

Whimble News



Oct/Nov 2002

What's on in Whimble

October

6th	Mystery Trip & Sunday Lunch - Over 60's	The Square	10.30am
8th	W.I.	Victory Hall	7.30pm
11th	Bingo	Cricket Club	7.30pm
12th	Coffee Morning - Over 60's	Victory Hall	10.00am
15th	Tuesday Talk - Over 60's	Victory Hall	2.30pm
19th	British Legion Jumble Sale	Victory Hall	2.30pm
21st	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
25th	History Society - Annual Auction	Victory Hall	7.00pm
25th	Race Night	Cricket Club	7.30pm

November

2nd	Halloween Ceilidh and Draw	Victory Hall	7.30pm
4th	VPA AGM	Sandfords	8.00pm
8th	Bingo	Cricket Club	7.30pm
12th	Shopping Trip to Bamstaple - Over 60's	The Square	9.00am
14th	Talaton Craft Fair	Talaton VillageHall	7.30pm
15th	TSW Archive Show - Big Night In	Victory Hall	7.30pm
15th	Cricket Club AGM	Cricket Club	7.30pm
18th	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.30pm
19th	Tuesday Talk - Over 60's	Victory Hall	7.30pm
22nd	WHS Talk	Cricket Club	2.30pm
22nd	Gordon Giltrap - Big Night In	Victory Hall	7.30pm

December

2nd	Short Mat Bowls	Victory Hall	7.30pm
11th	Over60's Christmas Lunch	Honiton Motel	

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

1st	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		11am	Family Service
2nd	Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
3rd	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	Service with a Smile
4th	Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
5th	Sunday	11am	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 Angela Smith on 822828 or e-mail angela1smith@aol.com

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I was always aware that the Whimble News had a wide circulation, but was delighted to receive John Bliss' contribution of his boyhood memories of the Paddock Inn, all the way from the USA! We plan to run two more articles from him in the future, which I am sure you will enjoy.

We have a happy story relating to the photos of Sandra Budd in the 1953 Whimble Carnival Queen celebrations which we included in the last edition. Her husband contacted me to ask for a copy of the photo, that he could give her as a surprise present when they visited friends in Whimble in early September. We were delighted to do that, with the help of the History Society, who are always brilliant in supplying articles and pictures. Thanks to Daphne Rastall for all her help, past and present. Whilst mentioning the History Society, don't miss the excellent Whimble Xmas cards that they are now selling – and all for an excellent cause. But where did 2002 go?

Please read our note at the back of this edition about the due date for the Christmas edition.

The Whimble News team would like to say a great thank you to both the Thirsty Farmer and Village Week team for their donations to our coffers – it certainly helps to keep us in production and in the black! Thanks again.

I am pleased to include updates from both the football and cricket clubs – the latter appear to have had a very successful season, especially with the development and growth of the younger teams – the older players will have to watch out!!

Thanks, as ever, to our keen team of deliverers, who now have to get out the waterproofs and warm coats ready for their autumn/winter duties – without them, you would never get your copies so keep it up please!

Have a great autumn!

Ed Hitchcock

Editor

tel: 823194

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

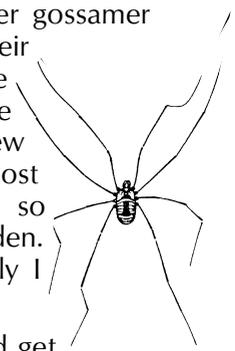
Edith Grout

Year after year I am trying to think of a better poem than John Keats to

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"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatched-eaves run
And bend with apples the mossed cottage trees"
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describe the beauty, tranquillity and richness of Autumn but, in my repertoire of poems, not one is more descriptive and evocative - and what's more it is a poem many people know and love.

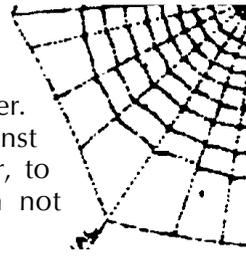
For years I have listened to Alistair Cook's 'Letter from America' on Radio Four and this morning he was saying that after so many years of broadcasting he sometimes runs out of ideas, until a friend told him "either reminisce or look around for fresh inspiration". Strange enough this morning I too was stuck for inspiration - I am in my twentieth year of writing in Whimple. As soon as I opened my front door, there it was, my guardian angel must have been near. Wonderful spiders' webs have just started to festoon my garden recently. I find there is nothing more lovely on a misty Autumn morning than to discover gossamer threads spangled with moisture and dew drops outlining their delicate pattern. This morning was almost the best I have ever seen. Was it perhaps the surprise, the novelty, the discovery of sheer magic or just happiness at greeting a new morn in our lovely Square. Some webs are almost symmetrical in design, a delicate veil of web and so miraculously it went on as I progressed into my front garden. Unfortunately I got caught in a web and broke it, luckily I saved the spider and put it on a branch nearby.



What we do not realise is that spiders are carnivorous and get rid of many of our garden pests for us. Therefore I do not only consider them as artists, but as useful friends to have around. When I was younger I used to go round the garden in the evening with a torch to see spiders in action. It was quite mesmerising.

