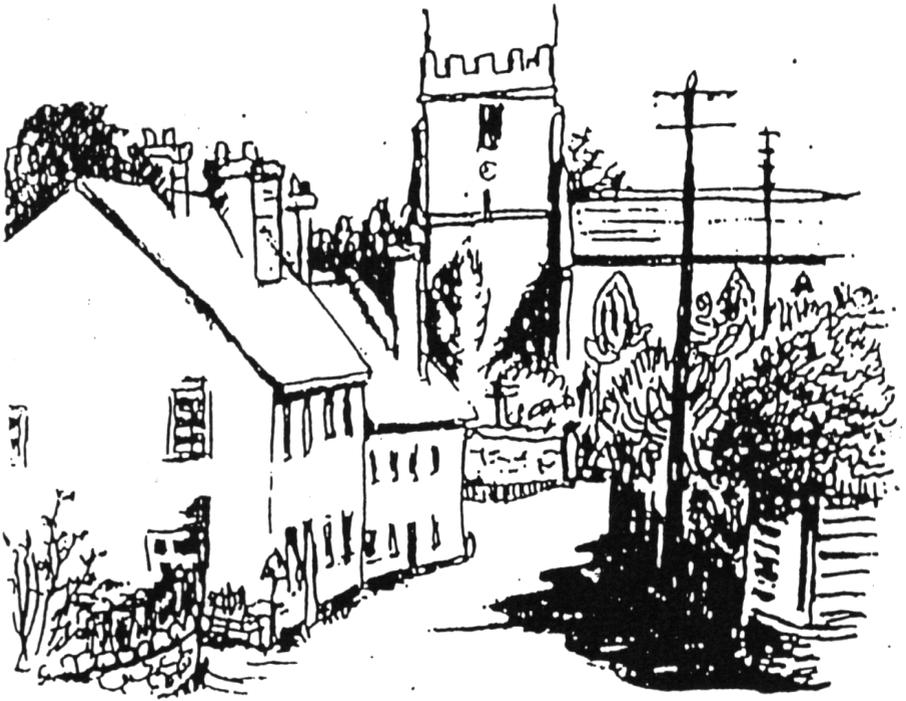


Whimble News



Oct/Nov 2005

What's on in Whimple

October

- 8th – Impact Club Night in the Scout Hut at 6.00pm
- 9th – Sclub11/Impact at 10.45am
- 11th – Over 60's Slide Show
- 22nd – Hospiscare Coffee Morning at the Victory Hall at 10.30am
- 23rd – Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 24th – Victory Hall AGM in the Hall committee room at 7.30pm
- 25th – Over 60's Speaker Angela Paddy 'Rhine Cruise with Slides'
- 29th – Over 60's Coffee Morning 10.00am till Noon with Cake Stall

Nov

- 5th – PTFA Craft Fair in the Victory Hall from 1.00pm to 4.00pm
- 11-13th – Impact Weekend Away
- 13th – Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 15th – Over 60's, Speaker Mrs Sutherland
- 27th – Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut at 10.45am
- 27th – Advent Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm

Dec

- 2nd – Over 65's Christmas Party in the Victory Hall at 7.00pm for 7.30pm
- 4th – Christingle Service in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm
- 4th – Hank Wangford appearing at the Victory Hall at 7.30pm
- 7th – Christmas Craft Ideas at the Victory Hall at 3.00pm
- 10th – Impact Club Night in the Scout Hut at 6.00pm
- 11th – Sclub11/Impact Christmas Special in the Scout Hut at 10.45am

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

1st Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	All Age Service
2nd Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Service
4th Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Sclub11/Impact in the Scout Hut
5th Sunday	11.00am	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 Lynda Trevena on 822876 or e-mail lynda_amelia@hotmail.com

ED the ed

First of all, a very big thank you to Geoff Delves who organised a charity skittles match in the middle of August, for the Whimble News. A fine body of people turned up to support the event, and they raised a brilliant £90 for the News. So thanks to all those good people, and to Geoff, and Vicky for her BBQ skills. We had a great evening, with skittlers of all levels of ability, aided by the 'cup that cheers' and BBQ food – it was only darkness that stopped play!! The News team very much appreciate this donation.

We have an article from Jim Causley following on from my mention of the Devonshire Night at the Thirsty – he now has a CD out that includes the Whimble Wassail song – so rush down to the Heritage Centre and buy a copy – it will make a brilliant gift! We have been listening to it this weekend and Jim has a great voice and he can be proud of this CD of traditional songs –well done Jim! I wonder if I should make a CD of my finest singing moments from the pantos (have there ever been any, I hear you cry) – it could be played at 'last orders' in pubs to encourage drinkers to leave quickly!

We appear to be entering the music season here in Whimble – later on in the magazine you will see an advert for Hank Wangford – a wonderful name, who is coming to our fair Village hall. I expect that will be very popular. Mid Life Crisis are back at the Thirsty in October – one that I am determined not to miss.

We seem to be drifting gently into autumn now – but still with some warm days. A couple of weeks ago, me and the current Mrs H roped together and walked across the fields in sunshine to the Five Bells at Clyst Hydon – some wonderful views and countryside, with the added prize of a superb panini when we got there! It only took an hour and ten minutes...coming back was a little slower.

