 Scouters & young people travelled from Honiton to visit the 21st World Jamboree in Hylands Park, Essex for a day. It is when you attend these sorts of events that you begin to realise how important Scouting in the UK is to the youngsters & teenagers of today - as it was 80/90 years ago.

Alas enough of me gibbering, must wash me mug out and be ready for the up "Night Sleeper" followed at 0250 by the down "Night Riviera".

One last closing thought - when was the start of Summer in Whimble & Talaton this year and when will be the end? Many people have commented on no sightings of 'the knees' to date this year so here you go -

Well just to let you know officially I first showed "the knees" publicly for all to see on Sunday 26th August at Honiton Hill Rally (and even that was doubtful at first!). They were still on show for the whole of Bank Holiday Monday whilst undertaking phone book distribution, until they recommenced Night Turn at 2200, whereby the aforementioned "knees" were re-hidden due to a significant drop in temperature. Lets hope "the knees" will be out & about a bit more before the 'fall'!

This must be the latest date ever recorded.

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Alex Spry

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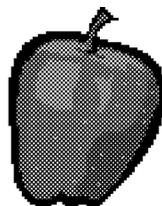
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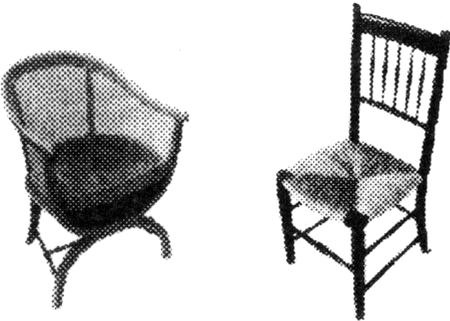
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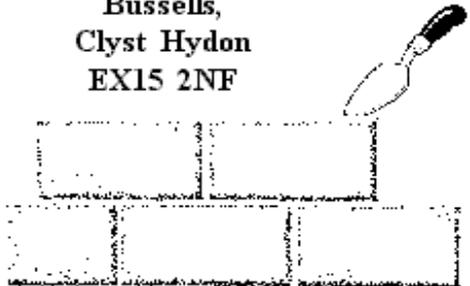
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Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

Firstly we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Headteacher, Mrs Susie Langley.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our school in the past school year by buying raffle tickets, coming to events or helping - it has been a hectic year!

Everyone in the school has benefited from PTFA support this year including the following:-

M&M production, Theatre Alibi, IPS production, Bigfoot Theatre, Concert by the English Touring Opera, Pantomime, Adventure Challenge, Playground activities and Christmas crackers, Education City software, Leavers gifts, craft club materials, sandpit/ water trays, school trips and school end of term BBQ.

## Dates for your diary:

**Reception and Year 1 cake stall - Friday 19th October 3.30pm in school playground**

**Craft Fayre Saturday 24th November in the Victory Hall from 1.00pm to 4.00pm , if you are interested in having a stall please contact Sally Young on 01404 823228**

**School Christmas Fayre on Monday 17th Dec in the Victory Hall from 2.00pm to 3.20pm**

**Christmas Disco for Whimple Primary children on Friday 21st Dec - venue to be arranged**

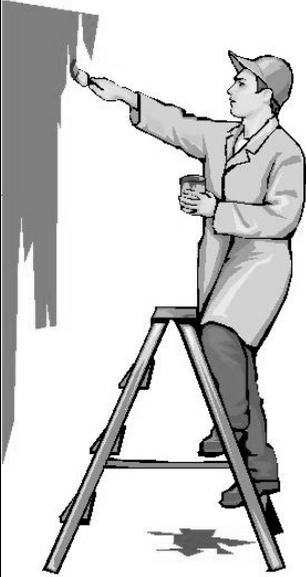
Would you like to be part of a new organisation in Whimple? We think there are a lot of practical ways to reduce our impact on the environment and improve the village we live in and our own lives. We would be interested in being part of a group of people who are interested in the things we can do to minimise waste, improve our energy efficiency and generally consider the things we can do to live our lives with more consideration to the world as a whole. If you are interested in reducing your carbon footprint or simply investigating if it is possible to improve village recycling facilities, car sharing schemes or other things we can all do to make a difference, please contact:

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Following the recent **re-surfacing of the churchyard path** and creation of a ramp at the West door, St Mary's is now more easily accessible to buggy and wheelchair users—do come and try out the new facility! Our next job is the re-coping of the boundary wall adjacent to the Square with Killerton stone, for which we have now received local authority approval.

A new **Christianity Explored** course will be starting on Wednesday 10th October, 7.30pm at the Rectory. This is an informal course for anyone who would like to investigate

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Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. It explores who Jesus is and what it means to follow him. You would not be asked to pray, sing, or read aloud, and you can ask any question you like. Or, if you prefer, you can come along and simply listen. Please contact Rob Wilkinson (822521/robwilkinson@lineone.net) for more information.

