

# *Whimble News*

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June/July 2002

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# What's on in Whimple

## June

1st	Jubilee Barn Dance	Victory Hall	7.30pm
2nd	Parish Picnic	Cricket Club	12.15pm
3rd	Golden Jubilee Exhibition	Victory Hall	2-7pm
3rd	Lighting Jubilee Beacon	Knowle Hill	1 0pm
4th	Golden Jubilee Exhibition	Victory Hall	11- 4pm
6th	Blood Donor Sessions	Feniton Primary School	1.30 -3.15/5-7.15pm
11th	W.I.	Victory Hall	7.30pm
15th	Church Fete	Dince Hill House	2.30pm
17th	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.30pm
23rd	Church Road Closed		

## July

7-14th	Village Week	<i>see middle page</i>	
9th	WI Blind Date (open meeting)	Victory Hall	7.30pm
13th	Village Day		

## August

1-14th	History Society Village Walks		Evenings
9th	Bingo	Cricket Club	7.30pm
10th	VPA Flower Show	Victory Hall	

## September

10th		Victory Hall	7.30pm
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## December

6th Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

## 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 Whimple Diary held in the Post Office for checking availability of venues and booking events.

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact Angela Smith on 822828 or e-mail Angela1smith@aol.com

# From the Editor

This time of Jubilee must bring back lots of memories for those who remember the Coronation but I hope that all of us have a good time as we celebrate in one of the Village events or with family and friends. We plan to print some recollections of what it was like to live in Whimple in 1952 alongside reports of the Jubilee events in our next edition. We would like many differing views and will be approaching various people in the Village - let us know if you have a special memory which one of us would be pleased to write if you want.

After three years, I'm passing the role of editor to Ed Hitchcock who I know will do a super job in leading the Whimple News team to achieve greater things. There are lots of ideas about how we might best serve the Village in future and Ed plans to be in touch with organisations to get their ideas. I would like to thank readers and the team for their encouragement and support and will keep in touch as a member of the team mainly supporting Angela with 'What's on in Whimple'.

We need lots of differing items – news, views, events or items of community interest – for our next issue covering August and September. Please could contributions be left at the Post Office or sent by e-mail to Bob or Angela by 15th July.

with good wishes

**Peter**

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# FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

by **Edith Grout**



"Spring is sprung  
The grass is riz  
I wonder where them birds is  
Them birds is on the wing  
Now ain't that absurd  
I thought the wings were on the birds!"

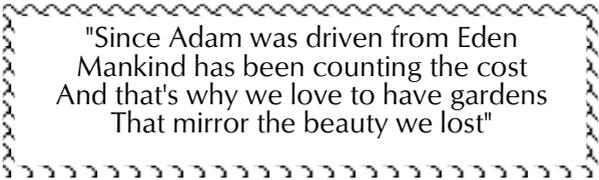
In the last Whimble News I wrote about life in The Square twenty years ago. I did not realise then that not only had life changed but also the environment. Something I read some years ago sprung to mind; it said that by the year 2000 the population of the British Isles, now about 56 million, was likely to have swollen to more than 70 million, with far reaching consequences for the environment and the life of the birds in particular. By chance I found an old article I wrote for Reverend Tucker's Whimble News sheet in 1986 which read as follows: "As I sit in the garden on a balmy evening I can see that the sky is full of twittering swallows. At times they fly so high that they are lost to the eye, but sounds of their 'Tswit Tswit Tswit' can still be heard. Suddenly they reappear and fly with agile grace around the church tower, chasing each other with an ease and elegance of movement reminiscent of ballet dancers."

As I sit in my garden on a balmy evening in 2002, the swallows have completely disappeared from the sky and the lovely nest in my drangway is sadly empty of all life. Those birds gave me so much pleasure, so much joy. In The Square at the moment the bluebells are in flower and I always feel their radiance cheers up the gloomiest day. They mass around the tree and on the slopes of our little stream. We had some famous April showers in May and then the sun came out on their heels to create rainbows. The dawn chorus has started again, but more faintly than in other years. Did you know that the 5th May this year was the International Dawn Chorus Day? For the last two years I have not heard the cuckoo which sang from the top of the hill by the Whiteway's orchards where the water reservoir was. The wrens and chaffinches are the main songsters, but for me the blackbird song is a celebration of life made music. I specially love it when it rises from a soaked dawn or in late afternoon, it is such a musical inspiration. The apple trees in my garden are in full blossom and whenever there is blossom a blackbird will be singing. The first of May has long been celebrated as the beginning of Summer. Chaucer speaks of knights and maidens making garlands on the first of May.