We have the results of the Village Produce Association Show in this edition – some beautiful exhibits – but I keep wondering what all the cakes taste like. I would be happy to sample a tiny piece of each entry, and I think that the wine/beer section should be targeted at producing enough to slake the thirsts of eager visitors to the show!

We also have a very different article in this edition about the Dog Racing evening that was held – a guest contributor with a personal view. It was great fun – lots of people and some fine Yellowhammer slipping down the old neck!

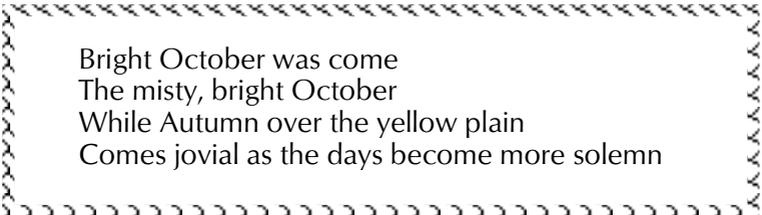
The next edition will include publicity for Xmas events (scary, isn't it?) but I am told that Xmas happens at the same time each year, so we shouldn't be taken by surprise. So if your club/organisation needs some space, please get the information direct to Bob Scanlan on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk (AKA Professional-Grandparents-Are-Us); otherwise please leave at the Post Office with Jim and Alison by 14th November. We have a couple of new contributors in this edition – please keep it up, and put pen to paper for this village newsletter – it's you who make it a success.

Talking of success, I would like to say thank you to our dedicated team of deliverers who are about to enter the cold and wet season for distributing this fine magazine. Thank you!

Ed H

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

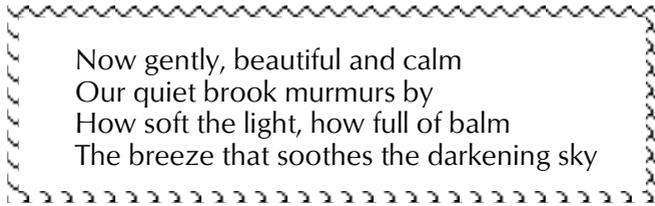
Edith Marie-Louise Grout



Bright October was come
The misty, bright October
While Autumn over the yellow plain
Comes jovial as the days become more solemn

Now that the western wind blows more often bringing the leaves tumbling down, it is however the north wind, that sends me indoors to sit by the glowing fire. The temperature is so changeable that one must be prepared to have the quilted coat ready. On Sunday 30th October our British Summer Time ends. We know when the sun will set and also when the clock will be put back, but one thing we don't know is when the first frost will assail us. It will be a busy time in the garden taking up all the summer bedding plants, digging, composting, potting up geranium to put in the conservatory, and planting spring bulbs, wallflowers and pansies. I have given up planting polyanthus because the birds pick the flowers for nectar and then drop them unceremoniously. Pity because I so love their bright colours but the faces of pansies are so cheerful to look at. Apples have to be stored and sorted out, golden leaves swept, bagged up and made into leaf mould for next year. It is fascinating to watch the birds, which like most of us, live a family life. Many species change their habits according to the season, often solitary like the first swallow in spring or in pairs in spring and summer, but come the autumn they form flocks before they set out on their migratory journeys. In November our resident starlings become rather gregarious and during the winter months gather in great hordes. I sometimes wonder how the highest branches of our great linden tree can bear their weight and their noise is quite deafening. The pied wagtails are among the most attractive garden birds and they love it in the Square because of the proximity of the brook. Many birds keep strictly to their territory, especially our robins and wrens, but even wrens will keep in clusters in winter, being such tiny birds I suppose it keeps them warm. My goldfinches are now feeding on the teasels I plant every year with them in mind. Once you start considering the behaviours of our birds, you are surprised to find parallels with human beings, some are social, and some are not. I don't know whether we can learn any lessons from this. I don't only grow teasels for the goldfinches but use them in winter flower decorations - gilded, they look lovely at Christmas.

Over the years I have made quite a study on teasels, they are so fascinating from an architects point of view. Their botanical name is 'dipsacus' from the Greek meaning 'to thirst' and refers to the way in which water collects in the cup-like structures formed around the stem by the leaf base and they are in tiers. The Roman name interestingly is 'labrum Veneris' or 'lavacrum Veneris' - Venus lips or basin. In the beginning of the 20th Century teasels were much used in the textile industry and hat makers to raise the nap of woollen cloth in the manufacture of velours and cashmere and also to smooth the nap of top hats. In English folklore they were known as 'brush and comb' or 'Johny prick the finger'.



Now gently, beautiful and calm
Our quiet brook murmurs by
How soft the light, how full of balm
The breeze that soothes the darkening sky

Whimble Victory Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Victory Hall will be held on Monday 24th October in the Hall at 7.30pm. This meeting is open to EVERYONE and the Trustees would welcome your attendance.

The Hall is managed by a board of voluntary Trustees. The majority of those trustees are nominated directly by the organisations that regularly use the hall, and the rest are volunteers from the community who are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Anyone who lives in Whimble can become an elected member - so if you are interested in working towards a better community centre for the village please come to the meeting and join us.

If you would like to know more about our work, or the role of a hall trustee, please speak to our chairman, John Discombe tel. 823614.

We look forward to seeing you on 24th October.

Pam Scanlan

on behalf of the Management Committee.

