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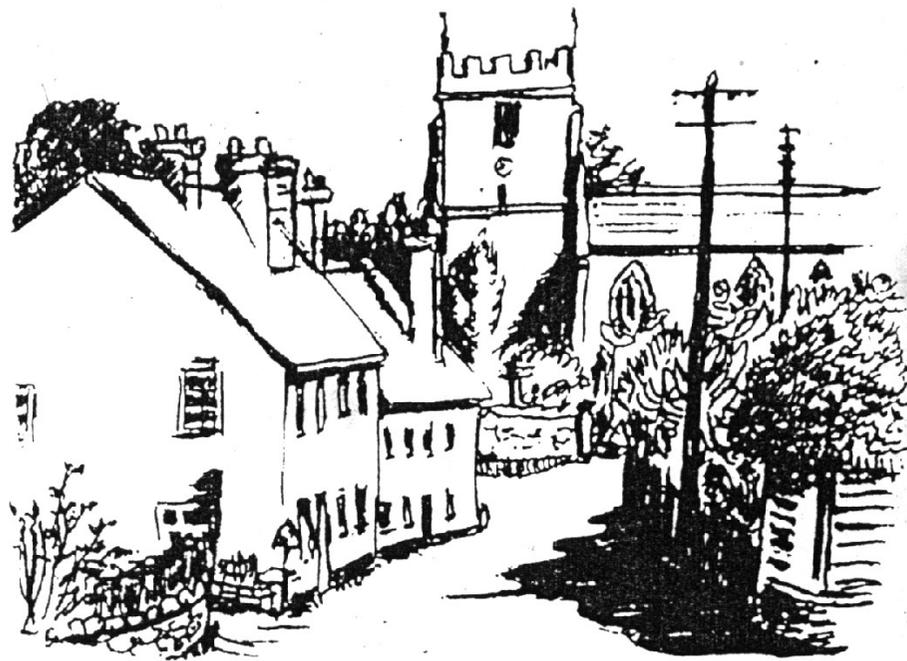
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Whimble News



Oct/Nov 2000

'What's On' in Whimble

October

7 Oct Coffee Morning/Bazaar Victory Hall
 10-12am 8 Oct Over 60's Mystery Tour with Lunch,
 leaving at 10.30am
 10 Oct WI Talk on Spinning. Guests Welcome. Victory Hall
 7.30pm 14 Oct Royal British Legion (Womens Section)
 Jumble Sale - Cakes, Produce and Draw Victory Hall
 17 Oct Over 60's Talk by Mr Cliff Benton on Wood Carving
 21 Oct Over 60's Coffee Morning Victory Hall
 10-12am

November

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 Vicky Stewart on 823374.

St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

1st	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		11am	Family Service
2nd	Sunday	11am	Parish Communion
3rd	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Service with a Smile
4th	Sunday	11am	Parish Communion
5th	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion or Joint Benefice Communion

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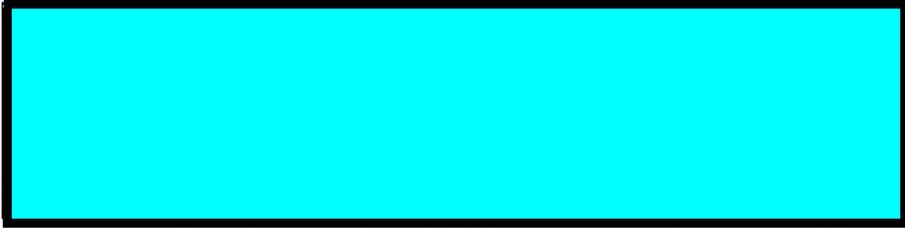
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<u>Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables:</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
The Whimble Folk Cup	Valerie Spry
The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup	Jim Stevens
The Stewton Cup	Valerie Spry
The President's Cup	Joan Ward
<u>Section 2 Pot Plants:</u>	
The Briar Trophy	Ken Branston
<u>Section 3 Homecraft:</u>	
The Sir Henry Imbert - Terry Cup	Ann Bowden
<u>Section 4 Beer and Wine:</u>	
The Cranny Brook Cup	Marion Turner
<u>Section 5 Floral Arrangement:</u>	
The Sandfords Cup	Melonie Bolden
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Margaret Bucknell
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Ann Bowden
<u>Section 6 Arts and Crafts:</u>	
The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Rachel Owen
The Whimble Craft Cup	Marjory Ingram
<u>Section 7 Photography:</u>	
The Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup	Ena Northcott
<u>Section 8 Junior Classes Children Under 5 Years:</u>	
The Cygnets Cup	Alex Bowden
<u>Section 9 Junior Classes Children 5 to 7 Years:</u>	
The Basildon Award	Kitty Macklin
<u>Section 10 Junior Classes Children 8 to 11 Years:</u>	
The Fletcher Cup	Samuel Bowker
<u>Section 11 Junior Classes Children 12 to 15 Years:</u>	
The Children's Challenge Cup	Fabienne Styles