May blossom could be any plant in bloom but my favourites are the wild cherry and hawthorn which this year have bloomed much earlier. Something else I have noticed is that the birds have hatched at least a fortnight earlier than in previous years. Is that a sign of the global warming

I am thrilled to have a young family of blackbirds nesting in my rose tree. The young male looks as though he has flakes of snow on his back and his three young fledglings are still fed by their parents although they have left the nest and are almost bigger than their parents. Every morning when I open my front door in the early hours when all is quiet in The Square, my little family is greeting me almost telling me "come on old girl, what about some crumbs for breakfast?" They seem to like dry porridge and Alpen and cut up grapes. The handsome cock has a bright yellow bill, whereas the hen is browner and more thrush-like. In the last few years I always had pairs of thrushes in the garden, but they too seem to have vanished. I used to love observing the song thrushes hopping across the lawn cocking their heads intently and listening to what I presumed was the faint movement of the earthworms they are so fond of. When the country was not so populated, blackbirds used to live in woodlands but now they have moved into gardens and squares, joining the chaffinches who can live almost anywhere. I love to watch the robin asserting his territorial rights by puffing up his red breast and singing loudly. The defence of the territory is the robin's life, the reason for his plaintive warbling which is heard almost all year round except in the moulting period.

The treetop rookery in our great linden tree has gone too. Not longer ago than last year I saw them gathering sticks in The Square to build their nest. It used to be so amusing to watch them in courtship, the male bowing and cawing to the female in the branches at the top. When the eggs were laid, only the female sat on the nest during incubation but both parents fed the nestlings. We used to have families of pied wagtails, but so far this year I have not seen them. This is an ideal habitat for them. They are rarely far away from water and our little brook is ideal. The graceful way they run along the grass verges or fly in the air catching winged insects or running up and down my slate roof was so fascinating. I suppose that modern farming techniques have robbed the wagtails of their reliable sources of food. There are plenty of house sparrows and hedge sparrows about and the delightful tits which bring some animation. For me, Spring days and Summer months still possess the magic and mystery and much of the wonder that haunted my childhood.



"Since Adam was driven from Eden  
Mankind has been counting the cost  
And that's why we love to have gardens  
That mirror the beauty we lost"

## NEWS FROM P.O. CORNER

Another two months gone by - the speed each month passes is impressive - and I have started to notice that the less you have left the faster they go!

News from 'the top' - a system of producing printed postage labels on the P.O. computer is being tested in another area and the aim is to replace stamps for larger packets/parcels - (a bit like a franking machine does) - the aim is to save Royal Mail money on the costs of printing, distributing and holding so many stamps and also to (???) save time in the P.O. - thus "enhancing the customer experience!" So far it seems to be going well even if full roll-out is already delayed to iron out the bugs. Stamps will still be available of course for ordinary letters and for all others when the system breaks down.

Secondly please remember we are doing foreign currency, incl. Euros, **commission free**, as well as travel insurance and E111s.

I came across the following and , as I try to keep you up-to-date with the latest thinking, I reprint it (taken from the Daily Telegraph magazine):

### **"Coming Soon - What the future holds for the Post Office:**

**September 2002.** The Corporation formerly known as the Post Office - **Consignia** - is to be re-christened **the Post Office** following a six-month consultation which cost the ailing company more than £2.5million. A spokesman justified the expense, saying that **the group had considered two dozen names before deciding on the old one. Among the rejected names were Letrasent, Delivria, Mailtrack and Stamp City.**

**March 2003.** The Post Office announces the successful completion of the first phase of its restructuring, which included 40,000 job cuts, the closure of its Parcelforce division and an increase of a first class stamp to £1.20. Speaking at a press conference, the Post Office chairman Allan Leighton outlined the next phase, including a deal with some of the country's largest power stations which would see millions of undelivered letters converted into cheap electricity.

**July 2004.** Post Office closures continue at a rate of three a day, as the Post Office group seeks to minimise its costs, especially in rural areas. A spokesman said service would not be compromised, since the shuttered post offices will be replaced by a network of state-of-the-art 'LetterPoints' - cylindrical red street-corner boxes that accept mail 24hrs a day. There is more good news for customers: **Royal Mail is to reinstate the second delivery after an outcry from customers. From next month there will be deliveries on both Wednesday and Friday.**

**January 2005** The Post Office has lost the contract to deliver second-class mail in Britain, after easyPost, a network set up by easyJet entrepreneur, Stelios Haji-Iannou, underbid them significantly. EasyPost promises to handle letters for as little as 4p, although recipients will have to retrieve them from a central sorting house in Luton. The Post Office will concentrate on its 'Premiere Class' service, which guarantees the overnight delivery of fresh, piping hot post.