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Tim Wright

Tom Le Drawer

By Sam Bridger - aged 20

In July 2004, I moved into the newly converted Paddock Inn with my family. No.7 has been converted into a lovely 3 bedroomed house and we are very happy here. As a family, we also learn a lot from reading the Whimble News that is delivered regularly.

A short while ago, my mum and I visited the Whimble Heritage Centre and whilst chatting to someone there, heard the story of a baby who was left by a lady guest whilst visiting the old Inn. We don't know the full details or dates, but I was fascinated by the story and I have written a poem about it. We would be interested to find out more - if anyone knows.

A baby was found in the Old Paddock Inn
Which his mother gave birth but abandoned him
She left him in a drawer because she chose to ignore
So this is a story of Tom le Drawer

This poor boy, Tom le Drawer
Why his mum loved him no more
He lived in the village near next door
This sweet little boy, Tom le Drawer
This poor old soul, not around any more
But buried in the village graveyard, near next door
And this is the story of Tom le Drawer

Sam's poem relates to the fascinating tale of one of Whimble's historical characters referred to as Thomas 'le' Drawer.

In former times, stage coaches stopped overnight at the local inn on the old A30. The story goes that one night in the late 1700's, the stage coach stopped as usual at the Inn. The following day, after the stage coach had departed, a maid, cleaning out one of the bedrooms in the inn, found a new-born baby in the top drawer of a chest of drawers. Hence he was named 'Thomas le Drawer'. He was adopted by a family in Whimble, where he spent the rest of his life.

A Thomas L Drawer actually did exist. He died in 1845 and his grave can be found in the churchyard outside Whimble Church. Records show that he was married in 1817 to an Elizabeth Wilmetiton. They had two children, Mary in 1818 and Thomas Laurence in 1822. The children's baptism records show that Thomas and Mary lived at a place called 'Hitts' and that Thomas was first described as 'Servant' and, by the time the second child was born as 'Farmer'. His son is also buried in Whimble churchyard. Descendants of the man they call Thomas le Drawer still live in the area, although they can't confirm the authenticity of his origins!

If any reader can shed any more light on the story, please let one of the Whimble News team know

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By joining a Patient and Public Involvement Forum in Devon, set up by the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health, and offering some time each month, you will be able to put forward concerns directly to local Health Trusts about the healthcare you, your family and the people in your local area receive. Your local forum has statutory powers to influence change locally and, by law, the Trust will need to respond to the forum within 20 days.

It's not just medical issues where your help is needed. Forums need to take a wider look at how the health of local people is affected - rubbish tips, bus routes and mobile phone masts for example can all affect the health of you and your family.

We are looking for new forum members across the county. You can join independently or represent a particular group in your local area. We ask you for around eight to twelve hours a month - many members offer more. Travel expenses, child care and carers' costs are paid. If you want more power to influence changes in health locally join your local Patient and Public Involvement Forum.

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Devonshire Night

Firstly I'd like to thank everyone who came along to the Devonshire Music Night in the Farmer on 27 July. A great time was had by all and it was lovely to see Daphne and David Rastell there representing the History Society! Also a big thank you to members of the Dartmoor Pixie Band and the Pennymoor Singaround for making the night go with such a swing.

For those who don't know me, my name is James (stage name Jim!) Causley, I grew up in Whimble but have been away at uni for the past few years studying Traditional Music. I'm probably best remembered as a member of the Whimbletons and for dancing about like a looney on the Beaver carnival floats!

Anyhow besides the national anthem, (Widecombe Fair) the greatest hit of the night was undoubtedly the Whimble Wassail song which I have recorded a version of on my new CD 'Fruits of the Earth'. It features mostly traditional West Country songs as well as a few other surprises and is available now from the Whimble Heritage Centre or direct from Judy Smith on 01404 822 244 priced £13.

So no excuses, buy a copy and be word perfect in time for the Wassail next January!

Jim Causley

Whimble Craft Fair

Victory Hall

5th November 2005 (1pm - 4pm)



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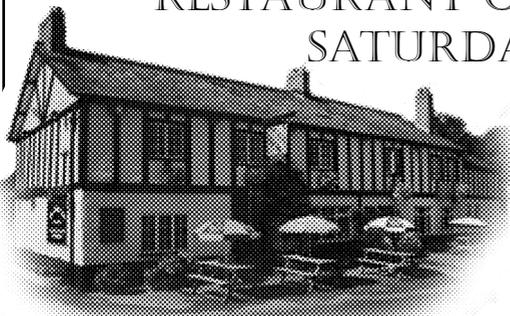


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Living in Fra

Bonjour to all of you!

How are you all?

Once again a report from Saint Laurent... 'not another one I hear you cry...' Yes, it is true; life is never dull here and always lots to report I am afraid.

In my last bulletin I forgot to report on 'the event of the year here: 'Le Tour de France'. It was very exciting. The day before barriers were erected at strategic points along the road and at the sprinting point in our village (yes, there was a race within the race, which ended in our village if you get my drift..). Lines were drawn across the road, where the sprinting point was to end; a stand was erected for a road show. And everyone got very excited. Visitors started to arrive in the village from other parts of France, as well as abroad. I saw Dutch, Germans, Swiss, English, Irish, but I am sure that there were many more nationalities.