Editorial

It hardly seems like two months since the last issue of Whimble News but it's already autumn - a season when we can particularly enjoy the differing shades and hues of colours so evident in this part of the country. I think I agree with the view that green is God's favourite colour! I'm pleased that this issue contains a new regular contribution from Cliff Benton who, working alongside the History Society, will be keeping us informed about the history of Whimble and its people. We're grateful that Carly and her family are safely housed following the awful fire.

Some have suggested that it would be good if we could repeat last year's New Year's Eve get together in the Square. It would be good to know what you think and we'll keep the village in touch with any plans in the next issue (due at the beginning of December).

Please keep the articles coming! We are also wholly dependent on the many people who faithfully distribute the News - our special thanks to them. Contributions for the next issue please to the Post Office (or by e-mail to bob.scanlan@eclipse co.uk) by 20th November.

With good wishes

Peter Smith

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Grout

To help or bless the whole wide world
Is far too much for me
But in my gentle sphere I'll try
A gentle friend to be
And at the last I may well find
I've comforted by being kind

Something unusual is happening lately in England: folks grumbling about everything they can think of and this is a very new trait of character. English people were always well known for their stiff upper lip. It is such a pity for happiness is more or less independent of wealth or poverty, good or bad times. Happiness is within ourselves. Fortunately in our village, the community spirit is still very strong and that came to the fore after two families were hit by a terrible blaze which completely destroyed their homes.

For years, I have walked past those two dear cottages with a wisteria growing round the porch of the one and a lovely rose at the entrance of the other. They were sitting comfortably beside the little stream off the road from somewhere and down the winding lane. It was a little corner from another world where children were playing so happily, birds singing sweetly and the perfume of the roses wafting through the air. It was like a bit of heaven breaking through the veil, of this world.

Alas today on my first visit to the blaze, all that is left are the charred remains, a broken table, and sadly a solitary roller blade shoe. You can imagine my great sadness and yet suddenly my spirits were lifted when I witnessed a small miracle. On the burnt out skeleton of the cottages, a rose tree is in bloom, not touched at all by the raging fire. When I saw it, there were two beautiful roses and I thought that augurs well for the future: one rose for HOPE, one for LOVE.

During the following days when I passed for my daily walks down the leafy lane, more roses were in bloom and their faint scent touched my nostrils. Now after weeks of desolation, there is renewed hope, day by day something is happening, new scaffolding has been erected, a completely new temporary roof is covering the cottages to help dry the interior out for reconstruction. Very friendly young workmen are there daily. The lower windows have been boarded up; also padlocks have been fixed on the doors leading to the garden, protective trellis put up, a no entry sign to protect the property from intruders. After all it is still the houses of the blaze-hit families.

trophy for the best exhibit in this section.

The Beer and Wine section was a little one sided with Marion Turner winning all the classes in this section. Surely someone else has an illicit still they can get going to put up a challenge next year!

There was another major upset in the Homecraft Section this year with nimble fingers Fred Finch taking the honours for his fruit cake for the second year running well done Fred! There were a good number of tasty looking exhibits in this section and it was difficult not to tuck into them before the judge did! The overall winner in this section was Ann Bowden. There were some amazing exhibits in the pot plant section with many of them being raised in the rarefied atmosphere that is to be found in Feniton! Once again, Ken Branston won the Briar Shield for this section. Finally and by no means least Section 1, Flowers and Vegetables, had some very good entries. Every year our varied climate throws out a new challenge for the classes in this section and this year was no exception. All the classes were well supported and the overall winner in this section was Valerie Spry.