Following on from the success of last year's **Traidcraft Evening**, we will be holding a similar event in mid-November with free-trade wine and chocolate tasting, ideas for Christmas presents and cards. Look out for the posters.

**Trick or Treat?** On 31st October many in our village will be carving out pumpkin lamps, dressing up in pointed hats and black gowns and going from house to house for some trick and treating revelry. For most people, Halloween these days is just a bit of light-hearted fun, and few think about



or are concerned about the darkness that underlies Halloween traditions. As Christians we believe that Jesus destroyed the power of death when He went to the cross, and that anyone who trusts in Jesus doesn't need to fear evil, nor should they celebrate it.

This year on Tuesday 31st October SClub11, the children's group at Whimple Church is holding a **Light Party** for primary-aged children, to celebrate the light of Christ and offer an alternative fun party on 31st October. Please contact Maggie Spicer (823640) for further details.

**It's shoe box time again!** Whimple Church is participating again this year in Operation Christmas Child - packing up shoe boxes with children's toys for needy children. For many of



these children, the shoe box is the first Christmas present they have ever received. The shoe boxes are given unconditionally, regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Last year 1.247 million children in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa received shoe boxes from children, families and individuals in the UK. To contribute a box this year, please contact Maggie Spicer (823201) or visit [www.samaritanspurse.uk.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.uk.com) for more information. There is a flier with full of ideas of what to buy - plus a label to stick on the front of your box. Why not bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to our Celebration Service on 4th November when we will be showing a DVD about the work of Operation Christmas Child?

**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 Whimple this year will be as follows:

- Sunday 2nd December, 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
- Sunday 9th December, 3.00pm Christingle Service
- Sunday 16th December, 11.00am Christmas Celebration Service
- Sunday 23rd December, 6.30pm Carol Service
- Monday 24th December, 11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Tuesday 25th December, 11.00am Christmas Day Service

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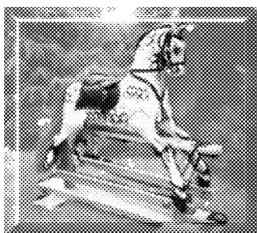
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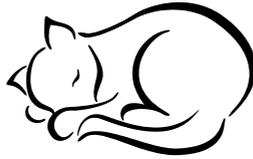
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As some of you know, I have an old 1973 VW CabrioBeetle in a pretty bright blue colour. Of course, everyone asks if it has a name, and I really don't have one for it - although I do know it's a boy. On the whole, I call it 'darling' or 'baby', as in "you know you can get up that hill, darling", or "please get your brakes to engage before we hit that lorry, baby". If pushed, though, I will admit to sometimes thinking of it as 'Joey', because it's a lovely shade of budgerigar blue.

Earlier in the year 'Joey' and I set off on a marathon trip back to the very spot where he was born - in the Karmann factory at Osnabrück. It was the first time he had left England even, let alone get on a ferry and cope with the Autobahns, so I was a bit concerned, to say the least.

Having spent an arm and a leg on a full service, and with my good friend Elaine for company, we took on the M25 at rush hour, and made it to Dover, where we met the other 6 Cabrio's travelling from England.

We went via Dunkirk and onwards past lorry after lorry to our overnight stop in Eindhoven, then eventually to Melle, where the cars from all over Europe were meeting for the weekend. It was actually organised by the Dutch VW Cabrio Owners Club, and we watched in awe as 72 original cars all rolled up, along with 4 Karmann Ghia's.



This will never show in the black and white picture, but no two cars were identical. The Cabrio model was built with slight differences for particular markets (e.g Italian spec and American spec), so there are lots of variations. Mine was originally in Italy, so had a lovely 'cigarette-smoke' yellow hood lining when I got it.

The next morning we set off to the 'spanning ground' of the Karmann factory and it brought a tear to the eye taking the car through the gates. All the workers came out into the sunshine to applaud - it was quite a sight.

Back at the hotel, the Dutch presented their plans for the rest of the weekend, with lots of trips and entertainment - including a free bar at the hotel, unfortunately - and we had a brilliant time.

The only downside was a very bizarre mine tour, which was very long and freezing - and all in



German, which even the Dutch couldn't follow. Luckily, halfway round I spotted a chink of light, so six of us did a 'Great Escape' before our feet froze off completely and we waited in the hot sun until the others emerged (not too happy) an hour later!

We set off home on the Monday, stopping in Gent on the way back, which was very pretty – then the long haul back to Devon.

Poor Joey didn't quite make it back in one piece, as the relay went on the front headlights. I think he had just had enough, though, really.