**May 2007** A new management team has promised to shake up the Post Office Group, which is seen to have lost focus since building up the Latte Delivery coffee shop chain and investing heavily in a 'next day' phone network. In a statement Lord Byers said that the Post Office would go back to doing what it does best: losing money. It all may become truer than you think."

As you know - in Whimple P.O. we believe in customer satisfaction, the tooth-fairy, Santa Claus and Peace in our time!

**Bye for now From GO&HO@PO** 6

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# Village Jubilee Events

## Whimble History Society

### Golden Jubilee Exhibition

The exhibition will be open to the public from 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Monday 3rd June and from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday 4th June. The exhibition will reflect all aspects of village life with a special section on the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

### Golden Jubilee Beacon

The Society will be lighting a Beacon at 10.00 p.m. on June 3rd at Knowle Cross Hill, by kind permission of Mr. R. Burrough, as part of the national Golden Jubilee celebrations.

## St Mary's Church

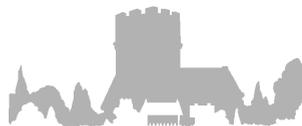
### Barn Dance

To start the Jubilee weekend there will be Barn Dance in the Victory Hall, on starting at 7.00pm on June 1st. We hope this event will be attractive to younger families as well as others. There will be a bar serving beer, cider and soft drinks. Tickets cost £4 (but just £1 for Primary School children) to include a ploughman's supper. These are available from the Post Office or from members of the P.C.C.

### Parish Picnic and Barbeque

On the following day, there will be an open air service at Knowle Cross Recreation Ground followed by a 'Parish Picnic' (bring your own) and barbeque (organised by the cubs) with games and a treasure hunt in the parish field.

The events begin at 11.30am.



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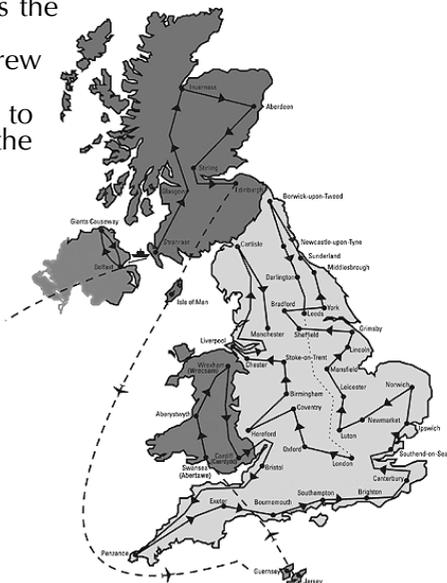
# The Queen's Jubilee Baton Relay

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, the Queen's Jubilee Baton will pass by Whimble, on its way from Exeter to Bournemouth via Honiton, Weymouth and Salisbury. The baton will be carried in a convoy of vehicles from South Street in Exeter at 08:38, and will arrive in Honiton at 09:08 on the A375 (A35) near the Jet garage, where it will be carried by a team of invited runners, up the A375, and then turn right on the A35 at 09:23, before being returned to the vehicles for the trip to Weymouth. As you can see from the information we gleaned from the extensive website, the whole operation has been organised with military precision.

The Baton began its journey on 12 March this year, from Buckingham Palace, and it has been described as the longest relay race in history. It went first to Canada before moving to the Americas, the Caribbean, Asia, Oceania and Europe. Runners will have carried the Baton 64,000 miles across 5 continents, including a 50 day tour of the British Isles, before delivering it safely to Manchester on 25 July for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games.

## FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT THE BATON DURING THE UK TOUR (!)

- It will travel within one hour's drive of 95% of the UK population
- It will spend 65% of its time travelling through non metropolitan areas
- It will travel about 5000 miles by road
- It will be carried by 5000 runners, averaging 100 runners a day
- Each runner will carry it for approximately 500 yards
- It will travel on 30 different modes of transport including steam train, double decker bus and a ferry across the Mersey
- It will require a 150 man support crew throughout the 50 day event
- It will require 2,500 hotel rooms to accommodate the crew throughout the relay



# The New Ottregians

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several members from Whimple)  
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Whimple Village Week 2002

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## Whimple Stores

As from the 27th May the alterations to the shop will commence.