Following the unfortunate car accident in which our king of the computer keyboard (John Shepherd that is) was involved, we did wonder how we would cope this year. However, using a wide range of technological systems, information was relayed to our nerve centre in Grove Road by mobile phone, by foot, by car and by bicycle. Much to our relief, everything ran very smoothly. It was good to see that John did make it down to the show in his temporary executive transport and we were relieved that he was able to carry out his usual tasks for us many thanks John. We are also very grateful to all those people who turned up to help us get the Hall ready and of course to take it all down again. Above all we are very grateful to all of you who entered, for after all, without your entries there would be no show! For all of you who like to start planning early, next year's Flower Show will be on Saturday 11th August 2001.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 29th November 2000 at Sandfords. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm and if there is anyone who would like to join our Committee or just like to find out more about the VPA, please come along, but get there early to beat the rush!



WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

This years Flower Show proved once again just how much talent there is in the village. Our hopes for a good show were well and truly fulfilled and we were particularly pleased to see so many new people put in entries. Numbers were well up on last year with 607 entries from 80 exhibitors. We hope that those people who exhibited for the first time enjoyed taking part and will do so again next year. Our congratulations to all the prize-winners and a full list appears separately. As in previous years, the judges commented on the high standard of exhibits in all the sections, so congratulations to all who made the effort.

The childrens classes showed their usual colourful and imaginative ideas and all credit to all those who entered this year. Particular congratulations go to those who managed to bring their plants for display and perhaps next year a few more will make it to the display table. Winners of the trophies in each age group of the Childrens sections were Alex Bowden, Kitty Macklin, Samuel Bowker and Fabienne Styles.

The Photography Classes again proved to be very popular and the judge certainly had his work cut out having to select winners in each class. The overall winner in this section was Ena Northcott.

The Arts and Crafts had a wide range of first class exhibits and there were certainly some worthy winners in the various classes. The overall winner in this section was Rachel Owen. Although having fewer entries than usual, the Floral Arrangement section was well up to its traditional high standard. The judge was once again very impressed with the displays and Melonie Bolden took the trophy for the overall winner with Margaret Bucknell taking the

I must say that I feel privileged and very proud and thankful for the happy years of my life I have spent in The Square. I feel that in simplicity and a more natural way of life one creates an inner peace. The spirit of togetherness in this village came once more forcefully to the fore when the great fire swept through those sweet Webbers cottages.

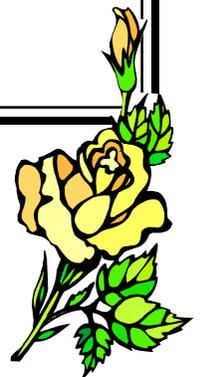
Our first concern naturally was for the affected families who had lost everything. Can you imagine waking up in the morning with nothing left not even a toothbrush? Immediately two help Funds were launched at the Post Office and at The New Fountain. Carly and the children found a temporary roof over their heads until such times as the cottages are rebuilt. We miss them in The Square.

I was also immensely impressed by the efficiency and speed with which the Fire Brigade dealt with this blaze because the flames spread so quickly due to the thatched roof. One of the firemen was hurt and needed treatment with a specialist water gel, but that was the only slight casualty, which was remedied on the spot by paramedics from the Ambulance service. Every emergency service was on hand and The Square was full of fire appliances, a canteen and everything necessary to deal with a blaze of this magnitude.

All is now quiet and serene in our beautiful Square and there is great hope that the families will be able to move in again when all is rebuilt. The wisteria is still there and the rose tree too with one single rose.

The Rose is the honour and beauty of flowers
The rose is the care and love of the spring;
the rose is the pleasure of the heavenly powers
The boy of fair Venus, Cytheras darling,
Doth wrap his head with garlands of rose
When to the dance of the Graces he goes...

This is a most ancient Greek poem. The rose, though it is a shrub full of prickles, is the most glorious flower in the world.