So I headed for Winchester and persuaded the lovely RAC to pay for a hotel for the night, with a nice, warm garage for the car – and then tootled back in the morning.

Another arm and a leg for a mobile guy to fix the lights followed – although a bonus was him finding the 'lost' wiring to my reversing lights, which I had never found before – so now you can safely see my rear end when I'm backing out around the village, I'm pleased to say.

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# Whimble girls run for it!



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With no fatty treat or alcohol promised at the end of the actual race, it was a lot harder to keep going, but we managed to get around, and felt a huge sense of achievement.

Way ahead of us in the pack were Vicky, Ali, Sally and Jo from the Village, so Whimble was well-represented at the front, and we happily brought up the rear.

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### Missed Appointments

We are very concerned at the number of appointments missed. During August 29 hours (144 appointments) were lost due to missed appointments. Our doctors will be proactive over the coming months in trying to reduce this number. Please telephone the surgery in good time if you are unable to attend your appointment.

### Facilities at Coleridge Medical Centre

Our telephone service has improved greatly since the installation of our new system. We hope you have noticed the difference. We can analyse our call volume and provide more receptionists where required. During June, our receptionists answered on average 2,000 calls per week and answered each call on average within 33 seconds. Our busy times are mornings between 08:30 and 10:30. Please postpone non urgent calls until later in the day.

Thank you to all our patients who have put suggestions in the box at reception. We have implemented some of the suggestions including a calendar on the prescription desk.

Many patients ask for a water fountain in the waiting area and we would like to remind patients if you need a drink of water, please ask at reception. We would also like to remind all our patients that the high back chairs are for those patients who find it difficult or uncomfortable to sit in the low back chairs.

During the next few weeks we hope that our contractors will be able to lay tactile paving to the front entrance. In addition our letter box will be moved to a more accessible location. We are waiting for a dry weekend in which to carry out the work!

Those patients who have visited the surgery recently will notice that our fish have a new home. We hope our younger patients will be able to see our fish more easily.

We recently purchased a number of books for the children's area. Unfortunately they have all gone missing. The books are stamped with our name and address and we would be very pleased to see them returned. Please ensure any books and toys are returned to the children's area before you leave the surgery.

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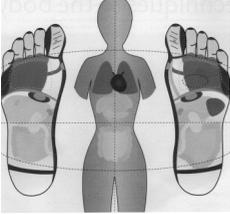
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If you would like to know more or have a confidential chat about whether this might be helpful for you, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to sharing with you my passion for this wonderful therapy.

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# Whimble History Society



The Cider with Roadies event which took place at the Heritage Centre was a great success. The weather was very kind with warm sunshine bringing out the visitors with their buckets and wheelbarrows of apples to be turned into juice by Pomona the travelling apple press. A good number of the visitors rolled up their sleeves and helped with the crushing and pressing, much to the delight of the CWR team who were glad of a break. There was a talk by one of the team about aspects of apple tree management which was well received and may give rise to further talks / workshops on this theme in the future. It was great to see the schoolchildren and Susie Langley, our new head teacher in the afternoon. The children had a great time washing the apples and feeding them into the crusher whilst others pumped the press handle. They all seemed to enjoy tasting the juice (probably not recognising it as the "healthy option"!)

Many of the children and their parents turned up again to see the performance of The Big Squeeze, a play about Pip the Apple. The performance ended with a dance ably demonstrated by one of the actors and our very own Rob Wilkinson! A great time was had by all. A big thank you to all the members of the History Society who helped out with the event and kept the Heritage Centre open during the day.



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## Whimple Womens Institute

Our August meeting was held at the home of our President, but due to the weather what was planned as a Garden Party became a Summer Tea Party - we just moved indoors. As always Ann Bowden was a delightful and welcoming hostess and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and to enjoy the excellent selection of food.

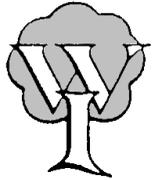
Our speaker at the September meeting was Ann Dalton, who gave us an insight into the design and production of bone china. Of particular interest were some of the miniature items she makes.

The annual outing took members to Sherborne Castle, a house that is still in private ownership and has the most fascinating history. The contents of the house are superb and the enthusiasm of the stewards made our tour doubly enjoyable. The grounds were landscaped by Capability Brown and many of our party intend to return for another visit.

The craft afternoons continue and some members have taken part in a day school to produce a patchwork cushion. Another day school helped people to 'get to know their sewing machine'.

The speaker at our October meeting will be Pauline Fox, whose subject is 'Women in Saudi Arabia'.

New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information contact **Ann Bowden** (tel. 01404 823450).