There will be some inconvenience as happens with any type of work but hopefully this will be kept to a minimum. The work will take approximately two weeks to complete. Nearer the end we will announce the date on which we will officially reopen as a new concept and there will be samples and giveaways from our suppliers for you.

The smell of freshly baked bread and delicious cakes will tantalize your taste buds as you enter the shop and browse around all the new fittings.

Karen, myself and staff look forward to welcoming you.

I would like to thank you now for your patience whilst this work is carried out.

**Graham**

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# Whimple Church GARDEN FETE

2.30pm Sat 15 June  
Dince Hill House  
Grove Road

Cream teas Stalls Competitions  
Admission free  
In Victory Hall if wet



## Angela's Elderflower Cordial

Soon the hedgerows will be foaming with the frothy white flowers of the elder. These flower heads can be used in many ways but here is one of my favourites. This cordial can be diluted with plain water or chilled carbonated water and ice. Lovely when the hot days of summer arrives! This is in "old" measurements because that's how I still think!

1.5 pints	water
25 heads	elderflowers
3 lbs	sugar
2 oz	citric acid
2	chopped lemons

Bring sugar and water to boil in a large pan. Stir to dissolve sugar. Cool. Put lemons, elderflowers and citric acid in a large bowl and pour over the cooled syrup (sugar and water). Stir well and cover. Leave overnight (not more than 3 days). Strain and bottle.

Store in fridge. Dilute to taste.

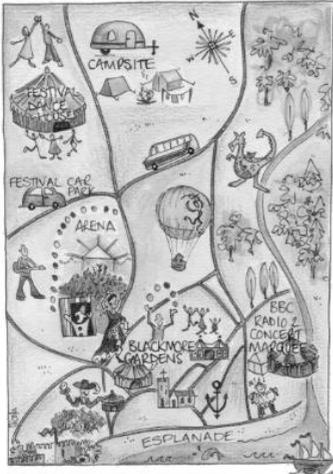
**Angela Smith**

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**First among festivals**



Rolf Harris and his band will be playing at The Sidmouth Festival once again by popular demand, at the open-air amphitheatre on Sunday 4th August complete with his wobble board and didgeridoo. Tickets are available now, and are at a special price until 19th July.

Hot footing it from a busy touring schedule, the 40 strong Russian Cossack State Song & Dance Ensemble will be invading Sidmouth on Wednesday 7th August, having just taken London's West End by storm with knock-out performances and rave reviews. So watch out for the roaring cannons, flying splits, backwards somersaults and ferocious knee-kicks that will leave you breathless.

There is a full programme of spectacular 'World of Dance' involving the stunning Yi-tzy Folk Dance Troupe from Taiwan, the Groupe Folklorique Aunis Saintonge from France and the incredible masked Italian carnival dancers Compagnia Sonadùr di Ponte Caffaro. Many other artists and groups will also be joining the 'World of Dance' performances from America, Holland, Portugal and beyond!

In addition, there are more Concerts throughout the week including an afternoon of World music from the West Country with popular duo Show of Hands and their friends The Fishermen's Friends - a shanty choir from Port Isaac. There will also be a dazzling display of red hot fiddle playing from the Highlands & Islands, Europe, and America with Feast of Fiddles featuring Catriona Macdonald, Blazin' Fiddles plus special guests. To complete the week comes The Night of Dragons - the final show of the whole Festival, with a once in a lifetime spectacular celebration of dragons in songs, stories, dance and music.

Full details of all the shows at the Knowle Arena will be available on the website ([www.sidmouthfestival.com](http://www.sidmouthfestival.com)) or from the Festival Box Office on 01629 760123.



This year's Exeter Festival takes place from  
28th June to 14 July  
copies of the programme  
have been delivered through the post

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## OLD WHIMPLE TALES

It is becoming increasingly difficult to get stories of Whimple in the past. But, surprisingly on a recent trip to Croatia (doesn't Saga do well!) we met a gentleman brought up in the late 1920's as a lad in Whimple. He recalled the time when Dince Hill was a large orchard. The widow of the wealthy landowner of this land also had property in Scotland and America. She, saddened by the death of her husband, took to wearing an almost nun-like habit for several years. On her death the property was sold up and later developed as Dince Hill Close.

At this time too, part of Grove Road side of the land had the house of a Doctor with two cherished sons. The sad part of their story being that both sons came, on account of misbehaviour, separated from their parents - the older boy was finally killed in a tragic motor accident.