Edith Grout

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Big Night In! events.....

THE WEIRD SISTERS *present* Its Uncanny

Saturday 21st October at 7.30pm at the Whimple Village Hall

The lives of Steph and Jo are seen as schoolgirls, students, thirty-somethings, and old ladies in a residential home, in a show punctuated by great contemporary music, and featuring physical transformations, mask work, sharp dialogue and audience participation. This show, a hit in the fringe festivals from Vancouver to Edinburgh is suitable for everyone 14 years and upwards who isn't afraid to be shocked.



.....hilarious, disturbing, always honest.....highly inflammable humour
Edinburgh Evening News.

Tickets: £3.50 (£2.00 concession) from Whimple Post Office

For information and tickets phone 01404 822008.

KEN HAINES PUPPETS *present* Goldilocks

Saturday 9th December 3.00 with Party Tea to follow show at the Whimple Village Hall

This well known story gets a twist in the tale from Frank Muirs retelling of the story of a small bear, a medium sized bear, an enormous bear and a girl with problem hair. Actors, puppets and live music combine in Ken Haines new show that is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

Tickets (includes Party Tea): £3.50 (Child £2.00), Family £9.00 (£7.00 conc)

(2 Adults+ 2 Children, or 1+3).

Get your tickets at Whimple Post Office.

So far Whimple Big Night In! has no committee or meetings. It is running with the help of a number of people doing anything from little bits to lots.

If you feel you could helpputting the odd poster up somewhere you go anyway..... putting leaflets through a few letterboxes near you..... serving teas..... helping set up chairstake tickets on the door.....and so on.....your help would be very welcome.

Sometimes we need to provide accommodation for the visiting Big Night In! artists. We need people who would be willing to put one or more of them up from time to time.

Please phone Louise on 01404 822008.

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GOING ON HOLIDAY? I'm sure that like many other people you are concerned about leaving your home when you go on holiday. Your fears are not unfounded, according to Reader's Digest; your house is most at risk at this time. The last thing you want is to arrive home tanned and relaxed to find that your house has been broken into!

Suddenly, you are stressed out by the feeling that someone else has been through your most personal things, not to mention the damage they may have caused.

The **good news** is that most burglars are opportunists, so the key is not to leave any signs that could reveal your absence. Here are ten simple steps that you can take to beat the burglar and ensure you don't suffer any unwanted holiday surprises:

1. Cancel all newspapers and milk deliveries and ask a neighbour to make sure the free papers are pushed through the door.
2. Make sure your postman pushes the mail right through your letterbox. Remove any internal cages to stop them becoming crammed full.
3. Disconnect your telephone answering machine and never leave a message saying that you are away on holiday.
4. Ask a neighbour to mow the grass and clear any leaves from the front of the property or make sure you do it just before you leave.
5. If you leave a key with a trusted friend or neighbour so that they can check on your house, ask them to open and draw the curtains.
6. Install several timer switches to turn lights, TVs and radios on and off to create the illusion that the house is occupied.
7. Many households own more than one car. A neighbour may want to use your drive whilst you are away, reinforcing the illusion that your house is occupied.
8. Inform your insurance company if you will be away for some time. Some policies don't cover long absences and may require an upgrade. Make sure you have adequate cover before you go.
9. Don't tell anyone you are going away unless absolutely necessary.
10. Never put your home address on your luggage as burglars spend time at the airports looking to find out where you live.

SO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

John Munslow 01404 823456

NEWS FROM P.O. CORNER

First - You are not a bad lot really!!! - the generosity towards Carly and her family was immense during 'the great fire of the millennium!' as it may now be known. Apart from everything else the money donations left for her in the P.O. came to over £430 and without any shadow of doubt helped her through the early weeks. Our very best wishes go to her and to Ian in the second cottage and a hope that the rebuild will be (firstly) well done and (secondly) speedily one. d

Now to the computer - back in the Nov 99 Whimble News I said that "the latest firm date we had for (computer) go was - not before April 00" - well I was right! The latest is January/February 2001. We'll see.