Well the race was due to pass through at around 12.30 local time, but right from about 9 am there was this carnival atmosphere going on. The bandstand was manned with girls with pom poms, who were obviously there to warm-up the crowds. Dreadful disco music started to blare out all over the village and huge cardboard hands were handed out by sponsors in the hope that everyone would wave these around frantically to chants and music by Queen's 'we will rock you' (only in France it sounds like: 'vee will vee will ruck yoooo, vee will vee will ruck yoooo) oh la la. We smiled and started to get 'warmed up' and decided to go with the flow. Then an announcement came over the tannoy that 'the caravan' would soon pass through...? Caravan'? we thought we were going to see 'Le Tour de France'...? Non! First of all you get a parade (and a very fast one at that as they have to keep ahead of the cyclist of course), which is almost like a carnival parade, with huge floats, cars, people on motorbikes and all sorts of strange vehicles, which represent all the sponsors of this event. And very funny this was too! The sponsors drive past and throw all kinds of gifts to the awaiting crowds, like beach bags, umbrellas, t-shirts, head scarves, pens, key rings, sun glasses, baseball caps, food/drink samples, you name it, it was there. The Dutch family, who stood in front of us, went home laden with a huge bag full of goodies.

Anyway this entire circus went on for 2 hours and then an announcement came that the riders were only 15 minutes away. This was confirmed by about 6 helicopters that started to circle the surroundings of Saint Laurent as well as the arrival of medics on motorbikes, police on motorbikes, press photographers on motorbikes, so the excitement started to mount.

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And then.. Suddenly they were there! The first group of fore runners about 8 of them.... and then they weren't...! It was all over and gone in about 30 seconds flat.... still there were still the main group to come. So tensions rose again, and there they came...!...and went again! All over in a flash... It was a bit of an anti climax after all the building up for 2 hours prior, by the caravan, road show and not forgetting our own mayor, who had set up a stall along the road, promoting Saint Laurent Wine, with huge signs saying 'Buvez le vin du Saint Laurent', 'Goûtez ici!', 'Arretez ici!'. Not that the riders took a blind bit of notice; but several sponsors and of course we, 'the locals', had to 'stop' several times to goûte le vin... well, that is what the sign said, so being good citizens we duly obliged. It certainly lifted the spirits (get the pun) of everyone and everyone got very merry. So that was 'le Tour de France'.

We now have some strange things to report about our pets... We have a 'surfing' frog! Philippe the frog has taken to surfing across the pond! To our utter amazement did we see him mount a leaf from an oleander tree, which had blown in the pond, the other day. He slid across the water with it half laying on it, pedalling with one leg, and then moving in on his prey, a large water fly. You had to see it to believe it!! Incroyable!!

The following day got even more exciting! I happened to come out in the back garden and glanced across our pool. And looked and looked again... Was I seeing things? Non! I did see it right, there he was our Silky cockerel floating like dead in our pool, and I quickly fished him out with a net. Not much signs of breathing in fact he looked very dead, so I gently, started to massage his crop, he opened his mouth and a huge gulp of water came out. He then started to gasp for air and tried to breathe again. We then had a very wet cockerel that was fighting for survival and in shock, shaking uncontrollably.

So first aid was applied...I laid him in the recovery position,...as far as that is possible with a cockerel, and towel dried him a little. He still didn't look then like he wanted to live anymore... so I then started to blow dry him, he liked that and started to perk up a bit. So after that we decided to just leave him to recover from the shock and placed him in his chicken house. Well he made a speedy recovery as the next day at 6.30am on the dot he crowed his usual 52 crows...Life is never dull here!

Janine Peryer

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A Dog's Eye View

I was feeling particularly excited at the prospect of meeting up with a few of the local canines and just loving the fuss being made of me when without further-a-do I was manhandled into a cage? This, I didn't like one bit and was the last thing I was expecting, all I could do was watch despondently as my human walked away. I wanted to cry, hoping she'd change her mind, turn and come back for me. She didn't look back once - her head disappeared into the crowd amongst the others, no chance there then. No matter (I thought) I'll soon sniff her out once I'm free! The commotion emanating from the other stalls led me to believe that something very exciting or even frightening was about to happen. A satisfying mix of odours just started to reach my nostrils when something ran past me. It was too enticing but I just couldn't get near enough to whiff if it was male or female. I followed closely, giving the matter my full attention when I heard the unmistakable voice of my mistress. I veered off the track to her which caused great amusement all round. The others just steamed ahead being cheered on, I just didn't understand why?

It happened again - no matter how hard I resisted with all four paws on the corner of the cage, those guys knew their stuff and had me in there in a trice. The front went up and I just followed that attractive bottom again. I finished up at the hay bales with everyone else, eager to know him/ her better but was caught and dragged off too quickly (must try harder next time).

My human had decided to retire me at this point (no winnings were exchanging hands) when the 'Master of Ceremonies' started calling for more participants for the very last race. Words like 'will the big, white, woolly one be joining us this time?' encouraged her to give me another go. She placed £1 and my entry was recorded again and the ribbon tied about my neck. My mini-human playmate dragged me to the start. Picked up on all fours and put in again, this time I knew what was expected of me. I could see my mistress way off into the distance and hear her calling my name. I focused on her and her alone, this time absolutely NO DISTRACTIONS would get in the way. WHOOSH!! There I was, running like a bat out of hell - nothing, but nothing was going to distract me this time. Hearing the cheers I ran into the arms of 'she who must be obeyed'. The announcement went out that the 'big, white woolly one' had won. I knew she was pleased with me!