A complete web is rather beautiful and consists of between twenty-five and thirty-five radial threads. I love to see the ephemeral harvest spiders clambering about hedges, shrubs and even my hanging baskets. Sometimes the webs look almost like hung hammocks. Late summer and Autumn is also the season when I start saving seeds for next year.

There is a very old country saying which I love to remember. 'Good housewives in summer will save their own seedes against the next years, as occasion needes. One seed for another, to make an exchange with fellowlie neighbourhood seemeth not strange'.



I do that most years and it is amazing how many plants you can grow, and how many you can give away to friends or charity. What is left I plant in the garden and they make such a lovely show and give pleasure to others. There is nothing more satisfying than making lovely bouquets for the house or giving your flowers to friends, but the best for me is when our Harvest Festival comes round, in late September or October, and I cut the flowers and decorate the High Altar with the true harvest from my own garden. Although we are no longer a truly rural community, we still take great pride and joy to decorate our village church. The vibrant autumn colours shine against the grey stone.

Although I have lived in East Devon for forty years - twenty of them in our lovely Old Manse in The Square and consider myself Devonian by adoption, it is with pleasure I remembered another poem by Keats:-

I was brought up on the shores of Lake Geneva and from our lovely old house dominating the charming town of Vevey, I used to open the window and discover the beauty of Lake Geneva with its background of mountains. I have always been a great reader and now I read and enjoy life from 'My Window in The Square'. I consider myself to be the luckiest person to live in such a harmonious environment.

"I should like the window to open onto the Lake of Geneva
And there I'd sit and read all day
Like the picture of somebody reading
Nothing ever becomes real, 'til it is experienced".

NEWS FROM P.O. CORNER



Here is the latest information I have had about pensions, benefits etc going into bank accounts from next year. You can choose to apply for one of three types of account. I am not allowed to advise which account is best for you individually, it is for you to choose the most appropriate one -- (however I could tell you what I would do if asked!)

Post Office Card Account:

Specifically designed for customers to collect pensions, benefits & tax credits in cash from the P.O.; You can apply to open a P.O. Card Account from January 2003 which will then be available for the receipt of your first payment direct into it by the government; Only payments of pensions etc. are accepted. You will not be able to pay other money nor have salaries/wages credited to the account; no direct debit nor standing orders nor overdraft allowed; If you go for this account you will be given a card and number that can be used to withdraw cash securely or request balance enquiry **at any P.O.**; No withdrawing from cash machines at banks or building societies.

The 'Basic' or 'Introductory' Bank Account:

To be opened at any of the regular banks; offers simple day-to-day banking services, allows customers to pay money in, withdraw cash, set up direct debits & standing orders; no overdraft nor loan; may charge for unpaid direct debit. Some accounts offer a debit card for buying goods in shops; Allows customers to access cash free at any post office, or at the branches of the bank where the account is held. Cash also accessed via cash machines but this may incur a charge. Most banks carry out credit reference checks.

Current Account:

Current account provided by major banks etc with all usual services; Allows customers to access cash free through any P.O., **if they bank with one of the P.O. banking partners** - which are currently Lloyds/TSB, Barclays, Coop Bank, Alliance & Leicester, Smile, & Cahoot. (Thus if you bank with other than the foregoing named banks then access to cash at the P.O. is **not** possible.)

News just in - I will be sent an information pack which will arrive whilst on we are away so by the time you read this I will have more info. including hopefully how to open a Post Office Card Account - please do come in and ask as I should have more answers.

Now as I read the above it would seem to me that if I had a current account with one of the P.O. banking partners I might let my pension go into that account, but IF I DID NOT bank with one of them then the 'P.O. Card Account' (first named above) would allow me to keep doing exactly what I would be doing now - keep my pensions etc cash completely separate from all other money and get it all from the P.O. But this not advice - merely my opinion.....

Thinking of money reminds me of Woody Allen who is quoted as defining a stockbroker as ...'someone who invests your money until it's all gone!';

a further couple of thoughts for you:

'Is atheism a non-prophet organisation?'; and there again - 'should crematoriums give a discount for burn victims?'

By the time you read this it will be October, Heather and will have been on holiday and you will have enjoyed the pleasure of Liz Morgan behind this counter - I will be astonished if the comments we get about our replacement this year are the same as we had last !

See you in the autumn - all the best from **HO&GO@PO**

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La Maison aux Volets Verts



'Volets verts' or 'Green shutters' are the distinctive features which enable you to locate the new home of Adrienne Hughes and Judith Kemp who have left Whimble and relocated in the wine growing region near Bordeaux in France.

The idea behind Adrienne and Judith's new project is to offer a retreat where the stress and angst of daily life can be completely forgotten. Peace and tranquillity will

reign and there is a choice between bed and breakfast accommodation offering good home grown and home cooked vegetarian food or a self-catering studio.

Their two hundred year old farmhouse is set in five acres of beautiful grounds offering varied walks into peaceful and secluded areas for relaxation and reflection. The latest addition to the facilities is a maze which the girls have just planted. They also have five acres of woodland behind the house offering the opportunity to wander freely

Speciality breaks such as painting, wine tasting, aromatherapy will soon be on offer. They will also organise tailor-made programmes for groups requiring team building events, stress management or self-development. Their plans are exciting and Adrienne and Judith are working energetically and enthusiastically to be up and running after Christmas.