After the deadline for the last Whimble News a man arrived (from Cleethorpes - I kid you not) to put wire between previously mentioned electric boxes to power the computer machinery when it arrives - but he found on arrival that he did not have the wire with him - don't ask - suffice it to say Box A and Box B are still unwed.

Now I know you all like to think ahead - yes it will soon be Christmas - and overleaf are the latest recommended posting dates - I know it seems ridiculous but October 2nd, the first date mentioned, may well be here before you read this.

Back in the May edition I bade a fond farewell to Fred and Pat - but they still have not gone (!) - however I believed departure to be soon now - the wish is as strong to both of them - enjoy good health and a wonderful retirement as you have earned it.

Now an apology - the black Golf GTI to which I referred in my last missive is not L9 PNC (but those that know the owner of this could be forgiven for thinking it might be) - sorry Paul!

My hope for car sharing fell on deaf ears - I am glad to say that Kate got fixed up but not another single response - - - nuff said.

Finally - I do enjoy some of the imaginative answers quoted as coming from G.C.S.E papers, although I think a lot might be more apocryphal than true - however one I heard recently:

"Gravity was invented by Sir Isaac Walton and is more noticeable in the autumn when the apples fall from the trees"

Bye for now, www.emailnoGO.wh.n.

Last Posting Dates for Christmas

Monday 2 October

Surface mail to all non-European destinations except

Canada, Far East, Middle East, Hong Kong, South Africa & USA

Monday 16 October

Surface mail to the Far East and Middle East

Monday 30 October

Surface mail to Canada, Hong Kong, South Africa and the USA

Saturday 11 November

Surface mail to Eastern Europe

Saturday 18 November

Surface mail to Western Europe

Thursday 7 December

Airmail letters to addresses outside Europe

Thursday 14 December

Airmail letters to Europe

Monday 18 December

Second Class

Thursday 21 December

ATTENTION ALL CAT LOVERS

The Ottery St Mary and District branch of Cats Protection Rescue care for and re-home many cats over a very wide area of East Devon. To fund these activities we have to undertake constant fund-raising and, for the first time, we are holding an event in Whimble. This will be a

COFFEEMORNING/BAZAAR

On Saturday 7th October

From 10.00 am 12.00 noon

At the Victory Hall

There will be stalls selling quality goods such as cards, gifts, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, Cats Protection goods, soft furnishings and plants. We will also be serving coffee and delicious home-made cakes for just 60p! Please come along and help us make this event a success.

CATS PROTECTION CARING FOR CATS

TALE VALLEY TRUST LAUNCHED

You may be interested to hear of the launch of this new charity. The Tale Valley Trust (TVT) was formed with the following objectives:

- The advancement of education of the public concerning wildlife, the countryside, history, archaeology, art, architecture and other subjects important to the Tale Valley.
- The conservation of endangered species, and the preservation of sites and buildings of historical, archaeological or architectural importance, for the benefit of the public.
- The promotion, for the public benefit, of rural regeneration.

The Tale Valley stretches just to the north and east of Whimble. The river Tale starts in the Hemburys and ends when that river joins the river Otter.

Projects for the charity are being assessed, but will probably include restoration work on the river itself as well as the promotion of environmentally favourable amenities.

If anyone wants to know more, please feel free to contact me in the first instance.

Miles Leonard

tel: 822415

Whimble WI

On a damp and dark August evening we enjoyed a coffee evening at the home of Liz Norris.

Tuesday, 14 September saw the start of the winter programme with a wine and cheese evening, a competition for a hat depicting a radio or television programme and a beetle drive. Business was dispatched quickly and efficiently, refreshments and chat followed, the hats were judged (Joan Ward being the winner) and then a hilarious game of Beetle. Anyone thinking of the WI as a group of earnest, quiet and rather staid women would have had their illusions rudely shattered if they had been there.

The noise was deafening!

The topic for the October meeting is Spinning - a talk and demonstration. Any visitors or potential members are welcome..

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OVER 65s PARTY

1st December 2000

* THIS IS YOUR INVITATION *

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple over 65 years of age (before 25th November 2000) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 1st December 2000 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Lucy Smith by Saturday 25th November.

To: Mrs. Lucy Smith
2 Clarence Villas,
The Square,
Whimple.