I was rewarded on the way home with some intensive pub training at The New Fountain Inn. Going to bed in a very happy state I relived my win over and over again. What a fun event and long may it continue I'm sure you will see me again next year.

Rupert

(Guest Correspondent)

P.S. Many thanks to the East Devon Young Farmers for organising the Dog Racing Event on 12th August 2005.

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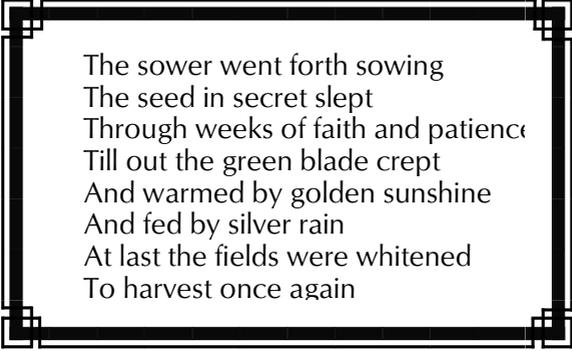
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Show Stopper!

Edith-Louise Grout



The sower went forth sowing
The seed in secret slept
Through weeks of faith and patience
Till out the green blade crept
And warmed by golden sunshine
And fed by silver rain
At last the fields were whitened
To harvest once again

That was the verdict of the press, which was accompanied by a pretty picture. It was so true; it just shows that the injection of new blood in the Whimple Village Produce Association is vital to the life of the village. Whilst many other village shows have diminished in size, our 52nd consecutive show was a record breaker. Well done all whose faith and patience brought such wonderful results. Shows do not just happen overnight, it is through weeks and months of planning and preparation, faith, patience and enthusiasm that such high standards are achieved. Our WVPA has always been a lively club and it is so gratifying to know that it is going from strength to strength. This year I went round the exhibits three times, I have never seen such green and straight beans, rounded onions impeccably displayed and those red, long, plump carrots – it made your mouth water! Gerald Radford, in particular, grew such splendid produce in his cottage garden. I remember how his late wife Betty grew such lovely flowers. I bought a forsythia cutting from her and it has become a show stopper in my garden and reminds me of her. The flowers were of a very high standard too: - gladioli, roses, dahlias and I marvelled at the exotic plants grown from seed in January by Doreen Staddon – amazing! The flower arrangements were fewer this year but the interpretation of Thunder and Lightning was most dramatic and the one by Barbara Lambert was chosen overwhelmingly by the public. However, it was when I went through to the billiard room that I was delighted to see how many children had taken part and most exhibits were so very original, it must have taken weeks of patience and faith to get there. We always have many entries for cakes, preserves and also crafts, sewing, embroidery, and woodcarving. Last but not least, in the committee room, the exhibition of photographs was outstanding. Congratulations to everyone.



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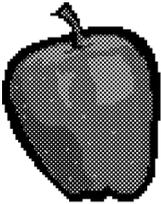
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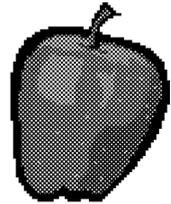
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Trafalgar Dispatch Thursday 18th August

There was a lot of publicity in the media regarding the recreation of the historic journey of the dispatches carrying the news of the Trafalgar victory 200 years ago.

Looking up the definition of 'recreation' in the thesaurus I came across 'to duplicate or replicate.'

The press release stated 'an actor playing the part of Lieutenant Lapenotiere will ride in a replica post-chaise, sometime with out-riders and other carriages, on a 5 day journey through Devon later this month, on the old main road to the Admiralty in London.'

As Lieutenant Lapenotiere, according to the itinerary, would be passing Whimble on the old A30 late morning on the Thursday I was sent with my journalists hat on and my camera to record the event for the Whimble News.

Bob Roberts had done a great job decorating the bus shelter with union jacks and had written a blackboard welcoming the officer to Whimble. A small but enthusiastic band of villagers had gathered in the sunshine with their flags to witness this historic event. News filtered through that the dispatches were running late, this didn't matter, we were all willing to wait so as not to miss this one off spectacle.

Suddenly we were told they were almost here, we listened for the sound of horses but there were none. Instead we were treated to the sight of the post-chaise driving past on a trailer being towed by a 4x4 and no sign of Lieutenant Lapenotiere. What a disappointment!! I really felt cheated and I was not the only one who felt this after all the publicity hype.

A following car stopped and a naval officer gave out some replica dispatches to the children present, he advised that Lieutenant Lapenotiere would be riding in the post chaise up Honiton High Street if anyone wanted to go and see this.

I am sure I cannot be the only person who thinks taking the post chaise on a trailer between towns is not a recreation of the historic journey.