Bob and I spent a great day with them in the summer when we were made very welcome, and wined and dined in style. We enjoyed wandering around their "estate" and wish them the very best of luck with their new venture. We thoroughly recommend the venue and the food, and if you would like to know more you should visit their web-site at www.volets-verts.com

Pam Scanlan



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WHAT DO YOU DO ON A THURSDAY NIGHT?

Go to the Pub, walk the dog, work out at the Gym, slump in front of the TV.



We are a four part friendly choir of around 30 members and we rehearse during term times at Clyst Vale Community College, Broadclyst on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

We sing a wide variety of music by composers such as Fauré, Elgar, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Gershwin, as well as madrigals, part-songs, folk-songs, spirituals and works by local composers.

In November we shall be performing Bach's Magnificat, Rutter's Requiem and selected works of European Sacred Music. Our next major concert will be in April 2003 when we, in conjunction with other choirs, and the EMG, will be performing Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony at Exeter Cathedral.

We are currently seeking new members to join us, of any voice and all abilities are welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more please telephone 01392 210620, email enquiry@cantilena.org.uk or simply come along to our next rehearsal which will be on the 5th September, in the music room (rm. 46), Clyst Vale Community College.

Cantilena

Invitation to all over 60's:

Our Social Club meets most Tuesday Afternoons 2.30-4.30 at the Victory Hall (January and August excepted) for pastimes and social occasions, also on Thursday afternoon and Friday Evening for indoor activities (Snooker - Cards - Dominoes etc.)

See 'What's on in Whimple' on page 2 for our forthcoming events

To complete your leisure activities contact our Secretary on 822905.

£.s.d Quiz

Here is a quiz for people who remember pre-decimal coinage!!!!!! ...the amounts can be gleaned from the word clues on the left, and they must add up to total value given below.

	£.s.d.
1. A stone	-----
2. A singer	-----
3. A form of transport	-----
4. Move up and down	-----
5. Part of Ladies Underwear	-----
6. Part of Queen's Head-dress	-----
7. Venus, Mars, Pluto	-----
8. A poorly Octopus	-----
9. A Leather Worker	-----
10. A Type of Pig	-----
Total	£31-15s-2d

Just to tease you, we will tell you the answers in the next edition!!!!

HISTORY SOCIETY AUCTION

The Whimble History Society's Annual Auction of Items and Pledges, by Oakes and Partners of Cullompton, will take place on Friday 25th October at 7.00 p.m. at the Victory Hall, Whimble. Details of how you can donate items or pledges can be obtained from Bob Roberts (tel 822311) two weeks before the event.

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Stanley Ward

Joan and all the family would like to thank everyone (too many to name), from Whimble and beyond, for the help and kindness given to us all in the last trying three week when Stanley was so ill: Also for the overwhelming amount of cards letters and messages we have received and all those who gave their time to attend the church service and Rob for conducting the lovely service. Thank you so much for the donations for Parkinson's Disease research. We have been told it is a substantial amount but we do not yet have the total. Whimble is a lovely village when one needs love and help. Thank you all sincerely. Joan Ward

Capitalism Re-defined

Enlightenment for those of us troubled with lack of understanding of 'big business economics'

Capitalism:

You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies. You sell them all and retire on the income.

Enron Capitalism:

You have two cows. You sell all three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer to get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows.

The milk rights of the six cows are transferred to a Jersey (of course) company secretly owned by your chief financial officer, who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on six more. Now do you see why a company with \$62 billion in assets has gone **bust?**

GO@PO etc

OVER 65's PARTY
6th December 2002

Your party this year is assured thanks to the Cricket Club raising over £175 towards it.

There will be a meeting of The Ladies of the Village to make final arrangements in November. Watch for the posters.

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple who are over 65 years of age (before 1st December 2002) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 6th December 2002 at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Lucy Smith by Monday 2nd December.



To: Mrs Lucy Smith
2 Clarence Villas
The Square
Whimple

I/We will be attending the Over 65's Christmas Party on Friday 6th December

Name(s) _____

Address _____

I/We will require transport : Yes/No

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Whimble Victory Hall

Registered Charity: No. 291496

In my last report I identified a number of activities that the Management Committee were looking at to increase the appeal of the Hall. I am pleased to say that there is a new and varied programme taking place before Christmas which should, I hope, appeal to a range of people in the Village.

The raffle will take place on November 2nd and there will be a number of cash prizes, which should come in very useful just before Christmas!

Also on the 2nd November there will be a Ceilidh evening starting at 7:30pm and this will include a meal, a drink and an evening of Scottish dancing. The draw will take place in the interval Book your baby-sitter now and look out for tickets on sale soon.

Pilates will start on Thursdays at 7:45pm going on to 9 o'clock. If you are interested in taking part then please ring me on 823614 as we need to get an indication of the support we can expect. There has been a great deal of interest expressed so far, so please let me know.