I/We will be attending the Over 65's Christmas Party on
Friday 1st December

Name(s) _____

Address _____

I/We will require transport: Yes/No

Local tale

Imagine a winter evening, dark and cold, and a young lass coming home from working at the Big House near Whimple in the 1930s. Fearfully riding an old bike towards the village and heading for Talaton, she suddenly sees an old man coming towards her in the dark lane. With thumping heart she rides forward and as she nears the figure she recognises her grandfather.

We only knew her as Mrs. Look-In and met her in the late 1980s but she told us when she was a young girl she worked as a housemaid at the Big House. During the week she lived there but at weekends she would cycle home to Talaton and often, when the weather was bad or it was very dark, her grandfather would meet her and walk beside her with a torch along the unlit lanes to Talaton.

She said although her day was spent cleaning out fires, of which there were many, and keeping them replenished, general housework and running messages for all and sundry, the money she received for being a very lowly junior housemaid would buy very little these days, but the few shillings came in very useful at home.

One incident she remembered very clearly was when other members of staff took her down to the cellars and locked her in for a while. She screamed and shouted but knew the family was away.

She has never forgotten the bats of Strete Raleigh!

Cliff Benton

Old Whimple Tales

In cooperation with Whimple History Society a series of tales are planned. Have you any stories, comic or tragic of earlier times in and around Whimple? Your family-remembered stories could interest other Whimpolians so contact one of our reporters who will write up the story to appear in a regular section in Whimple News.

Call Cliff Benton 822909 or
Stephen Owen 823223

NEW FACES AT THE THIRSTY FARMER

Hello from the new owners of the Thirsty Farmer, Alison and Mike Corbett, together with their sons Ross and Matt (who are both working in the business at weekends and during the holidays).

Thank you to everyone in the village who has made us feel so welcome in such a short time.

We both come from backgrounds in Hotels and Catering, both trained as chefs, before I moved into Housekeeping and Mike into Restaurant and Bar management. We are both Devon born and look forward to making our home in the village, and to welcoming everyone to the Thirsty Farmer.

Alison

Whimpe Youth Club

The club re-opened on 7th September with Alison Lawry as leader. We are pleased to welcome Alison and are very grateful to have someone who is so well qualified, experienced and enthusiastic. However, she has already found that she is not getting enough adult help. We still need a regular paid assistant every Thursday from 7.00 10.00pm.

We also need a volunteer to run the tuck shop. Anyone who could spare an hour on Thursday evenings would be most welcome - age is no barrier!

If you can help at all, or would like more details, please telephone Pam 822262 or Alison 822292.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pam Scanlan

Chairman of the Management Committee.



Volunteer?

- ☹ Not me I haven't the skills, knowledge or time to do anything else!
- ☹ Not me I'm too old (or too young)
- ☹ Not me I don't have anything to offer really.

None of the above are true. Everyone has something to offer the community in which they live, and many people are already involved in volunteering, although they don't see it as that when they do someone's shopping, walk their dog, run them to the doctors, or a hundred and one other acts of kindness.

Voluntary action or volunteering is simply the giving of your time to someone other than a relative, for no monetary reward, and about half the adult population is involved in formal volunteering for organisations in the U. K, giving an average of 2 hours per week.

So, why volunteer? to use skills you have or gain new ones, to make new friends, to get out of the house, to enhance your CV, to have fun, because you feel you have something to offer, to mix with people who are different from you, to travel or anything else you can think of all are valid reasons.

How can I find voluntary work? Many people find voluntary work through word of mouth, through friends, or by looking at window displays, notice boards or the internet. Increasingly, people come up with their own ideas. The A30 campaign was voluntary action volunteering in a less traditional guise. A group of parents starting a playgroup are also volunteers, though they might not use that term to describe themselves.

You can also contact the East Devon Volunteer Bureau who can offer information on vacancies throughout East Devon and advise you on all aspects of becoming involved in voluntary action such as which organisations are looking for volunteers, how to get a community group started to do your own project, what to expect as a volunteer.

We can make introductions or give you the information to follow up for yourself.