He also vividly remembered the Village Bobby who told him to send to him, the local policeman, the two boys who were bullying him!

Ah! The good old days.

Cliff Benton

## THE POWER OF THE WHIMPLE NEWS

In the last issue Julia Green placed a notice asking ladies interested in forming a singing group to contact her. She was amazed and delighted by the excellent response. Whimple now has an up and running group of twelve singers who are enjoying rehearsing together, and will be giving an informal performance of music from Madrigals to popular songs, outside the Thirsty Farmer, early evening on Wednesday 10th July.

Ed.H

# Whimble History Society



## Guided Village Walks

The Society will again be putting on guided evening walks of the village in the first two weeks of August. The dates for these walks will be published later.

Old Whimble photo — one of the first motor cars in the village



Photo from the History Society archives



**WHIMPLE  
VILLAGE WEEK  
PROGRAMME**

**Sunday 7th July  
to  
Sunday 14th July**



**Sunday 7th July - IT'S A KNOCKOUT**  
at the Cricket Club 10.30am - 2pm  
Fun for all the family - Bouncy Castle,  
Refreshments, BBQ, Bar - Entry Forms available  
Tel. 823076/822664

QUIZ NIGHT  
in the Thirsty Farmer at 8pm

**Monday 8th July - BEETLE DRIVE**  
in the Victory Hall at 6.30pm

**Tuesday 9th July - WALKING TREASURE**  
HUNT starting 6pm-6.30pm from the Square and  
finishing at the New Fountain Inn for prizegiving  
8pm

**Wednesday 10th July - WORM**  
CHARMING & COW PAT DROP  
at the Old Cricket Ground,  
Sleuton Field, Talaton Road 6pm

SKITTLES PLAY-OFFS  
at the Thirsty Farmer 6.30pm  
WHIST DRIVE  
in the Victory Hall at 7pm

**Thursday 11th July - BINGO**  
in the Victory Hall Eyes Down 7.30pm  
SKITTLES PLAY-OFFS  
at the Thirsty Farmer 6.30pm

**Friday 12th July - SKITTLES FINALS**

at the Thirsty Farmer  
Children 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Adults 6.30pm - 10.30pm

**Saturday 13th July - VILLAGE DAY**

VILLAGE DAY BREAKFAST at the New  
Fountain 9am

VILLAGE SQUARE STALLS from 9am

FUN RUN 10.00am in the Square -

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Form

**VILLAGE DAY FAIR**

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Bric-A-Brac

Ice-Creams

Cream Teas

& much, much more!



**Saturday Evening - TEA DANCE**  
in the Village Hall 8pm - 11.30pm

**Sunday 14th July - FOOD & DRINK  
FESTIVAL**

at Woodhayes Hotel 12 noon - 4pm

Come along and sample beers from O'Hanlon's  
Brewery, Grays Cider, local wines, local farm  
produce & fayre from several Devon County

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Music from Slack Ma Girdle

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For further information on any of the events please  
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Thank you on behalf of Whimble Primary School PTFA  
for supporting this year's Village Week.

**See you next year!**



# GOLDEN JUBILEE and SECURITY ADVICE

The Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association is advising householders in Devon & Cornwall, that if they are going out to parties during the Golden Jubilee celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## TO REMEMBER TO LOCK ALL WINDOWS & DOORS GARAGES & SHED

- We all know how easy it is to forget to do it. BUT PLEASE REMEMBER, while you are out celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the opportunist burglar will be around somewhere.
- So, don't make your home a target for the burglar. Enjoy the Jubilee celebrations and get back home to find your home safe and secure.
- Remember, even if the party is in the street in front of your house, the burglar could get in via the back door!



## GOING AWAY DURING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE?

If you are going away during the Golden Jubilee weekend **please tell a neighbour so that they can keep an eye on your house for you.** (You ought to do this of course anytime you go away).



IF WE ALL HELP EACH OTHER, WE HELP OURSELVES LIVE IN A SAFER COMMUNITY. REMEMBER to cancel the MILK, PAPERS etc.

**"All it takes for the criminal to succeed, is for all of us to do nothing"**

Let us all help each other, help the police, help you, make Devon & Cornwall and particularly WHIMPLE, a safer place in which to live, work and play.



***Have you tested your smoke alarm recently, I know that batteries do last a long time but if they run down they will not save a life.***

***NB some alarms run off mains supply but have a battery back up so don't forget to check the back-up battery.***



*John Munslow (01404 823456)*

## **\*The Merchant Captain\***

One of the world's most famous merchant captains died, having long been admired by his crew and fellow officers. They remained puzzled, however, over a strange ritual he performed daily.