A trial of short mat bowls will be held on Monday 2nd December at 7:30 and it would be helpful if you would ring to let me know if you will be attending. All these activities will be advertised locally but if you know of anyone who would like to join us then please encourage them to come along.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th November and if you have any comment or suggestions then please come along.

We look forward to seeing you.

John Discombe

Come and join us for our **Halloween Ceilidh and Draw**

In the Victory Hall

7.30pm Saturday 2nd November

A fun evening for all

With refreshments and a bar

In aid of Hall funds

WOODBURY COMMON –

Your intrepid reporter puts his life on the line to get a story for the News.

Imagine my delight, gentle reader as I heard these spine chilling words drop from my beloved's lips one cold winters evening earlier this year. "Oh yes, I forgot to tell you, we've got a team together at work for the Commando Challenge later this year and they thought it was a good idea to put your name down for it as well."

Never before has the old brain gone into such overdrive creating the list of excuses, from the old rugby injury, the cricket injury, too close to the sponsored bike ride, too cold, too wet, too muddy, important to provide support for my beloved, for the team, perhaps I could take some photos on the way round etc etc. Well, it must have worked because I recently found myself at the Royal Marines Training Camp at 08:30 one bright Saturday morning, in the role of official photographer to the team.

No problems, I thought to myself as I looked around the gathering teams, many of whom had my sympathy as they looked like the startled rabbit caught in the headlights coupled with them thinking – whatever possessed me to say yes to this lunacy?

Not my problem, I thought smugly as I travelled from the camp to the challenge course on the common. A short stroll in the autumnal sunshine along a wide and stony path as it meandered lazily through the gorse and bracken, take a couple of photos then back to the camp and a quick sip of the cup that cheers. Simple! Not so, gentle reader. I was despatched to the nearest obstacle at a reasonable trot so that I would rendezvous with the team after the first mile or so.

I found 2 large concrete water tanks, filled with water up to waist high (I knew that because there were 4 Marines stood in them at the time). They certainly seemed to think that this was a super way to spend Saturday – which raised the question – what is so ghastly about Royal Marine training that standing in muddy, cold water up to your waist for the best part of a day, appears to be an easy option? The tanks were separated by a concrete wall, but joined, underwater by 2 tunnels that were probably 12 feet long. The idea – fun or what? - was that the teams would take it in turns to hold their breath, crouch down under water and be pushed through by one Marine and then unceremoniously dragged from the other end by a second Marine. There were some very brave people there that did these tunnels, propelling themselves like rockets, to emerge gasping for breath and soaked to the skin.

One of our team had asked me to use their video camera, and I captured the tunnel obstacle brilliantly. I wanted it to be from my 'Rural But Green Period', displaying mans co-existence with nature, and total harmony with the elements,

COMMANDO CHALLENGE 2002

with a hint of competition of Olympian stature...but more of that when I show it at Cannes. As they moved off, I looked around for a nice dry path so I could take a short cut to the next obstacle and wait for them, stretched out in the sun, warming my bones. Oh no, gentle reader, your diligent cameraman found himself swept along with the mass of mud splattered and wet humanity, barely avoiding the perils of the course itself as I struggled to find vantage points for my filming. 'Let's jog the next bit – it's downhill' came the cry...and what does a professional cameraman do in these situations – I could see that this was no ordinary assignment, but one worthy of the BBC – I jogged with them clutching the camera. I crossed streams and stayed dry and felt very proud of myself – no bootfuls and no sitting down in the water!

Luckily I was high on the bank filming the team coming up the mud slide – this was the Orange period of my film work, as they battled knee deep in liquid, orange mud that appeared to get everywhere – gentle reader, I will leave your imagination to itself there! I avoided the results of the mud fight and was congratulating myself as I followed the team...well it looked and spoke like my team, but it could have been anyone covered from head to toe in orange mud. Only after plunging into a narrow pathway and beating my way through the brambles and vegetation, following in the wake of my team, I looked down and found that the mud they had left on the brambles was now on my arms and legs ...in great dollops - to use a technical term.

I was now well into this spirit of the challenge here and was leaping gracefully as a gazelle on the high points above the challenge 'track' and filming where I could. Someone in the team agreed with this comparison, but added 'a very unfit gazelle with heavy breathing problems'. There were some fine moments as people lost their footing and fell into the mud/water on the track accompanied by words such as 'Whoopsie daisy, how careless, dear oh dear', all of which was captured by yours truly.

As I was getting into the swing of this cameraman thing, with the reversed cap on the head, and calling for the clapper board all the time, I felt that I owed it to the team to capture them crossing the line as a team. So your gazelle broke effortlessly into a jog, passed the team and filmed their triumphant finish – I used the dappled effect of the trees to symbolise the escape from Hades, and mans conquest of the elements etc etc.

This was a fine and fitting end to the film and I was proud of the finished article. I was looking to the BBC to take the whole video and devote an entire programme to it – but no. The only comment I got after the first public viewing was 'Who was the pervert at the end when you were all finishing – there's a lot of heavy breathing on the tape.'

Next year they can film it themselves.

Memories of

A Childhood memory of Whimple at what is now the Paddock Inn. In the spring of 1947, my sixth year, we moved to Whimple, to the Country House Farm. In those days it was a red brick house set back from the road with a large garden in front of it. There was no electricity, no mains water or gas.