The Bureau is at The Volunteer Centre, Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LZ. It is open to callers from 10.00 - 3.00 Mon Thurs and 10.00 - 12.00 Fridays. The Co-ordinator, Judith Kemp, will meet you in your locality if travel is difficult for you, evening appointments can also be made. We are a registered charity and make no charge for finding volunteers for community groups.

Judith Kemp

Volunteer Bureau Co-ordinator

Tel: 549045

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Whimple Parish Council

The following Street names have been put forward to finally formalise the names of the main roads through our village. If you have any comments or objections please contact Whimple Parish Council.

Knowle Road - From the roundabout at the Thirsty Farmer, left to the Cricket Ground.

Talaton Road - From the roundabout at the Thirsty Farmer, right to the village boundary

School Hill - From Grove Road to the roundabout at the Thirsty Farmer.

It was undecided as to whether to include the road from the Post Office to Grove Road as School Hill.

If any one in the village does not receive the recycling service (The collection of the Green boxes) please let us know, this service is not available in some of the more remote parts of the Parish.

SATURDAY 'MORNING COFFEES in the CHURCH

At the time of writing, we have one more Saturday to go this year at Harvest Thanksgiving weekend. Your support during the summer has been exceedingly good and the atmosphere each day friendly and chatty. This support is much appreciated and we were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to the village. These Saturdays provide opportunities for people to meet informally as well as providing a little extra for the Restoration Fund of the Church.

Special thanks go to all the helpers who have so willingly provided cakes and service for their customers. It can get quite hectic at times! As ever, we are much indebted to Marian Daniel who has kindly given us milk each day never failing, even with a broken leg. Thankyou Marian.

The figure for the Restoration Fund will be well over £400, which is encouraging. Thanks to all.

D .F.

BRAINTEASER

I like this one -

It is night time and four adventurers are crossing open land. Behind them the enemy is closing fast. The four reckon they have a 17 minute lead when they arrive at a torrent spanned by a bridge so narrow that it can take a maximum of only two people at a time. Alice is full of energy and will take only one minute to get across, Bob will make it in two, but Charlie has a hurt leg and will need five minutes, and Deirde is near to exhaustion and will take ten minutes.

They have only one torch between the four of them and each pair needs its light to cross safely. Someone has to bring it back to the start, and each pair can cross only at the speed of the slower walker.

How do they all get across in 17 minutes?



Answer to last problems:

First problem .Fill the 5 litre jar and from this fill the 3 litre, thus leaving 2 in the 5 jar, throw away the contents of the 3 jar and pour the 2 litres from the 5 into the 3. Fill the 5 up to the top again and use that to top up the 3 jar thus leaving 4 litres in the 5 litre jar. If you can be bothered -try to measure exactly one litre with same equipment which you should find easy but, for the real anoraks, find all the possible measures between one and 13 litres with only 1 each of 9 and 4 litre jars. It can be done but you are on your own - no answers next issue!

Second problem - threepence, sixpence, shilling, florin, half crown, crown and ? **answer - ten shillings** i.e. 120 pennies.

Gordon

PARKING IN THE SQUARE

I have noticed in the last few years how inconsiderately people park in the Village Square. The fact that there is a white line down the centre seems to mean very little to a lot of people. I have seen cars and 4x4s parked on either side of the line, completely blocking the Square.

Had this been the case on August 7th, when there was a serious fire just past the Square, the fire engines would not have got through, the same applies to ambulances or any other emergency vehicle needing access.

There is a car park which we campaigned for, and eventually got, for vehicles staying longer than a few minutes, which if used would leave spaces in the Square for people stopping for only a few minutes.

Likewise cars are parked on the corner near the Post Office and along the cottage wall necessitating Mums with prams and toddlers to negotiate both parked vehicle and traffic. This to me is an accident waiting to happen especially considering the vast increase in traffic going through the village.

Perhaps with a little thought for others, accidents can be averted, and the emergency services would not be hampered.

Paulette Weeks

STOP PRESS

LOCAL PUB WINS FOOD PUB OF THE YEAR DEVON

Well Done to the team at the Jack in the Green who have just won the Taste of the West award for this year as the Best Food pub in Devon. They also came runner up in the same award for the whole of the SouthWest.