While at sea he would lock himself in his cabin and open a small safe, take out an envelope with a note inside and read it. After locking the paper back in the safe, he would return to his duties.

For years this went on, and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew back to the ship and into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope and read the words aloud to an astonished crew:

'Port:Left, Starboard: Right.'

# **WAND**

*Telephone Support Line and Befriending Scheme*

*The Castle Centre, 25, Castle Street, Barnstaple EX31 1DR*

*Tel/Fax: 01271 372830*

*e-mail. wandcharity@hotmailcom*

WAND is a user-led mental health charity based in North Devon. Although the line is run from Barnstaple it provides a valuable service for people throughout the whole county of Devon. The line is run by a dedicated group of trained volunteers who give up some of their time to make a difference in the lives of others, by offering emotional support to anyone affected by mental health, including mental health service users, carers, relatives, friends and professionals.

If you feel that it would help to talk about what you are going through, the Support Line currently operates on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings from 8pm until midnight:

on FREEPHONE 0800 800 0312.

**Karen Beasant** Telephone Support Line Volunteer Co-ordinator

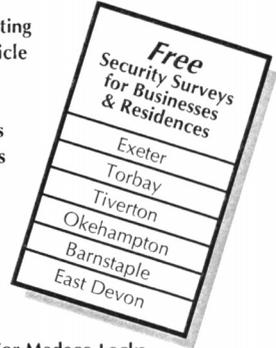
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# **Waves of Whimble**

## **Will be joining in with Village week**

**Did you know that just down the road in the small village salon there are three very experienced Hairdressers?**

They produce both Trendy and Traditional Styles. The Salon has a warm and friendly atmosphere where clients can relax.

### **Chris**

Chris has been hairdressing for 35 years, so has a wealth of experience. Her training took place at John Lewis in London; this is a large chain of salons through out England. After many years of working here Chris left to go over to New Zealand, Where she ran a very successful hairdressing salon for 7 years. After this she came back to work in London and then moved down to Devon where she started to work in Dawn's Hair care in West Hill, As a Style Director she very quickly built up a large following. After 2 years she left and decided to open **Waves of Whimble**

### **Claire**

Claire started working for the well-established salon chain called Harringtons of Maidenhead at the age of 16, where she worked for 5 years. During this time Claire took many courses in Colour and Technical work, She was also kept busy doing work for photo shoots for magazines and Competitions. In 1994 Claire won the prestigious L'Oreal Colour Trophy and the Cosmopolitan Style award. From here she moved to Devon and worked for Toni & Guy as a Colour technician. Then in 2001 she started to work in Waves of Whimble on a Monday & Saturday.

### **Joyce**

Joyce has been hairdressing for 30 Years and is still as enthusiastic as ever. Her training started in Sheffield at Andre Bernard's where she stayed, before going to a private college. From here Joyce then went to London to work in the then popular kings Road and later at Dickens and Jones of Regent Street. Eventually Joyce opened a very successful Hairdressing Salon in Tehran, Iran where she stayed for 5 years. On returning to England she started to work for the Glemby salon based in Dingles. After 3 years she went to work in the well-established salon called Peppers. With all this experience behind her Joyce became a full time Lecture of Hairdressing at Exeter College where she stayed for 12 years.

Chris, Claire and Joyce are confident that as a team they can meet your needs from the up to date techniques to the more traditional hairdressing. Top Quality hairdressing at a third of the cost of city prices.

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From Ruth Brown

## *Reflections of a Mother*

*I gave you life, but cannot live it for you*

*I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn*

*I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you*

*I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it*

*I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe*

*I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you*

*I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside*

*I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you*

*I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you*

*I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish*

*I can teach you to respect, but I cannot force you to show honour*

*I can advise you about friends, but cannot choose them for you*

*I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure*

*I can tell you the facts of life, but I can't build your reputation*

*I can tell you about drink, but I can't say "no" for you*

*I can warn you about drugs, but I can't prevent you from using them*

*I can tell you about lofty goals but I can't achieve them for you*

*I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious*

*I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral*

*I can love you as a child, but I cannot place you in God's family*

*I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God*

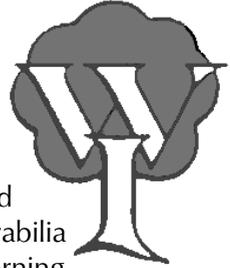
*I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Jesus your Lord*