In the winter the best place was the kitchen where a large Aga Stove supplied warmth, as well as the facility for cooking. I learned to make toast on that Aga, lifting the ring and placing the bread onto the heated top until it browned enough. At about the age of eight I was allowed to iron. The two or three flat irons sat on the hot area, and I was taught to use a heavy pad to lift them off, wipe them clean on a special cloth, and apply them to the handkerchief that was my first lesson. Over the years I graduated to be able to iron shirts and sheets, more recently, thankfully, with an electric iron. But now when I see those flatirons in antique shops I remember that kitchen and my first lessons, and appreciate what now we all take for granted.

Taking a bath was an exciting issue for this little boy. At Country House it was quite a procedure. First of all one had to go into one of the outhouses and pump the handle that would lift water from the well below the house up to the tank in the attic. Then one ran to the hall to check that the telltale (a small frame in which hung a weight that, as the tank filled, slowly sank to the mark on the frame that said it was sufficiently full) was in the right position. Then run down to light the stove that would heat the water. To light the stove first might have precipitated an explosive reaction.

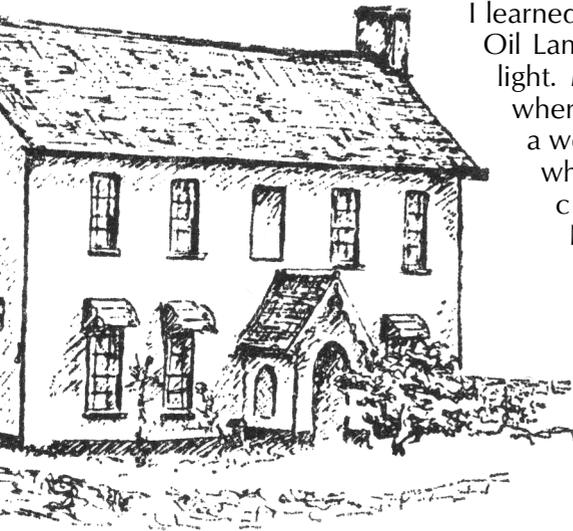


Years later, when visiting the house that had more recently become an Hotel, I told the owners about the telltale high up on the wall over the staircase. A few feet away from the landing was where the arm of the silver hall lamp was attached. On a long arm it swung out over the hall. They said, "That explains why we found a block of wood set into the wall there when we wallpapered it! ".

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My brother and I shared the chore of the oil lamps. Each day they must be collected from around the house and taken down to the kitchen. To get the hall lamp one had to reach out with a pole and hook onto the lamp and swing the long arm over to where one could reach out and lift the curved silver base out of the ring. The glass chimneys had to be washed and dried. If the lamp had smoked this was a dirty job. Then the lamp had to be polished with Brasso or Silvo, the wick trimmed carefully and finally the lamp was refilled with paraffin, and then carried back to its location.

I was the younger brother by four years and so my elder brother was in charge. That meant that I did all the chores except filling the lamps with paraffin. He was fortunate that I was willing to let my adored brother divide up the jobs. I already cleaned his shoes and made his bed. If he was told to stay at the table until his food was finished, I knew it was my job to finish up my meal and quietly get the dogs into the dining room to help him out, as I did, often.



I learned in that house the double value of an Oil Lamp on a table, that of heat as well as light. Many years later, working in Nigeria where I met the Gardners, an oil lamp was a welcome and familiar household object, which brought back memories of my childhood in Whimble. Next time, I will recall German Prisoner of War farm workers, Christmas, and how to chill wine with no electricity.

John Bliss

Picture courtesy of Whimble History Society

WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Another year, another show, and it was certainly a very different show this year. After the great success of last year, it was always going to be difficult to better it. Although we had fewer exhibitors this year, we did surprisingly have more exhibits, though unfortunately, they did not all make it into the hall for judging. There was certainly a different feel to this year's show, mainly because of a lack of entries in certain classes. However, the Judges did comment on the high standard of the exhibits in the classes that were well supported. It was disappointing not to have so many floral arrangements this year as the very high standards set by these exhibits always seem to set the tone for the whole show.

Although a number of the trophies were won by some of our regular exhibitors, it was good to see some new trophy winners this year. None more so than the overall winner in Section 1, Vegetables and Flowers. At the tender age of 88, Mr Pearce was a worthy winner and fine example to all the other exhibitors in this section. Marion Turner was once again a worthy winner in the Homecraft and Beer and Wine Sections. However, she did not have it all her own way in the Beer and Wine Section because, there seems to be a very good winery out at Rockwell where Danny Bratt made some prize winning wine this year. We know it was good as we had a couple of bottles at our recent meeting!

Despite there being fewer entries in the flower arranging this year, the standard was still very high, and it was no surprise that the overall winners trophy was shared with Margaret Bucknell, Marion Styles and Emma Palmer having an equal number of points. The overall winner in the Arts and Crafts was Angela Banfield and in the very well supported Photography Section, Tony Hindle gained most points.