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This is Mrs Susie Langley, the new Head teacher who came to us in September. She has already made a huge impact in the school, and is proving very popular. She is keen to raise the profile of the school within the village, and its involvement within the community. Why not give her a ring and let her know of events that could include the school? Also if you feel you would like to help the school, please get in touch (822584).



Mrs Langley is producing "Contact". a fortnightly newsletter of up to date information about the school and its pupils. You can access a copy on our new website: [www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.whimple-primary.devon.sch.uk)

The Staff and Governors continue to work together to provide a safe, caring and friendly environment where all pupils have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. The school welcomes Mrs Langley and looks forward to working under her leadership.

**Pam Scanlan**, Chair of Governors.

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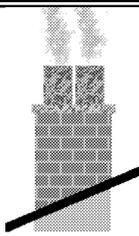
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## 7th December 2007

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There will be a meeting in November to make final arrangements for the Party - watch for posters

### **\*THIS IS YOUR INVITATION\***

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple who are over 65 years of age (before Saturday 1st December 2007) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 7th December 2007 at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Ann Bowden by Monday 26th November.



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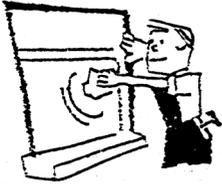
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**Never leave cooking unattended** - Two out of five deaths in home cooking fires occur because the cooking was unattended.

**Keep cooking area clean** - Always wipe appliances and surfaces after cooking to prevent grease build-up.

**Do not store flammable objects near the stove** - Curtains, pot holders, dish towels and food packaging can easily catch fire.

**Always turn pot handles toward the centre of the stove** - Turning handles inward can prevent pots from being knocked off the stove or pulled down by small children.

**Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking** - Fires can occur when clothing comes in contact with stovetop burners.

**Heat cooking oil slowly** - Heating oil too quickly can easily start a fire. Never leave hot oil unattended.

**Teach children safe cooking** - Young children should be kept at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from the stove while older family members are cooking. Older children should cook only with permission and under the supervision of an adult.

### What to do if a cooking fire starts:

**Put a lid on it** - If a pan catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and turn off the stove burner. Leave the lid on until completely cool.

**Keep oven or microwave door shut if fire starts** - Turn off the heat. If flames do not go out immediately, call the fire and rescue, using **999**.

**Know how to use your fire extinguisher** - Not all fire extinguishers are alike. They are designed for specific types of fire. Make sure you have a clear escape route and the fire and rescue has been called before attempting to extinguish a small fire.

**Water and grease don't mix** - Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes grease fires to spread.

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# Historic Out-Buildings

Is it time that we were thinking about preserving old garden sheds, wooden workshops, garages, lean-tos' and the like? As I wander around the village it appears to have become "clinical" in the last ten years or so. Some rare buildings, houses and sheds that I remember with affection seem to have disappeared or their appearance has been altered to fit in with this modern, tidy, clean environment that has now become a trend. Here are some that spring to mind:

1. Knowle Cottage (opposite the Cricket Club). This was a unique wooden bungalow painted cream with a chimney stack to one side which had a great deal of character.

2. The garages/sheds behind 1 & 2 Rock Cottages - irreplaceable

3. The wooden building opposite the school gates at the entrance to "Sandfords". Formerly a bicycle repair shop, this building is currently undergoing some interim repair work in order that it may be preserved well into the 21st Century - it is believed to be over 100 years old. It was originally built with old railway sleepers and packing cases with rolled up papers & straw used for insulation. This building is set for the first ever SPO ( Shed Preservation Order).

4. Whiteway's factory - An architectural design that nothing could compare with - a mini town, semi-covered with corrugated iron and asbestos sheeting. If anyone has this cladding material about their person hang on to it - it is hard to find these days and very useful for quick repairs.

5. The Scout Hut. A 1950's pre-fabricated concrete garage with internal facilities and later add-ons. You won't find another example left in Whimple.

These buildings and many more I am sure other people will remember, are special in a number of ways. They were designed by human beings and put together by human beings who did not have huge amounts of borrowed money in the palm of their hands, only their hand tools and skills passed down from generation to generation. Many were put up just before or after WW1 & WW2 and were built with what materials were available; this usually consisted of waste products such as railway sleepers, packing cases, broken pallets etc.

At a time when we are supposed to be " saving the planet" the sale and installation of UPVC conservatories still rises; so does the sale of pre-manufactured sheds and "garden stores" imported from Far East with a life span of maybe 10 years tops. (The felt roof doing no more than 2 years).

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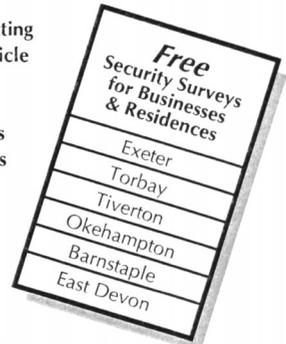


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