*I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life*

*I can love you with unconditional love all of my life..... and I will!!!*

*Always, Mum*

## Whimble Women's Institute



Whimble Women's Institute has had a very busy time recently. The speaker at our April meeting, Professor Ruth Hawker, gave us a fascinating and nostalgic account of "Life in Occupied Guernsey" and the competition for an item of war-time memorabilia produced some interesting objects. Our coffee morning on 20<sup>th</sup> April, closely followed by the Group Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, were great successes. At the latter, 60 members from three institutes were entertained by a light-hearted but extremely professional flower-arranging demonstration by Sarah Pepper of Country Cottage Crafts.

Seven of our members attended the Spring Council Meeting in Exeter Great Hall, along with 1500 other ladies. The highlight was a talk by Jenny Bond, the Royal Correspondent for the BBC. Ms Bond was a talented speaker and had us all in fits of laughter with her anecdotes, we could have listened for hours.

The May meeting took the form of a discussion on two public affairs resolutions, "saving local abattoirs" and "stricter control on imported foodstuffs". The serious mood was lightened by our competition "your favourite pudding" - to decide the winner we all had to taste everything !!!

In June we have an outing, a trip on the Seaton tram, followed by a tour of Colyton and then tea laid on by the local W. I.

Looking ahead to July we are going to be entertained by the couple from "Blind Date" who later got married. We would welcome guests at this meeting, or at any other meeting.

**Ann Bowden** W.I. Secretary.

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# Whimble Website

John Aiton, otherwise known as 'Helicopter John', has been working on the Whimble village website. It now consists of 18 pages, covering most organisations in the village. If any organisation feels left out, John would be happy to remedy the situation.

The web is intended to complement Whimble News and provide a more dynamic form of communication where suitable, and according to popular demand.

The site is 'commercial' in the sense that the aim is to make it financially self-supporting at least, so it will rely on advertisers, or anyone with money to give away.

The site pages are in a basic news and information format and will need input from the appropriate organisations. How dynamic or interactive they become will be dependent on that input and any other ideas or suggestions.

There is a plan to install a village 'chat room' but John would appreciate more input on the subject, particularly from the younger residents, and people with mobility problems who have access to a computer.

Your views on the project would be appreciated and you can contact John at 15 Dince Hill Close or telephone him on 01404 823155, or you could of course e-mail him at: [saiton@madasafish.com](mailto:saiton@madasafish.com)



## Road up!

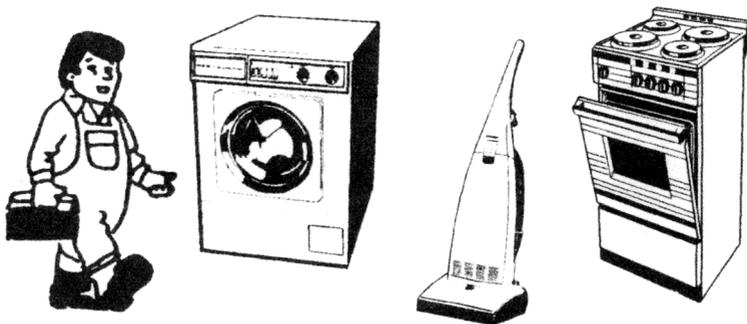
Church Road will be closed for resurfacing works all the way from Woodhayes to the Thirsty Farmer on 23 June.

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*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**

*Head teacher:* Mrs. D. Brice 822584

## **Whimble History Society**

*Chairman:* Richard Webber 822038

*Secretary:* Roger Smith 822244

## **Whimble Mothers Union**

Mrs. S. Benton 2, Strete Raleigh House 822909

## **Whimble Pre-School & Toddler Group**

*Chair:* Jo Westney Glencroft, Church Road 822168

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

## **Whimble Women's Institute**

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

## **Whimble Over Sixties Club**

*Secretary:* Mrs. B. Iball, 11 Rectory Close 822905

## **Whimble Youth Club**

*Chair:* Alison Lawry 822292

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

## **Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers' Club**

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## **Whimble Football Club**

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

## **Whimble Tennis Club**

*Secretary:* T. A. Lang 822512

*Treasurer:* J. Hughes 822659

## **Whimble Cricket Club**

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*Group Scout Leader :* Alex Spry 851290

*Marquee Booking Sec :* Mrs. Mary McConnell 822729

# HOLIDAY IN NORTHERN SUDAN

## April 2002

By Teri Lang

Driving out of Khartoum takes an age. There is mile after mile of settlements, all low adobe houses with wide-open spaces in between. There isn't much traffic except donkey carts, and only a few private cars. Out of Khartoum we have one of the few tarmac roads in the country virtually to ourselves. We get stopped every few miles at police roadblocks. Travel papers are seriously inspected and quite often money changes hands. Then we're off the road for a week...