Paul and Judi, who own the pub, live in the village, and many of the staff are local too.

Paul, and the Head Chef Matt Mason, are also going to provide a regular feature for the News, including recipes, quizzes or background to the Pub sign, which some will have noticed now features the return of the Green Man, from whom the name comes.

Watch this space for more, including the chance to win meals at the Pub itself.

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DANCE IN BROADCLYST

Classes held in the Broadclyst Victory Hall

TUESDAYS Beginning 12th September 2000

4.00 - 5.00 Mostly ballet for 5 - 8 year olds

5.00 - 6.00 Mostly ballet for 8 - 11 year olds

THURSDAYS DANCE FORUM

Beginning 14th September 2000

4.00-5.00 for 11- 14 year olds

Jazz, pop, latin, street funk, what ever the class decides to do

5.00 .6.00 14 years old and upwards. Boys and girls

As above - exploring different dance styles and rhythms with emphasis on choreography and performance.

SWEET CHARITY

Sweet Charity has grown out of Dance Forum - a performance group performing in Exeter and East Devon throughout the summer in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

What better way to keep fit! This group needs to be highly motivated, professional and committed. Sounds like your kind of fun? Then ring Lee Gedrych 01392 462997.

Up to two tasters @ £2.50. each or £25.00 for 10 week term.

To everyone in and around
Whimble

August 7th 2000

Not a good day of the year for myself and family, best to keep well clear next year and years to come!!!!

Ben, Hannah and myself would like to say a very big "Thank you" to everyone for their generosity and kindness over the last few weeks. A special "Thank you" to Gordon and Heather at the P.O., Paul and Gill at the Fountain, Janet Leach and family, Graham and Karen Fowle, and many more.

Pat and Fred have been very kind to let us use their recently renovated thatched cottage (very brave!), which we shall call home until ours is rebuilt.

With everything that has happened it has shown me just how right we were to move to the village, as I doubt we would have received the same caring and generous treatment anywhere else.

Thank you all once again.

Carly, Ben and Hannah Roskell

Organisations in Whimble

Whimble Parish Council

Chairman: Sara Randall Johnson Tel: 822524
 Clerk: Mrs. Amanda Newman, Council Office - Torno Tel: 823385

Royal British Legion, Branch and Womens Section.

Chairman: Mrs. F. Pratt, Sandfords Tel: 822451

St. Mary's Church

Contact: Rev. Keith Feltham, Grove Rd Tel: 822521

Devon County Councillor

Mr. R. Giles, 14 Winters Lane, OSM. EX11 1AR Tel: 813387

Whimble County Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs. D. Brice Tel: 822584

Whimble History Society

Mr. R.J.Shepherd Tel: 822076

Whimble Mothers Union

Mrs. D. Rastall, Killigarth, Church Road Tel: 822486

Whimble Pre-School & Toddler Group

Chair: Mrs. Sarah Griffin Hillcroft, Church Rd. Tel: 823265
 New admissions/Playleader: Sue Solf 1, Hillside, Talaton Tel: 822981

Whimble Womens Institute

Secretary: Mrs. Rosemarie Burrows, Higher Slewton Tel: 822422

Whimble Over Sixties Club

Mrs. Lin Carder, 18 Dince Hill Close Tel: 822538

Whimble Recreation Trust

Knowle Cross Sports Ground. Mr P. Garraff, Luppit Tel: 891206

Whimble Village Produce Association.

Chairman: Mr. A. Bratt, Rockwell, Talaton Tel: 822437

Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers' Club

Mr. R. J. Burrough, Gateshayes Farm Tel: 822257

Whimble Youth Club

Chairman: Pam Scanlan Albecq, The Green Tel: 822262
 Leader: Alison Lawry, Willowbrook, Whimble Tel: 822292

Whimble Football Club

Chairman: B. Weeks, Briar Cottage, Church Road Tel: 822674

Whimble Tennis Club

Secretary: T. A. Lang Tel: 822512
 Treasurer: J. Hughes Tel: 822659

Whimble Cricket Club

Mr. R.J.Smith Tel: 822244

Whimble Victory Hall Management Committee

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