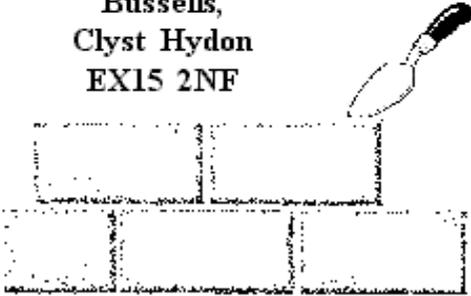
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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Another year, another Show and it was definitely another splendid Show. Fortunately the weather held out until the Saturday morning so not too many exhibits in the vegetable and flower sections were spoilt, and despite the poor weather on the day it was a very successful day all round. It was certainly strange not having Henry Stephen there to hear his colourful remarks on the exhibits in Section 1, but I am sure he would have been very impressed with this year's exhibits. As with last year, it was good to see so many new exhibitors and hopefully this trend will continue. A complete list of Cup Winners is included with this report. We had 101 exhibitors this year, the first time ever we had over one hundred, and 859 exhibits, which was just under our record number for exhibits.

Although there were not quite as many entries in the Children's Classes this year, the quality and imagination of the exhibits was at the usual high standard. In fact one exhibit was so good the judge awarded a Certificate of Merit, so well done Conoe Keigheny for your Sculpture from Scrap material. Winners in these classes were Tommy Tooze who won the Cygnets Cup; Chloe Betts who won the Basildon Award; Anna Bowker who won The Fletcher Cup and Jenny Bowker who won The Children's Challenge Cup. The photography section was again keenly contested with some outstanding pictures and Gilly Curtis took the trophy in this section. In the Arts and Crafts Classes, for the second year running Shirley Williams took both trophies in this section demonstrating her skills with some fine exhibits.

Although there weren't as many exhibits as previous years, the flower arranging had the usual outstanding exhibits and added its own special contribution to the Show. The trophies in this section were won by Emma Palmer, Ann Bowden and Barbara Lambert won the trophy for the best exhibit in the Show as voted by all who visited the Show. In the Beer and Wine Classes, the winner of The Cranny Brook Cup was Lewis Banfield. However, special mention must go to our former Chairman, Andy Bratt, who was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his Sloe Gin. As usual the Homecraft section was full of mouth watering exhibits and congratulations to Margaret Burrough for her skills in winning the trophy in this section.

The Pot Plant Section was won by Michael Mallet and this does seem to be a section where exhibits are on the increase. And finally, but by no means least, the flowers and vegetable classes which had some excellent entries, particularly the runner beans where there were 18 exhibits to be judged! It was so good to see so many exhibits in these classes and as mentioned earlier, it certainly gave the judges a hard task, particular with the flowers. This was again a very keenly contested section but once again the overall winner was Gerald Radford, who won The Whimple Folk Cup. Runner up in this class was Paul Wilson who won the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup and also The Slewton Cup. The presidents Cup was won by Joan Ward.

Now I took a lot of stick for getting this wrong last year so I have double checked this time! We were very grateful to Joan Ward for giving out the prizes and our thanks to her for doing that.

Following the very successful open garden day in July when Lilian Braund very kindly allowed us to trample all over her magnificent garden, we were able to make another donation to the Friends of Ottery Hospital. During the prizegiving a cheque was presented to Myrtle Dockings and as result of the tremendous support we received from this event.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the Hall for the Show and put everything away again, it is very much appreciated. Hopefully all those of you who exhibited for the first time enjoyed the experience and will do so again next year. And while talking of next year, the Show will be on Saturday 12th August 2006, so start your planning now!!

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

**WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT
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**WHIMPLE FLOWER SHOW 2005
CUP WINNERS**

Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables:

The Whimble Folk Cup	<u>WINNER</u>
The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup	Gerald Radford
The Slewton Cup	Paul Wilson
The President's Cup	Paul Wilson
	Joan Ward

Section 2 Pot Plants:

The Briar Trophy	Michael Mallett
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Section 3 Homecraft:

The Sir Henry Imbert - Terry Cup	Margaret Burrough
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Section 4 Beer and Wine:

The Cranny Brook Cup	Lewis Banfield
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Section 5 Floral Arrangement:

The Sandfords Cup	Emma Palmer
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Barbara Lambert
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Mr & Mrs Bowden

Section 6 Arts and Crafts:

The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Shirley Williams
The Whimble Craft Cup	Shirley Williams

Section 7 Photography:

The Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup	Gilly Curtis
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Section 8 Junior Classes Children Under 5 Years:

The Cygnets Cup	Tommy Tooze
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Section 9 Junior Classes Children 5 to 7 Years:

The Basildon Award	Chloe Betts
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Section 10 Junior Classes Children 8 to 11 Years:

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

The Children's Challenge Cup	Jenny Bowker
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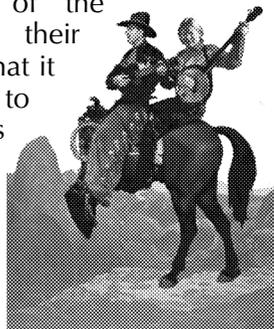
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The legendary, hilarious and musically talented Hank Wangford will be performing just two more gigs for Villages in Action this autumn and one of them will be at Whimple Village Hall on Sunday 4th December at 7.30pm.

Hank, with just his singing and song-writing '*pardner*' Reg Meuross for company, has been touring the rural highways and byways of Britain. They are not travelling in their usual large tour bus but driving their own car and carrying their own guitars. Leaving the rest of the band, The Lost Cowboys, to languish on honky-tonk's hard shoulder, Hank and Reg have taken off into the blue to bring some wonderful off-the-wall comedy and fantastic music to rural venues across the whole of the United Kingdom.