What an experience! Pyramids and ruined temples half-buried in sand. Coptic churches and Roman baths. Graffiti from 1862. There aren't any guidebooks for Sudan, because so few people are travelling here. So, was this temple an elephant training school with its elephant statues and wide sloping passageways? Were there lions here in 200 B.C. because of the lion carvings in stone? So little research has been done on the sites that one can only speculate. All along the Nile there are remains of ancient settlements, all the more intriguing through being unlabelled and undocumented. Tourists? There aren't any, and you have every site to yourself.

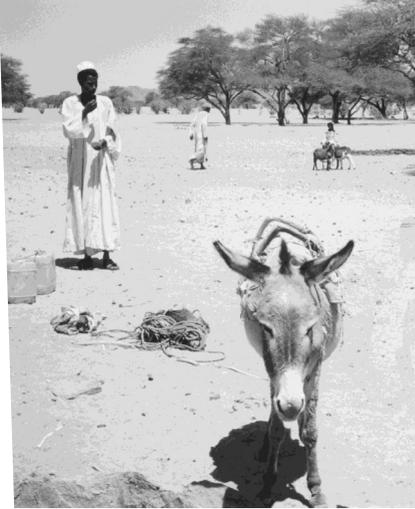
You can't travel very easily in Sudan - unless you have a camel, or a four wheel drive vehicle. There's no river transport, apart from local ferries across the Nile and small fishing boats. Old passenger boats from the

British era lie rusting along the riverbanks at Khartoum, long disused and looking pretty sad. Stretches of tarmac out of Khartoum just suddenly stop before they reach anywhere.

There is a railway system, but skeletal. It's interesting to visit a railway station way out in the Nubian Desert, miles from any town, where seven young men live - their job is to inspect the travel papers of the passengers on the train to Karima -every Wednesday.



Leave the Nile and it's arid - scrub acacia, sand dunes, and rocky moonscapes. We drive for half a day, using Global Positioning technology to guide us towards a well somewhere. No people, no houses, no animals - only a few tyre tracks. Suddenly we're near the well and there are camels, donkeys laden with water-filled goatskins, live goat-filled goats, and a crowd of smiley, chattery, dark black-skinned people, who are very curious about where we've come from. They've come to fill up on water supplies and it's a social gathering. We can talk to the kids because they learn English 'at school'.



A rope and a bucket gets the water up - a hand-over-hand job. There's also a manual pump, supplied by the Government of India. I take a turn on the handle, which is all very funny and quite a novelty. But the camel I'm pumping water for looks rather suspicious. The people don't mind being photographed, and ask us to send them a copy (?)

We picnic and have Pepsi, cans of tuna, salad and fresh fruit, and are watched silently and avidly by a crowd of kids at a discreet distance. We have some leftovers to distribute, and they're all solemnly and fairly shared. We also have some balloons to blow up - and there's pandemonium! Blue, green, red, yellow, it's the must-have of the day! Tragedy and tears if one burst on an acacia thorn. Hierarchies respected and honour done to all, eventually, we can drive off again, to camp in our own picture-postcard sand dune under an impossibly star-filled night sky.





### OVER 65's CHRISTMAS PARTY FUND

The first event this year to raise money for the party will be a Meat Bingo at the Cricket Pavilion on Tuesday 9th August. Eyes down 7.30p.m. Draw Prizes and your support will be very welcome.  
Lucy Smith



Blood donor sessions will be held on Thursday 6th June 2002 at Feniton Primary School, Station Road, Feniton from 1.30 pm until 3.15pm and from 5pm until 7.15pm.



**Sarah and David Smith** would like to thank everyone who supported their recent plant sale - those who brought plants for sale, those who made delicious cakes and served them with coffee - we were so lucky with the weather and able to sit outside- but most of all to all who came and bought which meant that on the day £452 was taken which has been divided equally between Christian Aid and Whimple Church.



### A note from Fred Finch

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all my family for organising a party for family and friends, to celebrate my 80th birthday. I would also like to say a particular 'thank you' to Marion Styles of The Station House, who did the catering and for her helpful advice.

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