As always, the Children's Sections produced their usual very colourful and extremely imaginative entries. Despite there being no entries for the oldest age group, the other three sections had a good number of entries with the overall winners in these sections being, Katie Ackland, Anna Bowker and Sam Bowker. A full list of all the trophy winners is included on the next page. Our congratulations to them all and our thanks to all those who entered. We look forward to your entries for next year! We are always very grateful to our judges who give up their time and of course to all those people who come along to help set up the show and clear up afterwards.

Next year will be the 50th show in the current series and we are hoping to make it a special show. We have already started to plan for it and more details will follow in subsequent editions of the News, so watch this space as they say!

Our Annual General Meeting has been arranged for Monday 4th November, 8.00pm at Sandfords. All are welcome, especially anyone who would like to join our Committee.

Paul Wilson,
Hon. Secretary.



WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

WHIMPLE FLOWER SHOW 2002 CUP WINNERS

Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables:

The Whimple Folk Cup	<u>WINNER</u> Mr W. Pearce
The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup	Mr A. Iball
The Slewton Cup	Mr and Mrs G. Gardner
The President's Cup	Mr G. Radford

Section 2 Pot Plants:

The Briar Trophy	Mr M. Mallett
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Section 3 Homecraft:

The Sir Henry Imbert - Terry Cup	Mrs M. Turner
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Section 4 Beer and Wine:

The Cranny Brook Cup	Mrs M. Turner
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Section 5 Floral Arrangement:

The Sandfords Cup	Mrs M. Bucknall, Mrs M. Styles & Mrs E. Palmer
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Mrs E. Palmer
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Mrs E. Palmer

Section 6 Arts and Crafts:

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Mrs A. Banfield
The Whimple Craft Cup	Mr G. Banfield

Section 7 Photography:

The Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup	Mr T. Hindle
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Section 8 Junior Classes Children Under 5 Years:

The Cygnets Cup	Katie Ackland
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Section 9 Junior Classes Children 5 to 7 Years:

The Basildon Award	Anna Bowker
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Section 10 Junior Classes Children 8 to 11 Years:

The Fletcher Cup	Sam Bowker
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Section 11 Junior Classes Children 12 to 15 Years:

The Children's Challenge Cup	Not awarded
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Whimble History Society



Since the report in the last edition of this news, the further work mentioned there has been completed in the linhay (barn) which is to become the Village Heritage Centre. Those passing the building will have seen the replacement doors and windows, also the new entrance ramps. Inside, new concrete flooring has been laid and repointing of walls and internal decoration completed.

The Society would not have been able to progress further until the receipt of the DEFRA grant obtained by them, but not payable to them until early 2003. However in September, the family of the Society's past Chairman, the late John Shepherd, made a generous donation to the Society in his memory. His nephew and his wife, Vincent and Lorna Serradimigni, on behalf of John's sister Kathleen and all members of the family, presented our Chairman, Richard Webber, with a cheque for £10,000.

This generous gift to the Society's Building Fund will now allow work to continue without a break. Currently, lighting, heating and power points are being installed to be followed by floor covering. Externally repointing and painting of walls will be undertaken, plus a landscaping of the area immediately in front of the building. The plan is that these works should be completed by Christmas.

In the New Year, the long and detailed work of fitting the interior with show cases etc. will start, to be followed by the selection, laying out and labelling of exhibits. The latter will be carried out by the Society's display sub-committee. It is planned all this work will be completed by May 2003 to enable an opening to be carried out in that month.

In tandem with the above work, the construction of a dedicated car park and approach track to the rear of the linhay has started. Raymond and Margaret Burroughs have kindly organised and funded the first stage, the removal of surplus soil and the levelling of the site. An application has been made for a grant from "Awards for all" for 50% of the remaining cost, which the Society has to match. The outcome of this application will not be known until early 2003.

Bob Roberts.

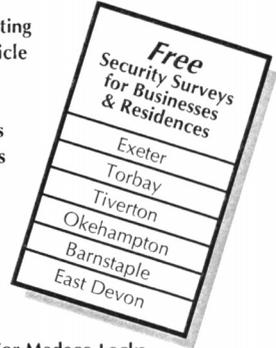
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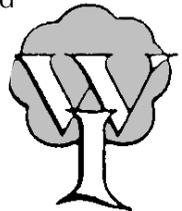
Whimple W.I. has kept busy even through the summer holidays. Our June outing on the Seaton tram was much enjoyed, especially the delicious tea laid on by Colyton W.I. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and we got a bit damp on the way home. At the beginning of July several of our members attended a garden party and musical evening in the grounds of Killerton House, this was Devon County's Golden Jubilee celebration. Sadly the weather was atrocious and we were not able to stroll around the gardens listening to the various bands, however a good time was had by all.

The "Blind Date" couple who spoke at our July meeting were highly entertaining, and in August a "Tea at the Ritz" type garden party, held at Bradcott House was enjoyed by most of our members. Two of us attended a "Health Day" at the Seaton Heights Hotel, where the emphasis was on reducing the risk of strokes. Excellent speakers, a super lunch and the chance to "have a go" at Pilates, swimming, or the gymnasium equipment, made this a memorable day.

We ran a very successful Tombola stall for village day and members have helped with coffee mornings in the church and the Hospiscare cheese and wine evening. Weekly informal craft afternoons in members houses prove very popular.