Hank and Reg have sought out some of the Westcountry's finest mini-stadia to share their thoughts. With songs such as 'I've forgotten what it is that I was drinking to forget' and 'He forgot to tell you he was a married man,' their humour is unsurpassed as they explore the dark heart of country music. "There are no strangers", says Hank, "only friends we don't recognise". Book early to avoid disappointment, they may not ride this way again. There will be a bar and refreshments at this event.



Tickets £6 (£4.50 concession) are available from Whimple Post Office or from Louise Barchard, telephone 01404 822008

This event has been organised by Villages in Action. If anyone would like to find out more they should contact **Roger Werner** at:

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Friday 14th October

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Friday 28th October

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Friday 25th November

Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta, and Iceland.

More dates later.

We have recently ordered some lovely Christmas Cards with 'Greetings from Whimble' and hopefully they will be in soon ready for sending overseas.

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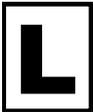


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Sunday 27th November at 6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday 4th December at 3.00pm Christingle Service

Sunday 11th December at 10.45am S-Club 11/Impact Christmas Special in the Scout Hut

Sunday 18th December at 11.00am Christmas Celebration Service
at 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day at 11.00am Family Service followed by Holy Communion

We look forward to welcoming you to some of these festive services.



Whimple Over 60's Club

October 11th – Slide Show

October 25th – Speaker Angela Paddy 'Rhine Cruise with Slides'

October 29th – Coffee Morning 10am till Noon with Cake Stall

November 15th – Speaker Mrs Sutherland

WHIMPLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Once again we were lucky with the weather for our Garden Party held on August 9th - warm sunshine and not a cloud in sight! Just as well really, as rain would have spoilt the wonderful selection of hats our members were wearing. Sandwiches and cakes worthy of the Dorchester were enjoyed in our Secretary's lovely garden and we also had a magnificent birthday cake to celebrate the forming of Whimple WI 85 years ago.

Our meeting in September gave us all a chance to catch up on each other's holiday news. Our speaker was Lorna Sealy Nichols, a financial adviser who spoke on the matter of care home fees. Maybe a subject we all shy away from normally but she showed us that it need not be the minefield we usually see it as.

If you would like to join us on the second Tuesday of each month please contact Ann Bowden, our secretary, on 01404 823450. **Sue MacCulloch**



THE THIRSTY FARMER JAM NIGHTS

Dear Editor,

We have finished the series of jam nights for August. On behalf of 'The Thirsty Farmer' and myself who ran the Jam Nights we would like to thank all the players who made the jams a success and also for the listeners who came and gave their support.

Jam sessions are of course completely unrehearsed, with players playing music with musicians in a lot of instances that have never ever met before. Our last Jam Night netted no less than 15 players. Musically it has to be the best so far. Tanya at 'The Thirsty Farmer' is able to let the Jam Nights continue on the LAST THURSDAY in every MONTH.

Thanks again for all the support from the village. We look forward to seeing old and new faces to come and play or listen. Also thanks to your good selves on 'Whimple News' for advertising.

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Slack Ma Girdle Goes North

It was a sunny morning in mid-July when Slack ma Girdle gathered & prepared to travel north – destination Shrewsbury in Shropshire.

Using the Palmer van, the boot was packed with instruments, stands, food, sleeping bags & lilos. The purpose of the trip was to take part in a Tudor weekend to be staged in Shrewsbury. We had been preparing & transcribing music for weeks, to accompany dances, & join in a procession.

Singing rounds up the motorway made the miles slip by (as did Peter's cheese straws), & it was in a mood of happy anticipation (for the costumes as much as the event) that we arrived. Then the hard work started.

Our accommodation for the weekend was a yurt (Mongolian yak herder's tent), which we had to erect under the guidance of Judith's sister Wren who owns it & in whose garden we were putting it. It was a wonder of ancient technology, but we managed.

After tea, a rehearsal with some of the dancers made sense of the music we'd been practising. Following that, a brisk walk to The Quarry –Shrewsbury's Severnside park, meant that we heard the last half hour of a Jools Holland concert & a great firework display.

No lie-in on Saturday, we had to be at the dressing room in town, shortly after 8 am. Much hilarity ensued – mostly from Judith & I as the 'boys' struggled with doublets and hose. The end result was splendid, & with Judith & I in beautiful dresses, we were ready to hit the town.

During the next hour, instruments & the stage were set, & 150 costumed people gathered by the library for the grand procession headed by Queen Elizabeth 1. It was an event to behold, with a fanfare, jester, masqueraders, dancers and of course us.

On arrival in the square, a very stately pavane kicked-off the main event. It was followed by various dances both slow & more lively – a galliard which the Queen declared to be unseemly, and halted. The show lasted a couple of hours, and then we repeated it. By 4.30, we were fairly hot & tired & glad to change back into our own clothes. Another walk and firework display brought the day to an end.

Sunday was the day to travel home, but not before we had dismantled the yurt & re-erected it in the grounds of Shrewsbury Abbey. We set off in blazing sunshine, a bit hot for travelling, but more rounds in the car & the rest of the cheese straws made the time pass quickly. We arrived home exhausted, but full of ideas for next year's music, & wondering about the costumes – mediaeval – the mind boggles!

It was a fantastic weekend, great fun and a privilege to be involved in such an occasion.