We started the Autumn with an interesting talk on the "History of Firemarks" and look forward to a talk on the "Oberammergau Passion Play" in October. We welcome any visitors and prospective new members at our monthly meetings.

Ann Bowden



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"It is a sure sign of Autumn when the Saturday morning coffee mornings in the Church come to an end. From mid May until mid September delicious homemade cakes and coffee have been consumed in a convivial atmosphere in the Church and, though waistlines may benefit, these opportunities to meet will be missed during the winter months. Thank you to all those who have provided the cakes, to Marian Daniel who has supplied the milk every week, and of course everyone who has come and enjoyed them. It has been a pleasant way to raise over £600 for the Church Restoration Fund."

Sarah Smith

WHIMPLE FOOTBALL CLUB

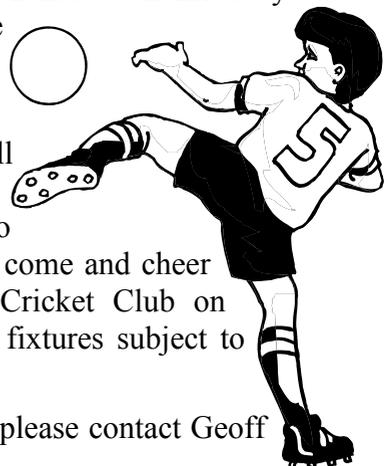
Thanks to all of you who came to the Club's AGM.

Sadly, Brian Weekes has resigned from the club after being Chairman for 10 years. The players would like to thank him and the late Paulette for all the support they both gave to the club, and wish Brian all the best for his future in France.

On a happier note, the Chairman's position has been filled by Geoff Delves who 10 years ago started the football club going again as player/manager.

Unfortunately the manager's position is still open, so if anyone is interested, the club would like to hear from you. The club is also short of supporters so if you would like to come and cheer on your village team, they play at the Cricket Club on Sunday mornings (weather permitting and fixtures subject to change).

For more information on any of the above, please contact Geoff or Karen on 823258



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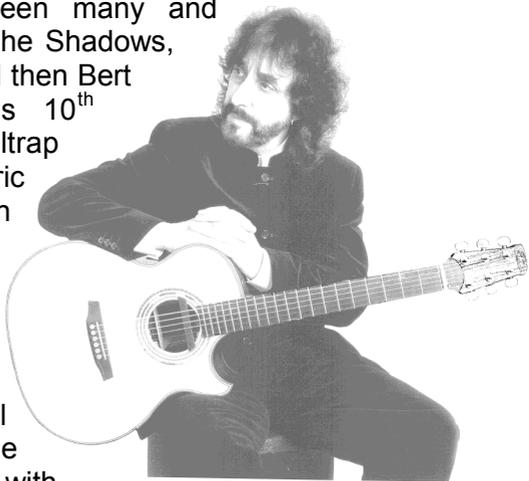
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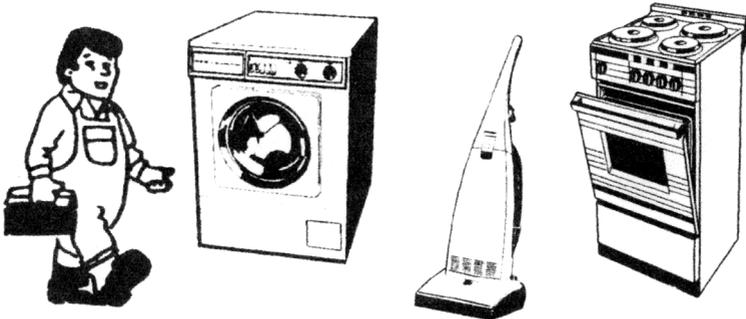
Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm
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GOOD NEWS AND NOT SO GOOD NEWS

First the good news.

Following the notice in the last edition of Whimble News, volunteers came forward immediately to take on the role of co-ordinator of one of the existing Watches over the properties with area post codes NT, NU, NX, NZ, QZ and TT. Alison Tucker of 'Ringstead', agreed to take over as co-ordinator and is now fulfilling this role. Welcome Alison.

Unfortunately there are still some areas of the village where no Neighbourhood Watch scheme exists, so if you are in one of these areas the ball is in your court to take the first steps. The police now host an office at Exmouth Police Station for the East Devon Neighbourhood Watch Support Team, Tel:01395 226156. If anyone is interested please contact the above number.

Now the not so good news.

Our Beat Officer PC Jimmy Tyrell, spoke to me recently and asked me to remind everyone that any incident that you feel important should be reported to the police, as it may build/add information to a bigger picture. Either Tel: **999 in emergency** or **08705 777444** to pass on information

He gave as an example a recent incident in Whimble, where at night torch beams had been seen at the rear of a property, which had not been seen before. No action was taken by the owner, **BUT** a little while later their garden shed was entered (it was not locked) and property taken. Do you lock your sheds, garages and outbuildings etc?

We shall soon be putting the clocks back one hour and dark nights will be with us, so please take all steps to protect yourself and your property and lets continue to make Whimble a happy and safe place to live.