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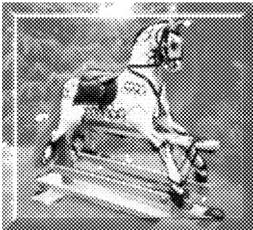
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Nov 15th - "Devon and Xmas Fare" - A talk by Mr Mark Essame of Joshua's Harvest Store at The Institute, Ottery St Mary, at 7.30 pm.

In addition, on Saturday, Oct 29th a lunch will be held at the Salston Manor Hotel - a social event which coincides with the anniversary of the birth of the Ottery-born poet and philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Membership of the Heritage Society is open to everyone, and non-members are welcome to attend all our events, for a small charge.

For further information, please contact the Hon. Secretary, **Chris Saunders** on 812962.

Lightning Strike

On 4th September we were enjoying a pleasant afternoon with friends in a garden in The Green when the weather deteriorated and there was a very brief thunderstorm. A few rumbles of thunder and some far off flashes were accompanied by torrential rain. Then there was one very bright flash and a truly thunderous bang as lightning struck somewhere nearby.

Later that day Peter Bowden of Bradcott House was surprised to find pieces of tree bark scattered all over his lawn and closer inspection showed that the lightning had struck a tree in his garden and stripped a line of bark from top to bottom as you can see in his photograph.



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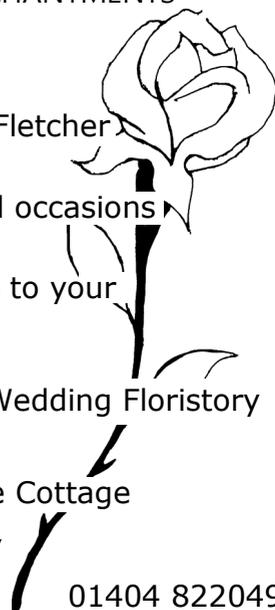
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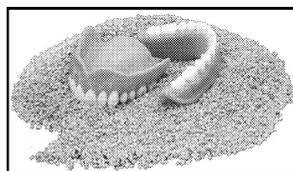
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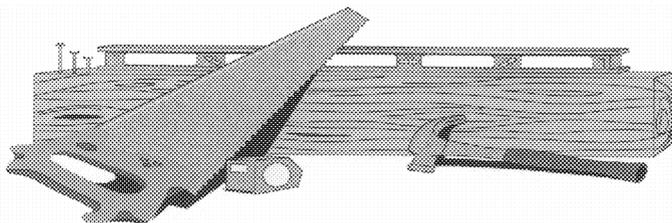


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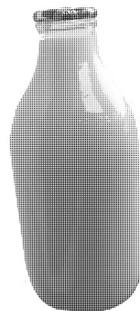
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Also, many thanks to Gill and Paul Mallett for their generous contribution of £100 and all who gave draw prizes.

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

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple who are over 65 years of age (before 1st December 2005) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 2nd 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 28th November.



To: Mrs Lucy Smith
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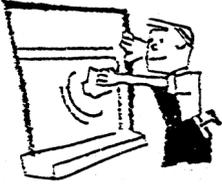
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Another local householder stowed the keys of his Porsche in a bowl just inside the front door. No danger there: the door had locks fit for Fort Knox. But thieves removed a window to reach the keys and steal the car.

I was told these tales as consolation by police who came to investigate the theft of two cars from outside our house. Someone entered the kitchen through an unlocked back door while I was in the next room watching television and my daughter was upstairs doing her homework. They took keys from a rack on the kitchen dresser and helped themselves to the cars.

We didn't hear a thing. Realisation only dawned when my husband, out walking the dog, returned to see empty spaces in the drive where the cars had stood 15 minutes earlier.

These experiences are not uncommon. Frustrated by modern car security, thieves increasingly target the keys. It is the only easy way to bypass the engine immobilisers, deadlocks and sophisticated alarms fitted to cars since 1997. That was when the police, Home Office, insurers and motor manufacturers joined forces for a crackdown on car crime.

It has proved very effective, halving thefts of cars, but burglaries for the purpose of obtaining car keys have become an unwelcome new phenomenon. As a victim, I'm staggered by the bravado of thieves who enter an occupied house to steal car keys, doing so not for a haul of up-market vehicles, but a Citroen hatchback and a Peugeot estate.

A padlock on the side gate also disappeared. With hindsight, we should have had a stronger one, the back door should have been locked, and the keys stowed somewhere less accessible. But we were indoors, and didn't imagine criminals would be so brazen, entering an occupied house with its lights ablaze.

The Moral of the story

The big message I'd like to get across to people is this: lock your doors, set your alarms, hide your keys. Make it too difficult, and the thieves will go and look for another, easier target. Amen to that."

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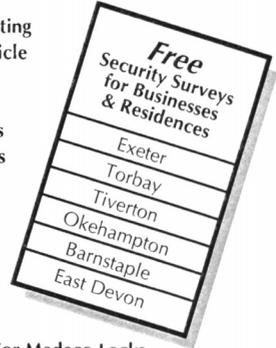
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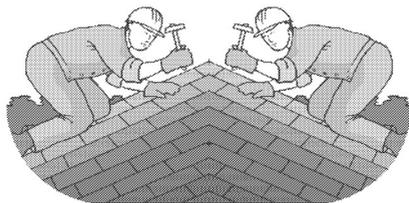
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