John Munslow (01404 823456)

WHIMPLE CRICKET CLUB – SEASON 2002

Whimble 1st team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons, for at least 10 years. They claimed the Devon D Division East title with a match to spare. In the end the championship was won by 34 points.

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	ABANDONED	POINTS
18	12	1	3	2	282

The turning point was the match against second placed Tiverton, at Tiverton, beating them convincingly by 83 runs. The title was clinched with the 9 wicket home win over Honiton.

Winning the D Division East league means that Whimble will compete in the all-Devon C Division next year. It was so nearly a double triumph for the 1st team, narrowly losing a low scoring Whiteway Cup Final against Cullompton on Bank Holiday Monday.

The 2nd team also enjoyed a good season finishing third in their league.

The Club ran 3 Colts teams at under 11, under 13 and under 15 in the East Devon Youth League. All teams competed well with many players being selected. The under 11 and under 13 teams reached the finals of their respective cup competitions. Unfortunately both teams finished as runners up. However, Matthew Golding (aged 8) was the 'Player of the final' in the under 11 competition. The season finished with a presentation evening and photocall at the Pavilion, Knowle Cross on Friday 6 September.

The awards presented by the Club Chairman were as follows –

UNDER 11

Batting Award
Bowling Award
Fielding Award

Matthew Golding
Olivia Paiva
Rob McDowell

UNDER 13

Batting Award
Bowling Award
Fielding Award

Shane Evenden
James Harris
Andy Buzza

UNDER 15

Batting Award
Bowling Award
Fielding Award

Scott Bradford
Steven Buzza
Phil Dines

The Molwyn John Award Billy Wakeley



SOCIAL EVENTS

The Club ran a wide range of social events throughout the year (wine tasting, Caribbean night, Karaoke night and an Australian night) in addition to the monthly Bingo sessions.

See the 'What's on in Whimble' section for other events planned by the Club.

Brendan Dunscombe, the Australian player who has been with the Club for this season, and who has recently returned home, would like to thank everyone for their hospitality during his stay.

The Club would like to thank all villagers who have supported the Club this year.

Roger Smith

Organisations in Whimble

Whimble Parish Council

Chairman: Sara Randall Johnson 822524

Clerk: Mrs. Amanda Newman, Council Office - Torno 823385

Royal British Legion, Branch and Womens Section.

Chairman: Mrs. F. Pratt, Sandfords 822451

St. Mary's Church

Contact: Rev. Rob Wilkinson 822521

Devon County Councillor

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

Whimble County Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs. D. Brice 822584

Whimble History Society

Chairman: Richard Webber 822038

Secretary: Roger Smith 822244

Whimble Mothers Union

Mrs. D. Rastall

Whimble Pre-School & Toddler Group

Chair: Jo Westney Glencroft, Church Road 822168

New admissions/Playleader: Sue Solf 1, Hillside, Talaton 822981

Whimble Womens Institute

Secretary: Mrs. Ann Bowden, Bradcott House, The Green 823450

Whimble Over Sixties Club

Mrs B. Iball, 11 Rectory Close 822905

Whimble Youth Club

Chair: Alison Lawry 822292

Whimble Recreation Trust

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

Whimble Village Produce Association.

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

Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers' Club

Mr. R. J. Burrough, Gathshayes Farm 822257

Whimble Football Club

Chairman: Geoff Delves, 10 Elizabeth Close 823083

Whimble Tennis Club

Secretary: T. A. Lang 822512

Treasurer: J. Hughes 822659

Whimble Cricket Club

Mr. R.J. Smith 822244

Whimble Victory Hall Management Committee

Secretary: Pam Scanlan, Albecq, The Green 822262

Booking Sec: Penny Wienreb 3, The Square 823064

Whimble Post Office

Gordon & Heather Owen 822359

Whimbletons

Emma Palmer 823083

Neighbourhood Watch

John Munslow, 44, Slewton Crescent 823456

St. Mary's Bellringers

Captain: Judith Canniford, 22 Grove Road 822873

Whimble Scout Group

Group Scout Leader : Alex Spry 822844

Marquee Booking Sec : Mrs. Mary McConnell 822729

Big Night In! Events.....

TSW Archive Show

This has been a firm favourite in other villages for the last few years. TSW are tailor-making a video presentation for Whimple. Using excerpts from their massive archive of local film, video and TV footage, their shows never fail to be both compelling and stimulating.

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Christmas already?

It seems far too early to be thinking about Christmas but here on the Whimple News team we are planning ahead. Our Christmas/New Year issue will go to print at the end of November so please let us have dates and details of any events you are planning for December or January in good time.

You can e-mail dates to Angela Smith at angela1smith@aol.com or send details to me at bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk or drop them in to Gordon at the Post Office - by 15th November please.

Bob

Rowing down the High Street

McCauley's Health & Fitness are organising a sponsored team row for Hospiscare on Saturday 26 October in the Guildhall. Teams of four will compete against the clock to see how far they can row, on special rowing machines, in an hour. The winning team will receive a prize, as will the team with most sponsors. Teams are asked to pay a £10 entry fee and raise a minimum of £200 in sponsorship. For more information and an entry



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